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## 2023 Homecoming Royalty candidates

The Staples-Motley Homecoming candidates posed for a photo following the kick-off pepfest held Sept. 29 with their dancing shoes on. Front row, left to right: Isabel Birkholtz, Isabella Olander, Lauren Rutten, Addisyn Cichos, Kyanna Burton, Kyra Stangle. Back: Eli Carlson, Andrew Salcido, Blake Neelan, Keller Anderson, Odin Trif, Brayden Salcido. Below: Candidates participate in the royalty dance performance.



**Fan-tastic** Staples-Motley students squeezed into the small visitors stands at Pine River-Backus to watch the football game on Sept. 29. The Cardinal fans will be back in force for Homecoming Week this week. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Longbella Drug under new ownership starting Jan. 1

As a means of continuing the 60-year legacy of Longbella Drug, co-owners Chad Longbella and Lani Longbella Roberts, have made the decision to sell Longbella Drug to Lakewood Health System, Staples. Chad and Lani were looking for opportunities to continue to provide the Staples community with the outstanding pharmacy services and products for which the family-owned business has been known. It was also important to keep the family, including third-generation pharmacist, Tanner Roberts, and the Longbella name, in the pharmacy business. This also provides a way to continue Lakewood's long-standing commitment to the health and well-being of the community. Along with new ownership, Longbella Drug, as it will continue to be named, will also be moving their primary downtown location to the east end of The Plaza, the new construction project spearheaded by Lakewood, located on Highway 10 next to Ernie's. The new pharmacy space will be approximately 4,200 square feet and there will be a large retail space, a convenient drive-thru and patient consultation areas. In the future, customers can expect expanded specialty medication options as well. The Longbella Drug Clinic (at Lakewood) and Longbella Drug Pillager sites will remain in their current locations. As with all transitions of this nature, there are still some unknowns and variables to figure out before Lakewood takes over ownership and management on Jan. 1, 2024. Ongoing conversations between Lakewood administration and the current Longbella owners are being had to ensure all aspects of the transition are as seamless as possible for both staff and customers. The addition of Longbella Drug to the Lakewood organization is an extension of service and prod-

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## Team Pistol League expanding in central Minnesota

The Casino Team Pistol League started a trend. In just one year, the league has grown from a small group of friends into multiple leagues across central Minnesota. The four leagues will hold a championship contest on Oct. 14 at the Lakeshore Gun Club. Last year, Darin Flansburg and Todd Gjovik started a small league in Casino, a small rural community in May Township northwest of Pillager. After the league finished, some people asked Flansburg about starting a league in the Brainerd area. "Since the league at Casino was so successful and fun to do, I couldn't say no," said Flansburg. He approached the Lakeshore Conservation Club (Now Lakeshore Gun Club) with the idea, and they said, "Sure, let's give it a try." About the same time, Flansburg spoke with Knob

See **Pistol** on page 12a



## Casino Team Pistol League

Showing their completed targets after a round in the Casino Team Pistol League, from left, Claire Eppelsheimer, Mark Eppelsheimer, Lou Eppelsheimer, Lar-

ae Thomas, Joe Thomas Brittany Lind, Tracey Thomas and Darrel Thomas. (Submitted photos)

## Weather

| This Week's Forecast |      |     |           |
|----------------------|------|-----|-----------|
|                      | High | Low | Cond.     |
| Oct. 4               | 61   | 49  | Cloudy    |
| Oct. 5               | 56   | 40  | P. Cloudy |
| Oct. 6               | 50   | 36  | M. Sunny  |
| Oct. 7               | 54   | 42  | P. Cloudy |
| Oct. 8               | 63   | 44  | Sunny     |
| Oct. 9               | 65   | 48  | Sunny     |
| Oct. 10              | 67   | 54  | Sunny     |

| Last Year, 2022 |      |     |           |
|-----------------|------|-----|-----------|
|                 | High | Low | Cond.     |
| Oct. 4          | 65°  | 58  | Cloudy    |
| Oct. 5          | 67   | 54  | Sunny     |
| Oct. 6          | 50   | 44  | P. Cloudy |
| Oct. 7          | 62   | 38  | Sunny     |
| Oct. 8          | 68   | 30  | Sunny     |
| Oct. 9          | 50   | 33  | Sunny     |
| Oct. 10         | 65   | 37  | Sunny     |

**Average Temps:**  
**H = 59° Low = 40°**  
**Very much a wet forecast!**

Compiled by  
**Dale Hausmann,**  
**WCCO's Staples area**  
**Weatherwatcher**

## Public Notices

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## Obituaries

**Patricia Crouse**  
**Gordon Herman**  
**Richard E.**  
**Kozitka**  
**Bill and Kaye**  
**Vukelich**  
**Linda Waldorf**

# Pastor Robin Collins, God’s gardener

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

When it comes to gardening, Robin Collins of Staples says, “I do it because it brings me joy.” It wouldn’t be worth doing otherwise, he added, during an interview at his impressive garden Sept. 1.

Collins has maintained a garden at his home on 5th St. NE since 1999, when he accepted a call to be the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church. “We moved here on Valentine’s Day,” he said of he and his wife, Pam.

A native of Illinois, Collins said he’d gardened off and on during the early years of their marriage. “I got seriously into it when we were in Moorhead,” Collins said of their previous home.

Upon moving to Staples, Collins was elated to learn there was a good-sized lot next to the parsonage available for gardening. “I’ve got the ground, I might as well plant something,” he said, quoting Albert Peterson, a sainted member of his church who’d spent his life farming. “Albert was a great witness...he taught me that everything is a blessing from God.”

His first summer there, Collins put in six raised 4x4 beds, made with traditional lumber. Raised beds are easier to tend to, at least in theory, the pastor said.

Over the years, his garden’s continued to expand and currently measures 40 ft. x 70 ft. In addition to adding longer, 12-ft. beds, Collins has since switched to metal and concrete, which he says will outlive wooden beds.

Collins grows a number of vegetables in his garden, which he points out during the tour of the colorful plot that smells of summer. There’s butternut squash, leeks and onions, several

varieties of tomatoes and peppers, broccoli and pole beans, for starters. Down a row or two, you’ll find beets, carrots, blueberries and some fine looking sweet corn. He enjoys having the opportunity to grow things he likes to eat, and every year he tries to add something new and different. “This year it’s rutabaga.”

A few years ago, Collins decided to try his hand growing hops, which created curiosity from passersby, he laughed. He doesn’t make beer himself, but shares this key ingredient with friends that do. They, in turn, give Collins a sample of the product made from his hops. That works out great because he’d never be able to go through the amount of beer bottled from those hops. “Now, whiskey on the other hand...,” he joked.

Between the planting, watering, weeding, maintaining and harvesting, gardening takes a lot of time, the pastor says. Plus, he has the added challenge of having the use of only one arm. “It was three years ago yesterday I had my stroke,” Collins shares, recalling Aug. 31, 2020, the fateful day that left him without the use of his left side.

That’s one reason he’s incorporated trellises in his garden. In addition to taking less space, a trellis makes reaching for green beans and tomatoes a lot easier.

There’s a metal gate at the entrance of the garden (a gift from his wife, Pam) that bears the message, ‘God Bless This Garden.’ “I would say God has blessed this garden,” the pastor says, adding that it’s been even more of a blessing since his stroke.

As he reflects on the past three years, Collins says he’s appreciative of so many in his congregation



## Blessed

Robin and Pam Collins, Staples, stand under the metal gate outside the garden that Robin’s tended for nearly a quarter century. The gate, with its ‘God

Bless This Garden’ message, was a gift from Pam to Robin. “I would say, God has blessed this garden,” Robin said recently. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

and others who stepped in to lend a helping hand when he needed it most. He recalled those who helped weed in the spring, and can tomatoes at summer’s end. He was worried he might have to quit gardening, but that’s not been the case.

For Collins, this has been an example of Christian love in action. There are other correlations as well, the pastor went on, between gardening and Christian ministry. For starters, both have brought him joy. “*Most* of the time,” he adds with a laugh. Secondly, both require patience.

There are days when the weather’s less than ideal, or physical limitations have made gardening tasks difficult. And, regarding his work at church, some days are easier than others. “The problem with being a pastor is that you deal with people like yourself...we’re all sinners...I’m not perfect, no one is,” Collins said.

He went on to recall the parable in the Bible that talks about tares (weeds) among the wheat. As a gardener, he’s constantly on the lookout for weeds, wondering where they came from, and working to get rid of them. “Sin is like that,” Collins said, noting that it works its way into our lives, and if not dealt with, can take over.

And, like garden plants that need water and other nutrients, humans need spiritual nourishment. Hopefully, as a pastor, he’s helped nurture the faith of his congregation, Collins said.

Having strong roots is important too, both for garden plants and humans. “Pam and I will be uprooted,” Robin says,

going on to share that they plan to move to Indiana following his retirement in April of 2024.

Collins notes that out of 30 years in the ministry, he will celebrate 25 years at Trinity Lutheran this spring. He and Pam have cultivated strong roots, and

saying ‘goodbye’ will be bittersweet. They’ll miss their congregation and the Staples community which has been ‘home’ for a quarter century, but are looking forward to being closer to their daughter, son-in-law and grandkids.

He wonders what his

next garden will look like, Robin says. He also hopes that the garden he’s helped tend in Staples will continue on in some fashion.

“Sometimes someone else sees the harvest,” Pastor Collins says, referring both to gardens and congregations. He goes on to note the blessing it’s been to see people come to faith, as well as being witness to many who’ve gone on to be with the Lord. Although he won’t be here to see the fruition of all faith seeds sown during his years in Staples, Pastor Collins is confident he’ll see his fellow believers again someday in heaven.

In the meantime, there are still some tomatoes that need picking before the ground freezes, and a few more sermons to write before that final service on Easter Sunday.

And after that? Oh, there will still be work to do after retirement. Collins says he’s always been inspired by Rev. Alvin Jeske, a saint in the church who kept on preaching the gospel until his earthly life’s end. He recalled the late pastor’s words, “God has given me the ability and I will do it.” Undoubtedly, these are words that Robin Collins, faithful gardener and pastor, will continue to practice wherever he’s planted.



## Ready to make salsa

During a tour of his garden Sept. 1, Robin Collins collected several tomatoes that were ready to be harvested. In addition to sharing tomatoes (and other veggies) with friends and neighbors, Collins and his wife, Pam, enjoy eating the garden produce. They like to make salsa every summer with the flavorful tomatoes, as well as BLT sandwiches. Robin’s favorite tomato? The Black Krim.



## Six feet high and rising



Above: Robin Collins reaches toward the top of a trellis where some pole beans he planted are ready to be harvested. Utilizing a trellis takes less space in his garden, and makes it easier to pick the green beans. At left: Collins checks the status of his sweet corn, which he finds is almost ready to be picked.



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Looking back

**75 YEARS Ago - 1948**  
• Sept. 30, 1948 - John Clair Larson, manager of the Staples Municipal Airport, has announced that there is to be a huge air festival at the municipal airport on Sunday, Oct. 3, starting at noon and running until dark.  
A splendid program for the day has been prepared and this will include spot landing contest for visiting pilots, relay contest for

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visiting pilots, comedy acts, balloon busting exhibition, acrobatic flying, and parachute jumping.  
Mr. Larson stated, “This is the first introduction to post war aviation and promises to be one of the outstanding air shows in this territory  
•Sept. 30, 1948 - The next foe for the Staples Cards on the high school gridiron will be the Indians from Wadena who will come out of their tepees and invade the nest of the Cards Oct. 1, at 7:45 in the evening.  
The Cards and Indians are about on even terms this year, although the Cards are one up on the Indians in wins. The Cards won from C-I in their opening game, and the Indians have lost two games, as have the Cards.  
Little Falls Flyers came to Staples Friday evening of last week, and once again walked away with a victory over the Cards. The game was an excellent contest to witness.  
The first appearance of the Staples high school band, under the baton of Erling I. Lian, was given during the game Friday evening.  
The largest crowd to see a football game on the Staples gridiron was present at the game Friday evening, and an estimated attendance of nearly 2,000 people saw the first home game of the Cards this year.  
• Sept. 30, 1948 - At a meeting last Wednesday evening, the Motley Chapter of Future Farmers of America, more commonly known as the FFA was organized at Motley High school.  
Five Chapter officers were elected: Doug Frisk, president; Albert Alt, vice president; Gene Rosvold, secretary; Lowell Schrupp,

treasurer; Don Carey, reporter; Carl Granby, sergeant-at-arms. Wayne Rowe, the Chapter Advisor, was, during his high school and college years, very active in FFA work.

**50 YEARS Ago - 1973**  
• Oct. 4, 1973 - Before a packed house in the Staples auditorium, Marie Ziegler was crowned the 1973 Homecoming Queen of Staples high school at coronation ceremonies Oct. 2.  
She received her crown from Jim Braith, captain of the Staples Cardinal football team. After receiving her crown, Queen Marie was presented with an arm bouquet of red roses and then Coach Myron Smith congratulated the queen on behalf of the coaches and players and presented her with an autographed football.  
Queen Marie, a senior at Staples high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ziegler. She was chosen by a popular vote of the students in grades nine through 12 of the school.

Attendants to the 1973 Homecoming Queen are Karol Wolpern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wolpern; Susette Jay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jay; Patty Blessing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blessing; and Lynnelle Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reese.  
• Oct. 4, 1973 - The Youth Fellowship of Faith Lutheran Church recently elected officers for the 1973-74 year.  
Heading the youth organization are Lori Johnson, president; Mary Hegre, vice-president; Tom Easthouse, secretary; Kathy Magnuson, treasurer; and Carol Flack, assistant treasurer.  
• Oct. 4, 1973 - The Cardinals of SHS gave up two easy first half touchdowns and fumbled twice inside the 10-yard line allowing the Aitkin Gobblers to emerge victorious in the homecoming game last Friday evening by a 26-6 score over the men of Coach Myron Smith.  
• Oct. 4, 1973 - The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Staples Rotary Club will be observed Oct. 8, with a banquet at Ted & Gen’s Barbeque in Aldrich.  
James Hofer, president, said that the Staples club was issued its charter on Oct. 4, 1923.



Mystery photo

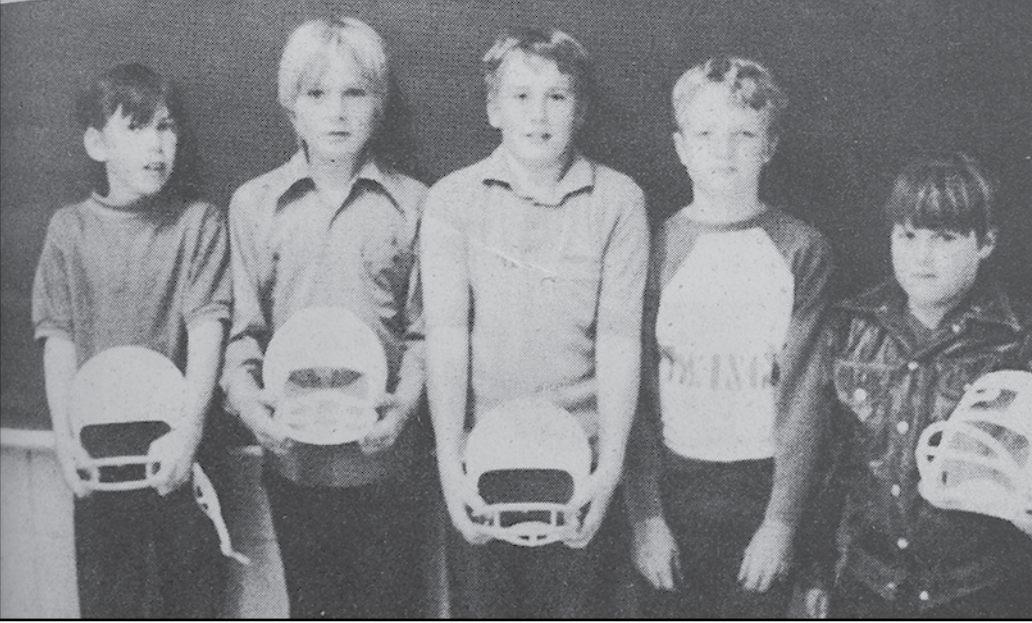
Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from 1985. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you’re from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

To commemorate this event, the Rotarians, their wives, guests of the 46 other clubs in District 558, and all former members of the Staples Rotary Club and Rotary Anns will gather for a banquet and program.  
Special guest of honor at the anniversary will be P. M. Atwood, former superintendent of school in Staples, who was a charter member of the club and who has retained his membership for the 50 years that the Staples Rotary has been in existence.

**25 YEARS Ago - 1998**  
• Oct. 1, 1998 - Coronation ceremonies were held Monday night for the 1998 Staples Motley High School Homecoming. Amy Otteson and Kelly Rutten were crowned as this year’s king and queen, from a field of six candidates for each.  
• Oct. 1, 1998 - Running in the largest cross country meet in the country, the Staples Motley boys took first place in the Class A compe-

tition Saturday at Princeton.  
• Oct. 1, 1998 - The Staples Motley girls cross country team finished in 10th place Monday, Sept. 21, at the Pierz Invitational, with junior Amanda Hoffert leading the Cardinal girls with a 15th place finish.  
“Amanda’s gain was solid from start to finish,” Coach Gene Mattila said. She ran the 4,000 meters in 16 minutes, 20 seconds.  
• Oct. 1, 1998 - Staples Motley FFA members participated in a horse judging Career Development Event in Grand Rapids Sept. 23. The event was held at the K & K Stables.  
Members of the horse judging team included Carrie Boelz, Lisa Simon, Tonya Boyer, Kirsten Johnson and Darcy Reese. They competed for a top spot at region in order to make it to state competition.  
• Oct. 1, 1998 - Showing at the Staples Cinema, Oct. 2 - 5, “There Something about Mary.”

**10 YEARS Ago - 2013**  
• Oct. 3, 2013 - The Staples Area Men’s Chorus will host the 11th Annual “Real Men Sing!” festival Oct. 12, at Staples Motley High School in Staples.  
• Oct. 3, 2013 - The Staples Motley girls tennis team had three champions at the Mid State Conference tennis tournament to help them finish in first place on Sept. 28. The Cardinals are also the regular season champions with no losses.  
In the conference tournament, Mikayla Wing won the number one singles bracket, doubles team Kelsey Zetah and Nikki Edin won at number one doubles and Emily Israelson and Grace Wolhowe won the number two doubles bracket.  
The other doubles team, Christina Smith and Kaleigh Hosier, finished second at number three doubles. Three singles players finished third, Sarah Koopmann at number two, Alex Fischer at number three and Lexi Johnson at number four.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the Sept. 27, 1973 edition of the Staples World featured five boys from various teams named as the offensive linemen of the week in the flag football program of the Staples Elementary

schools. From left are Tom Giza, LeRoy Peterson, Steve Volesky, Jon Norberg and Edwin Odden.  
Joanne Giza Gilligan recognized her brother, Tom. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Staples Police report Sept. 12-17

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Department:  
Sept. 12, Staples Police responded to a business for a report of pan handlers who the manager wanted removed from the property. Police advised the subjects and they left without incident.  
Sept. 13, Staples Police received a report of a domestic assault in the area of the 100 block of 4th St SW. Suspect left before officers arrived on scene.  
Sept. 15, Staples Police received a report of harassment over TikTok and Facebook about a drug use allegation.  
Sept. 15, Staples Police were requested to assist the Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. with a individual with severe mental health problems running on the road on Cty Rd 24.  
Sept. 15, Staples Police responded to the 700 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE regarding a report of a stolen 2014 Yamaha motorcycle taken from a yard between September 8-10. The off highway motorcycle was blue.  
Sept. 17, Staples Police responded to the 1000 block of 8th St. NE for a report of a dog bite. The owner of the dog was given a notice that the dog would be considered potentially dangerous.

Sept. 16, Staples Police were requested to speak with a subject who was homeless and looking for assistance. Police advised the subject.  
Sept. 16, Staples Police responded to a report of a loud music complaint on the 600 block of 2nd Ave. NE. Police located a party on the 200 block of 6th St. NE and believed this was the location the caller had referred to. Police advised an occupant to turn the music off.  
Sept. 17, Staples Police received a report of an assault involving juveniles.  
Sept. 17, at 11:39 p.m., Staples Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash at Dower Lake Campground. It was reported that the driver was possibly intoxicated and possibly injured. The Staples Fire Dept., Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. and the MN State Patrol responded. The driver of the vehicle, Benjamin Moon, 26, of rural Pillager, sustained minor injuries, and after investigation, was arrested on suspicion of DUI and transported to the Todd County Detention Center. The vehicle Moon had been operating sustained moderate to severe front end damage after striking a tree and was towed from the scene.

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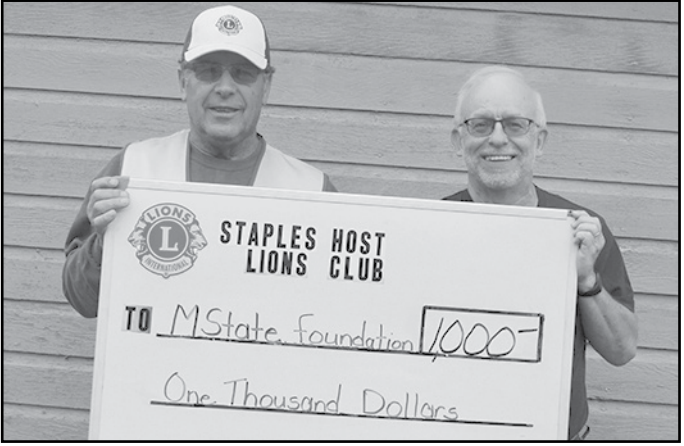
Family pharmacy has been in Staples for 60 years

ucts; it will not be taking the place of any existing Lakewood pharmacy or retail offerings.  
“While this decision was not easy, it was made after a lot of thoughtful, intentional discussions about Longbella Drug’s history and future,” said Lani Longbella Roberts, Longbella pharmacist and co-owner. “We determined this would be the best option for everyone because our family’s business has been part of the Staples community for 60 years and having worked with Lakewood, we saw this as a great opportunity to ensure our legacy lives on.”  
“Having the opportunity to add the service, expertise and tradition Longbella has long-offered the Staples community seemed like a perfect continuation of Lakewood’s mission to provide quality, personalized healthcare for a lifetime,” said Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood president and CEO. “It not only allows us additional opportunities to improve the health and wellness of our community, but contributes directly to the economic growth and health of Staples, as well.”



Staples Host Lions donate

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated \$3,000 to the Pinkyswear Foundation, which helps children with cancer; and \$1,000 to the MState Foundation, with funds designated for a student from Staples-Motley School District #2170. Pictured above, from left, are Lion Rick Adamietz and Brooke Goddard, 15, from Verndale. This is the eighth year Goddard has worked for the Pinkyswear organization. Below, from left, are Lion Adamietz and Mike Gedde of Staples, who is Vice President of the MState Foundation and Alumni Board of Directors. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Lions Club donation

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated \$260 to the Staples ‘93 Lions, with the funds designated to go toward blankets for children with cancer. Pictured, from left, are Staples ‘93 Lion Joanne Schornack and Staples Host Lion Rick Adamietz.

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### Library staff honored

Staff at the Staples Public Library are, front, from left, Angie Johnson and Judy Wolak. Back, from left, are Cindy Klein, Cathy Perish, Tamber Edin and Melissa Jewison.

## Library staff and volunteers celebrated

Benjamin Franklin said “The world is run by the people who show up.” To show their appreciation to “the people who show up,” board members of the Friends of the Staples Public Library hosted a picnic for the library staff and volunteers at Pine Grove Park in July.

The mission of the Friends of the Library is “to support and enhance the programs and services of the Staples Public Library.” The staff and volunteers assure that resources are put to good use for the benefit of the community, for the people who use those services,

for the people who come to the programs to learn.

Libraries have changed a lot since Benjamin Franklin established the first circulating library in the North American colonies in 1731. Before this, most Americans did not have access to books as they were expensive. Only the wealthy and members of the clergy had access.

“Books and So Much More” is the catch phrase for the Friends of the Staples Public Library today. The goal, however, remains the same as in Benjamin Franklin’s day, that knowledge should be shared and

that a wide range of ideas should be available to all.

Services and programs for all ages at the Staples Public Library include, but are not limited to internet stations, wireless printing, free WiFi, craft programs, story hours and reading programs.

The library is at 122 6th St. NE. The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 1-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 1-5 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. To learn more about the library see [www.griver.org/staples](http://www.griver.org/staples), follow the library on Facebook or call 218-894-1401.

## A world without bullying

By Cassandra Ortiz  
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Hands of Hope Resource Center, Todd County

October is “National Bullying Prevention Month,” which focuses on preventing bullying, encouraging kindness, respect, acceptance, and inclusion. PACER’S National Bullying Prevention Center created this nationwide campaign in 2006 to help raise awareness on the issue of bullying and promote ways to prevent it.

Bullying is a common form of violence for youth. According to PACER, one in five students report having been bullied sometime in their life. Forty-one percent of students who reported being bullied in school stated that they think the bullying would happen again. The issue not only affects the individuals that have been bullied, but bystanders who witness the bullying also have an impact on them. Witnesses of bullying report feeling less secure, intimidated, and helpless to stop it. Witnesses are more likely

to use tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs; have increased mental health problems, and miss or skip school. Laws and policies govern bullying prevention and intervention. Every state has bullying prevention legislation and most schools have bullying prevention policies. However, bullying is not only a school issue. It can happen anywhere where youth come together: youth groups, competitions, neighborhoods, and online. A message of unity helps spike the conversation. It is important to ensure that all students deserve to feel secure, supported, and accepted which is why we must promote acting with kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

National Bullying Prevention Month is an opportunity to:

- Encourage our nation to act to create safe and supportive schools, communities, and online environments.
- Promote dialogue between educators, parents, and students on their roles in addressing and preventing bullying.
- Inspire everyone to pro-

mote kindness, acceptance and inclusion to help prevent bullying.

- Help create a world with out bullying.

In addition to National Bullying Prevention Month Unity Day is also celebrated on October 18, and everyone is encouraged to wear orange to spread awareness or bullying and promote unity and inclusion. The act of wearing orange shows that youth experiencing bullying are not alone. It empowers those who are bullied, and those around them, to speak up against bullying and to reach out with kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

Everyone’s action 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.

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

## Roadkill reflections

There was a time when travel by humans did not pose a real danger to wild creatures with whom we share the planet. When our distant ancestors were all pedestrians, as they once were, it’s unlikely that they routinely—if ever—injured or killed a bird or mammal, a reptile or amphibian, simply by colliding with it. Until, that is, we became capable of more sophisticated methods of travel, when we joined forces with the horse to increase our speed and range, and then graduated to driving horse-drawn chariots, buckboards, and stage coaches. Then, ultimately, to fuel-powered vehicles, which is when the real roadkill mayhem for wild creatures began.

Most of us have a range of reactions when we encounter road-killed creatures along a highway, or a less-traveled county or township road. Our reaction is often influenced by our prejudices and our sympathies. That reaction may be regret when the victim is a deer, or perhaps a gamebird, like a ruffed grouse, or a pheasant. If it’s a domestic pet—a dog, or a cat—likely even more so. A skunk will always generate a reaction, but it’s more likely to be based on our aversion to smell, not sympathy. Sadly, after enough years behind the wheel, most of us have seen enough road-killed birds and beasts that the event earns little more than momentary notice.

There is of course an up-

side to roadkill. Members of Nature’s clean-up crew, the scavengers, routinely dine on the remains of hapless victims that picked the wrong time to walk, run, or fly in front of a moving vehicle. Crows, ravens, vultures, even bald eagles (sorry, image-conscious patriots!), are conspicuous scavengers. The coyote, secretive to the point of being rarely seen—supremely adapted to survive both in wild places, and in the presence of man—will scavenge, too.

“Scavenger” is itself a moving target. Like the coyote, some creatures that are capable hunters in their own right will scavenge when the opportunity presents itself. While on an errand recently, I spotted three dark silhouettes on the road’s shoulder, at a distance of several hundred yards. I’m always alert for the wild turkeys that pick up grit on our roadsides, after a collision with one destroyed the grille of my wife’s car. (The car survived the collision; the turkey did not.)

As I got closer, it was clear they were not turkeys. Two were crows, and the third—sitting directly atop a carcass—was a larger bird. As familiar with birds as I am, I’m not skilled at identifying the various hawks that reside in this area, or migrate through it. But as the car neared the scene, the carcass-sitting bird lofted into the air, and its broadly-spread, reddish-brown tail feathers confirmed its red-tailed hawk identity, as it made a hasty exit for a nearby stand of timber. The crows, too, abandoned the carcass as I slowed my vehicle enough to identify the roadkill as the remains of a raccoon. Given its nocturnal habits, this raccoon probably met its demise sometime before dawn.

Slowly accelerating, still watching the scene in the rear-view mirror, I saw the crows immediately return to the carcass, but no sign of the hawk before I rounded a corner and the scene passed out of sight. Hawks are proficient hunters, but who could blame one for capitalizing on an easy, raccoon-size meal? Yet if scavenging is not part of its regular feeding routine, a wary creature like this hawk might not be as possessive in staying on a roadkill. Not like the bold crows, whose survival is closely tied to scavenging anywhere roads penetrate the landscape.

Bald eagles are an efficient combination of both predator and scavenger. As is well-known, Benjamin Franklin favored the wild turkey for our national bird, pointing out what he considered character flaws in the bald eagle’s aggressive scavenging behavior. He claimed it was “a bird of bad moral character. He does not get his living honestly.” An interesting accusation for a politician to make.

In point of fact, the bald eagle is a capable predator in its own right, and deserves

better than this founding father’s bad rap. But there’s no doubt that its survival is enhanced by a willingness to scavenge, including contesting rights to kills made by other predators, and dominating kills made by motor vehicles; deer are a common example.

Here at the family cabin it’s common to see a bald eagle cruise our shoreline at dawn, especially when there is an onshore wind. This allows it to efficiently discover fish that may have washed up, or are floating near shore I’ve seen eagles take flight from our dock after dining there on a bass or walleye—perhaps a victim of hooking mortality—leaving behind only skin and bones.

More than once, an eagle has swooped down and taken a duck that I or my hunting partner shot, but had not yet retrieved as it floated among our decoys. There are numerous bald eagles on one National Wildlife Refuge where we hunt, and it has become evident that the eagles there have come to equate duck hunters and decoy spreads with dining opportunities.

The benefits of roadkills go mostly to scavengers Nature’s cleanup crew. But not entirely. When a deer is killed in a collision with a motor vehicle, and reported to a Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer, officers have been known to grant a motorist on the scene permission to claim it and salvage the venison.

Some salvage road-killed birds or animals for their fur or feathers, if the creature’s demise is recent enough that the carcass has not begun to decompose. These are likely to be anglers who make their own fishing lures. One well-known angling author describes in detail the steps to preserve a number of useful lure making materials.

Some lures, like traditional bucktails and spinners, use fur. For decades the Mepps Company reached out in advertisements to readers of sporting magazines offering cash for squirrel tails that the company used on the spinners in their lure line. Their ads targeted squirrel hunters, but road-killed squirrels could supply the same desirable material if recovered in good condition.

Many furs and feathers are used by fly fishermen who tie their own trout and bass flies. I once spotted a road-killed squirrel whose fur was entirely black, at a time when this squirrel color phase was uncommon where I lived. Though I possessed squirrel tails of several different colors—used in the streamer flies that I tie—black was not among them. When I spied this roadside victim, I had the presence of mind to stop examine its condition, then use the knife kept in my glove compartment to perform “surgery” on its tail.

Yes, even I will stoop to scavenging roadkill.



### Friends of the library board

Members of the Friends of the Staples Public Library board are, from left, Mike Palmer, Laurie Paskewitz, Renae Schmitz, Gloria Palmer, Judy Wolak, Anne Ingle, Tom Kajer and John Gorton. Ron Murray and Brenda Halvorson were unable to attend the picnic. (Submitted photos)



### Library volunteers

Volunteers at the Staples Public Library are, from left, Becky Lindgren, Marge Meyer, Dee Thompson, Ardy McAllister, LaVonne Selleck, Lenny Cossentine, Bev Anderson and Megan Lindgren. Heidi Haase was unavailable for the photo. (Submitted photo)

Quote of the week

“Where the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe.” — Thomas Jefferson

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## Staples Host Lions donate

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$2,000 to the Staples Sportsmen's Club, and \$1,000 to the Staples-Motley Hall of Fame. Pictured above, from left, are Lion Rick Adamietz, and Mark Holper, with the Staples Sportsmen's Club. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

### October

- **HOMECOMING WEEK** Oct. 2 - 6
- **HOMECOMING CORONATION** Oct. 4, 9:15 a.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES** Oct. 6, afternoon/evening
- **MS/HS Choir/BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Oct. 30, 6 p.m., Centennial Auditorium

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us) for up to the minute information.



## Pepfest rock

The Staples-Motley Cardinal Cheer Team paired up with faculty members for a dance routine at the SM Coronation pepfest held Sept. 29. The pepfest was the kick-off for Homecoming week at SM.

## Mark Your Calendar

### October 5

**'WALK WITH A Doc'** Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

### October 6

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

### October 9

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

### October 10

**LIVING LEGACY GARDENS, STAPLES, WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS** Tuesdays, from 9 - 11 a.m. Located at 26505 Co. Rd. 2.

**EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES** are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, 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, through Dec. 12. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

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## Chasing the quarterback

Sawyer Ferdon (61) rushes the quarterback with Andrew Salcido (62) and Elijah Claussen (65) joining the chase. Ferdon caught up to the QB and earned a sack. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

## Big plays boost Cardinal football win

The Staples-Motley football team used big plays on both offense and defense to beat Pine River-Backus 60-0 on Sept. 29.

Alex Schultz caught two long touchdown passes from Eli Rutten, for 85 and 42 yards, both bombs down the right sideline.

Blake Neelan busted a long run early on before finishing the drive with a touchdown run.

Elijah Blue was bottled up in his first few carries, but then broke through the line, did a 360 degree spin to get away from one tackler, stiff-armed another defender and weaved into the end zone.

Peyton Mithun made a touchdown catch on a pass from Elijah Claussen, leaping over a defender to grab the ball high in the air before falling down into the end zone.

Rutten scrambled out of trouble and into the end zone on a nine yard run.

Ben Tyrrell had a 30 yard touchdown run. The other two Cardinal scores were made by Ramiro Gallardo on a two yard run and Chase Blue on a 16 yard run.

The defense also made big plays throughout the game. After allowing a couple of first downs early, the middle three of Elijah Claussen, Steven Petrich and Drake Dukowitz controlled the line of scrimmage. Sawyer Ferdon burst through for a sack. Jacob Becker got an interception on a pass that was batted up into the air.



## Ground gain

Ben Tyrrell scoots past the defense.

Gavin Chenoweth and Alex Schultz broke up passes downfield. Austyn Pierce recovered a fumble.

The defense held Pine River-Backus to 44 total yards.

The Cardinals gained 451 yards from scrimmage, with Rutten passing for 168 yards. Schultz caught three passes for 141 yards.

Also catching passes were Josiah Critten, Turner Beachy, Tyrrell, Colbe Tappe, Conner Kuhns and

Elijah Blue.

Tyrrell had 49 yards on three carries, while Neelan had 34 yards. Other Cardinals who carried the ball: Rutten, E. Blue, C. Blue, Claussen, Tappe, Beachy, Riley Reese, Mithun, Gallardo, Zach Tabatt and Kuhns.

Staples-Motley returns home for a big Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 6 against an undefested Parkers Prairie team that is ranked in Class A.



## Running back pose

Elijah Blue reaches out to repel a tackler on his 20 yard touchdown run against Pine River-Backus.



## Staples-Motley blockers create wide running lane

Steven Petrich (64), Luke Bjerga (56) and Elijah Claussen (65) block a hole for Colbe Tappe to run through.

## Tennis team comes out on top in battle of ranked teams

The Staples-Motley tennis team beat another ranked team, a 4-3 win against Osakis on Sept. 26. The Cardinals went into the match ranked fourth in the state while Osakis was seventh.

This time they did it without a win from number one singles player Lauren Rutten, who had her first loss of the year. Rutten came into the match ranked fourth in state and faced an Osakis player who was ranked sixth. It was an extremely close match with Rutten dropping the 10 point tiebreaker that was used instead of playing a full third set.

That left the team still needing four points for a team win. Ronnie Noska and Jaida Holst cruised in their singles matches. Kaylee Perius split her first two sets and

won a long super-tiebreaker 13-11.

The doubles team of Madison Perius and Natalie Hanson provided the winning fourth point. They played a competitive match but kept on top in each set to win 6-4, 7-5.

Osakis won two of the three matches that went to a third set super-tiebreaker.

### Team results

**Staples-Motley 4, Osakis 3**  
Singles: Lauren Rutten L 6-2, 4-6, (8-10); Ronnie Noska W 6-2, 6-1; Jaida Holst W 6-4, 6-1; Kaylee Perius W 6-4, 4-6, (13-11)  
Doubles: Corinne Olson/Amy Rollins L 6-1, 2-6, (6-10); Kenzie Erickson/Heidi Zimmerman L 4-6, 5-7; Madison Perius/Natalie Hanson W 6-4, 7-5

## Volleyball team wins two of three high level matches

The Staples-Motley volleyball team won their biggest match of the year, 3-1 against Wadena-Deer Creek on Sept. 26. They lost to Detroit Lakes 3-0 on Sept. 28 and won at Pine River-Backus 3-2 on Sept. 29.

The Cardinals didn't back down against a hard-hitting W-DC team. They came out playing well, winning the first set handily, 25-19. In the second set, the teams were tied at 14, but W-DC went on a crazy run to close it out.

That could have been a turning point when Staples-Motley fell behind early in the third set. But they kept plugging away, slowing down the opponent hitters with their blocking and digging up some hard hits. Jade Storry and Ellie Moulton were effective hitting from the edges, with Livi Lorber and Tamara Strelly moving inside and outside for kills. The Cardinals were also effective in mixing up their attacks, often scoring on tips and off-speed spikes.

Staples-Motley tied the score late in the third set, then pulled ahead in just the final two points.

The fourth set was much the same, with W-DC taking an early lead and Staples-Motley grinding their way back into it with hustle, defense and timely hitting. The last few points had several ties and lead changes, with Lorber getting an ace block and kill to keep the Cardinals ahead, before they finally won 27-25.

Against Detroit Lakes, the Cardinals were playing the other undefeated team in the Mid State Conference. The first set was close, with Staples-Motley pushing the ranked Lakers into extra points before losing 25-27. The Cardinals lost steam after that, dropping the next two sets.

Staples-Motley rebounded the next night on the road, beating Pine River-Backus, another team with a winning record. The Cardinals won the deciding set 15-10.

### Team results

**Staples-Motley 3, Wadena-Deer Creek 1; 25-19, 14-25, 26-24, 27-25**  
Steffany Sullivan: Digs-4  
Ellie Moulton: Aces-1, Kills-11, Blocks-2, Digs-21  
Lilly Tyrrell: Aces-1, Assists-1, Digs-12  
Miranda Schotzko: Assists-5, Kills-3, Blocks-3



## Serve attack

Tamara Strelly served five aces in the win against Wadena-Deer Creek. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Jade Storry: Kills-12, Digs-19  
Livi Lorber: Aces-2 Assists-5, Kills-15, Blocks-5, Digs-7  
Annie Schlosser: Assists-34, Kills-6, Blocks-1, Digs-3  
Tamara Strelly: Aces-5, Assists-3, Kills-10, Blocks-3, Digs-17  
**Staples-Motley 0, Detroit Lakes 3; 25-27, 11-25, 19-25**  
Sullivan: Aces-5, Digs-3  
Moulton: Assists-2, Kills-1, Digs-13  
Tyrrell: Digs-8  
Schotzko: Blocks-2, Digs-1  
Lorber: Kills-8, Blocks-2, Digs-6  
Storry: Aces-2, Kills-5, Blocks-1, Digs-8  
Schlosser: Assists-13, Digs-1  
Strelly: Aces-1, Kills-4, Blocks-2, Digs-10  
**Staples-Motley 3, Pine River Backus 2; 25-22, 17-25, 25-20, 9-25, 15-10**  
Sullivan: aces-2, assists-1, digs-4  
Moulton: aces-1, assists-1, kills-5, block-1, digs-9  
Storry: aces-3, assists-2, kills-11, block-1, digs-13  
Tyrrell: digs-8  
Schotzko: kills-7, blocks-5  
Lorber: aces-3, assists-5, kills-14, blocks-4, digs-4  
Schlosser: assists-28, kill-1, block-1, digs-5  
Strelly: assists-4, kills-5, blocks-3, digs-14



## Coming up big

Livi Lorber rises up for a spike late in the game.

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2023

**Public Comment**  
Charles Anderson, Kandota Landing CUP applicant, provided further information regarding his CUP request for the board's consideration.

**Call to Order**  
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 15th day of August, 2023 at 9 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present with Commissioner Noska attending remotely via interactive technology due to schedule conflicts.

**Approval of Agenda**  
On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of 4.10 Accept Resignation of Amber Pearcy and 4.11 Accept Resignation of Chris Mathews.

**Consent Agenda**  
On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

- To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2023 as presented.
- To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie Lions Club at the address of 24257 Riverside Drive (Long Drive In), Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective August 26, 2023.
- Hire Katie Schultz for the part time Correction Officer position. Schultz's starting wage will be Grade 6, Step 1 \$21.89 per hour, start date TBD.
- To hire Karyn Nelson as a Part Time Dispatcher, Grade 6 Step 1, Start Date TBD.
- To hire Mariah Briseno as a Part Time Dispatcher, Grade 6 Step 1, Start Date TBD.
- To approve Lisa Grossinger to fill the open Social Worker position, Grade 10 Step 8 at \$33.67 Start date: TBD
- To approve Kelsey Hoffman to fill the open Social Worker position, Grade 10 Step 3 at \$29.04. Transition date: TBD
- Accept the resignation of Laura Panuska effective August 11, 2023.
- To accept the resignation of Faith Renteria, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer (Part-Time) effective July 28, 2023.
- Accept Amber Pearcy's resignation as FT Dispatcher effective September 4, 2023.
- Approve the resignation of Chris Mathews effective September 8, 2023.

**Auditor-Treasurer**  
On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the July 2023 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 903329 thru 903426 in the amount of \$5,634,685.55 (Manual) 851 thru 862 in the amount of \$48,793.56 and (Regular) 241245 thru 241373 in the amount of \$680,170.87 for a total of \$6,363,649.98

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402697 through 402729 in the amount of \$73,853.70 and (Regular) 57221 through 57271 in the amount of \$117,387.60 for a total of \$191,241.30.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 804352 through 804438 and (Regular) 710871 through 710933 for a total of \$92,090.56.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600996 through 601015 and (Regular) 517460 through 517474 for a total amount of \$108,850.24.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

**APPOINTMENT OF BONNIE THOELE TO THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF TODD COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota held a duly authorized special meeting on the 12th day of September, 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, said meeting a resolution was passed and adopted declaring the need for a Housing and Redevelopment Authority in Todd County, Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the term for District 1 is set to expire on September 18, 2028 on the Todd County HRA Board and Bonnie Thoele has expressed her desire for reappointment to this position.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Housing and Redevelopment Act of the State of Minnesota, the County Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota, hereby appoint the person hereinafter named to serve as Commissioner of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Todd County, Minnesota, and to serve for the remainder of the period of five years as hereinafter stipulated: Bonnie Thoele – September 19, 2023 through September 18, 2028.

Discussion of the appointment of Verna Toenyan for HRA-District 5 to determine eligibility to maintain compliance with statute requirements

and avoid conflict of interest will be looked into.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following resolution as introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM COUNTY DITCH FUND TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, The County Ditch Authority has approved to have the hours worked by the County Ditch Inspector charged back to that ditch, and;

**WHEREAS**, the calculations have been made for the County Ditch Inspector's time for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 per attached copy;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the transfer of \$5,460.00 from the Fund 40-County Ditch Fund to the Fund 01-General Revenue Fund per the attached list.

**Public Works**  
On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the utility easement to the City of Long Prairie over the Public Works Property.

Announced that the 2024 CSAH 14 Bridge Project Funding Award letter has been received so this planned construction project can move forward with state funding support.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

**Final Payment Authorization – 2023 Pavement Marking Maintenance Contract**

**WHEREAS**, the contract with Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC for the 2023 Pavement Marking Maintenance Contract known as CP 77-23-03 located on various routes in Todd County, has in all things been completed, and;

**WHEREAS**, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2023 with the value of the total work certified being \$138,315.45, and;

**WHEREAS**, partial payments amounting to \$131,299.93 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that \$7,015.52 still remains to be paid to Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

**County Assessor**

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reduce the 2023 estimated market value of parcel 36-0129500 from \$555,700 to \$22,600.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reduce the 2022 estimated market value of parcel 36-0111200 from \$242,200 to \$83,300 resulting in a property tax reduction of \$2,222 in 2023.

**Ditch/Ag Inspector**

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

**Hold Harmless Agreement – Ditch Maintenance – County Ditch 29**

**WHEREAS**, Tyler Becker is requesting to maintain approximately 1,531 feet of CD29 that is located on his parcel 07-0028600. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

**WHEREAS**, an onsite inspection has been done, and;

**WHEREAS**, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch, or moved to an approved upland site. If the section of ditch in the County Road 20 road ROW is cleaned, the spoil must be moved to an approved upland site.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Tyler Becker to maintain approximately 1,531 feet of CD29 that is located on his parcel 07-0028600, Eagle Valley Twp section 24. Tyler Becker will do this project at his own expense.

**Health and Human Services**

Lori Vrolson, Central MN Council On Aging provided an update of activities and services provided to the residents of Todd County and initiatives for the future.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve amending BAF 20230801-11 with corrected job descriptions.

**Facilities**

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the low bid from Northstar Plumbing, Heating and A/C for replacement of both the furnace and air conditioning equipment for a total \$8,950.

**Solid Waste**

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the bid from F-M Forklift for \$40,549.00.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the purchase of the Grapple Bucket from Ziegler Cat for \$29,394.00.

**Planning & Zoning**

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To grant the application for a six site commercial planned unit development on par-

cel 17-0039701 with the following conditions:

1. Placement of RVs in each campsite shall respect all property boundary setbacks.

2. Planned Unit Development is capped at six campsites as requested in the application. Additional campsites shall require the review of the Planning Commission.

3. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

4. Protective covenants shall be recorded to the property upon approval of the application.

5. Holding tank for sewage treatment shall be installed prior to placement of campers. Hook up sites for each campsite shall be installed at the time of tank installation.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 07-0036400 with the following conditions:

1. There shall be no loading/unloading of materials within the public roadway.

2. Off-street parking shall be provided for all business traffic.

3. Storage of supplies and finished products shall be stored meeting all setback requirements.

4. Land use permits shall be required for all future construction.

5. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

**Final Plat Approval – “Dittrich Acres” Subdivision**

**WHEREAS**, Applicants and property owners Joshua D & Danielle Dittrich along with Jeffrey Myrum & Debra J. Meyer-Myrum applied to subdivide a property that is described as part of Government Lot One of Section 33 of Turtle Creek with the plat to be known as “Dittrich Acres”,

**WHEREAS**, Dittrich Acres consists of one lot; Block 1, Lot 1, 62,966± Square Feet, located in Shoreland Recreational Development Zoning District in Turtle Creek Township,

**WHEREAS**, On June 1, 2023, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

**24-0042600 Parcel A:**

Lots 1 and 2, Pine Island Lake Lots, together with that part of the vacated driveway adjacent to said Lots 1 and 2 as shown in Document No.402554, all according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Todd County, Minnesota.

**24-0036305 Parcel B:**

That part of Government Lot 1, Section 33, Township 131 North, Range 32 West, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 1, Pine Island Lake Lots, according to the recorded plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder; thence North 15 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the east line of said Pine Island Lake Lots, 24.00 feet to the north line of the Driveway included in said Pine Island Lake Lots, said east line also being the east line of said Lot 1 extended northerly; thence South 75 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said north line 217.33 feet to the center line of a public roadway (Township Road); thence North 01 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West, along said centerline, 99.49 feet; thence North 78 degrees 42 minutes 46 seconds East 208.72 feet; thence South 37 degrees 17 minutes 39 seconds East 170 feet more or less to the shore line of Pine Island Lake; thence Southwesterly, along said shore line, 101 feet more or less to said east line of Lot 1, said Pine Island Lake Lots, said east line bears South 15 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East from said Point of beginning; thence North 15 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said east line, 115 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

Less the following described parcel:

That part of Government Lot 1, Section 33, Township 131 North, Range 32 West, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 1, Pine Island Lake Lots, according to the recorded plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder; thence North 15 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the east line of said Pine Island Lake Lots, 24.00 feet to the north line of the Driveway included in said Pine Island Lake Lots, said east line also being the east line of said Lot 1 extended northerly; thence South 75 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said north line of the Driveway, 120.00 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence continuing South 75 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said north line, 97.33 feet to the center line of a public road (Township Road); thence North 01 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West, along said centerline, 77.22 feet; thence North 78 degrees 42 minutes 46 seconds East 79.79 feet; thence South 15 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 70.00 feet to the point of beginning.

**Todd County, Minnesota. 24-0062200 Parcel C:**

That part of Lot 3, Block One, John Japp Estates First Addition, of record in the Office of the County Recorder and that part of Government Lot 1, Section 33, Township 131, Range 32, all in Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 1, Pine Island Lake Lots, of Record in the Office of the County Recorder in said Todd County;

thence North 15 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, assumed bearing, 24.00 feet along the east line of the Driveway, said Pine Island Lake Lots, to the northeast corner thereof; thence South 75 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 217.33 feet along the north line of said Driveway to its intersection with the centerline as described in Document No.359373; thence North 01 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West 99.49 feet along said centerline described in Document No.359373 to the point of beginning; thence North 78 degrees 42 minutes 46 seconds East 208.72 feet; thence North 37 degrees 17 minutes 39 seconds West 145.94 feet; thence South 78 degrees 42 minutes 46 seconds West 122.67 feet to the intersection with said centerline described in Document No.359373; thence South 01 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds East 133.00 feet along said centerline described in Document No.359373 to the point of beginning.

**WHEREAS**, On June 20th, 2023, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Dittrich Acres preliminary plat with no conditions.

**WHEREAS**, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the final plat of “Dittrich Acres” be approved as presented.

**Administration**

Discussion was held regarding the Minnesota Legislature's recent passage of the adult-use cannabis bill and whether to consider an ordinance regulating use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To set a Cannabis Ordinance public hearing for September 19, 2023 and a second reading public hearing on October 17, 2023 to begin at 9:15 a.m. in the County Commissioners Board Room and instruct all appropriate legal notices to be generated and published accordingly.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: to renew the LPHA Lease Agreement with the presented terms and conditions.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

**Set 2024 Non-Union Employee/ Appointed Officials Salaries**

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are responsible for setting the compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners desire to follow the same pattern bargained with unions for the non-union county employees and appointed officials, and;

**WHEREAS**, the agreements include a 2.5% general increase effective the first full pay period worked in January, 2024, pay date– February 7, 2024, and a 3% step increase effective the first full pay period worked in July, 2024, pay date August 7, 2024, for eligible staff. Staff currently over the maximum of the salary grid shall receive a 1.25% (one-half general increase) effective the first full pay period worked in January, 2024 pay date February 7, 2024 in accordance with county policy. There currently are no staff over the maximum of the salary grid.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorize a 2.5% general increase effective the first full pay period worked in January, 2024, pay date February 7, 2024 and a 3% step increase effective the first full pay period worked in July 2024, and pay date August 7, 2024 for eligible staff. Staff currently over the maximum of the salary grid shall receive a 1.25% (one-half general increase) effective the first full pay period worked in January, 2024 pay date February 7, 2024 in accordance with county policy. There currently are no staff over the maximum of the salary grid.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority roll call vote with Commissioner Becker, Denny and Noska for and Commissioner Neuman against:

**2024 COUNTY COMMISSIONER SALARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Commissioners salary at \$35,084 plus \$2,000 supplemental pay for Board Chair and \$2,000 supplemental pay for the Board Vice-Chair in 2024.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

**2024 COUNTY ATTORNEY SALARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials,

appointed officials and board members, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Attorney salary at \$132,950 in 2024.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority roll call vote with Commissioner Becker, Denny and Neumann for and Commissioner Noska against:

**2024 COUNTY AUDITOR/ TREASURER SALARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Auditor/Treasurer salary at \$106,725 in 2024.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following resolution as introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

**2024 COUNTY RECORDER SALARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Recorder salary at \$71,020 in 2024.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote:

**2024 COUNTY SHERIFF SALARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Sheriff salary at \$110,210 in 2024.

**County Auditor-Treasurer's Report**

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on the final canvassed results from the County Special Primary Election with Bob Byers and Bob Kunz moving forward to the November 7, 2023 Special General Election. Results of the Upsala School District ballot question results. A reminder that any election administration questions should be directed to the A/T Office to avoid liability and miscommunication issues from surfacing. Mobile Home taxes are due on August 31, 2023.

**County Attorney's Report**

The County Attorney thanked the board for considering replacement of the recent vacancy within the office.

**County Commissioner's Report**

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended the Finance, Cannabis, Wellness, Public Health, Dept Head, Solid Waste, SWCD, Rainbow Rider, TWCC and Hilltop Kitchen meetings. Commissioner Denny attended the Hilltop Kitchen, Solid Waste Bi-annual Meeting, Economic Development, and Election Canvassing Board.

Commissioner Noska attended the Solid Waste Biannual Meeting and Election Canvassing Board. Commissioner Neumann attended the SRWD, CPT, Personnel, Finance, Facilities, CMCOA Opioid, Dept Head, SWCD, Rainbow Rider, Solid Waste, Hilltop Kitchen, and Hwy 27 group meetings.

**County Coordinator's Report**

The County Coordinator reported on meetings attended including continuing discussions on cannabis ordinance drafts and reminder that the Employee Appreciation Picnic is tomorrow.

**Adjourn**

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll call vote for the month of August 2023.

**AUDITOR WARRANTS**

| VENDOR NAME.....                    | \$ AMOUNT      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| EBSO INC.....                       | \$264,510.28   |
| JOHNSON CONTROLS.....               | \$3,697.00     |
| KNIFE RIVER CORP... ..              | \$3,943,859.19 |
| LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC.....    | \$4,673.25     |
| REGENTS OF THE UNIV OF MN.....      | \$35,966.44    |
| STANEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC..... | \$101,158.45   |
| US BANK.....                        | \$8,900.00     |

|                                            |              |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| VAN HAVERMAET/ DONALD.....                 | \$14,000.00  |
| VERIZON \$5,731.67                         |              |
| 27 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000.....            | \$15,714.42  |
| CLIFTON LARSONALLEN, LLP.....              | \$5,521.95   |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY.....         | \$5,629.00   |
| HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL.....                | \$6,712.58   |
| MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....                    | \$6,764.50   |
| NEGOV \$5,750.00                           |              |
| PETERS LAW OFFICE, PA.....                 | \$2,838.00   |
| PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE.....   | \$86,883.00  |
| STDP.....                                  | \$11,555.58  |
| TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....                     | \$7,294.54   |
| TODD COUNTY MIS DEPT.....                  | \$2,500.00   |
| VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.....            | \$3,491.32   |
| WONDERLICH/SCOTT A.....                    | \$7,413.75   |
| 26 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000.....            | \$13,028.76  |
| AVI SYSTEMS.....                           | \$22,085.89  |
| BOYER FORD TRUCKS.....                     | \$126,793.69 |
| CARD SERVICES COBORNS.....                 | \$2,646.72   |
| CENTRA CARE.....                           | \$11,532.50  |
| FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK.....               | \$7,517.71   |
| LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY.....              | \$6,292.63   |
| MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT.....               | \$19,067.47  |
| MORRISON COUNTY.....                       | \$66,237.50  |
| NORTHERN STAR COOP.....                    | \$3,689.16   |
| OSAKIS LAKE ASSOCIATION.....               | \$9,875.00   |
| SCHMIESING/ISADORE & JANICE.....           | \$14,300.00  |
| SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES INC.....         | \$2,412.00   |
| TODD CO AUDITOR-TREASURER.....             | \$2,522.00   |
| WATERGUARDS, LLC.....                      | \$23,667.00  |
| WIDETH SMITH NOLTING INC.....              | \$9,111.95   |
| 47 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000.....            | \$21,995.48  |
| CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE.....                  | \$117,563.69 |
| GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC.....        | \$4,000.00   |
| KNIFE RIVER COR.....                       | \$7,801.87   |
| NORTH COUNTY CHEVROLET BUICK GMC.....      | \$202,087.95 |
| WEX BANK-SINCLAIR.....                     | \$2,502.82   |
| 26 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000.....            | \$8,234.88   |
| AHRENS/CHRISTOPHER & SAMANTHA.....         | \$2,407.72   |
| ARC ELECTRIC SERVICE.....                  | \$6,317.08   |
| BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION..... | \$2,476.00   |
| COBORNS INCORPORATED.....                  | \$2,196.89   |

# Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

**ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #2**  
**Aug. 21, 2023, 6 p.m. District Office**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**  
**Call to Order by Chair Winkels, 6:00 p.m.**  
The meeting was called to order with Wright, Trout, Reese, Winkels, Reeck and Anderson present. (comprising a quorum) Also attending: Supt. Tappe, Principals Berg and Ferdon, Williams representing ICS, some staff and community members, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson and recording secretary Larson.

**Motion** by Anderson, second by Wright to adopt the agenda. **MC**

**Recognize Public**  
**Chair Winkels welcomed those in attendance.**

**Consent Agenda**  
Approval of Minutes from July 24, 2023 regular meeting  
Approve the 2023-2024 agreement with Interquest Detection Canines.  
Approve the 2023-2024 agreement with Big Stone Therapies.  
Approve the 2023-2024 SRO (School Resource Officer) agreement.  
Approve the updated 2023-24 Food Service Catering agreement with Central Lakes Adventure School  
Approve the updated 2023-24 Food Service Catering agreement with ALC  
*Considered separately below*  
Approve the updated 2023-24 Food Service Catering agreement with Sacred Heart Area School.  
Approve the Fundraiser requests from Student Council 11.  
Approve the Fundraiser request from REACH  
Approve the Fundraiser request from Football Boosters  
Approve the resignations

of:  
Doug Roberts, Food Service, effective 7-21-2023  
Sally Flickinger, Paraprofessional, effective 8-9-2023  
Abbey Granby, Paraprofessional, effective 8-10-2023  
Megan Pogreba, Food Service, effective 8-10-2023  
Becki Rassler, Paraprofessional, effective 8-14-2023  
Yesenia Lopez Ibarra, SLPA effective 8-16-23  
Approve Staff Hires:  
Kaylee Pratt, FFA Advisor  
Steve Jennissen, Jr. High Football Coach  
Jace Thompson, Jr. High Football Coach  
Tony Schotzko, Jr. High Football Coach  
Jocelyn Anderson, Middle/High School Special Ed Teacher  
Brittany Mead-Giberson, M/H Paraprofessional – Sept. 13, pending proof of certification (Para pro test)  
Joe Brandsma, Technology Director  
Jo Gjovik, Middle/High School Paraprofessional  
Taylor Miller, Middle/High School Paraprofessional  
Approve the Fall Jr High Coaches list  
Approve the 2023-2024 CLC PSEO contract  
*Considered separately below*  
Approve the 2023-2024 MOA Online College in the High School with MN Consortium Colleges  
*Considered separately below*  
Approve the CTC Technology Agreement  
Approve the Alexandria Technical & Community College PSEO contract  
*Considered separately below*  
Approve the Communications/Marketing Contract with Staci Headley  
Approve the 2023-24 work agreements for:  
Norbert Klimek, Transportation Director  
Leroy Peterson, Head of Maintenance  
Josh Lee, Activities Director/Community Education Coordinator  
Julie Polak, Payroll/Human Resources  
Cindy Denning, School Nurse  
Approve the 2023-2024 Early Education Sliding Fee scale  
Approve the 2023-2024 TCCAP prenatal to Five MOU  
Approve the 2023-2024 TCCAP Local Education Agreement  
Other  
**Motion** by Reeck, seconded by Trout, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**  
Approve the updated 2023-24 Food Service Catering agreement with ALC.  
**Motion** by Wright, seconded by Anderson to approve the updated 2023-24 Food Service Catering agreement with ALC. **MC** (Winkels Abstained)  
Approve the 2023-2024 CLC PSEO contract.  
Approve the 2023-2024 MOA Online College in the High School with MN Consortium Colleges.  
Approve the Alexandria Technical & Community College PSEO contract.  
**Motion** by Trout, seconded by Reeck to approve the 2023-2024 CLC PSEO contract, approve the 2023-2024 MOA Online College in the High School with MN Consortium Colleges and approve the Alexandria Technical & Community College PSEO contract. **MC** (Wright Abstained)  
**Donations and Grants**  
**Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Reese, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of \$11,997.46 and In-kind donations in the amount of \$1,976. **MC**  
*Thank you to Lakewood Health Systems, MN Historical Society, Staples-Motley Basketball Boosters, 3M/LEAP, Innovative Schools, Volleyball Boosters/LEAP, Staples Fire Department and DonorsChoose.org for your generous donations.*  
**Finance Items**  
Financial Report presented by Business Manager Hill

**Motion** by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve the July disbursements. **MC**  
General Fund: \$821,890.75  
Food Service: \$5,619.13  
Community Service Fund: \$13,955.34  
Construction Fund: \$3,164,201.26  
Debt Service Fund: \$415,381.67  
Fund 45: \$0.00  
Fund 47: \$0.00  
**Motion** by Trout, seconded by Anderson, to approve the July receipts. **MC**  
General Fund: \$665,072.37  
Food Service: \$51,685.81  
Community Service Fund: \$8,228.52  
Construction Fund: \$67,264.70  
Debt Service Fund: \$115,109.70  
Fund 45: \$0.00  
Fund 47: \$0.00  
Other

**Facilities**  
ICS Update presented by Williams.

**Curriculum / Policy**  
**Motion** by Trout, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2023-2024 MS/HS Handbook. **MC**  
**Motion** by Reeck, seconded by Wright to approve the 2023-2024 Elementary Handbook. **MC**  
**Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Winkels to approve the 2023-2024 District E-Learning Plan. **MC**  
Other

**Reports:**  
School Board:  
a. FED - June 28, 2023 Minutes  
b. Sourcewell - June 20, 2023 Minutes  
Principals  
Superintendent  
SMEA report  
Activities/Community Ed - August 10, 2023 Minutes  
Other

**Building Tour of the Elementary and Middle/High School.**  
**Adjournment**  
**Motion** by Wright, seconded by Reeck to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. **MC**

--Approved minutes submitted by Trisha Larson, Recording Secretary.

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**02/21/2023 11:59 p.m.**  
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## NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the South shores of Lake Shamineau starting November 2023 and early months of 2024. For inquiries contact 320-309-3783.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE AERATION WARNING

NOTICE: An aeration system creating thin ice will be in operation on the southeast shoreline on Lake Shamineau, 33203 and 33211, during ice conditions fall of 2023 and continuing through Spring 2024. The purpose is to protect the shoreline from ice expansion.

**Please be aware of open water and thin ice.**  
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## NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Aeration system will be in operation, shoreline of Lake Shamineau, Lot #2196 from ice cover 2023 to ice out 2024. Purpose: to prevent shoreline damage due to ice expansion. Be aware of open water or thin ice.  
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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: July 19, 2019

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$171,830.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Matthew Suomi and Charity Rud-Suomi, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 22, 2019 as Document Number A515250 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on January 11, 2023 as Document Number A534985 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15, Block 1, Odden Heights, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder, EXPECT the South 52 feet of Lots 8 and 15 previously conveyed by deed with Instrument No. 273649, and EXCEPT those parts of Lots 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15 previously conveyed to the State of Minnesota by deed with Instrument No. 266602;

AND  
That part of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block 1, Odden Heights, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Block 1; thence Southerly on an azimuth of 00 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds along the East line thereof for 238.66 feet; thence Northwesterly on a non-tangent

trial curve, concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 2436.48 feet, a delta angle of 09 degrees 10 minutes 43 seconds, and a chord azimuth of 50 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds for 390.32 feet to the west line of said Block 1; thence Northerly along said west line for 2.30 feet to the Northwest corner of said Block 1; thence Easterly along the North line thereof for 300.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Todd County, Minnesota.

Abstract property.  
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1010 8TH STREET 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: \$174,397.83

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Cardinal Financial Company

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Flagstar Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0113700

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1000922-1400318832-7

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: October 19, 2023 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 April 19, 2024.

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: August 23, 2023

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC  
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.  
N. Kibongni  
Fondungallah, Esq.  
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.  
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**Saturday, October 7**

**--10 a.m.--**

**FREDDIE HUEBNER  
PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION**

Address: 28516 Snowshoe Trail, Staples, MN

**Clean Sharp Low Mileage Vehicle**, 2003 Chevrolet 1500 Z71 extended cab off road package, 5.3 L Vortec V8, 4WD, w/Leer hard tonneau cover, 60,100 low miles in excellent condition, **Skidsteer**, New Holland L775 gas skidsteer, 60 HP w/ 66" bucket great runner, ATV, 1995 Honda Fourtrax 300 w/plow, good rubber, like new condition **Trailers**, 1995 Towmaster 6.5x14 Trailer w/ steel bed, electric brakes, ramps, GAWR 12,000lb, GVWR 12,650lb over length with the tongue is 20 feet (good condition) 4x8 Utility trailer w/sides, **Lawn & Garden**, 2014 Husqvarna YT54LS riding lawn tractor w/snow blower attachment, 900 hours very good condition, John Deere model 314 riding lawn tractor in good condition, Stihl 029 super chainsaw, smaller Husqvarna chainsaw & others, Montgomery Ward 5 HP dual stage walk behind snow blower Mantis front tine garden tiller, Push style trimming mower, Smaller pull style lawn thatcher, Gas weed trimmer, Smaller Toro electric snow blowers, Marble top table & 4 wrought iron chairs, Decorative yard wind mill, Wicker table & 4 chairs & other wicker deck chairs, Numerous long handled lawn & garden tools, Numerous lawn decorative ornaments, **Firearms**, Winchester model 72A bolt action .22 S&L,LR, Remington model 34 bolt action .22 S&L,LR, Winchester model 12 pump 16 GA 2 3/4", J.C. Higgins model 31 semi auto .22 S&L,LR, Ruger Mark 1 semi auto .22 LR pistol, **Garage Tools & Related**, Miller Thunderbolt arc welder, welding helmets & welding rod, Generac 6250 watt gas generator on wheels, Delta 12.5" portable planer, Sears Craftsman 12" two speed band saw 1 1/8 HP, Delta 1" bench top belt sander, Craftsman 10" table saw Craftsman #10 radial arm saw, Combination belt & disc sander, Dust collector system Smaller bench top drill press, Bench top scroll saw, Router table w/router, Older 4.5" planer/jointer, Craftsman portable miter saw stand on wheels, Numerous carpenter & mechanic hand tools, Large variety of grip clamps, C clamps & other clamps, Makita skill saw w/bag & other corded hand power tools, Pro-Tech dual wheel bench grinder & other industrial dual wheel bench grinder, 55,000 BTU Reddy heater, Aluminum folding work bench, Homebuilt belt driven drill press, Tractor chains & log chains, Bottle jacks & other floor jacks, Rocket air compressor w/air hose on wheels & other air compressor on wheels, Kerosene heater, **Household Furniture & Related Items**, Antique Maple style dressing table, matching dresser & matching bed frame, Numerous oak style coffee & end tables, Large three section computer/office desk, Oak style buffet, Variety of glass front display cabinets, Oak 8 drawer dresser w/mirror, Five drawer chest of drawers Framed wildlife artwork, framed decorative artwork & a variety of picture frames Pine four tier storage shelf w/wooden bins, **Items of Interest**, Collectible Texaco die cast cars, airplanes, trucks & related, Variety of fishing poles, Half dozen full body goose decoys, Numerous Christmas village items including the train, Cream cans & metal watering can, Collectible radio super flyer 4 wheel wagon, Decorative yard wind mill, Variety of lumber & building materials

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# Wadena 4H shooters place at state

The Wadena County 4H Shooting Sports team had a phenomenal State Shoot this year. It was held in Alexandria Sept. 8, 9, and 10. The Junior Archery team had two members with perfect 300s resulting in a 1st and 3rd place. They also had the 1st and 2nd

place teams. The Junior and Senior pistol teams both took first place. Alex Leach had a great state shoot, getting one of the perfect archery scores. He was 1st place in junior air pistol, 1st place in silhouettes, 1st place in standard air rifle and 1st place

in 3 position air rifle. Coach for the Wadena County archery teams is Kevin Hoeper of Bluegrass. Coach for the air rifle and air pistol teams is Steve Benson of Staples.



## Archery lineup

Wadena County 4H shooters Zane Leach, Ivy Hooper, Reed Leach and Brennan Sonenstahl line up in

the state archery competition against other competitors. (Submitted photos)



Sawyer Story, Sam Hoeper and Alex Leach

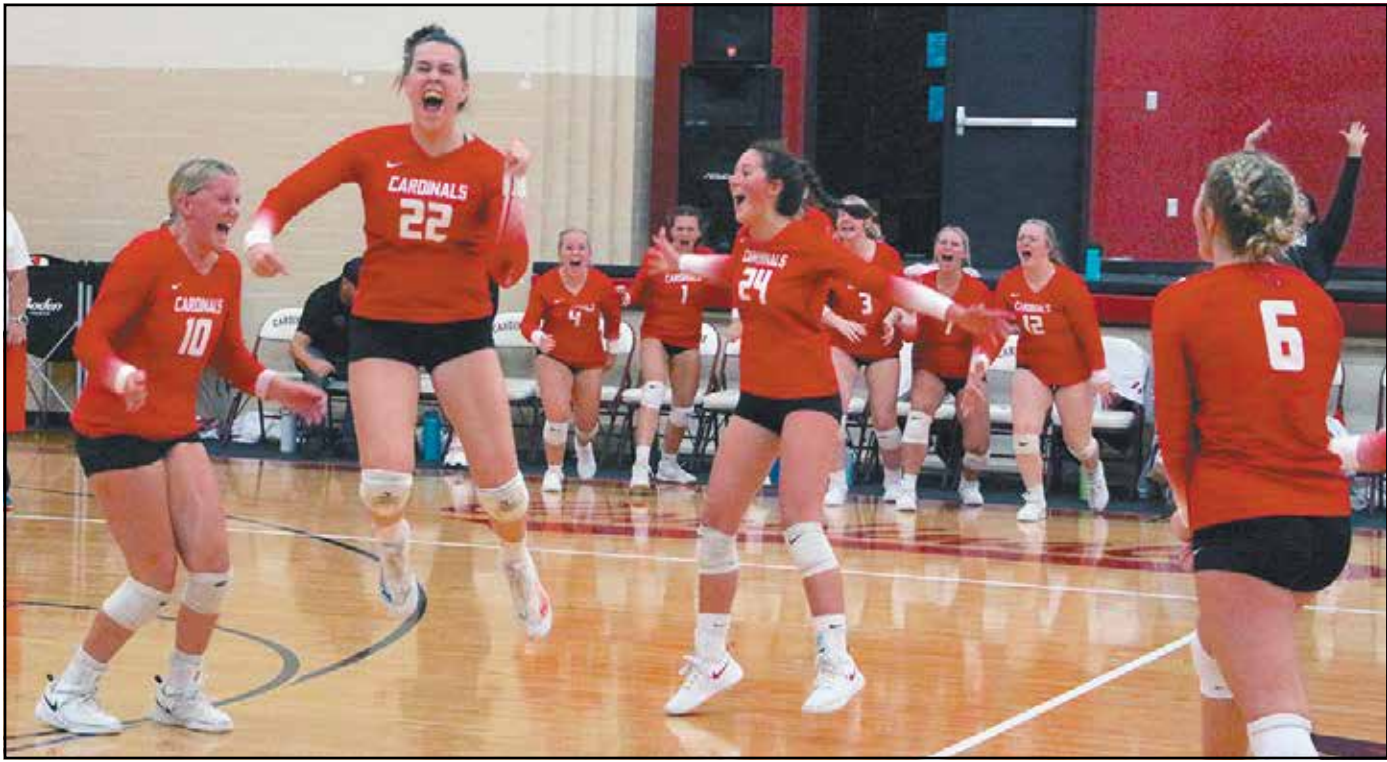


Brennan Sonenstahl, Reed Leach and Zane Leach



## Facing the targets

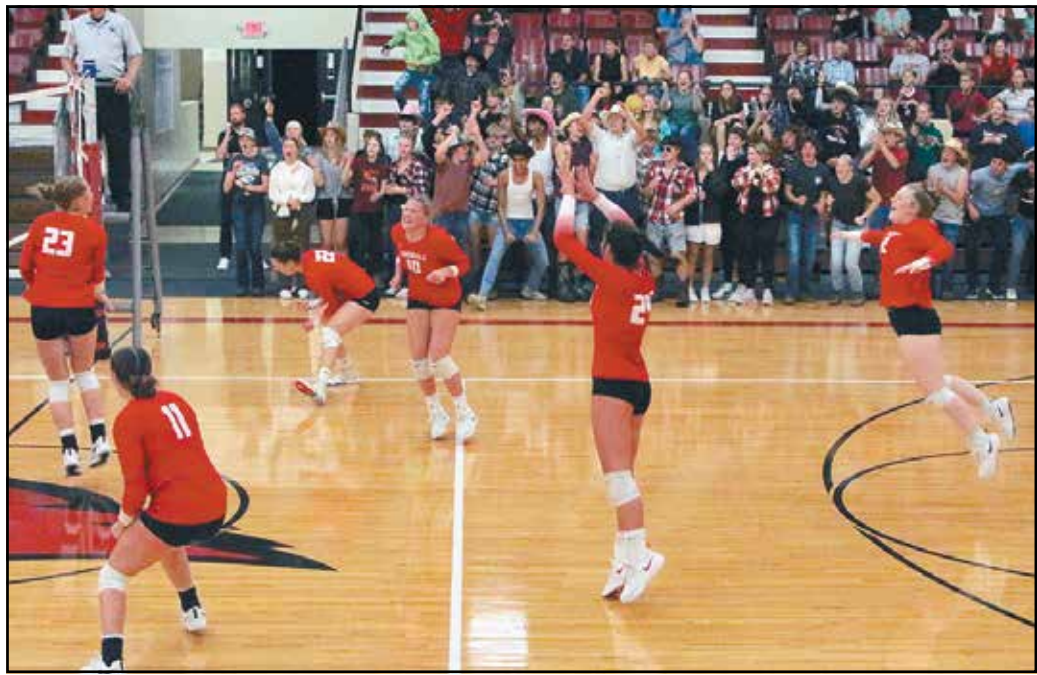
Air rifle competitors get ready to shoot.



## Winning celebrations

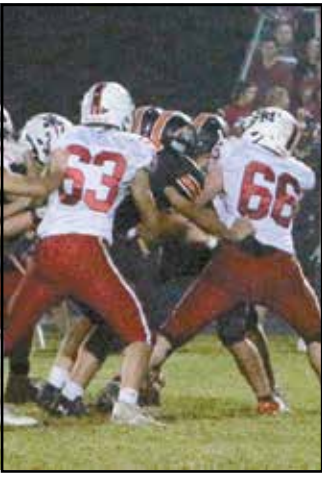
Above, the Staples-Motley volleyball team erupts after the winning point against Wadena-Deer Creek in their Sept.

26 game. Below, the team and fans celebrate after winning the second set. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



## Football tech crew

Football manager Cami Anderson fixes a portable headset device for assistant coach Corey Lawrence. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

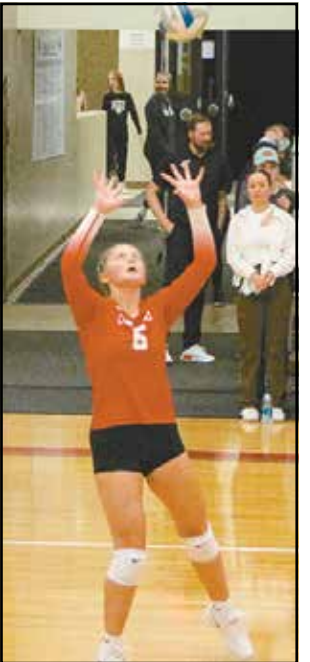


Jacob Becker (63) and Drake Dukowitz (66) make a stop. On the next play, Becker intercepted a tipped pass.



## Setting milestone

Annie Schlosser passed the 500 set assists milestone during the Wadena-Deer Creek match on Sept. 26. Above, the team celebrates the achievement with Schlosser after the game. Right, Schlosser sets up one of her 500 assists. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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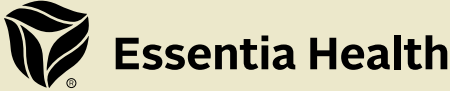
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Dinner will be served.



# Real Men Sing! is a unique choral festival

At no charge to participating schools or students, the Staples Area Men's Chorus books the facility, hires the guest conductors and a voice teacher, buys the music, and provides the afternoon snack, and an evening meal for all participants. So, just how many participants is that? Read on.

This will be the 21st year for the festival, which provides young men in high school and junior high school choirs throughout Minnesota the opportunity to work under some of the very best choral directors in the state. Participating schools are not limited to bringing only their "best" students, like many festivals. Instead, they are encouraged to bring all of their male singers to the festival.

"Everyone deserves the opportunity to make music," says Staples Area Men's Chorus director Steve Hoemberg. "Our very own chorus is made up of men of all ages and walks of life, including different levels of musical skill. We pride ourselves as an organization in being inclusive. If guys are willing to join our group, then they have earned the right to sing."

Rehearsals and workshops are held during the morning and afternoon, prior to the concert. Since 2003, Real Men Sing! and RMSJr. have featured over 4,000 participants.

The event has gained notoriety throughout the state of Minnesota and across the nation, including Wartburg College in Iowa. "After serving as the festival clinician in 2009, I decided we needed something like

this in Iowa, so we started a festival called...what else... Real Men Sing!" said music professor Lee Nelson.

"We are quite proud of our traditions," said longtime chorus member Ron Denning.

"These kinds of events and traditions aren't pulled off by organizations that aren't highly organized with many dedicated and talented members," echoed Don Hoffmann, a singer in the chorus. The concert is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Staples Motley High School Gym. The RMS Guest Conductor will be Professor Tim Sawyer, Director of Choral Activities at University Northwestern - St. Paul. The RMSJr Guest Conductor will be Steve Hoemberg.

Overall participation is expected to exceed 200 singers. The concert will also feature several select soloists.

For more information about Real Men Sing!, as well as information about other events of the Staples Area Men's Chorus, go to [www.staplesmen.org](http://www.staplesmen.org) or visit them on Facebook under "Staples Area Men's Chorus." Tickets are also available online at [www.staplesmen.org](http://www.staplesmen.org), at Nelson Insurance Agency on 2nd Avenue in Staples, from chorus members and at the door.

This project was made possible by a grant provided by the Five Wings Arts Council with funds from the McKnight Foundation supplemented with Legacy funds, and donations from Popplers Music and the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation.



## Knob Hill shooters

Showing their targets after a round at the Knob Hill Team Pistol League, from left, David Trout, Mike Steiger,

David Steiner, Gary Palmquist, Cortnie Cottrell, Kristin Ahlers, Ashley Kimber, Brittany Springer and Judy Beaver.



Shooting in the Lakeshore Team Pistol League.

**PISTOL** continued from page 1a

## Women make up a large portion of Team Pistol League participants

Hill Sportsman's Club in Wadena and found some interest there.

The Lakeshore Gun Club emailed their members and set up a meeting with prospective league members.

"The meeting was so successful that I quickly had 40 members, forcing me to create two separate leagues at Lakeshore," said Flansburg.

Wadena was not quite as successful, he said, but there was enough for two really good teams.

"I suspect more teams will join the team pistol league next year at Knob Hill," said Flansburg.

According to statistics kept by Flansburg, the Wadena teams are leading the leagues in marksmanship. Out of 15 teams in the combined leagues, they are the top two teams and have

the top three individual shooters.

One of the Wadena teams is shooting an average of 47.25 out of 65, while the other Wadena team is shooting 41.28. The next closest teams are from Lakeshore, shooting 38.9 and 37.48, followed by a Casino team at 36.28. There are a total of 75 shooters in all four leagues.

The Wadena league started on August 14 and shoots on Mondays, while the Lakeshore leagues started on Aug. 17 and shoots on Thursdays. Casino started on Aug. 27 and shoots Sundays. The leagues run between five and six weeks and will finish up the first week of October. On Oct. 14, the winning teams from Wadena, Casino, and both Lakeshore leagues will square off in a championship round at Lakeshore.

"Running four leagues is quite time-consuming, and I am gone three nights a week," said Flansburg. "Luckily, one member said he would be willing to take



## Knob Hill shooters

Mike Steiger, right, takes aim at the Knob Hill shooting range, with Brittany Springer, Ashley Kimber and Gary Palmquist to his left.

over a couple of the leagues next year, and also plans on starting another one. Since that frees up some of my time, I am looking at expanding the leagues and looking at other communities around the area. Next year, there should be six leagues total in Central Minnesota."

The leagues are made up of shooters of various abilities, from novice to very advanced. "They are doing

a wonderful job of teaching novice shooters how to shoot well," said Flansburg. About 40 percent of the leagues are women. Flansburg said the top team from Wadena is made up of women who shoot as a group at the Knob Hill Sportsmans Club. Brittney Ewert started that group and called them the "Pistol Grippin' Gals" in the fall of 2020. That group is growing and now has 60 shooters.



## Successful shooting team

Knob Hill's top team, from left, Ashley Kimber, Brittany Springer, Kristin Ahlers, Judy Beaver and Cortnie Cottrell.



## Taking aim at the Casino range

Shooting in the Casino league, from left, Brandon Eppelsheimer, Todd Gjovik, Kole Kristenson and Darrel Thomas.

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- BROWERVILLE CLINIC**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 4:30-7 P.M.**

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