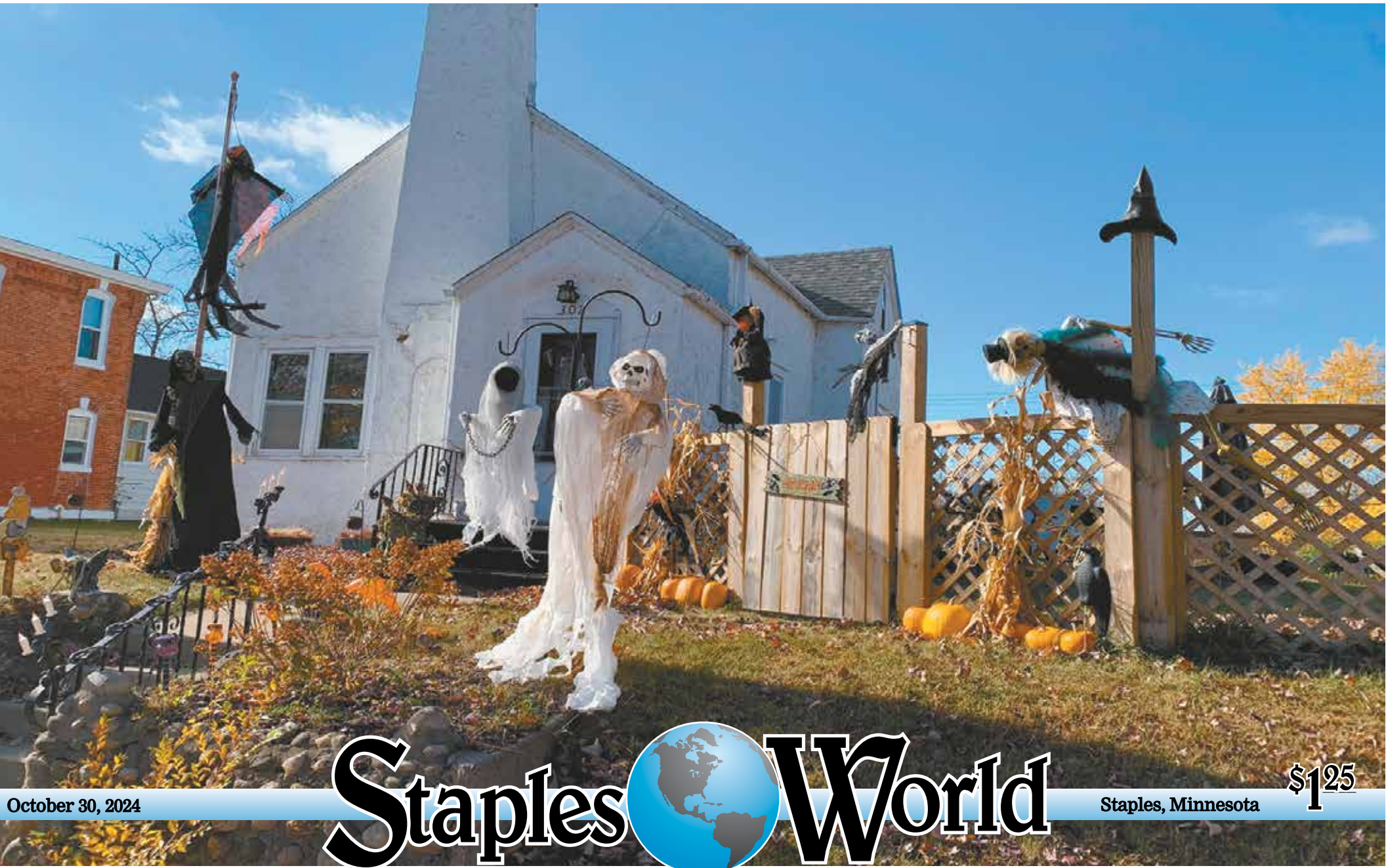


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Girls cross country team qualifies for state
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School sets grand opening for The Nest

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School District will host a ribbon cutting for the new gymnasium and community fitness building, called The Nest. The public is invited to tour the facility on Monday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 a.m.

The Nest will be the new varsity gym, the old varsity gym will be called the Legacy Gym.

A walking track around the refurbished south gym plus a community workout

room and wellness center has been added to the project with a donation from Lakewood Health System. Those portions of the project will be open to the public to use, with memberships needed for the workout equipment.

School portions of The Nest includes a new wrestling room and weight room. A large video scoreboard has been installed thanks to a donation from First International Bank and Trust.

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Ready for Halloween Residences in Staples and the area are gearing up for Halloween. The Staples Area Chamber will sponsor “Treats on the Streets” Oct. 31, from 3 to 5 p.m. (Photo by Janice Winter)



Staples-Motley School Board candidate forum

Seven candidates are running for three spots on the Staples-Motley School Board. Five of them were able to make the LEAP forum on Oct. 24. From left, Kevin Trierweiler, Tonia Judd, moderator Chris Etzler, Sherry Miller Frisk, Jeremy Reeck and Justin Thorne. Candidate

Mary Freeman was unable to attend the event while candidate Levi Anderson informed LEAP that he had been ill and did not feel he should be at the forum that night. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Halloween treats on the Streets in Staples

Staples Chamber of Commerce is holding Treats on the Steets for trick or treating in downtown businesses and other participating locations, such as Lakewood Plaza. Participating businesses will have a pumpkin sign in their window.

Treats on the Streets will go from 3 to 5 p.m. on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31.

Weather

2024			
This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 30	45	31	Rain
Oct. 31	43	31	P. Cloudy
Nov. 1	51	38	P. Cloudy
Nov. 2	55	33	M. Sunny
Nov. 3	54	38	M. Cloudy
Nov. 4	49	32	P. Cloudy
Nov. 5	50	31	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2023			
	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 30	34°	21	Cloudy
Oct. 31	27	23	Cloudy
Nov. 1	37	25	Cloudy
Nov. 2	32	26	Cloudy
Nov. 3	42	25	P. Cloudy
Nov. 4	50	26	P. Sunny
Nov. 5	38	33	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 46° Low = 31°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Obituary

Peter Card, Jr.

County commissioner candidates forum

Four candidates for two county commissioner positions talked about their credentials and county issues at the candidate forum hosted by LEAP on Oct. 24. From left, Wadena County candidates Mike Weyer and Bryan

Winkels, moderator Chris Etzler, and Todd County candidates Barb Becker and Sharon Thiel. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Crash at stoplights in Staples

First responders from the Staples Police and Fire Departments were at the scene of a crash involving two semi trucks the morning of Oct. 28. The incident took

place at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Staples. Staples Ambulance also responded. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Exploring professions in the science field

Students attending the Young Scientists Conference in Staples had the opportunity to learn about various science careers from actual professionals in the field, including emergency medical services.

Pictured above, Lakewood Health System employees Sandy Porter (paramedic) and Sadie Witt (EMT) showed students what takes place when a patient is in an ambulance. One of the students,

Corbin, volunteered to represent the patient on the stretcher, adding that he had been born at Lakewood Health System Hospital.

Below, students learn how to administer CPR, with the guidance of Lakewood employees Justin Gunderson, Director of Emergency Services, and Tapanga Flanery, EMT. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Young Scientists Conference inspires area students

A total of 125 students in grades 4 - 6 attended the second annual Young Scientists Conference Oct. 4, at Central Lakes College in Staples.

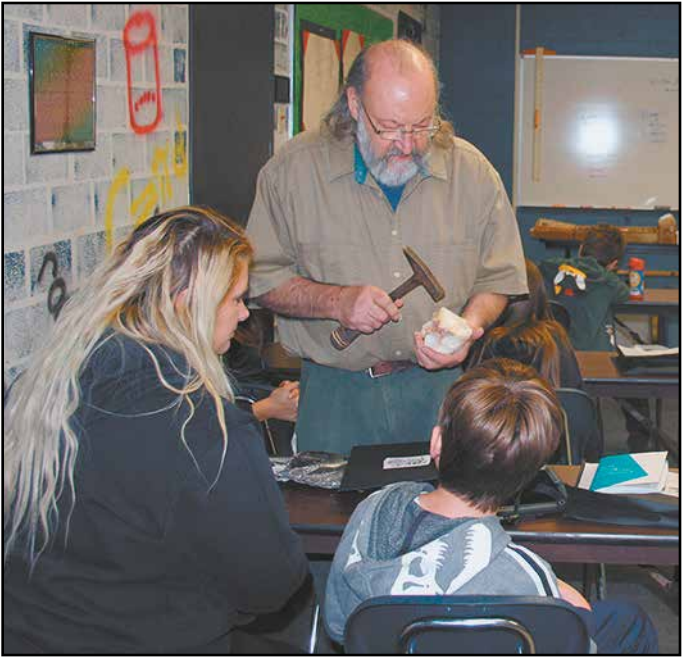
The event, sponsored by Sourcewell in Staples, offered central Minnesota students the opportunity to experience the real-world applications of numerous scientific disciplines. Participating schools included Wadena-Deer Creek, Royalton and Swanville.

Students were invited to discover and experience a multitude of scientific disciplines at this event. More than a half-dozen science and technology professionals from around Minnesota presented information about their careers and areas of expertise, including some in emergency medical services, and a former NASA aerospace engineer.

Students also had the opportunity to visit with other science enthusiasts during lunch, and were treated to entertainment by the musical duo Ken Lonnquist and Espere Eckard-Lee.

Sourcewell's student academic programs coordinator, Crysta Christensen, said that this event was brought back due to tremendous positive feedback from last year's event. This year's conference aimed to harness that excitement and show students the vast possibilities available in scientific studies.

"We wanted this conference to bring science to life for students," Christensen said. "There are so many possibilities available here - for career paths, for general knowledge, for personal growth - and we set out to give exciting, real-world examples of that. We're so excited to get to bring this event back, and overjoyed to see students' reactions as they discover new passions in the most unlikely of places."



Rocks and minerals presenter

Mike DeLuca of Sourcewell spoke to students at the recent Young Scientists Conference about rocks and minerals. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Musicians sing songs related to science

Musicians Ken Lonnquist and Espere Eckard-Lee from Wisconsin entertained students attending the recent 'Young Scientists Conference' at Central Lakes College in Staples. The talented duo used humor and song to explore science-related themes. The event, for students in grades 4-6, was sponsored by Sourcewell in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Two-vehicle crash in Motley

First responders were at the scene of a crash at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley the afternoon of Oct. 21. The crash involved a semi-truck and a car, with no injuries reported. Minnesota State Pa-

trol, Motley Police, Motley Fire and Rescue, and Staples Ambulance responded. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Signs of Halloween

A number of Halloween characters greet passersby along 67th Ave. SW in Motley, the handiwork of Paula Johnson, who said she's been enjoying the opportunity to be outside, as well as decorating for the upcoming holiday. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Staples Police report

Oct. 7, Staples Police were requested to conduct a security check at the Love Motel after the staff member there quit. Police located the keys to the door and cleared the building.

Oct. 7, Staples Police were dispatched to the 700 block of Dakota Ave. SE regarding a juvenile runaway. Police located the juvenile and was reunited with their parents.

Oct. 8, Staples Police were contacted by the MN BCA with a cyper-tip regarding an internet crime.

Oct. 8, Staples Police were dispatched to a welfare check on a juvenile who was driving through Staples. Police later found out from the parents that the juvenile was a runaway. Police located the juvenile and was found to be okay.

Oct. 8, at 3:49 a.m., Staples Police responded to a report of a subject who was barricaded in a room on an Amtrak. Police responded to the depot, along with the Todd County Sheriff's Department and Wadena County Sheriff's Department. Police made contact with the suspect, and they were advised that they needed to exit the Amtrak. The subject was cooperative with law enforcement and exited off of the Amtrak. The suspect was advised that they were trespassing from the Amtrak.

Oct. 8, Staples Police, along with the Staples Ambulance and Todd County Sheriff's Department, responded to a report of an overdose on the 300 block of 2nd St. SE. Police transported a suicidal subject to Lakewood Health System.

Oct. 8, Staples Police and Todd County Sheriff's Department responded to Burger King for a report of a subject possibly having a medical issue. Law enforcement arrived and found the party to be intoxicated and semi conscious while at a table in the restaurant. The subject refused any medical assistance was transported to a relative's residence, and released into their care.

Oct. 10, Staples Police were dispatched to the 600 block of Pine Grove Road to take a report of a theft.

Oct. 10, Staples Police assisted Todd County Child Protection at the Timberlake Hotel. Police placed a child on a 72 hour protective hold on behalf of South Dakota Child Protection.

Oct. 11, Staples Police received a call of a juvenile

who was truant, and didn't want to go to school. Police spoke to the subject and they agreed to go to school.

Oct. 11, Staples Police were dispatched to the 300 block of 4th Street NE to take a report of a domestic assault involving a firearm. Officers met with family and a juvenile male was arrested.

Oct. 13, Staples Police responded to a report of a burglary at Gustafson Diesel. Police are investigating.

Oct. 14, Staples Police were dispatched to the 900 block of 5th St. NE regarding a individual hearing yelling and the sounds of items being broken. Police found an individual who was intoxicated and was yelling at themselves. Police checked the welfare of a female subject at the residence, and they were found to be fine.

Oct. 15, Staples Police requested that a vehicle be towed from the 100 block of 4th Street NE, due it being in violation of the no 2-6 a.m. parking ordinance, for multiple days. Dispatch was notified to contact Scott's Southtown to have the vehicle towed.

Oct. 15, Staples Police assisted Todd, Wadena and Cass County Sheriff's offices on a search warrant in Fawn Lake Township on 311th Ave. The warrant was executed in relation to a string of recent burglaries in Staples and the surrounding counties. Stolen property was recovered from the property, including items stolen from a recent burglary at Gustafson Diesel in Staples. As a result, Dustin Carpenter, 33, Aaron Carpenter, 37, and Caitlyn Gifford, 30, were arrested. Additional charges are pending on other suspects in the ongoing investigation.

Oct. 15, Staples Police spoke to an individual regarding an insurance company that put holes into her roof. Police took a report on the incident for the individual's insurance company.

Oct. 15, Staples Police assisted Todd, Wadena and Cass County Sheriff's offices on a search warrant at 360 12th St NE. The warrant was executed in relation to a string of recent burglaries in Staples and the surrounding counties. Stolen property was recovered from the property. As a result, Timothy Aleman, 34, was arrested and charged.

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• Nov. 3, 1949 - "Good Neighbors," members of the GI on the Farm Training Classes of Staples, have been busy the past week helping John Weishalla build a new home on his farm southwest of Staples.

The Weishalla home was destroyed by fire some weeks ago. Most of the furnishings of the home were saved, but the home was a complete loss.

No fewer than eight men have been working at the farm, and sometimes there are a dozen or more sawing,

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hammering, nailing, etc., to get the home ready for winter.

• Nov. 3, 1949 - Headed by J. V. Raine, supervisor of the agricultural department of the Staples High school, Leon Johnson, Clarence Jacobson, Lloyd Heldman, Raymond Lenk and Richard Mertens headed for Kansas City, Mo., to attend the national Future Farmers of America convention where they spent four days. The convention was attended by more than 12,000 FFA members from United States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

• Nov. 3, 1949 - In an impressive ceremony Berniece Holub, 7th grade student, was crowned posture queen of the Motley School at the sophomore sponsored Halloween party Monday evening. Relinquishing the crown was LaVonna Eckman, a junior.

Runnersup and attendants were Ruth Spener, Verona Greenwaldt, Aline Cory and Margaret Schmidt.

• Nov. 3, 1949 - James Randgaard, owner of the New Staples Theatre, was host to the members of the Staples high school football team and their coaches at a steak diner at the Railroad Room of the Coffee Shop Nov. 2. Following the dinner, the team enjoyed a theatre party given by Mr. Randgaard.

• Nov. 3, 1949 - By the overwhelming vote of 254 against, and 59 for, the proposed county school consolidation project in Todd county went down to a defeat that definitely showed that school boards and instructors of the county very much objected to the proposal.

• Nov. 3, 1949 - Sunday, Nov. 6, will be one of the happiest days for the members of the Trinity Lutheran Church congregation in Staples when they will dedicate their remodeled church.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• Oct. 31, 1974 - Marsha Thompson, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thompson, rural Verndale, was crowned "Beef Princess" Oct.. 21, by the Mid-Minnesota Beef Growers Assn. in ceremonies held in Sebeka.

Princess Marsha is a 1973 graduate of Staples high school and then graduated from the secretarial course

D. Hayes in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 15, 2024.

Geoffrey James II Breed, Sartell. Dismissed, Conditions met or expired. Speed 80/70. Fine \$100 Fee \$75.

Jeremy Jerome Wisdo, Faribault. Speed 80/70. Fine \$200. Fee 75. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 6 mo.

Cody Casper Woidyla, Holdingford. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

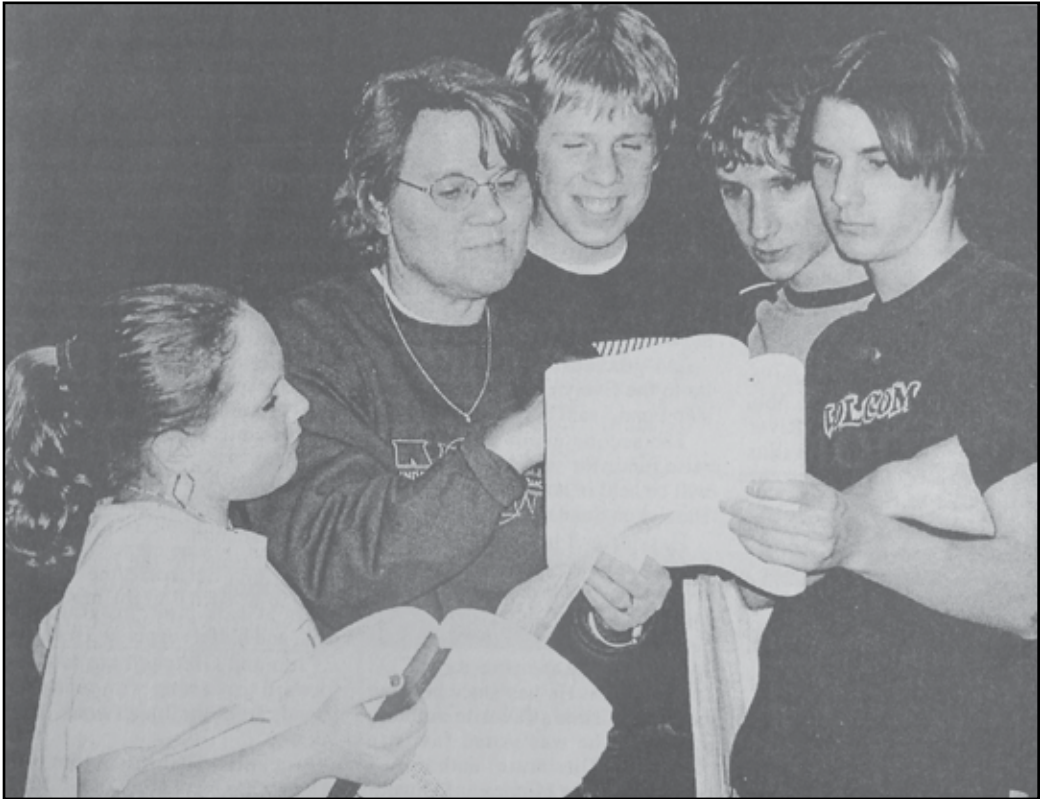
Raul Alberto Wood, Long Prairie. No insurance driver. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Leah J. DuCharme in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 15, 2024.

Stephan Clay Nelson, Staples. CRM-HRO Violation. Stay of adjudication. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo.) Fine \$50. Fee \$50.

Nicholas Alan Spagenske, Wadena. CRM-HRO Violation. Stay of adjudication. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 co. Fine \$50. Fee \$50.

Larry Dean, Jr. Nagel. St. Paul. Motor vehicle registration-unregistered. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay0 yr 0 mo 0 days



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 2003. 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.

at the Wadena Area Vocational-Technical Institute in July of 1974. She is presently employed at Larry's Super Market in Wadena.

• Oct. 31, 1974 - The Cardinal Cross-Country runners of Coach Jerry Riewer captured a second place finish in the District 24 C-C meet held at the Terrace Golf Course Oct. 22, in Staples.

• Oct. 31, 1974 - The John Mathews Family of Nashville, Tenn., winners of the coveted Dove Award for the most Promising New Talent in Gospel Music in 1973 will be appearing in Verndale High School Auditorium Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. Also, the Smith Indian family of Cass Lake will be furnishing Gospel Music.

• Oct. 31, 1974 - Thirteen new Fords sticker-priced from \$2919 to \$3957 are for sale at Mueller Motor Co., Staples. Not just our little Pintos and Mustang IIs, either. The list includes two mid-size Ford Torinos-plus two all-new Ford Granadas!

New-car prices are up over last year (what *hasn't* gone up!). But we're proud of the fact that our '75 Fords have had the lowest price hike of any major U.S. built car..The fact is, we've got a whole lot to be proud about this year. Stop in and see for yourself the difference that pride makes.

• Oct. 31, 1974 - Roger Albrecht, driving this City of Staples gravel truck, escaped without apparent injury after his truck overturned about five miles south of Staples last Thursday. Albrecht was hauling gravel from the Lenk pit near Don's Store, and was carrying about four cubic yards of gravel in the truck.

Apparently the steering mechanism failed, the truck went into the ditch, and as Albrecht attempted to bring it back onto the road, it overturned.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• Nov. 4, 1999 - Construc-

tion on the new Leader Amoco station/convenience store has begun. Owners Gary and Glenda Dauer, along with their family and area contractors, recently broke ground at the site of the 40'x60' structure. Gas, diesel, groceries, live bait, fishing tackle and hunting supplies will be available at the convenience store. As owners of the Bear's Den, also in Leader, the Dauers will continue to operate that business.

• Nov. 4, 1999 - The Minnesota Class A girls tennis runner-up team is the 1999 Staples Motley Cardinals, with this year's squad earning a state berth and defeating Long Prairie-GE and Foley before losing to champion Rochester Lourdes.

• Nov. 4, 1999 - Staples Alliance Church, a church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, will celebrate its 80th year of ministry to people in this area beginning at 10 a.m. this Sunday, Nov. 7. The service will include a special time of praise and worship, a concert by the Gary Schimpp Family Singers, and a special message by the senior pastor, Jonathan Wiggins. A celebration dinner will be held at 12:15 p.m. for all who desire to attend.

• Nov. 4, 1999 - The National Watercolor Society recently awarded signature

membership status to Rose Edin of Staples.

Edin's watercolor, "Organ Music," has been chosen for the society's annual exhibition in Santa Monica, Calif., this November.

The inspiration for "Organ Music" was a visit to St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, Austria in September of 1998. Late afternoon sun was streaming through high clerestory windows illuminating the beautifully ornate altar. In the background a musician performed on the magnificent pipe organ of the church.

• Nov. 4, 1999 - A mother from Blaine was killed and three of her children seriously injured in a Monday night auto collision just west of Staples. The Minnesota State Patrol reported two vehicles collided head-on on Highway 10 about one mile west of Staples about 9:42 p.m. The collision took place just east of the former Woodland Container building.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• Oct. 30, 2014 - Jayme Carlson of Staples, Aveda Institute trained stylist, has recently opened 'Jemma's Salon.' Located downtown at 314 2nd Ave. NE, the salon features haircuts and color, and is also home to Rock Garden Massage.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 19, 1978 edition of the Staples World featured cast members in the stage production of "The Streets of New York," a turn-of-the-century musical melodrama produced by the Madhatters Theatre group of Wadena, under the direction of Patricia Koperak. Pictured from left, are Don Vogt, Ruth Blom and Mark Backlin. The show was held at the Staples High School cafeteria, and was sponsored by the Staples Area Arts Council.

Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Don Vogt and Ruth Blom.

Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

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Letters to the Editor

Area organizations can help cats

I can relate to the frustrations of people in the community regarding the stray cat issue as I have been dealing with the problem in a positive manner for 25 plus years. When first encountering this problem, I was introduced to PAWS (Pets Abandoned Wanting Support) started by Dr. Bridget King. However, since her passing in May of this year I have had to find new avenues.

First and foremost, not all of the stray cats are wild, but have been tossed out by family members of an individual who has gone into an assisted living facility or passed away, or by their owners because they can no longer or want to care for them or can afford to have them neutered. The true villains here are the people who have tossed the animal(s) out into the community for others to deal with the problem instead of being accountable and finding a positive alternative.

Options available in the area are the Babinski Foundation in Pequot Lakes,

Hart in Brainerd, the Morrison County Humane Society Little Falls, or for those that want to keep their animal but need help in getting them neutered there is Get Your Fix in Detroit Lakes. At this time PAWS may still be able to help financially offset some of the neutering costs, but you need to contact them. Another option is Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR), where the cat is caught, tested for diseases (Feline Leukemia, etc.), neutered and released back to where they came from or somewhere else appropriate. At least they are not reproducing but can be contributing members of the community by keeping the rodents down.

Sometimes these animals appear to be wild because they have been treated poorly by their previous owners or members of the community who see them as undesirable therefore, they trust no one. Remember they are also one of God's creatures. I'm not saying that the problem doesn't need to be addressed, but maybe we can find a way to positively embrace the problem and co-exist.

Cheryl Hayes
Staples, Minn.

Sustainable management of peatlands

As a retired DNR manager, I know how important Minnesota's peatlands are to our state's natural heritage and community well-being. Our peatlands were formed over the last 5,000 years - following the last ice age - through the slow accumulation of partially decomposed plant material.

These natural sponges filter and hold vast amounts of water, reduce flooding and mitigate wildfires. They also support unique and rare plants, animals and insects. In total, Minnesota's 6 million acres of peatlands provide 'ecosystem services' valued at \$114 million annually, plus an additional \$210 million annually through ongoing restoration efforts.

Yet, the state is currently managing public lands, including peatlands, for short term revenue, which risks these longer-term benefits. Thousands of acres of peatlands are leased for destructive mining, some for just \$12/acre plus minor yearly

royalties. That's nowhere near the \$2,000/acre Minnesota currently spends on existing peatland restoration. It reminds me of the adage, 'penny wise, pound foolish.'

Since our peatlands can store 40% of Minnesota's terrestrial carbon, we should update our laws to specifically designate peatland protection to help meet our existing climate goals. Minnesota could even sell peatlands to a conservation organization, raising money while removing our own costs to manage these lands. The state should also explore emerging markets for investing in biodiversity protection and natural carbon storage to support the protection and restoration of these vital ecosystems.

Regardless of what approach we decide, we should prioritize preserving Minnesota's peatlands over private short-term profits. Let's work together to protect our peatlands and improve the lives of Minnesotans for generations to come.

Gretchen Mehmel
Baudette, Minn.

Opinion

Fall lake chores reveal zebra's invasive muscle

There's no hotter political hot potato these days than immigration. Certainly it's playing a big role in presidential campaign advertising, in dialogue at campaign rallies, and in political rhetoric and discourse in general. Much of it is anything but pleasant.

In the political context, immigration is about people coming to America from beyond our shores. But there are other immigrants from a very different kind. In Nature, we call them "invasives," and there are many. They range from invasive plants to invasive insects, invasive fish to invasive invertebrates. In rare cases—like the ring-necked pheasant—we celebrate them.

One obvious example of an unwelcome invasive is the all-too-familiar zebra mussel, which at last count is present in more than 300 Minnesota lakes and wetlands. If one is looking for evidence of their success here, they need look no farther than the docks, boat lifts, and semi-permanent water appliances—like slides, and swimming and diving platforms—that are removed from the water at this time of year in preparation for winter.

On lakes where zebra mussels are present, these

structures are commonly found heavily encrusted—like barnacles on a ship's hull—with the thumb-nail-size, striped, wedge-shaped shelled creatures. Underwater and largely invisible during the spring, summer, and early fall, these encrustations become all too apparent when docks, lifts, and water appliances are brought onshore in September and October. Zebra mussels anchor themselves to these structures with an adhesive "plaque" at the tip of root-like protein threads. To the naked eye, it simply looks like the creatures have been glued in place.

But even before the dock and pontoon lift were 'pulled' from the water at our family cabin in early October, the abundance of zebra mussels was evident on the aquatic vegetation that was being washed onshore by heavy southerly winds. Attached to the strands of coontail and northern watermilfoil (the latter is not an invasive) were a multitude of zebra mussels. Typically they were spaced an inch or less apart on many of the plants's stems.

Not that their presence was a surprise. Zebra mussels were first documented in this lake in 2019. They are spread from lake to lake chiefly by boats and trailers that have been used in infested waters and then launched—bearing live mussels—in non-infested waters. In its microscopic larval stage the zebra mussel can be transported in boat live-wells, bait buckets, and in water that collects on trailers. Adults can survive out of water for up to a month. If they have become

attached to a boat hull, or to weeds that collect on a boat trailer, they can easily be spread in that manner. Thus the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' admonition to "clean, drain, dry" our boats and trailers. Waterfowl, too, can transport zebra mussels, but on a very local scale. Waterfowl are not considered responsible for a significant amount of their rapid spread.

Zebra mussels arrived here in the bilge water of ocean-going cargo ships that unwittingly transported them from the Black, Caspian, and Aral Seas of Eastern Europe, and were first documented in Michigan's Lake St. Clair in 1988. They have since spread widely throughout much of eastern Canada and the U.S. So far, we have found no magic bullet to control them.

Wherever zebra mussels have attached themselves, they live by filtering out tiny micro-sized plankton from the water. Over time, the result is clearer water. On its face, clearer water might seem a good thing. Except for the fact that these same plankton consumed by zebra mussels are also on the menu for the fry and juvenile stages of game fish, as well as the young of forage fish that game fish need to grow. In a very real sense, the zebra mussel could be accused of taking food out of a fish's mouth.

Is this actually having an impact on game fish populations, like our state fish, the walleye?

The DNR's Brainerd Area Fisheries Supervisor Mike Knapp commented recently: "While correlation does not always equal causation,

I can tell you that our local lakes that have both walleye fry stocking and natural reproduction—and which had been very successful in producing good year classes of walleyes over a period of 15 to 20 years—have struggled to do so for 10 years or so after zebra mussels showed up. We've seen a glimmer of this possibly turning around on a couple of lakes, but the jury is still out."

Plainly stated, zebra mussels can reduce the frequency of strong walleye year classes, whether that year class is the product of natural reproduction, or from walleye fry stocking. This, in turn, reduces the supply of walleyes available to anglers.

On a positive note, the "glimmer" of which Knapp speaks is suggested by recent good news about iconic Mille Lacs Lake, where zebra mussels have been present at least since their discovery there in 2005. "Mille Lacs had a great year class of walleyes this year," noted Knapp. "In general, it's not unusual for new populations [like zebra mussels] to expand greatly early, and eventually decline to reach some sort of equilibrium in the environment they are in. I sincerely hope that's where we're getting to."

That is a hope shared by those who value good fishing, and a healthy balance of aquatic life in our lakes and wetlands. Until then we will continue to be impressed—in an ironic way—by the prodigious numbers of zebra mussels we discover in too many waters where these uninvited invasives have made themselves at home.

Hints for helping pets age well

From the University of Minnesota Extension

Approximately 66 percent of households in the U.S. own a pet, and the American Veterinary Medical Association recently reported that pets are living longer now than they ever have before.

While the guidepost varies for when cats, dogs and other pets are considered senior-aged, there are many ways to stay on top of their health. Kristi Flynn, an associate professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine, shares how pet owners can support their furry friends along the way.

Q: What should I pay attention to as my pets age?
Dr. Flynn: Aging pets need support for their physical and emotional well-being. You know what is normal for your pet and can make note of deviations from their usual routine. Be mindful of ins and outs and any changes as this can be an indicator of overall health and function. Watch for changes in how they interact with their

environment and find new and creative ways to keep them engaged. For example, instead of long walks at a fast clip, focus on allowing ample time for your dog to smell what interests them, or allow them to choose the route and distance.

Q: Do older pets have different nutritional needs?

Dr. Flynn: We recommend all pets have a diet that meets strict criteria, with highly trained nutrition experts helping formulate the food as well as vigilant quality control standards. Puppy and adult foods have specific industry requirements, while senior diets do not. Based on this, if a pet is doing well on a certain diet, we often do not need to change it as the pet ages. That said, healthy adult dogs need to eat a minimum of 1 gram of protein per pound of body weight. Similar to humans, protein requirements for pets go up as they age and we recommend 2 grams of protein per pound daily intake to maintain lean muscle mass. Be sure to check with your vet

for other recommendations depending on specific health conditions. For example, if your dog is sore enough to require significant exercise restriction, their diet should be modified accordingly.

Q: What are common ailments for older cats and dogs?

Dr. Flynn: Be sure to check for new lumps or bumps when you are petting them and be mindful to feel their entire body periodically. Again, monitoring for an increase in thirst or urination or decreased appetite can help identify a concern earlier. Watch for changes in mobility or interest in their environment. These can be signs of joint, cognitive or organ dysfunction.

Q: How can I keep my pet healthy and active?

Dr. Flynn: We recommend regular, well-controlled exercise as pets age. Walking on flat or gently hilly surfaces is encouraged, and swimming is an excellent activity when weather permits. The objective is to keep the muscles and tendons around the joints healthy so that the joints don't have to deal with excessive forces. In general, more frequent short walks are better than infrequent, long walks.

The most important thing people can do for their pets' long term health is maintain them at a lean, healthy body weight. Any extra weight that is carried around will exacerbate the discomfort and progression of arthritic joints, so maintaining a good body

condition score is extremely important. When your dog is at an ideal body weight, you should be able to feel the ribs easily as you run your hand along the rib cage, though the ribs should not be easily visible from afar. Additionally, when viewed from above, you should see a waist on your dog just behind the rib cage.

Q: Are there special treatments that can help senior pets?

Dr. Flynn: Dr. Kara Carmody is an associate professor who is offering outpatient acupuncture treatments as an alternative therapy to treat aging pets' numerous health conditions. Acupuncture can complement the treatment pets may already be receiving, and is used to treat a wide range of conditions that include musculoskeletal, skin and gastrointestinal problems. As an example, many senior pets develop osteoarthritis which causes joint pain and decreased mobility. Acupuncture can reduce the associated pain, increase mobility, increase energy and improve overall quality of life as the pet ages.

Acupuncture is currently offered at our small animal hospital and at a few locations across the state. As the state's only veterinary medicine college, we aim to expose the workforce on new techniques and solutions to pet issues, such as acupuncture. Ask your vet if acupuncture is available near you.

Quote of the week

“To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people’s trash.”

— Bill Nye

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Quote of the week

“Freedom’s just another word for nothin’ left to lose. Nothin’, don’t mean nothin’, honey, if it ain’t free,”

— “Me and Bobby McGee” by Janis Joplin (written by Kris Kristofferson and Fred Foster)



Staples Library storytime garden party

Join us at the Staples Public Library for our monthly Storytimes. The September preschool Storytime featured a fall garden party. Participants talked about different vegetables with the kids putting together a garden basket. The program is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Above: Malakhi Doss, Adaniya Doss, Alida Hanson, Cooper Denning, Ariella Doss, Faith Frisk. (Submitted photo)



October is pumpkin time

Preschool Storytime at the Staples Public Library held in October was 'All About Pumpkins.' The monthly gathering is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. To register your child for the Nov. 20 (10:30 a.m.) preschool Storytime, call the library at 218-894-1401. Above front: Ori Tepley. Seated, left to right: Malakhi Doss, Ella Doss, Adaniya Doss, Athea Whalen, Maddie Dalganoward, Malachi Novak. (Submitted photo)



Community meal at Trinity Lutheran

A number of people stopped by Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples Oct. 22, to enjoy a free meal and fellowship with others. Sponsored by CARE Ministry, the meals are held on a monthly basis at participating area churches. The meal at Trinity, with assistance from St. John's Lutheran in Motley, included sloppy joes, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and dessert. The next CARE Community Meal will be held on Thursday, Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving), with the location/time to be determined. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Gregg Hendrickson

I'm Gregg Hendrickson for House 5B. DFL Endorsed and cross endorsed by the Independence-Alliance of Minnesota candidate.

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

Mark Your Calendar

October 30

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

November 1

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY Mtg Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

November 3

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

November 4

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION scheduled for Nov. 4 is cancelled, due to no topic.

November 5

ELECTION DAY OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For info., call 218-639-0132.

RUBY'S PANTRY will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples.

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 info., call 218-352-6888.

November 13

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD will hold a special meeting to Canvass the Election results Weds., Nov. 13 at 7:30 a.m. at the Staples-Motley School District Office, 905 4th St NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Trick or Treat in Motley

There will be a number of 'Trick-or-Treating' opportunities in Motley Oct. 31, including the following:

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES Look for an orange pumpkin in the window of participating businesses during their business hours.

TRUNK OR TREAT at the Motley United Methodist Church's parking lot, from 4 - 6 p.m.

HARMONY HOUSE, MOTLEY CITY HALL, SUNNY PINES will welcome trick-or-treaters from 4 - 6 p.m.



10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rifle Sight-In Day November 3

Sight-In Targets provided Assistance avail. if needed Staples Sportmen's Club 27158 McGivern Dr., Staples Info/?s call 218-296-1519

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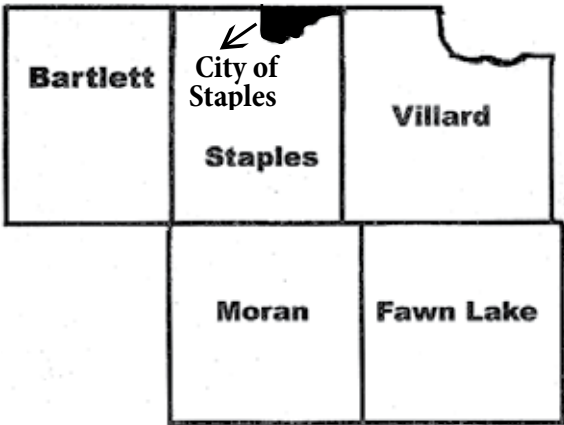
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Obituary

Peter Card, Jr.

Peter Card Jr., 91, of Staples, passed away October 18, 2024.

A private burial will be held at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Peter was born August 26, 1933 to Peter Card Sr., Staples and Lucille Marion (Dickinson) Card of Verndale. He was the grandson of James H. Card, the first boy born in Staples Mills, now Staples.

Peter attended and graduated from Staples High School. He enlisted in the U.S.A.F. in 1952, during the Korean Conflict. He attended jet engine and aircraft schools and became a crew chief on the F94 and F89 air-to-air interceptors. He was honorably discharged in 1956. In September of that same year he was employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad, serving in the capacity of locomotive fireman. In 1964 he was transferred into train service where he served as a freight train conductor for the last 20 years of his career retiring in 1995 after 39 years of service.

Peter was cofounder of the Staples and Verndale Historical Societies and was a charter member of the Verndale Chapter. He served as the Staples Township clerk for a number of years and six years as supervisor of Becker Township, Cass County. “Card’s Landing”



on the Crow Wing River in Becker Township was named after the family.

He was an avid wildlife photographer, geneologist and a collector of Staples’ history. He and his wife, Lila, traveled the U.S. and Europe extensively.

Peter is survived by two step-children, Rita (Cleveland) Folsom and Jerome Cleveland; four sons, Keith (Eva) Card, Peter Card III, Mark (Cindi) Card and Michael Card; four siblings, Roseann Bonin, Maxine Card, Alan (Linda) Card and Marlene (Bob) Card-Reck; 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Peter is preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Lila (Jacobson) Card; mother, Lucille; father, Peter Sr.; stepmother, Ruby (McKnight) Card; one brother, Theodore and one granddaughter, Vanessa.

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Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
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
Sunlight (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.
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Aldrich

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Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.

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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 Wallwood 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
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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.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
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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
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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
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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
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Vermda;e.....218-894-2296
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MASS:
Saturday.....6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
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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.

“October 31: Let’s Talk About It and Listen to a Child”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

How do you view any given day? Oh, how easy it is for me to default to the old adage: “We can’t see the forest for the trees.” What does this mean? Too often we can get so deep into the individual threads of life that we can’t get back (or up) far enough to see the BIG picture of the forest. That can happen with any given day and it can bring the consequences of losing our perspective and moral bearings.

Halloween. Is it just another “holiday” or is there something more that we need to consider? Who of us doesn’t have many childhood memories of heading out on the sunset of October 31 to work our neighborhoods to haul in the candy goods of generous (and trustworthy) people door to door? And who of us doesn’t look forward to having the kiddos in their costumes coming up to our doors so that we can give our candy to them?

But there’s more than what meets the eye. The fun of giving and receiving candy may be the experiencing of individual trees without seeing the larger picture of the forest. In its historical roots and intentions, Halloween is not a neutral “holiday.”

Folks, according to Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV), we hear the apostle Paul observe, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers and against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (By the way, a very helpful Scripture to take into the Nov. 5 voting booth).

Yes, as an author entitled his book decades ago, “Satan is Alive and Well on Planet Earth,” Jesus addressed him as a living being and not some figment of someone’s imagination or personification of impersonal evil. He, not it. This is very clear in Jesus personal encounter with Satan in Matthew 4:1-11.

According to II Corinthians 11:14, “Satan masquerades himself as an angel of light.” Satan indeed is a master of disguise. He deceptively comes across as everyone’s “buddy” but he is always a wolf in sheep’s clothing. It has been this way from the Genesis 3 Garden of Eden. In John 10:10, Jesus calls Satan out as the one who comes to “kill, steal and destroy.” But remember, Satan camouflages himself as your friend, but he will always betray you. Satan has a great stake in fueling Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) which says, “There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.”

So, how does all of this tie into Halloween? Let’s hear from Ben Alexander, a former Satanic spiritist, who’s been on both sides in his book, “Out From Darkness,” page 166 when he observes, “We know that it’s of Druidical origin, which means that is/was a part of the Druid religion. Druidism revolved around the worship of evil spirits... The name of the festival in early days (and is still found in Ireland) means ‘Satan Watch.’” Ben Alexander often points to descriptions of related practices in Deuteronomy 18:9-13.

So, do we throw October 31 out the window? No. October 31 continues to be an opportunity to live out “This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it” Psalm 118:24. As parents and grandparents, let’s be directing our children to the wholesome embracing of another one of God’s days in practice and costumes. Thank you for churches and civic organizations who offer “trunk and treat” options with welcoming and fun costumes and not scary ones. Let’s teach our children about Autumn being a time to celebrate, among many other things, God’s incredibly beautiful colored leaves and harvest that reflect His glory.

We must protect our children from adult initiated fear, darkness and evil as though it’s “no big deal.” It’s another of Satan’s slick packaging. And then, a six-year-old girl won’t have to say, “Why would they scare a child?”

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Wide open passing lanes

Quarterback Eli Rutten sends a touchdown pass to Peyton Mithun, right, with the help of blockers Sawyer

Ferdon (61), Dustin Converse (68) and Luke Bjerga (56). (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals win football playoff, set up section final rematch

The Staples-Motley football team cruised through their first playoff game, going up 50-0 at halftime and holding on for a 50-12 win over Menahga on Oct. 26.

Menahga had a good start to the game, running for a first down, but Turner Beachy came up to make a tackle for loss on a pass play, Gavin Chenoweth made a stop on an edge rush, then Steven Petrich and Peyton Mithun forced a punt by making a stop in the middle.

Conner Kuhns set the Cardinals up with good field position with a nice punt return. After catches by Beachy and Alex Schultz, Kuhns finished the drive with a rushing touchdown.

On the next Staples-Motley drive, Luke Bjerga made a long touchdown run and quarterback Eli Rutten caught the two point conversion on a reverse pass play.

On defense, Drake Dukowitz pressured the quarterback and caused a fluttering pass that Sawyer

Ferdon caught and returned to the three yard line. Beachy scored from there and Peyton Mithun caught the extra point to make the score 22-0.

Another turnover, a fumble recovery by Adrian Caldwell, led to a touchdown catch by Colbe Tappe. Schultz caught a long touchdown pass from Rutten for the next score and Ben Tyrrell added the extra point rush.

Noah Larson recovered a fumble and Tappe finished the drive with a touchdown run. Benet Robinson caught the two point extra point.

The final score of the half was a pass to Mithun, who outraced the defense into the end zone. That put the Cardinals up 50-0 and the first team offense was done for the day.

In the second half, the JV players made some good plays, including a 20 yard catch by Ryan Neelan, who weaved through defenders to get a needed first down. Menahga had one long

pass and one long drive to score twice in the second half to make the final score 50-12.

Section final

Staples-Motley now advances to the Section 6AA final against Osakis, who beat Pillager 16-15 with the help of a blocked kick, touchdown pass and interception in the last five minutes.

Osakis started the season slowly, losing their first five games, all against good teams. They have rebounded to win four straight and will be a tough opponent in the section final. This will be a rematch of last year's section final, when Osakis won to get to the state tournament.

The section final is Friday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m. at the Fargodome.

Team results

Staples-Motley 50, Menahga 12

Rushing: Colbe Tappe 2-47, Luke Bjerga 1-23, Zachary Tabatt 1-21, Ayden Hovland 5-11,

Turner Beachy 1-8, Conner Kuhns 1-7, Ben Tyrrell 2-1, Beau Carlson 2-(-5), Chase Blue 4-(-7)

Passing: Eli Rutten 10-13, 121 yards, 2 TD; Evan Schultz 1-2, 13; Peyton Mithun 1-1, 3; Alex Schultz 1-2, 34, 1 TD; Chase Blue 1-2, 20

Receiving: A. Schultz 3-62, 1 TD; Beachy 2-37, Mithun 2-37, 1 TD; Ryan Neelan 1-20, Tappe 1-15, 1 TD; Tabatt 1-13, Rutten 1-3, Benet Robinson 1-3, Tyrrell 1-1

Punt returns: Conner Kuhns 2-60

Kickoff returns: Colbe Tappe 1-20

Defensive tackles (solo-assists): Luke Bjerga 2-4, Drake Dukowitz 1-4, Steven Petrich 1-3, Sawyer Ferdon 3-2, Riley Reese 3-1, Peyton Mithun 2-2, Conner Kuhns 0-1, Colbe Tappe 1-2, Noah Larson 1-1, Dustin Converse 1-2, Jacob Becker 1-1, Benet Robinson 2-0, Alex Schultz 1-1, Turner Beachy 1-0, Gavin Chenoweth 3-1, Ayden Hovland 1-0, Ben Tyrrell 0-1, Beau Carlson 2-2, Zach Tabatt 0-1, Beau Carlson 2-2, Adrian Gomez 4-4, Bryson Dumpprope 0-2, Josiah Critten 1-0, Adrian Caldwell 0-4, Ayden Blue 0-4, Chase Blue 0-1

Fumble recoveries - Adrian Caldwell 2, Noah Larson 1



Middle stopper

Steven Petrich tackles a running back for no gain.



Defensive disruption

Drake Dukowitz (66) hits the Menahga quarterback, causing an errant throw that Sawyer Ferdon, (61, below) picked off and ran to the the three yard line, with

blockers Luke Bjerga (56), Alex Schultz (4), Turner Beachy (18) and Dustin Converse (58) paving the way. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Ryan Neelan (1) runs for a first down with the help of blockers Ayden Blue (74), Josiah Critten (9) and Zach Tabatt (21)



Ben Tyrrell (24) and Gavin Chenoweth (13) make a tackle.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 STAPLES-MOTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024, for the purpose of electing three (3) school board members for four (4) year terms.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election. A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. Any unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/Lisa Anderson, District Clerk

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NOTICE OF UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT 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
Moran Township	Byron Township	Thomastown Township

By the order of the District Board of Directors
United Hospital District, Staples, Minnesota.

Hospital District Clerk

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liminary Plat: Section 36, Leslie Township
Site Address: 21785 161st Avenue, Osakis, MN 56360
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Request to create a six-lot plat in AF-2 Zoning.

3. **David J. Trantina:** Section 20, Fawn Lake Township, Rat Lake
Site Address: 30419 416th St., Browerville, MN 56348
PID: 08-0019300

Sara and Mark Trantina: Section 20, Fawn Lake Township
Site Address: 30519 416th St., Browerville, MN 56348
PID: 08-0019301

Request to rezone the SE4 NE4 of Section 20, Twp. 132, Range 32, from AF-1 Zoning to AF-2 Zoning.

Adjournment – Next meeting: December 5, 2024

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Todd County Planning Commission
Jim Pratt, Chair

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CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS 2ND STREET NE STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on November 12, 2024 to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for the 2nd Street NE Street and Utility Improvement Project, consisting of the replacement of streets, sidewalks, driveway entrances, storm drainage systems, sewer and water services, and sewer and water mains, along the following streets:

- 2nd Street NE from the south property line of 413 2nd Street NE to approximately 270 feet north of Pleasant Avenue

Adoption by the council of the proposed assessment may occur at the hearing. The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

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Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples

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Mary Trantina-Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 31, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,637.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Alejandra Aguilar, a married woman

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HomeServices Lending, LLC d/b/a Edina Realty Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 1, 2016 as Document Number 499251 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on August 15, 2019 as Document Number A515581 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Original Township (now City) of Long Prairie, according to the plat, thereof, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 509 1ST AVENUE NE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$105,569.21

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: HomeServices Lending, LLC d/b/a Edina Realty Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0011300, 36-0011200

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1012742-0000041077-0

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: January 02, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

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 July 2, 2025.

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THE TIME ALLOWED BY 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: October 25, 2024

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: _____/s/ _____
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25 Dale Street North
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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 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

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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.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY 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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Noska wins two matches at state tennis

Ronnie Noska reached the finals of the consolation bracket at the state tennis meet Oct. 24-25 in Minneapolis. She lost that match, giving her two wins and two losses at state this year.

“Ronnie had an amazing season,” said Coach Nikki Paskewitz. “She had an incredible year at number one singles and reached 100 wins at the end of this year. That is such an amazing accomplishment to reach as a sophomore.”

In the first round at state, Noska played Casey Cronin of Holy Family Catholic, and lost 6-0, 6-4. Cronin went on to place third in the state.

That dropped Noska to the consolation bracket, where she breezed through her first two matches, 6-0, 6-1 against Lydia Sweep of Morris, and 6-4, 6-0 against Tabitha Barkosky of Maple River. In the consolation finals, Noska lost 6-1, 6-1 to Brooke Boland of Pine City.

“Ronnie is a great leader and friend, such a wonderful person to have on our team,” said Paskewitz. “Her career has already been one of growth and winning a lot of tennis matches at the same time and I can’t wait to continue to see her play in years to come.”

While Noska has two more years to improve, it won’t get any easier. Only one senior was ranked in the top ten in Minnesota Class A this year, while six out of the top eight were in tenth grade this year. This sets up two years of high level tennis in Minnesota.



Smashing at state

Ronnie Noska leaps forward to hit an aggressive forehand at the state tennis tournament. (Photo by Heidi Zimmerman)



Section CC action

Above, Ivan Lozano; right, Gage Bjerga and Logan Robben.



The joy of running in the rain

While cross country fans had their umbrellas and rain gear out for the Section 6A meet, the runners didn’t mind getting cooled off while running their 5K. Front runner Audrey Brownell seems to be enjoying the weather and the race. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Hero’s Timing, heroes watching

Aleea Holst races past the Hero’s Timing finish chute, with her grandfather Huck Holst framed in the middle of it; A Vietnam veteran, Huck and his wife Marilyn were just inducted into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame as community contributors. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinal girls qualify for state cross country

The Staples-Motley girls cross country team placed second in the Section 6A meet on Oct. 24 at Wadena-Deer Creek, qualifying for the state meet.

The boys team ran well but placed third, one spot away from a trip to the state meet.

Girls race

Audrey Brownell won the girls section meet by more than a minute, while Aleea Holst and Naila Mikhaeil had amazing performances as the top three raced their team into the state meet.

With no other ranked runners in the race, Brownell set a relaxed pace for the first half, then pulled away steadily to set a meet record time of 18:33 on a traditionally tough course.

Holst and Mikhaeil got off to good starts but had a wall of blue shirts in front of them, representing the two rival teams they were competing with, Minnewaska and Wadena-Deer Creek. With incredible effort, Holst



Naila Mikhaeil



Bella Hines

worked her way past all the rivals into sixth place, while Mikhaeil got right into the middle of them to finish 12th and bolster the team score.

For Mikhaeil, this was her highest section finish ever as the team’s only senior, running in her fifth section meet. Holst moved up from placing 12th last year.

Bella Hines and Suhaila Mikhaeil were steady the whole race and stayed strong through the finish line to assure the team a spot at the state meet.

The state cross country meet will be Saturday, Nov. 2, at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course, with Staples-Motley scheduled to race at 12:15 p.m.

Boys race

The Cardinal boys ran the race they needed to be in position for a trip to state, but Bertha-Hewitt also did what they needed and finished a few points ahead for that second spot.

Staples-Motley used pack running at the beginning,

with Logan Robben and Gage Bjerga working together right behind the lead pack. Blaine Plattner had a fast start, putting himself in position for a great race. Behind them, Dillan Robben and Andrew Dobson worked together to move into a very good position for the first mile.

Logan Robben passed a couple of rivals to finish in 11th, while Bjerga held his spot to finish 15th. Plattner kicked past three runners to gain more team points, as the top three came in under 18 minutes. Dillan Robben and Dobson also had good finishes to reach the low 18 minute range, narrowing the gap between the team’s top five scoring runners.

Despite excellent races by all, the team fell just short of getting back to state.

Boys Section 6A cross country

Sauk Centre 61, Bertha-Hewitt 85, Staples-Motley 105, Wadena-Deer Creek 117, Minnewaska 145, Melrose 173, West Central Area 202, Ottertail Central 229, Osakis 244, Benson 260, Brandon-Evansville 269, Ortonville 277, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 330, Morris 370, Pillager 402

11. Logan Robben 17:20, 15. Gage Bjerga 17:32, 20. Blaine Plattner 17:58, 28. Dillan Robben 18:11, 31. Andrew Dobson 18:22, 51. Garrett Bjerga 19:09, 72. Ivan Lozano 20:12

Girls Section 6A cross country

Minnewaska 59, Staples-Motley 74, Wadena-Deer Creek 92, Bertha-Hewitt 151, West Central Area 183, Sauk Centre 216, Melrose 221, Alexandria Community Christian 229, Brandon-Evansville 235, Ottertail Central 242, Wheaton 250, Morris 290, Osakis 316, Pillager 320, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 323

1. Audrey Brownell 18:33, 6. Aleea Holst 20:11, 12. Naila Mikhaeil 20:29, 31. Bella Hines 21:27, 35. Suhaila Mikhaeil 21:40, 40/ Elise Trif 22:00, 65. Leah Greenwaldt 23:30



Suhails Mikhaeil

Cardinals clipped in volleyball playoff

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley volleyball team played well at times, but didn't sustain their attack as they ended up losing 3-1 against Holdingford on Oct. 22 in the Section 6AA playoffs.

"Unfortunately we just could not get going," said Coach Gretchen Bestland. "It was a frustrating end to what we coaches felt was a strong, determined, and competitive team."

In the first set, the Cardinals had some great hitting from Livi Lorber and Jade Storry, but they made too many mistakes as a team, including missing on serves.

In the second set, it seemed like Staples-Motley had gotten the mistakes out of their system. They had a varied attack with several different players getting kills, including Miranda Schotzko, Izzy Becker and Abby Brichacek. Lorber had kills from the front row and back row while Storry got three straight kills to put

the team up 18-14. Annie Schlosser had two blocks and the team won going away, 25-19.

In the third set, the Cardinals continued playing well at the beginning, forging an early lead when Lorber made a running save and the team scrambled to get the point for a 10-8 lead. But after that, Holdingford started making good plays and hitting off the Cardinal blockers. That continued the rest of the set and Staples-Motley lost 18-25.

The fourth set was similar to the third, in which the Cardinals won several scrambles, including one where Storry dug up a hard spike and Schotzko made a diving save to pull within one at 15-16. Late in the set, the Cardinals had trouble receiving hard serves and fell 19-25 to end the game and the season.

"We knew coming into this season that we would face some challenges from moving to a new conference which is filled with talented teams, to losing Pam Lawrence to a season-end-

ing injury right before the season started, and adapting to the change in practice facilities due to the expansion of The Nest," said Bestland. "At the Perham tournament it felt that we were finding our stride but unfortunately lost Hannah Cole to an injury going into the last few games. Getting the 6th seed was a good spot for us to be competitive in playoffs."

Staples-Motley finished with a 17-10 overall record, including 3-4 in the Heart of Lakes Conference to finish fifth in the nine team conference.

- Team results**
Staples-Motley 1, Holdingford 3; 15-25, 25-19, 18-25, 19-25
Miranda Schotzko: kills-2, blocks-1, digs-1
Jade Storry: kills-10, digs-6
Livi Lorber: aces-1, assists-4, kills-17, blocks-1, digs-6
Annie Schlosser: aces-3, assists-31, kills-1. Blocks-5. Digs-5
Lilly Tyrrell: digs-11
Ellie Lange: aces-1, digs-7
Izzy Becker: kills-4, digs-14
Abby Brichacek: kills-4. Blocks-2



Jade Storry blasts a spike past the blockers



Coach Gretchen Bestland rallies the team between games.



Abby Brichacek (16) hits through the block.



Ellie Lange



Izzy Becker



Annie Schlosser sets the ball as Miranda Schotzko gets ready to spike.



Football intensity

The Staples-Motley football team was sharp from the opening kickoff. Left, Noah Larson (52), Riley Reese (54) and Zach Tabatt (21) close in on the opening kickoff as Coach Drew Potter looks on intently. Right, fans cheer as Colbe Tappe cuts back on his way to a long touchdown run in the second quarter. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



CLC enrollment rising

Enrollment at Central Lakes College is up by double digits this fall – an increase not seen in more than a decade.

The college saw a 10.5 percent increase in credits sold (or FYE) for fall 2024. Additionally, CLC’s head count is up 11.8 percent.

The college attributes the rise in enrollment to several key factors: CLC’s commitment to excellence in its academic programs, dedication to keeping CLC affordable, and fostering strong, supportive relationships with the communities it serves, as well as The North Star Promise, a program new this year that provides free college tuition for Minnesota students.

“We are grateful to our students for choosing CLC, and we are dedicated to offering exceptional programs along with a personalized, one-of-a-kind experience that is rooted in our culture of caring,” said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of Central Lakes College.

The Minnesota State system as a whole saw an increase of 7.7 percent among colleges and universities. The increase in enrollment has been seen statewide, driven largely by initiatives focused on keeping the cost of college affordable for all Minnesotans. These initiatives include the following:

- The North Star Promise, a program new this year that provides free college tuition for Minnesota students and families with a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) below \$80,000.
- Workforce Development Scholarships encourage students to enter programs in high demand by employers. Some of the many fields that qualify for these \$2,500 scholarships include education, health care, public safety, construction, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, information technology and transportation.
- Built up demand on the part of students who delayed or postponed their educational experience due to the pandemic or stopped out to take advantage of a hot job market. Students continue to see value in furthering their education and view completing a credential as positioning themselves to be even more competitive in a strong job market.



Fall in the country

A lone buggy travels along Cty. Rd. 11 on a sunny fall day. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

CLC awarded \$25,000 for food insecurity programs

Central Lakes College was awarded \$25,000 in grants from the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to continue its work in addressing food insecurities on its campuses.

CLC is one of 24 campuses awarded Hunger Free Campus grants, totaling over \$400,000, from OHE in an effort to address food insecurity at Minnesota colleges. Grants were awarded to both public and private schools across the state.

CLC was awarded a \$15,000 Sustaining Designation Grant and a \$10,000 Equipment Grant.

The Equipment Grant will help update the Staples

Campus Food Pantry with shelving, a refrigerator and a freezer. Additionally, improvements will be made to make the pantry brighter and more inviting.

The Sustaining Designation Grant will be used to continue purchasing food through Second Harvest Northland, CLC’s food bank partner. This amount will provide several thousand pounds worth of food, which will help keep up with the average of 475 student users per week.

“The CLC Food Pantry operates on fundraised dollars, so this Hunger Free Campus Grant from the MN Office of Higher Education is a lifeline for our students and has arrived at the perfect time,” said Erich Heppner, director of Student Life at CLC. “Currently, we are seeing the highest level of student need on our campuses that we have ever experienced, and these funds will help us keep students fed and performing at a high level in

their classrooms. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we will be able to continue to live by our motto of ‘Eat Well, Study Well.’”

OHE Commissioner Dennis Olson added, “For too many students, food insecurity is a daily concern. This initiative is providing those students with the nutrition they need to focus on their studies and finish their program. I look forward to a day when every campus in the state is hunger free.”

Motley area law enforcement

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

Oct. 21 - Motley Police responded to a crash at Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley, assisting state patrol with traffic.

Oct. 21 - Motley Police transported an individual to the St. Cloud Homeless Shelter and gave the subject \$20 for food.

Oct. 19 - Morrison

County deputies trespassed Scot Gibson from the Dollar General Store property in Motley.

Oct. 16 - Motley Police responded to a report of vehicle damage in the parking lot of Holiday in Motley. The first party’s vehicle was parked at the gas pumps, and the second party was driving by and his boat trailer caught the front end of the vehicle causing some damage. The parties exchanged information with each other.



Blustery day for a walk

It was a blustery day in Staples Oct. 23, with temperatures having dropped considerably after an unusually warm weekend, and strong winds blowing leaves from the trees. Pictured above

walking along 5th St. NE are, from left, Ryker Pesta, 12; and 11-year-old twins Evan and Ethan Alexander, all of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

School Board was given a project update at their Oct. 21 meeting.

Damien Williams, ICS Project Director, said the grand opening will be the end of four years that ICS has been working with the district. He said all they have left are finishing touches like finishing the gym floor and adding signage to the front entrance and south side of the building.

School nurse

District nurse Cindy Denning gave an update to the board about how her position impacts the students in the district. She said there are two full time registered nurses, with one part time substitute. She said they rotate buildings but Denning is primarily in the middle/high school while Alisha Pesola is mostly in the elementary.

Denning said the nurses take care of a lot of specialized health care needs for students, including medications. The district nurses coordinate hearing and vision screenings, conduct healthy living education

and track immunization data for all K-12 students as well as all home-school students associated with the district.

Denning said the nursing department has been taking donations of used clothing, which is especially helpful at the elementary school. She said one family donates cough drops, granola bars and other simple things that help kids feel better and stay in school.

In other news, the board

- Approved request for six PTO days from Val Turner and Staci Schultz.
- Approved hire of Virginia Haman, home bound service teacher; Bonnie Zimmerman, Title 1; and Cadell Sullivan, custodian.
- Approved fundraiser requests from FFA.
- Approved resignation of Izzabelle Nesland, para-professional.
- Approved district E-Learning Plan
- Approved Emergency Closure Plan
- Approved Internet, technology and cell phone

policy

- Approved REACH overnight trip to Deep Portage Learning Center in Hackensack
- Approved 2025-2028 Superintendent contract.
- Learned that the district calendar has up to five days allocated for E Learning, to be used in case of snow days or other closures.
- Learned that a Veterans Day program has been set for Monday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m.
- Approved list of winter coaches:
 - Girls basketball - Kelsie Tyrrell head coach; assistants Cory Lawrence and Christine Fox; C squad Josh winter; 8th grade Sam Schimpp, 7th grade Pat Hoppe
 - Boys basketball - Zack Qual head coach, assistants Nick Schultz and Justin Thorne
 - Wrestling - Jim Jackson head coach, assistants Dan Bjerga, Eric Kramer, Mark Carlson, Shane Tappe, and Jerry Cleveland; JV/ junior high: Steve Jennissen, Chris Dobson, Jeff Sterricker; lead girls coach, Holton Truax



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