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Football team completes undefeated season
Motley council to meet twice a month
Four arrested in Todd County for stolen property
Brownell breaks school 5K record again



Motley Rocket fashion back in style The Johnson family showed up at the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet all wearing Motley Rocket athletic gear to honor Curt Johnson's induction into the hall. Front row, grandchildren Jordan, Johnny, and Elliana Mattson, Jenna and Clayton Carrier; Back row, Bob and Annie Mattson with two month old Emma, Curt and JoAnn Johnson, Jamie and Jenny Carrier and Christy Johnson. See more photos, page 1 1a. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley School Board candidate questionnaire

Tonia Judd

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the school board?

I am a parent of two children currently in the district and two that have graduated. I have 20-plus years of experience working in education/school districts. This experience equips me with knowledge and a desire to ensure that all students and staff thrive in the Staples-Motley School District.

See **JUDD** on page 12a

Levi Anderson

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the school board?

Experience that would help me on the school board range from being local, seeing the students' needs firsthand as well the experience from being involved in other school districts and seeing how their district decisions are made. As a parent with a current student, some of the needs are obvious and

See **ANDERSON** on page 12a

Shari Miller Frisk

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the school board?

My first job after high school was as the switchboard operator here at Staples Public Schools. Since then, I have spent decades as an employee or volunteer in school districts in several states and in the country of Sicily. I was a military wife. We raised four children who all were athletes and on the honor roll

See **FRISK** on page 12a

Justin Thorne

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the school board?

My background in construction management and as a small business owner uniquely prepare me for a role on the school board. With years of experience in construction management, I possess strong skills in project planning, budgeting, and problem-solving, which are essential for overseeing

See **THORNE** on page 12a

Kevin Trierweiler

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the school board?

With eight years of experience as a food service director at the South Dakota State Penitentiary and three years as a manager at Walmart in Wadena, I've developed skills that will serve me well on the Staples-Motley School Board. In my role at the penitentiary, I learned to remain calm under pressure,

See **TRIEWEILER** on page 12a

Mary Freeman

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the school board?

As a retired public school teacher, a former school board member and a community and church volunteer, I have a variety of training and experiences that prepare me to serve effectively on the school board. I am "retired" but have a strong desire to engage in public school service.

See **FREEMAN** on page 12a

Jeremy Reeck

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the school board?

I went to school at Staples Elementary, Motley-Staples Middle School and Staples-Motley High School. I've been actively involved in several organizations with our school district. I'm just finishing up my first term as a school board member. I also have two boys in the Staples-Motley Middle High School.

See **REECK** on page 12a

Weather

2024
This Week's Forecast
High Low Cond.

Oct. 23	52	38	P. Cloudy
Oct. 24	59	32	Cloudy
Oct. 25	56	29	Sunny
Oct. 26	55	38	Sunny
Oct. 27	63	45	Sunny
Oct. 28	66	44	M. Cloudy
Oct. 29	58	36	Cloudy

Last Year, 2023
High Low Cond.

Oct. 23	62°	47	Sunny
Oct. 24	51	46	Cloudy
Oct. 25	50	44	Cloudy
Oct. 26	48	46	Cloudy
Oct. 27	30	29	Cloudy
Oct. 28	28	19	M. Cloudy
Oct. 29	27	18	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 50° Low = 32°
Still no measurable rain, over 50 days for the Alexandria area

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Obituaries

Annette Crocker

Joan Ostlund

Staples City Council reviews problem with feral cats in city

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

After hearing complaints about feral cats in the city of Staples, the Staples City Council held a long discussion about the problem at their Oct. 8 meeting.

Problems identified include cats crossing yards and depositing feces in flower beds and sand boxes where children play.

Staples veterinarian Dr. Kathy Marcussen was invited to the meeting and told the council about problems associated with city residents feeding the feral cats.

"These are wild cats, they won't be pets," said Marcussen.

She said the cats are like any wild animal population, if people feed them there will be more of them.

The current process is that if a cat is trapped, it gets brought to her office, the Staples Veterinary Clinic, and the cats are kept for five to seven days before getting put to sleep.

"In my mind, that's cruel, they are a wild animal and then you cage it and kill it," said Marcussen.

It also is not doing anything to lower the feral cat population.

"Cat feeders can breed cats faster than you can trap them," said Marcussen.

Council member Mary Jo Goff said that some people have feeding stations for the cats and open their garages to give the cats a place to stay.

"We have to go to the people who are doing it, it's not fair to the animals and not fair to us," said Goff.

Another problem with feeding the cats is that it leads to the feeding of other unwanted animals, including racoons, skunks, rats and mice.

Dr. Marcussen said that it is illegal to have an animal in the city limits, unless you have it under control. But she said feeding the cats brings up questions about whether the person who feeds them is the cat's owner.

Mayor Ron Murray asked if the city's current ordinance is adequate to fine a person who is feeding cats. He thought that the city ordinances should be able to charge people for feeding the problem cats. He said the ordinance requires all cats and dogs within the city to be licensed.

Police Chief Melissa Larson said that cat policing is not easy to enforce.

"We have to do the test of what will hold up in court," said Larson. "It would be easy to charge the person who is feeding it, but that person could claim that it is not their cat or that they were feeding a different cat."

Larson said every officer on the police force is tired of picking up the problem cats.

"That car is our office and the first thing a cat does is pee in the car. They have to drive around with that smell and then spend a lot of time scrubbing it," said Larson.

The pet ordinance fine is the lowest level of offense under the nuisance order, said Larson. She said it could take three to six months to go through the court system, and the person being fined could have a whole new set of cats to feed by then.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said that the district court judges hate getting cases dealing with cat feeding, viewing it as a waste of their time.

Murray said he has talked to a resident who is openly admitting to feeding the feral cats because he doesn't want them to starve. Larson said she has been told from people that they will pay the fine and continue to feed the cats.

Council member John Jewison asked if the fines collected for feeding cats could be used for euthanizing cats, so that the person doing the feeding

See **COUNCIL** on page 3a



Peaceful fall

Three sheep contentedly munch on a pasture. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Motley City Council will now meet twice a month

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Motley City Council will begin holding two reg-

ular meetings each month, instead of one.

They will continue meeting on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.;

and will also meet on the fourth Monday as well, beginning Oct. 28, at 3 p.m. Department heads will not be required to attend the second monthly meetings.

The council had previously voted to hold a second meeting each month in order to prevent delays in conducting business that may result from meeting only once per month. This had been proposed by Mayor Pat O'Regan at a special meeting Oct. 1. The proposal passed, with the mayor and council members Steve Johnson and April Skeesick-Larson voting 'aye.' Council members Nikki Bjerga and Dennis Erickson had voted 'no.'

In other matters the council:

- **APPROVED** a \$2,000 Boost Funds grant from Sourcewell that had been awarded to the Motley Police Department.

- **LEARNED** that the fast EV charger is still not working. Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton said he had received a quote from Spark chargers to replace both the fast and slow chargers in the amount of \$25,000 plus local installation charges. Brotherton

is going to check on other options.

- **APPROVED** listing the city's old truck (a 2008 Ford F350) with a dump box and plow, on the mnbid website. Brotherton also noted that the city's new truck, a 2024 Chevrolet 1-ton with a dump box and snowplow, had come in.

- **LEARNED** that the city's fall clean-up day had gone well.

- **ACCEPTED** the \$29,760 Community Match Funds Grant and the \$250 Third Party Services Reimbursement from Sourcewell.

- **APPROVED** hiring Nancy Lucas for an election judge to replace Sherry

Motley area law enforcement

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

Oct. 9 - 15

Oct. 15 - Morrison County deputies responded to a disorderly conduct call at the 3500 block of 270th St., Cushing.

Oct. 15 - Morrison County deputies assisted at an incident at 2nd Ave. NW and 12th St. NW, Staples.

Oct. 15 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 25000 block of Basswood Rd., Cushing.

Oct. 15 - Motley Police responded to a report of suspicious activity at Beaulieu St. and 5th Ave N., Motley.

Oct. 15 - A Morrison County deputy arrested Ryan William Schmidt, 31, near Hwy 10 and Cty Rd. 7 in Cushing and transported him to the Morrison County Jail.

Oct. 14 - The Motley Police responded to a vehicle rollover at 5916 State

Hwy 210 SW in Motley. Motley Rescue was paged.

Oct. 14 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of a trailer theft at the 1000 block of 320th St., Cushing.

Oct. 14 - Motley Police issued a citation for speed to Savon Malik Cameron, 23.

Oct. 13 - Morrison County deputies assisted state patrol with a motor vehicle accident at Hwy 10 and Bison Rd., Cushing.

Oct. 13 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity at the 32000 block of 40th Ave., Cushing. Nathan Alan Kist, 40, was arrested.

Oct. 11 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity at the 26000 block of 40th Ave., Cushing.

Oct. 10 - The MCSO reported that Scott A. Gibson was trespassed from the Motley Holiday Store. Gibson was causing a disturbance with their customers.

Oct. 9 - The MCSO received a report of property damage at the 34000 block of Aztec Rd., Motley.



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McGivern Park landing

McGivern Park offered its fall colors along the Crow Wing River Oct. 17. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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Alliance of Minnesota
candidate.**

Gregg Hendrickson

As the deer season approaches fast, I find myself becoming more restless and excited about the anticipated hunt. To me, opening deer season is a passion. There is nothing more exciting than sitting in a tree waiting for the one shot. I wish everyone the best of luck this season or is it skill?

It is also election season and as your candidate, I have work to do to bring people up and give them hope. Our children and seniors have the highest poverty rates in my district. If elected, I will work smart and diligent to provide more funding for our families and our seniors.

I feel strongly that every Minnesotan should not just be getting by, but also given the hope of getting ahead. This is how we thrive. I will always work towards the best possible outcomes, morally and economically, for all in my district.

Prepared and paid for by Gregg Hendrickson for House 5B Committee

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No easy solutions for feral cat problem in Staples

might be dissuaded from doing it. Council member Roy Miles suggested that instead of having police do all the work, they could hire a dog catcher and cat catcher. Murray asked if just getting rid of the feeding stations would be a step in the right direction. The council did not make any decisions about the cat problem and agreed to learn more about some of the solutions they brought up.

- In other news, the council
- Approved assessments for non-payment of delinquent utility bills. City Clerk Tara Greer said the majority of unpaid bills comes from rental properties where the utilities are charged to the tenant.
 - Approved lighted Christmas parade in downtown Staples on Nov. 30.
 - Appointed election judges for Tuesday, Nov. 5 election.
 - Approved water revenue bond note from Minnesota PFA for water infrastructure projects, for \$324,330.
 - Approved MnDOT grant for airport improvement.

Four arrested and held on receiving stolen property charges

As the result of several ongoing theft and burglary investigations, on October 15, 2024, the Todd County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Morrison County Sheriff's Department, Staples Police Department and Cass County Sheriff's Department executed multiple search warrants at different residences within Todd County

As a result of the search warrants, several stolen items including vehicles, tools and a multitude of other items were recovered. Four individuals were arrested, Timothy Elliot Aleman, Aaron Ray Carpenter, Dustin Michael Carpenter and Caitlyn Marie Gifford and were being held in the Todd County Detention Center on charges of Receiving Stolen Property.



Timothy Aleman



Aaron Carpenter



Dustin Carpenter



Caitlyn Gifford

Court report Oct. 16

Long Prairie Police Department

Jose Javier Morales Ramos, Long Prairie. Stopping without intersection. Fine \$25. Fee \$10 Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$10. Fee \$75. Driver just carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fee total \$200.

Andrew Jay Sheets, Alexandria. Speed 39/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Russell Marcus Townsend, Grey Eagle. Forestry-fail to extinguish permit fire, remain with permit fire or comply with permit condition. Fee \$50. Fine \$85. Open burning-prohibited materials. Fee \$200.

MN State Patrol

Allen Arthur Taylor, Faribault. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kenneth Michael Allen, St. Cloud. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Angel Ambriz Montanez, Arlington, TX. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Lexi Jo Barsness, Glenwood. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Joshua Joe Birr, Glenwood. MN annual inspection decal violation. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Austin William Bollin, Carlos. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Oscar Danilo Casco Gutierrez, Sauk Centre. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Jonah Dempsey, Eagle Bend. Hands-free Law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Andrew Justin Derung, Maple Grove. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Isela Hernandez, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Anahita Khadang, West Fargo, ND. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Logan Mitchel Kist, Alexandria. Speed 89/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Sage Anthony Kortuem, Long Prairie. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Rosemarie Doris Ostrowski, Browerville. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kai Ashton Petermeier, Ramsey. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Andrea Leigh Peterson, Dayton. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Arnolfo Alcala Rosales, Glencoe. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class/type. Multiple licenses prohibited. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Amanda Lynn Schloegl, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40.

Fee \$85.

Matthew Joseph Seefeldt, Minneapolis. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70.. Fee \$155.

Amer Vatres, Fargo, ND. Speed 94/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Bryan Omar Vazquez Cruz, Long Prairie. Speed 84/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Bryan Terry Zollman, Sauk Centre. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 8, 2024.

Devon Scott Braun, Long Prairie. Reckless driving. Continued for dismissal. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Romaine Jeremy Pogreba, Browerville. Assault-3rd degree-substantial bodily harm. Continued. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 3 yr.) Service-adult (community work service, 120 hours for indeterminate). Fee totals \$560. CRM-disorderly conduct. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Doug Clark in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 8, 2024.

Brandon Lee Goertz, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Continued for dismissal. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr).

Jason James Loveless, Sartell. Driving after suspension. Continued for dismissal. Probation-Adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr).

Kimberly Kay Olson, Clarissa. Hands-free law. Dismissed. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$75.

Colton Michael Wagner, Parkers Prairie. Traffic-DWI-operate motor vehicle-under influence; cannabis/hemp product, artificial CBD/THC. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo days credit for time served: 1 Day). Fine \$50. Fee totals \$150.

William Albert Zeidler, Eagle Bend. Disorderly conduct. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0, yr 0 mo 83 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 7 days). Probation-adult (supervision probation, 1 yr). Service-adult (community work service, 30 hours for indeterminate). Fine \$50. Fee totals \$1,191.14.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 7, 2024.

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• Oct. 27, 1949 - Chicken thieves have been busy south of Staples in Fawn Lake township, and the sheriff's office in Long Prairie has been called in to work on the case.

Deputy Sheriff August Kalisch of Staples was called by Wesley and Tom Zetah and Ed Smith Oct. 25 to investigate a theft of 300 Rhode Island Red chickens from their three farms. The culprits stole the chickens sometime during the night. The chickens were all heavy, and it is estimated that the total loss to the three farm-

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ers will run close to \$600.

• Oct. 27, 1949 - Staples' second Fall Festival, sponsored by the Staples Civic & Commerce Association, has been pronounced a marked success for the second time, as hundreds of people from the entire area were at the Staples Auditorium Wednesday and Thursday where they viewed the displays.

Many more exhibits were on display this year with a total of 373 being tabulated by those who arranged the displays. Almost every kind of vegetable was exhibited. There was corn, potatoes, squash, pumpkin, carrots, onions, rutabaga, sweet potatoes, cabbage, etc., all excellently arranged.

• Oct. 27, 1949 - Stop in at Huck's Cafe on Fifth Street after the show, Try our delicious Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for 15 cents. Huck's Cafe is owned by Mr. and Mrs. "Huck" Huckepoehler. Telephone 525.

• Oct. 27, 1949 - Mrs. Dewitt Roberts will be the hostess when the Motley Study Club meets in her home on Nov. 5. Roll Call will be answered by Bible verse. Topic - "Religion in Other Countries" by Mrs. Mildred Neuberger. English drill, Gladys Lucas; Poetry, Alice Corner.

• Oct. 27, 1949 - From the Kardinal Kronicle: A new Spanish Club has been organized. The elected officers of the club are: President - Peggy Johnson, Vice President - Jerry Sanger, Secretary-Treasurer - Mary Lukes.

• Oct. 27, 1949 - Dance Saturday, Oct. 29, at Tom & Ethel's Inn in Motley. Music by the Trana Brothers.

• Oct. 27, 1949 - Pine River celebrated their Homecoming with a 60 to 8 victory over Motley Friday afternoon. Howard Sklenicka made Motley's only T.D. in the first period on an end run. Zigmond, Seaton, Kinkel, Emery, Gregory and Deboer accounted for Pine River's triumph.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• Oct. 24, 1974 - The Staples Girls Cross Country team made a "clean sweep" in their last two competitive meets of the season, Coach Doris Dumpprope reported.

On Oct. 8, at the Staples Invitational, the girls accomplished their big goal of the season by beating St. Cloud Apollo by 11 points and taking the Girls division trophy for the second year in a row.

Nan Bendson placed second, Anita Tiegen 4th, Sue Johnson 6th, Rita Wicht 7th and Rose Goeden 9th.

• Oct. 24, 1974 - Gene Ullring was elected president of the Trinity Lutheran Church for 1975 at the annual meeting of the Voters' Assembly held Monday evening.

Ullring will succeed Joe Dubbels as head of the congregation.

Officers elected to serve with Ullring during 1975 were James Henke, vice president; Robert Mueller, secretary; Gordon D. Sellnow, treasurer; Leonard Hall, financial secretary; George Anderson, trustee for three year term; George Sycks, elder for three year term; and Melvin A. Mueller, head usher.

• Oct. 24, 1974 - An open house was held at the Lloyd Sams farm home about five miles south of Staples Sunday afternoon, for con-



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1978. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

ducted tours of the newly constructed dairy barn. The modern free-stall structure will accommodate 100 cattle.

Dimensions of the barn are 40 by 180 feet and it features slatted floors, a double six herringbone milking parlor, automated feeding, and a maternity room.

About 400 persons toured the facility, and lunch was served through the courtesy of Clarissa Surge.

• Oct. 24, 1974 - Staples High school music department chairman, Stan Carlson, announced that the annual fall concert will be expanded to include two concerts this year.

The first concert will be held Friday, Nov. 1, at 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, and the second concert will take place Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 8 p.m. in the Staples Auditorium. Carlson said that the expansion was necessary because of the increase in the number of students taking part in the choral program.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• Oct. 28, 1999 - The Cardinal cross country teams, both boys and girls, are running Oct. 28 in the Section 6 meet at New London-Spicer, and for the first time in many, many years, both Cardinal teams are top contenders.

That's no surprise for the Staples Motley boys, three-time defending state champions and currently the top ranked team in the state. But for the girls, it is an accomplishment and transformation that has happened in just five short weeks.

• Oct. 28, 1999 - The Cardinal team members who won the Section 8 tennis title last week included Laura Warn, Amy Peterson, Julie Nytes, Daphne Griffith, Alison Edin, Jenna Vogel, Lyndsay Hoemberg, Shannon Hoffmann, Mary DiGiovanni,

Rose Milless, Emily Waldahl, Leah Becker and Jacque Peterson. They are coached by Kevin Coughlin, and assistant coach Mary Freeman.

• Oct. 28, 1999 - Now showing at the Staples Cinema Oct. 29-Nov. 1, "Sixth Sense." The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Age 11 & older, \$3.50; Ages 1 - 10, \$2.50.

• Oct. 28, 1999 - Angela Wermerskirchen, a third year medical student at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, will spend the next nine months studying and working with Dr. David Freeman and other doctors at the Lakewood Clinic in Staples and surrounding communities.

Through the Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP), Wermerskirchen and 37 other medical students will experience the daily activities of physicians in communities throughout Minnesota.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• Oct. 23, 2014 - Over 300 people attended the 'Fall Harvest Dinner' at Motley United Methodist Church Oct. 15. The meal, prepared and served by church volunteers, included turkey and all the trimmings, and homemade pie for dessert. Entertainment for the evening was provided by The Vagabonds music group led by Bill Berndt.

• Oct. 23, 2014 - "The Spirit Within" exhibit of pastel work by Staples artist Don Garey opened at the New York Mills Cultural Center Oct. 18 and runs through Nov. 26.

Garey taught graphic art and design at Central Lakes College in Staples until his recent retirement. The striking images in this work are intended to interpret insights he discovered in a long bout with cancer.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 17, 1974 edition of the Staples World featured two Junior Division winners in the Staples' Archery Club's Bowhunters shoot. Tim Meech, left, was the first place winner, and Kent Nordell took second place.

Kyle Lynn Bartells, Clitheral. Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 2 yr). Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 350 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 14 days). Fine \$200. Fee \$75.

Austin Freeman Stevens, Excelsior. Drugs-4th degree-possess-Phencyclidine/hallucigen 10 or more doses. Dismissed. Cannabis open package-possess in motor vehicle; not compliant packaging or container. Sentenced. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 3, 2024.

Richard John Schrom, Fertile. Criminal sexual conduct-1st degree-penetration under 18/contact under 14-use force 609.341 subd 3(2). Dismissed. Criminal sexual conduct-3rd degree-penetration; Victim 14-15 actor>24 mo older. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections-adult (MN Correctional Facility-St. Cloud, 36 mo, stay for 15 yr). Local confinement (30 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 4 days). Treatment-adult (sex offender treatment for indeterminate). Fine \$500. Fee totals \$935.

Todd County Sheriff

James Acevedo, Melrose. Driving

after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Aune Rodenborn Alick Richard, Parkers Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Arlen Marie Altenbrun, Hewitt. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

John Robert Dempsey, Eagle Bend. Speed 74/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Natalie Marie Fisk, Browerville. Traffic regulation-keep to the right. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jordan Austin Grewe, Eagle Bend. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Horacio Hernandez Reyes, Long Prairie. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Brent Allan Hoverud, Kensington. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.

Kenson Mathurin, Alexandria. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Operate vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30.

Benjamin Franklin Moon, Pillager. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Kaitlyn Marie Murphy, Eagle Bend. Speed 71/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Lori Dawn Trebil, Grove City. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

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Some bird clubs may clip Audubon’s wings for namesake

Within the past week it was reported that Minneapolis and St. Paul bird clubs affiliated with the National Audubon Society - the nation’s best known advocate for wild birds and their conservation - will change their official names to remove the word “Audubon.” They are not the first to do this, following a number of other chapters across the country. They are doing this because the organization’s name - sake, John James Audubon, was a slave owner when he resided in the State of Kentucky.



Mike Rahn

Born in 1785, 76 years before the start of the American Civil War that would end slavery in the United States, Audubon was a naturalist and self-trained artist who undertook the epic task of documenting and painting all the birds of North America. He is best known for his monumental work, The Birds of America, which illustrates some 435 species in life-size, hand-colored illustrations. Some of the specimens from which he painted were collected by Audubon himself, while some were provided to him by others. Audubon has also been credited with identifying 25 previously unknown bird species. It is hard

to come up with a North American bird species that’s not included in this work, which was published in stages between 1827 and 1838. In order to depict the birds in life size, the pages measured a whopping 39-½ by 27-½ inches.

Audubon is said to have owned nine slaves at one point, up to approximately 1830. He died in 1851, well before the emancipation of slaves in the United States. Audubon reportedly had also been critical of the British government’s freeing of all slaves in the British West Indies in 1834. It’s also claimed that he once participated in returning a slave to its owner.

Audubon lived in a time long before bird photography was possible, and - consistent with scientific research on creatures of all kinds - he worked from preserved specimens. In the case of the birds that were to grace his book, these were harvested with birdshot fired from a muzzle-loading shotgun of the day, a reality that modern bird lovers might prefer not to dwell on.

It should be noted that while some Audubon Society chapters in Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York, Georgia, Illinois, Washington State and Oregon, have deleted “Audubon” from their official names, the National Audubon Society has so far chosen not to distance itself from John James Audubon by rebranding itself.

The current debate over the Audubon name has a feel similar to recent decisions to remove from public

display the statues of prominent soldiers who fought for the Confederate side in the U.S. Civil War. The most prominent of these has been statuary of General Robert E. Lee, who was overall head of the Confederate Army and Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia that surrendered to U.S. General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House to end the war. Lee had served with distinction in the U.S. Army for more than 30 years before the start of the Civil War, but - less than a century after the Revolutionary War’s end, in a time when state loyalties were for some as strong as national loyalties - he chose his native Virginia and the Confederacy over the Union cause. Lee both owned slaves he inherited from his mother and managed slaves under the terms of his father-in-law’s will for five years, until the will specified that those slaves be freed.

Closer to home, our inclination to distance ourselves from unpleasant politics of the past is exemplified by Lake Calhoun, the largest and deepest lake within the borders of Minneapolis. In 2018 it was renamed Bde Maka Ska, which in the Dakota language means White Earth Lake. Its former namesake was John C. Calhoun, a South Carolinian who served in the U.S. Congress, and as Vice President from 1825 to 1832. Calhoun was a passionate supporter of the institution of slavery, one who - after his early political years as a supporter of federalism - came to be

seen as the ultimate champion of states’ rights. Lake Calhoun had been named by U.S. Army surveyors in 1817, when Calhoun was Secretary of War in the cabinet of President James Monroe.

It’s not difficult to understand the sensitivity of some who feel that anyone who advocated for slavery - albeit almost 200 years ago - is in conflict with our modern values. On the other hand, since the National Audubon Society’s founding in 1905, the Audubon name has been associated in most everyone’s mind only with birds and their conservation.

And, we conveniently look the other way when it comes to some other well-known people. Notably the founding fathers George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, both of whom were more than marginally slave owners. Famously, both of their images are sculpted in granite - present right next to the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln - on Mount Rushmore, set against the grand background of the Black Hills. Both, like Lincoln, are also pictured on our paper currency and coinage.

It’s not an easy call, and the National Audubon Society is perhaps wise in leaving the naming decision up to local chapters, while continuing the affiliating relationship with them whatever path they choose to take. Hopefully support for the birds will not suffer one way or the other.

Letter to the Editor

History is home

I was upset when I read the SEDA article of September 4, stating Staples needed a rebranding. I moved back to Staples because of the warm community and my love of the history of this town. I grew up here. I love Staples. I’m just as anxious as others to see this town grow.

The history doesn’t have to be left off as a piece that

allows a town to grow. It’s one piece of the puzzle. History is still an important part of the school curriculum, so why would you take it out of the town that has a rich history?

When you’re looking toward the future you need to not forget the past. There’s even a new Lakewood advertisement that states legacy is important and that there is “No Place Like Home”.

Judy Halverson
Staples, MN

Quote of the week

“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.” — Malala Yousafzai

Everyone can prevent bullying

By Cassandra Ortiz
General Crime and Child Abuse Services Coordinator
Hands of Hope Resource Center

October is “National Bullying Prevention Month” which unites communities in promoting kindness, acceptance and inclusion to prevent childhood bullying. PACER’s National Bullying Prevention Center created this nationwide campaign in 2006 to spread awareness on the issue of bullying and its negative effects on children.

According to the Center for Disease Control, students who are bullied are more likely to experience low self-esteem and isolation, perform poorly in school, have few friends in school, and have a negative view of school. They may also experience physical symptoms such as headaches, stomachaches or problems sleeping. They are also more likely to experience mental health issues such as depression, suicidal thoughts and anxiety. Witnesses of bullying are also affected as they are more likely to use tobacco, alcohol or other drugs, have increased mental health problems, and are more likely to skip school.

Bullying Prevention month is an opportunity to:

- Encourage the nation to take action at the local level to create safe and supportive schools
- Offer information and education about how everyone can prevent bullying

- Provide a platform to hold school and community events
- Share information about the issue through news media, social media, videos and print publications
- Speak with education and public policy leaders about their roles in bullying prevention
- Promote dialogue between educators, parents and students on their roles in addressing and preventing bullying
- Invite organizations to share information about their bullying prevention resources
- Inspire everyone to unite for kindness, acceptance and inclusion

In addition to Bullying Prevention Month, Unity Day is also celebrated on Oct. 16. It serves as a day when we can come together to send a visible message of building community through kindness, acceptance and inclusion by wearing orange. Everyone’s actions matters. We all have a role to play in bullying prevention. It is important for adults to know how to respond, to be there for victims of bullying, to hold those who bully accountable, and to support and educate youth on how to advocate for themselves and others. Let us do our part to help create a world without bullying.

If you are a victim of a crime or would like more information regarding bullying, contact Hands of Hope Resource Center at 320-732-2319.

Voting is fundamental to democracy

By Lee H. Hamilton

More than 150 million Americans will vote in next month’s elections, making their choices for positions ranging from president to school board. They will be participating in the most basic expression of citizenship. Voting is fundamental to democracy.

But nearly 100 million voting-age citizens will sit out the election. That should concern us.

We celebrate voting as our civic duty. At the same time, we argue about whether we should make voting easier or more difficult. Should we welcome mail-in voting? Should voters have to show an ID? Can we trust young people and new citizens to vote responsibly? How should we balance voting rights with election security?

These questions are loaded with politics, and politics are the way we make decisions in our democracy. It’s messy at times, and we can always find things to criticize about it. It often falls short of being ideal. But, overall, it serves us very well. After all, what is the alternative? The American people have always rejected authoritarianism.

Decisions about voting have been milestones in American history. At least three of the most impactful amendments to the Constitution, the 15th, 19th and 26th, concern voting. At the beginning, however, the founders didn’t seem to give a lot of thought to the topic, leaving it to the states to adopt their own rules. Most initially limited the franchise to white men who owned property. Some imposed religious tests. By the mid-1800s, many restrictions had been lifted, but only for white men.

Women advocated for suffrage as early as 1848, with the adoption of a “declaration of sentiments” at the Seneca Falls Convention. Some states, particularly in the Mountain West, let women vote. But it took until 1920 to ratify the 19th Amendment, declaring the

right to vote “shall not be denied or abridged ... on account of sex.”

Similarly, the post-Civil War 15th Amendment said the right to vote could not be denied “on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.” But Jim Crow laws, poll taxes and literacy tests kept Black Americans from voting in much of the South for nearly 100 years. That finally changed with the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which I had the privilege of voting for in my first year in Congress.

The Vietnam War inspired a movement to lower the voting age from 21 to 18. If you’re old enough to fight and die for your country, the argument went, you should be old enough to vote. Persuaded, Congress voted to lower the age limit in March 1971, and the required three-fourths of the states ratified the 26th Amendment barely three months later.

Today, it’s understandable that many people don’t vote. We are busy with our work and families. Getting to the polls can be a hassle.

Learning about all the candidates can feel like a job. The decline of local news outlets has made it harder to be informed. Some states don’t really make it simple to register and vote.

It’s also easy to think our vote doesn’t matter. The presidential election and the contest for control of the Senate play out in a handful of battleground states. Gerrymandered legislative districts mean that many incumbents are unopposed or may as well be.

Despite all that, I keep in mind the words of the late congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis, who declared the vote to be “precious, almost sacred” and “the most powerful non-violent tool we have to create a more perfect union.”

The 2024 election will have a profound impact on our nation, the states and our communities. Voting isn’t just a right, it’s a privilege. It’s an opportunity to shape the future and create the more perfect union that the Preamble to the Constitution envisions.

Social Security set for benefit increase

Submitted by the Social Security Administration

Social Security Benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for more than 72.5 million Americans will increase 2.5 percent in 2025, the Social Security Administration announced. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by about \$50 per month starting in January.

Over the last decade the COLA increase has averaged about 2.6 percent. The COLA was 3.2 percent in 2024.

Nearly 68 million Social Security beneficiaries will see a 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) beginning in January 2025. Increased payments to nearly 7.5 million people receiving SSI will begin on December 31, 2024. (Note: Some people receive both Social Security benefits and SSI).

“Social Security benefits and SSI payments will increase in 2025, helping tens of millions of people keep up with expenses even as inflation has started to cool,” said Martin O’Malley, Commissioner of Social Security.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wag-

es. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) is slated to increase to \$176,100 from \$168,600.

Social Security begins notifying people about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December.

This year, for the first time, Social Security beneficiaries will receive a newly designed and improved COLA notice that makes it easier for customers to find the information they need most. The simplified COLA notice is now only one page, uses plain and personalized language and provides exact dates and dollar amounts of a person’s new benefit amount and any deductions.

People will need to have a personal my Social Security account by Nov. 20, to see their COLA notice online. To get started, visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) as determined by the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To read more, visit www.ssa.gov/cola.

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Divas and Desserts concert Oct. 27

To kick off the start of their musical season, the Staples Area Women's Chorus is hosting their annual 'Divas and Desserts' concert at the Staples Alliance Church on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. Under co-directors Rob Frelove and Brianna Robertson, the chorus will perform a variety of fun music, served with tasty cheesecake, cof-

fee, and apple cider. Attendance is free and open to the public. Free will donations would be welcome.

The Staples Area Women's Chorus is beginning their 48th season and looks forward to a wonderful year of making music for their community together. (Submitted photo)



Halloween held early at the Staples Nutrition Site

An early Halloween gathering was held at the Staples Nutrition Site Oct. 16 including the meal, decorations, treats and dessert. Above, left to right: LuAnn Braford, Jenny Braun, Jeanie Huebner, Ann Ohmann, Joyce Mohler, Gloria Marden, Judy Young, Amy Lindstrom, Tootie Moris and Bobbie Braford.

Right: In costume Bobbie Braford and Luann Braford, ready to serve the meal.

The Nutrition Site holds an in-house meal once a month at the Staples Community Center Senior Dining Site. Call LuAnn, 218-894-2556 the Thursday before the meal to order; or for Meals on Wheels delivery. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Mark Your Calendar

October 23

WOMEN'S AA MTG Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Staples Church of Christ, on Hwy 210, south of Staples.

October 24

'WALK WITH A DOC' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lake-wood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more info., visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. John Bittner, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

October 25

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley.

October 26

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 - 10:30

a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

October 27

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

October 28

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

October 29

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church basement, through Dec. 17. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

ATV accident at Morrison County Landfill, one injured

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on Oct. 17, at approximately 10:42 a.m., they received a report of an ATV accident with injuries at the Morrison County Landfill, located off Iris Road, about three miles southeast of Little Falls in Little Falls Township.

According to the sheriff's office, 57-year-old Jody Mueller of Long Prairie was driving a side-by-side

performing work duties at the Morrison County Landfill. The side-by-side was going down a hill at an angle and rolled. Mueller fell out of the side-by-side and was pinned under the machine. Mueller was transported to St. Gabriel's Hospital by ambulance with unknown injuries.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Mayo Clinic Ambulance.



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Pastor Zach Jones
Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.
Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Janet Eckman SMA.....218-837-5831
jre227@yahoo.com
Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.
Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month
Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnetfree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.
Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.
Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Motley
Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)
United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.
Oylen
Oylen Alliance
City. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.
Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty 104.
Phone.....218-746-3839
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.
First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
Hewitt
Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Hewitt Community Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.
Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Central Community Church
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.
St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW
Vermda,e.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday.....6:00 p.m.
St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec - April)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)
Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.
Wadena
St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

Joan Ostlund

The Mass of Christian Burial for Joan Ostlund of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Visitation will be held on Friday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, with a Rosary at 5:00 and Prayers at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

With family at her side, Joan passed away on October 19, 2024, at her home in Wadena, MN, with Knute Nelson Hospice providing compassionate care. She was 78 years old. Arrangements with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services' Johnson-Schuller Chapel, Wadena, MN (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Annette Crocker

Annette Florence Crocker, 88, of Staples passed away August 29, 2024, under the care of Hospice at the Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m. at the Staples Church of Christ with Pastor Barry Klein officiating. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Breckenridge.



Annette Florence (Devine) Crocker was born January 15, 1936 to Kenneth and Evelyn (Elmore) Devine in Breckenridge. She graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1954. Annette married Gordon Crocker on April 9, 1955 and moved to Oylen where they lived for several years before moving to the Staples area to make their home. Annette had many interests. She enjoyed gardening and was always proud of her flower gardens. She enjoyed reading, Sudoku, learning games on the iPad and having coffee and lunch with her circle of friends she made over the years. She enjoyed volunteering - you could find her collecting tickets at the Staples Auditorium and with the quilters on Wednesdays, although she wasn't a quilter she provided and set up snacks for the gals. Annette enjoyed traveling and had cruised Hawaii, Alaska, through the Panama Canal and the Western Riviera. She traveled by land as well as via car, bus and train. If there was a trip planned her bags were packed. Her children and grandchildren were her treasures and she enjoyed spending time with them. One of Annette's proud memories was that

she had the privilege of working in all three of the hospitals in Staples; Greater Staples Hospital in town on 6th Street, beginning there as a Nurse's Aide, transferring to Ward Secretary and deciding to retire after 30+ years. After being home for three months, she decided that wasn't for her and she went back to work for another 11 years with the Gastro Doctors in Outpatient, finally retiring for good, making a total of 42 working years.

Annette is survived by two daughters, Ione (Creig) Mertens and Linda (Duane) Hendricks; four sons, Bruce (Maryrose) Crocker, Kevin (Connie) Crocker, Neil (Kathy) Crocker, Darrell (Denise) Crocker; 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren with one on the way; many nieces and nephews and friends. Annette is preceded in death by her husband, Gordon; parents; three brothers, Lowell, Virgil and Donald Devine; two sisters-in-law, Barbara and Carol Devine; two brothers-in-law, Glendon and his wife Yvonne and Richard Gordon. Annette will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Arrangements by the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

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Pastor Donald Reigstad, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church, Cushing

Three months ago, our son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Analu', with their two children moved to Pella, IA, Tulip Capital of the U.S. Joe has been our Youth Pastor at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church for the past five years. They moved to take on a new job, Lead Pastor of Grace Fellowship Church. They bought a new home. If a new job, new home and new community weren't enough, they were expecting a new baby. A couple of weeks ago we travelled to Pella to watch kids for a Tuesday morning, scheduled C-section. On schedule, Ariela Jo was born that Tuesday morning. Thursday afternoon the trio came home. Then, on Saturday afternoon

- "HOUSE FIRE!!! How much, I wondered, can one couple handle? Turns out that the answer to that is "a lot" - when you do it with Jesus. They're already discovering in many ways how God is watching over them. One quick example: On Saturday, as the firemen were finishing up, Joe expressed to me that he didn't know who his insurance agent was, had never met him and did not even have his phone number with him. Within minutes, one of the firemen walks up and says, "Hi Joe, I'm your Insurance Agent." In everything, our God is working for good. (Romans 8:28)

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Elise Trif, Leah Greenwaldt and Maddie Kist start out in the conference race.

Fast times at Heart of Lakes Conference meet

Brownell lowers school 5K record

Audrey Brownell lowered her school record for a 5,000 meter cross country race as the Staples-Motley girls cross country team upset a ranked team to place second in the Heart of Lakes Conference meet on Oct. 15.

In the boys meet, the Cardinals ran well with several personal bests. The boys finished in fifth, but were not far behind some good teams.

The top three Cardinal girls ran to All-Conference honors and Logan Robben was All-Conference for the boys.

Brownell ran 17:50 on a hard-packed dry course that is mostly flat but has a few speed bump hills. She started pulling away from the outset and had a 50 meter lead by the first mile. Running on her own, Brownell kept that fast pace up the entire way and finished strong with the school record.

The other girls runners continued their late season surge with more fast races. Aleea Holst, Naila Mikhaeil and Bella Hines worked off of each other through the middle of the race, with Suhaila Mikhaeil coming in soon after.

As the Cardinals battled throughout the race, they finished two points ahead of the Hawley team, who is ranked fifth in the state.

In the boys race, Logan Robben and Gage Bjerga ran the first mile together but got broken up by a big pack, but it pulled Bjerga to his personal best time. Blaine Plattner also ran his fastest race ever, finishing strong in 17:43. Dillan Robben continued his season long improvement and Andrew Dobson ran his personal best to close the gap as the Cardinal's fifth runner.

The boys fifth place team

finish was because they are in a tough conference with two ranked teams and two other high level teams. Teams two through five were just 30 points from each other.

Section preview

The Cardinals enter the postseason with the Section 6A meet on Thursday, Oct. 24 at Wadena-Deer Creek, with the first race a 4 p.m.

With their finish at the conference meet, the Staples-Motley girls team is in position to get back to the state meet by finishing in the top two teams at the section meet. The boys team will have their work cut out, but are in the realm of the top four teams.

For the girls race, Minnawaska and Wadena-Deer Creek are ranked teams, but Staples-Motley could have a chance for one of those two spots at state if they run well.

For the boys, Sauk Centre has emerged as a top team during the season. At least three teams will be in close competition for the second spot, with Staples-Motley, Bertha-Hewitt and Wadena-Deer Creek all in the running.

Girls results

Heart of Lakes Conference

Perham 20, Staples-Motley 75, Hawley 77, Breckenridge/Wahpeton 110, Barnesville 157, Park Rapids 167, Lake Park-Audobon 194, Dilworth-Glyndon-Feldton 208, Frazee 223, Pelican Rapids 240

1. Audrey Brownell 17:50, 14. Aleea Holst 20:25, 15. Naila Mikhaeil 20:28, 19. Bella Hines 20:52, 26. Suhaila Mikhaeil 21:18, 32. Elise Trif 22:03, 46. Leah Greenwaldt 23:23

Junior varsity - 25. Madelyn Kist 24:50

Sixth grade race: 4. Lizzie Kroll 7:10, 5. Alexis Odden 7:28, 13. Mollie Larrimore 8:14



Suhaila Mikhaeil

Boys results

Heart of Lakes Conference

Perham 18, Hawley 74, Park Rapids 86, Pelican Rapids 95, Staples-Motley 104, Breckenridge/Wahpeton 182, Barnesville 194

16. Logan Robben 17:08, 21. Gage Bjerga 17:27, 24. Blaine Plattner 17:43, 27. Dillan Robben 18:04, 30. Andrew Dobson 18:14, 38. Garrett Bjerga 18:54, 46. Ivan Lozano 19:40

Junior varsity: 17. Gabriel Kroll 19:44, 30. Alex Leach 20:41, 38. Jackson Odden 22:19, 41. Israel Ritter 22:28

Junior high: 37. Matthew Jewison 17:25, 38. Christopher Mikhaeil 17:27

Sixth grade race: 5. Reed Leach 6:50, 7. Bennett Sonenstahl 6:59, 13. Zane Leach 7:34



Dillan Robben and Andrew Dobson



Cross country stampede

The Staples-Motley boys cross country team takes off in a cloud of dust at the conference meet at the Arvig Park in Perham. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals the sixth seed for volleyball playoffs

The Staples-Motley volleyball team ended their regular season with a 17-9 record, which earned them the sixth seed in the Section 6AA tournament, starting with a home game on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

In the last game of the season, the Cardinals lost to Hawley 3-0, almost winning the first set but falling in the next two.

For the section playoffs,

the Cardinals will host Holdingford at 7 p.m. on Oct. 23. Holdingford has a 13-13 record and are the 11th seed in the tournament. The winner of the game will play Friday, Oct. 25, against the winner of Royalton and Melrose.

This is the sixth straight season Staples-Motley will finish with a winning record.

Team results

Staples-Motley vs Hawley 24-26, 11-25, 10-25

Miranda Schotzko: kills-1, blocks-2

Jade Storry: aces-1, kills-1, digs-11

Izzy Becker: aces-1, kills-4, digs-14

Annie Schlosser: aces-1, assists-12, kills-1, blocks-2

Ellie Lange: digs-4

Lilly Tyrrell: aces-1, digs-8

Abby Brichacek: kills-1

Cardinals finish season unbeaten; playoffs set

The Staples-Motley football team were given a victory in their final scheduled game after Wadena-Deer Creek decided they didn't have enough healthy varsity players, so they forfeited the game that was to be played Oct. 16.

That means Staples-Motley finishes the regular season 8-0. They outscored opponents 283-60 during the season.

This is the third Cardinal team to win all eight games in the regular season, following in the footsteps of the 1990 and 2009 teams (see below).

In the first round of the playoffs, the Cardinals will play Menahga on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. at the Staples-Motley football field. The winner of that game advances to the section championship on Friday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m. at the Faragodome.

Remembering undefeated Cardinal football teams

Staples-Motley came from behind twice to beat Breckenridge 34-27 to finish their season 8-0 in 2009. Scores were made by Cody Hoemberg, Brandon Wing, Dylan Hales and Blake Petrich. Gavin Kadlec rushed for 84 yards and quarterback Alex Jansson completed four passes. Seth Haaland caught two passes.

This was the second undefeated regular season for Cardinal football, after the 1990 team coached by Tom Honek finished 8-0. Motley also had an undefeated team in 1972.

The 1998 team that finished second in state had a 12-2 overall record, only losing to Detroit Lakes in the regular season.

The Cardinals were 8-1 in 1983, and were 7-2 in both 1960 and 1976.

Those top teams are now joined by last year's Cardinal team that finished 7-1 in the regular season and lost in the section finals, and now a third undefeated regular season in 2024.

Noska set for state tennis

The State Tennis Tournament brackets were announced with Staples-Motley player Ronnie Noska scheduled to play Casey Cronin of Holy Family Catholic on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 8 a.m. at the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

Noska, a 10th grader, was ranked seventh in the latest poll by the Minnesota High School Coaches Association. Cronin, a senior, was ranked sixth in the poll but was given the number three seed in the tournament.

Noska has a record of 26-4 this season heading into the tournament.

In the team tournament, Crookston was seeded second, showing how close the Cardinals are to the top of the state because they lost 4-3 in the section final against Crookston in a match that could have gone either way.



Audrey Brownell increases her lead at the conference meet.



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NOTICE
MORAN TOWNSHIP
MEETING

Due to elections being on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 we will move our regular monthly meeting to Monday, November 4 at 7 p.m.

Elections will be held at the Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Diane Mack, Clerk
Moran Township

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NOTICE
OF CITY ELECTION
CITY OF STAPLES,
MINNESOTA

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City Offices to be filled at this election are the Mayor and three City Council Members. The Mayor shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The three individuals receiving the highest number of votes for City Council Member shall serve for terms of four (4) years.

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORCLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 31, 2008

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$43,959.64

MORTGAGOR(S): David J. Brusewitz and Tanya A. Brusewitz f/k/a Tanya A. Staley, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on April 2, 2008 as Document Number 456325 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on December 13, 2016 as Document Number 502051 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Bayview Dispositions IVA, LLC by assignment recorded on February 26, 2019 as Document Number A513294 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Greenwicz Revolving Trust by assignment recorded on February 26, 2019 as Document Number A513295 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2020-R1 by assignment recorded on September 12, 2024 as Document Number A542768 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd

County, Minnesota. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Two 2, Block Three 3, Tiernan Addition to Staples, According to the plat thereof on file and of record with Todd County Recorders office.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 804 7TH ST NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$46,774.13

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Fay Servicing, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0095800

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their

personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 21, 2025.

THETIMEALLOWEDBY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: September 25, 2024

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Kuniko Yamamoto brings
Japanese culture to CLC

Central Lakes College welcomes renowned Japanese performer Kuniko Yamamoto for two events on Thursday, November 7 as part of the Cultural Thursday series and the CLC Performing Arts Center.

Kuniko Yamamoto, an internationally acclaimed performer, is known for blending traditional Japanese storytelling with contemporary theatrical elements. Her captivating performances feature graceful choreography, vibrant masks featuring multiple characters and engaging narratives that transport audiences into the rich culture and history of Japan.

At noon, Cultural Thursday - a free, monthly speaker series at CLC - will present Kuniko Yamamoto as she leads a live Japanese Tea Ceremony. This elegant ritual will be open to 50 participants on a first-come, first-served basis, with additional seating available for observation. Yamamoto will also share personal stories and insights into the significance of the Tea Ceremony in Japanese culture, offering attendees a deeply immersive experience.

Later that evening at 6 p.m., the CLC Performing Arts Center will host Kuniko Yamamoto's performance titled "Magical Mask, Music, and Mime of Japan". This dynamic show combines traditional Japanese folktales with Yamamoto's talent in mime, mask work and music. Her expressive and engaging style brings to life the magic of these stories, creating an unforgettable cultural experience for audiences of all ages.

Both events will take place at Central Lakes College's Chalberg Theatre and are open to the public. The noon Cultural Thursday event is free, and tickets for the 6 p.m. performance are available for purchase. For more information or to purchase tickets for the evening performance, visit www.clcperformingarts.com or contact the CLC Box Office at 218-855-8199.

Lexie Otteson is new
midwife at Lakewood

Lakewood Health System of Staples welcomes Lexie Otteson, Doctor of Nursing Certified Nurse Midwife (DNP CNM) to its women's health team.

Originally from Proctor, Otteson completed her undergraduate degree at the College of St. Scholastica and received her graduate degree from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. She is a member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

As a midwife, Otteson has a variety of interests including, obstetrics, women's health, contraception, prenatal and postpartum care, physiologic birth and breastfeeding. "I have chosen to provide care at Lakewood due to my appreciation for the rural community and my desire to establish meaningful connections with my patients and their families in the future. There is a need for midwifery services in this region, and I consider it a privilege to address this need. I look forward to being present for each of my patients, as I believe everyone has a voice that deserves recognition - this is a source of empowerment. I gain valuable insights



Lexie Otteson, DNP CNM

from my patients on a daily basis. I look forward to fostering a trusting and collaborative relationship with my patients and their families, and I am eager to work alongside the welcoming staff at Lakewood."

Otteson and her husband, Trevor, have a golden retriever named Colbie. In her free time, Otteson is a yoga sculpt instructor, loves to be outdoors, walk her dog and be active. She is a sports enthusiast, and enjoys being present with her family.

Otteson will be seeing patients at the Staples clinic starting Oct. 28. To schedule an appointment, call 218-894-8381.

Energy assistance
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By Todd County Health and Human Services

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3. \$4,819
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REGULAR ELECTION

Notice is hereby given, that the regular election of the Hospital District will be held November 5, 2024, at which time the polls will be open in the following voting precincts at the following polling places at the following times:

Staples Township	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Meadowbrook Township	by mail
Villard Township	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Becker Township	by mail
City of Motley	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Moose Lake Township	by mail
Moran Township	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Poplar Township	by mail
Thomastown Township	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Motley Township	by mail
City of Staples	7a.m. – 8 p.m.	Byron Township	by mail

(Staples Community Center)

That at said Regular Hospital District election the following matters will be voted upon: The election of one member to the Hospital District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2028, representing and from each of the following cities and townships:

Staples Township	City of Motley	Moose Lake Township
Villard Township	Poplar Township	Meadowbrook Township

and, the election of one member at large on the Hospital District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2028, representing and from any of the governmental units of the Hospital District and the entire Hospital District which will vote for a member at large are:

Staples Township	Becker Township	Moose Lake Township
Villard Township	City of Motley	Poplar Township
City of Staples	Meadowbrook Township	Motley Township
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November 5, 2024

Statewide General Election



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Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame

At the reception following the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame induction, a large mix of past hall of famers, this year's inductees, perhaps future inductees and many of their friends, family and fans interacted to talk about the rich history of Staples and Motley sports. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Hall of Fame swimmer Del Cerney speaks with this year's inductees Marilyn and Huck Holst.



Hall of Fame fans review the display table featuring this year's inductees.



Becky and Glen Hasselberg speak with former golfer Lori Lee. Many former golfers came to see Coach Hasselberg's induction.



1978-79 wrestling team members pose for each other.



The Motley Rocket Johnsons

Curt Johnson with his mother Delores, 94, and sisters Caroline Johnson O'Day, left, and Devona Johnson, right, after his induction into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame. Caroline and Devona are former Motley Rocket cheerleaders and enjoyed wearing the colors again at the ceremony.



Authentic Motley gear was also at the ceremony, as Curt's daughter Christy wears her Dad's 1969 letter jacket with 16 earned letters represented.



1998-99 cross country runners speaking with Colin Beachy.

Smallest hall of famer

Entering the hall of fame for cuteness, Curt Johnson's great-grandchild, Emma Ann Mattson, two months old, wore a Motley track sweatshirt as her mother Annie of Chaska carried her around the hall of fame ceremony.



Reading Curt Johnson's scrapbook.



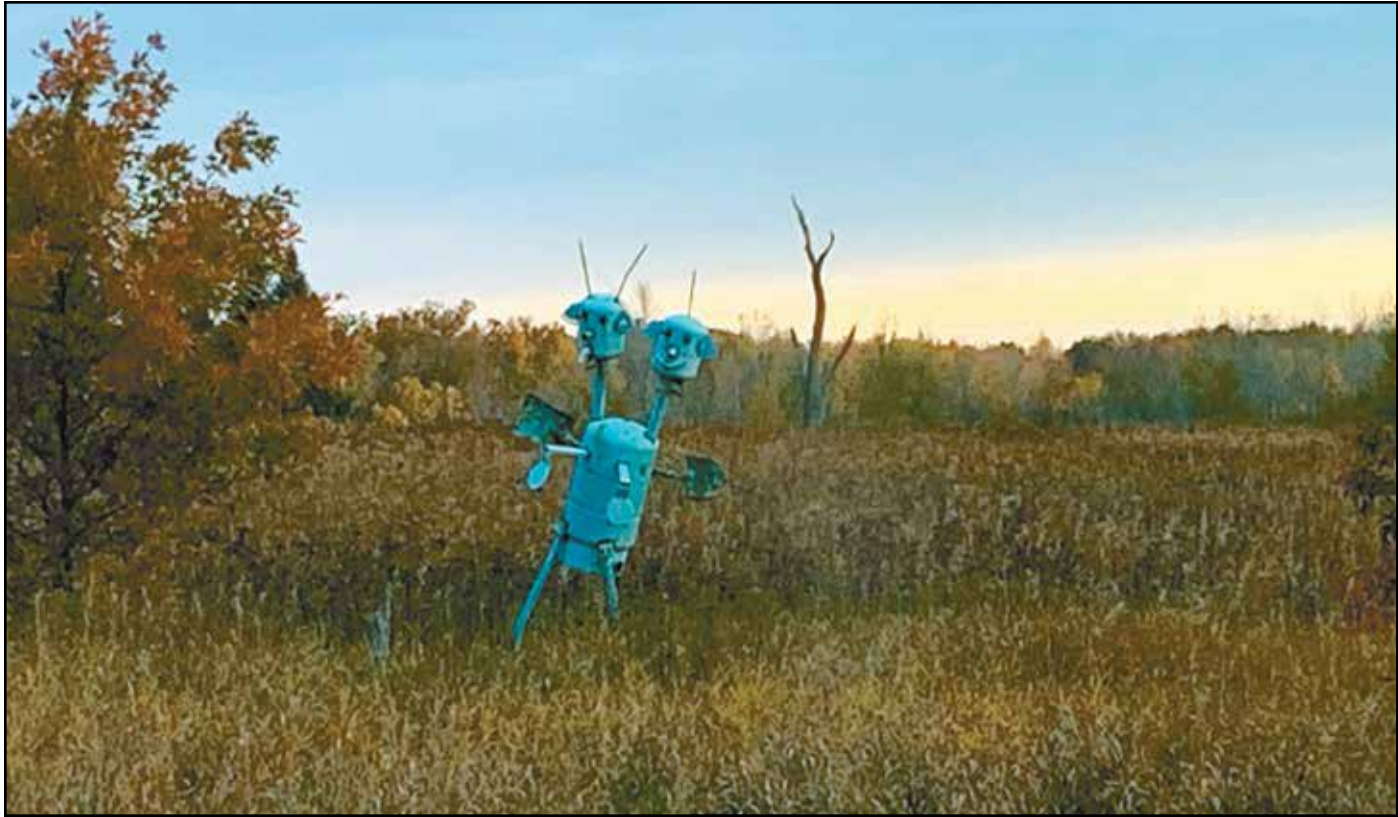
The Johnson name was on all the baseball, basketball and other sport jerseys that were worn to the Hall of Fame ceremony, here on Curt's granddaughter Makenzie Carrier.



Lyle Stevens and Bob Peterson remember the 1950s athletic scene.



Cardinal football legends Arden Beachy, Ron Manning and Lyle Stevens.



The aliens have landed?

A two-headed being can be seen along Hwy. 210 outside of Staples, on the Carmel Apple orchard property, making a scene for Halloween. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Staples-Motley School Board candidate questionnaire

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2. When you talk to someone in the community, what do you tell them about the school district?

I love to tell people that there are some amazing people working in the Staples-Motley School District. I then listen to their insights about the district and their personal experiences. Sometimes people just need someone who listens and understands.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a school board member?

One challenge our school district faces is declining enrollment. I'm passionate about authentic communication and asking, "Why?" That includes open discussions with students, families, and community members to identify issues. Then we can work together to solve them.

My role as a school board member will be to ask questions. Do all staff and students feel safe and valued? Are we being ethical? Are we doing our best to be fiscally responsible? What can we do better? What do we already do well?

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ing school infrastructure and ensuring it meets the needs of students and staff.

As Owner/Operator of a handyman business, I have developed leadership abilities and learned the importance of community engagement and stakeholder accountability. These experiences have taught me to balance budgets, prioritize resources and foster positive relationships within the community, all of which are crucial for effective governance in our schools.

I'm committed to advocating for our students/staff/community and ensuring that our schools have the necessary resources and infrastructure to thrive. My goal is to bring a practical, collaborative approach to addressing the challenges we face, ultimately enhancing the educational experience for all.

2. When you talk to someone in the community, what do you tell them about the school district? One of the first things I ask is when was the last time you've been in the school building? Then I start talking about the many different extra curricular activities/sporting events that the school district is providing kids to be a part of. I enjoy engaging in conversations about how great it would be to expand/improve industrial classes within the school district so we may help strengthen the community.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a school board member?

Since I decided to run for school board, I've been asked this question many, many times. I'm not running on a singular agenda item and I don't have an itemized list of issues that I want to tackle. I care about the school and community as a whole. As with any new opportunity there are going to be different obstacles (new and old) that will arise and each one will need to be handled individually and with doing due diligence to find the best outcome for all involved.

While also considering this question, I'm interested in learning more about the reason for declining enrollment and how we can best support and tackle this issue. If it continues, we will not thrive as a school district.

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communicated to me first hand, as they happen.

2. When you talk to someone in the community, what do you tell them about the school district?

Most of the time if the school district comes up in conversation when talking to someone, I usually tell them that the school district is always trying to do better itself. It may not be perfect, but the teachers and staff care about their students and always want the best for them.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a school board member?

I think one of the biggest issues I would like to work on as a school board member is bringing the students' voices to the school board. I think they need more influence on the decisions that are made about their education.

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make difficult decisions, manage complex situations - all of which are critical in a school board setting. My time at Walmart strengthened my leadership, organizational and communication abilities, helping me understand how to work with diverse teams and manage resources effectively.

These experiences have taught me the value of patience, open-mindedness and clear decision-making. I'm passionate about using these skills to benefit the school district, ensuring the best possible environment for our students, staff and community. I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the board and am committed to serving with pride, dedication and integrity.

2. When you talk to someone in the community, what do you tell them about the school district?

When I talk to people in the community, I proudly share that my two little girls attend school here and they absolutely love it. They've made great friends and are thriving in this supportive environment. I'm grateful to be part of a district that fosters both their academic and personal growth.

Staples-Motley has a strong tradition in sports, from the wrestling program and football team to track and golf. The Cardinals represent the community's dedication and spirit, bringing everyone together to celebrate hard work and achievement. It's wonderful to see how much pride the district takes in both education and extracurriculars, making it a great place for our kids to grow and succeed.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a school board member?

As a school board member, my priority will be to ensure that every student receives the best education possible, regardless of their learning level. Our children deserve to be challenged and supported and it's our duty to create an environment that fosters their growth and success. I want to help the district continue to grow by finding innovative solutions to the challenges we face. Whether it's improving curriculum, supporting our teachers or enhancing student resources, we must always seek new ways to better serve our students. I'm committed to working with the board and the community to ensure that Staples-Motley remains a place where all children have the opportunity to succeed.

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wherever we lived, including Staples and Motley. They were active in every area of student life and I can assure you that I have dealt with more teachers, administrators, school board members, coaches, athletic director, and parent groups than most individuals. We currently have two grandchildren at SMHS. I'm the director of the Motley Area Food Shelf, the President of the Motley Cemetery Board, a member of the Motley Lions, Council Chair at the Motley United Methodist Church, treasurer of the Motley Historical Society and a Hospice volunteer. I organized volunteers and taught cribbage to math students at the Motley Staples Middle School. In 2019 I was awarded the SM Area Community Foundation Chairmen's award. I am familiar with employee interactions and budgets. I grew up in the area, a farmer's daughter, and loved growing up on the farm.

2. When you talk to someone in the community, what do you tell them about the school district? I would tell them that it's an environment that you would want your kids to experience. Unlike some districts in the area, our families live here in Staples in Motley and surrounding area. There's a sense of community and a demonstrated enthusiasm for schools. Our staff is caring and shows pride in the accomplishment of the kids. Look at our test scores. Look at our opportunities. We have improvements in our facilities that will be enjoyed by all in the communities for generations. We enjoy low unemployment, and some of the best medical care in the state. Our recreational opportunities are abundant. All of these things contribute to the enjoyment of living here, but most important is the caring staff at our schools, the caring attitude and pride that they express toward our students. The school district provides a positive learning experience and I'm proud that our children and now our grandchildren have experienced it.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a school board member?

A good quote I've heard and something I think sums up a School Board pretty well. "A School Boards job is to provide the students the best education possible within the taxpayers ability to pay for it". There's more to it of course, but at the end of the day that's what it's all about. I think our Superintendent and financial staff does a good job of managing it all and more importantly communicating with the board and administration. Communication is a must! A school board cannot deal with situations they don't know about. The State of Minnesota dictates much of what we do to run our school, but it's up to all of us, administration, teachers, support personnel and staff, to make it all work. I would be accessible to answer e-mails, phone calls and work with each of you on your concerns. I would be proud to represent you on the Staples-Motley School Board.

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2. When you talk to someone in the community, what do you tell them about the school district?

When I talk to people in the community about the school district I often highlight the strong rich traditions that our students continue to sustain. Athletics, the Arts, Agricultural programs and Academic opportunities of our our students so many experiences.

Our school staff, families and students work together to provide the very best learning environment to nurture and sustain our rich traditions.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a school board member?

The main issues that inspire me to contribute at the school board level are:

1. Cultivating a positive relationship with school and community.
2. Establish and maintain communication with integrity.
3. Policy and governance must ensure that school staff and students can work to reach their full potential.
4. Training and encouragement to retain qualified teachers in rural schools.

Retaining teachers and students depends on a supportive culture, providing adequate facilities and resources and time to plan, learn and grow.

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2. When you talk to someone in the community, what do you tell them about the school district?

I talk about the continuing improvements that our town and school have made. All the different classes and opportunities we have for our kids at our school. Our amazing staff, the parent and community involvement. We have a great school, and great things ahead of us.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a school board member?

We need to continue to work together with students, staff and the community. Make sure school is a great experience for our children and have them know that the community is behind them.

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