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Rainy first day of school Having recently moved from Texas, a family arrives at Staples-Motley Middle/High School for the first day of classes Sept. 11. From left are Alexys Martinez, fifth grade; Angelica Rios, mom; Keila Zavala, 10th grade; Angelica Zavala, eighth grade. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

A divided Motley council comes together to accept wage increase

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

It's unlikely they all went out later to share a 'Happy Meal,' but the Motley City Council did come together at their special meeting Sept. 5, to approve an immediate wage increase for all city employees.

Per the motion, all current city employees will receive a one-time step increase, plus the four-percent COLA (Cost of Living Allowance); and all new employees will start at Step 5, which is now going to be the new minimum (the current Step 5 will now be Step 1).

Subsequently, Police Chief Jason Borash's hourly pay will be $34.68, and a new police chief will start at $32.69; City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden's pay will be $32.69; Administrative/Accounting Assistant Sarah Lenzen's will be $20.05; Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton's will be $35.72; Maintenance Assistant Bryan Stevens, $25.50; and a new police officer will start at $25.60.

Wages have been a focal point of discussion at council meetings since the start of 2023, with varying viewpoints shared. Council members Steve Johnson and Nikki Bjerga have stressed that the wage study they did last year found Motley's wages to be on target. Council member Brenda Borash, on the other hand, has felt the city needed to raise wages to attract new employees as well as keep its current staff. Mayor Mike Schmidt has noted that the wage study found Motley to be comparable to other cities, but has stated he's not afraid to be unique, and pay employees more.

Nearly 40 people were in attendance at the special meeting Sept. 5. Mayor Schmidt reminded them that there would be no public forum at this meeting, and to kindly refrain from speaking out. They were welcome to attend the council's regular meeting Sept. 11, the mayor said, at which time they could sign their name and participate at the appropriate time.

A crowd had been in attendance at a special meeting Aug. 29, as well, when the council accepted the resignations of both Police Chief Jason Borash and Police Officer Cody Holtz. Several were clearly upset by the turnover in the police department, as well as the ongoing debate over wages, and had voiced their frustrations during the meeting. At the subsequent meeting Sept. 5, Mayor Schmidt acknowledged that a few rules had been broken, but that the council had needed to hear what the public had to say. However, this time they would follow protocol.

Johnson said it was good to see so many in attendance Sept. 5, and he wanted everyone to know that he was "pro police." He went on to say that this meeting was strictly about wages. He also wanted them to know he'd been the one to suggest Jason Borash be promoted to police chief a few years back. "I thought he'd be good," Johnson said.

He went on to refer to the wage study again, stating he felt that Motley, with a

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Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame inducts new class on Sept. 15

Five athletes, two teams, one coach and one community contributor will be inducted into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame.

The ceremony will be Saturday, Sept. 16 at Centennial Auditorium. The event will begin with a social hour at 4:30 p.m. The ceremony is at 5:30 and will be streamed on facebook live. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at Timbers Event Center.

This year's class includes a father/son duo, three state champions, two of the top basketball players in state history, the most storied final in state basketball tournament history and the team that put Motley on the sports map.

The two teams are 1972 Motley football and 1995 Staples Motley basketball. The atheletes are Collin Beachy, Curtis Jenkins, Blaine Joerger, Erik Kelly and Jody Wilson. Coach is Joe Joerger and community contributor is Pamela Sachs.

1972 Motley football

An undefeated regular season put Motley into the first ever Nine-Man State Tournament in 1972, where They lost in the semifinals. Coach Bill Finn's top players included All-State player Randy Frisk and All-Conference players Kevin Swecker, Larry Converse and Bill Christenson.

1995 Staples Motley basketball

In one of the most storied state tournament finals in Minnesota history, the Cardinals lost to Minneapolis North 54-52 on a last second tip-in. In a traditional year, this team could be considered the Class A state champions, but it was the first year of the Sweet Sixteen format, a two year experiment where Class AA and Class A teams were combined into one tournament.

The Cardinals beat Caledonia 69-63, Lakeville 82-65 and Chisolm 46-44 to reach the state final. Playing a fourth tournament game on tired legs, the Cardinals led by 14 in the first half but lost on a last second shot against the top ranked big school team.

Two of the players from that game are also being inducted as individuals in this year's class, Erik Kelly and Blaine Joerger. Other top players on the team were Chris Heier, Cy Bestland, Loren Brownell and Danny Otteson. Coach of the team was Lynn Peterson.

Joe Joerger

Coached many sports at many levels. He started the boys varsity tennis team in Staples and had great success, with several conference titles and state tournament appearances. He

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Williams spent summer living with baboons in Africa

By Tom Crawford

Rather than lounging on a beach somewhere in Minnesota, a 2018 Staples Motley grad spent two months of her summer in the highlandsof Kenya, studying the behavior of baboons.

Bryn Williams, a senior biology major at Iowa State University in Ames, lived in a remote camp in Il Polei County, approximately a six-hour drive from Nairobi, the largest city and capital of Kenya, which is located on the east coast of Africa.

Except for her first and last day in the country, "We were at our camp the entire time I was there." Bryn said. Her biology instructor, Dr. Corinna Most, is one of co-founders of the Uasonigiro project. (The name is from one of the local rivers nearby.) This study has been ongoing since the 1980's.

Bryn and other students lived in cabins that she described as concrete huts. They did not have electric power, but relied on solar units for from two to four hours of power daily. She said WiFi service was "hit and miss" in the daytime.

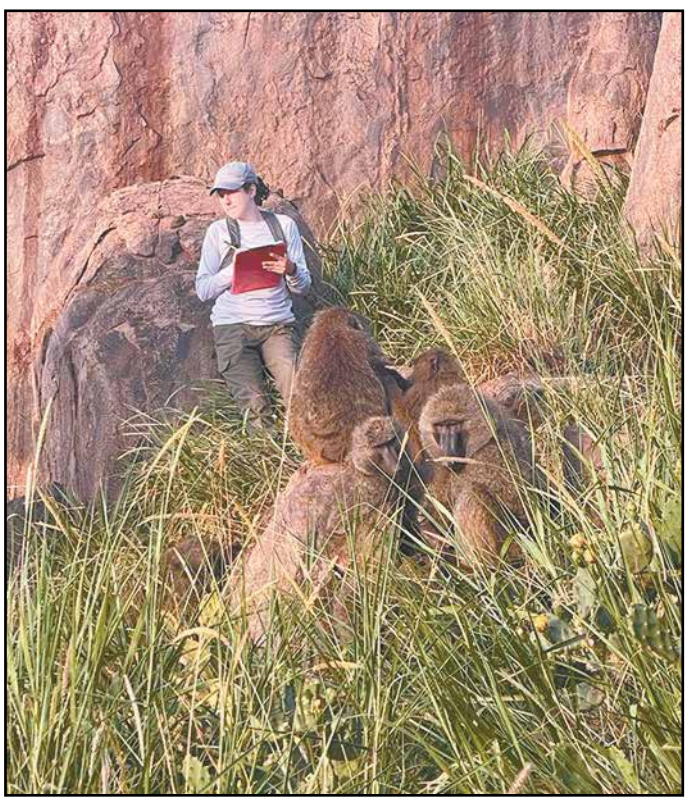
After a day to get used to her surroundings, her daily schedule was to wake up by 5 a.m. or before, have breakfast and head out to find the baboons by 6 a.m. She followed and lived with the primates through the mornings and into the early afternoons, before heading back to camp on the savanna, She could relax for a while, but she also had to keep notes on her observations.

"The baboons are mostly family members," she said. "They stay alert and travel as a group, with one or more watching for possible predators." Hyenas, lions and leopards are the most likely predators, but elephants were also in the vicinity and sometimes vye for the same territory.

Bryn's observations included keeping track of whose grooming whom, learning to identify individual baboons and observing how they communicate. "They use a lot of body language and it is very subtle. They have virtually no eye contact with each other."

The project has been ongoing for almost 40 years so she had records to help her identifuy different animals. She spent some time observing one individual named Victor and keeping track of his daily movements. "Victor had an injured hand that apparently caused him some problems."

Probably due to his injury,



Taking data

Bryn Williams observes and records data on a group of the research baboons.

Bryn said, "Victor was lacking in socializing skills. Males and females groom each oher, but only females groom the males. The females exchange favors and spend time together with other females."

"But Victor didn't defend his females the way a male should," she said. Bryn added that all friendships

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 13	69	51	P. Cloudy
Sept. 14	78	55	M. Sunny
Sept. 15	74	49	P. Cloudy
Sept. 16	73	46	Sunny
Sept. 17	73	48	M. Sunny
Sept. 18	75	49	M. Sunny
Sept. 19	80	52	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 13	79º	50	M. Sunny
Sept. 14	76	56	Sunny
Sept. 15	71	64	Showers
Sept. 16	67	63	Rain
Sept. 17	78	60	Cloudy
Sept. 18	77	63	Sunny
Sept. 19	78	54	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
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Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Barb Hasselberg reflects on her fulfilling career

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

She may not have had her eyes set on becoming a hairdresser when she was a kid, but Barb Hasselberg is sure glad that's the career path she stumbled upon.

"I've enjoyed it, and I've been blessed," Hasselberg said at Shear Contact Sept. 1, her final day at the Staples salon, after a nearly 47-year career in the beauty industry.

A Staples native, Hasselberg (nee Lenk) grew up on a farm where she learned good work ethics from her parents. After graduating from Staples High School in 1975, Hasselberg went on to study cosmetology at Wadena Vocational School. Upon obtaining her license, she never looked back.

When asked what her inspiration had been to become a hairdresser, Hasselberg said that the inspiration didn't come until after she was working in a salon. "Before that, it was just the closest school to home, the tuition was free, and it was a class for girls," she shared, adding that that was the "truth."

Her first job was at a salon in Perham. Hasselberg shared that she had a really good boss, who had great skills. She learned a lot from her.

From there, Hasselberg joined the staff at a new shop in Motley called Kim-Rons Family Salon.

She'd since married fellow Staples-native Joe Hasselberg, and his job on the railroad took them to St. Cloud. Barb found employment there for a few years, until she and Joe moved back to their old stomping grounds.

After another year working at the Motley salon, Barb was hired at Family Hair Care in Staples, where she'd spend the next seven years. "Everywhere I went I had good bosses," Barb said, adding that they all had insisted on continued education for their employees, for which she is grateful.

In 1993, Barb opened Shear Contact in Staples. "I was here 30 years," she shared.

Starting up her own business was "kind of scary," Barb said. She laughed, recalling a brother-in-law saying to her, "So, you *want* to work 16 hours a day?"

Yes, there were indeed some long days, but Barb said she always trusted in God, that He would help make it happen. And He did.

It was never about getting rich, Barb said of her career. The most important thing was helping people feel good about themselves...if she made enough money to pay her bills, that was enough.

One of the biggest benefits to her job has been the friendships made while working at the salon. When you see clients year after year, you share a lot, Barb said. You go through the happy occasions together... proms and weddings, as well as the tough ones. Barb recalled the love and support she received from her clients when she lost her husband, Joe, to cancer in 2021. She's forever grateful. Many clients have become like family to her. "I've known a few generations of some families," she said.

As much as she's loved this job she'd never really intended to pursue, Barb said she knew it was the right time to retire.

So, what's next?

There's a lot of things she'd like to do, Barb says. For starters, she'd like to help with hospice patients, perhaps join a Bible study at her church, maybe do some wood carving. "I have hobbies that I haven't been able to do in 30 years," Barb says. She's got the time now.

Friendships made

Barb Hasselberg (left), longtime owner/operator of Shear Contact in Staples, is pictured with her client and dear friend Betty Reger of Cushing. Hasselberg said that in addition to enjoying her work at the salon, she's been blessed by the friendships that were made there over the years.

Barb's motto

Hairdresser Barb Hasselberg's business cards included her motto, "If I can help people feel better about themselves, I have achieved my goal."

At her work station

Barb Hasselberg stands near the chair where she's styled the hair of hundreds of clients since opening her Staples salon, Shear Contact, in 1993. After nearly 47 years as a licensed beauty operator, Hasselberg styled hair for the last time Sept. 1, upon her retirement. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Erin (Frisk) Tremble receives nursing award

Proud of their daughter

Erin (Frisk) Tremble, center, recently received the Long-Term Care Hero Award by the Health Care Council of Illinois. She is pictured with her parents, Greg and Sherry Frisk of Motley. (Submitted photo)

Erin Tremble, director of nursing at Citadel in Sterling, Ill., was awarded the Long-Term Care Hero Award by the Health Care Council of Illinois.

The Long-Term Care Hero of the Month program demonstrates HCCI's appreciation of staff who go above and beyond and showcase positive attributes of the nursing home industry.

"Long-Term Care Heros are selected based on their leadership qualities, their commitment to providing compassionate care, community involvement, innovation and their impact on their facility." Lindsey Hess, communications director of the HCCI said "Erin puts resident care above all else while still taking care of all the duties and responsibilities of the director of nursing."

Erin is deeply admired by all who live and work at Citadel of Sterling. She is a tremendous leader, always going the extra mile to ensure residents receive the highest quality of care. On top of her normal duties, Erin pitches in by picking up nurse shifts, whether it is the first, second or third shift, assisting with computers, cleaning and more. Her passion and dedication to her profession is truly exceptional.

Erin was honored at an awards ceremony on Aug. 29, surrounded by her colleagues, residents and family. Illinois State Representative Bradley Fritts also presented Erin with an Illinois House of Representative Certificate of Recognition.

Erin is the daughter of Greg and Sherry Frisk of Motley.

Cleaning at Veterans Park

Fran Kokett (left), member of the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club, and Kelsey Pape, who loves to garden, did some cleaning at the Veterans Park in Motley recently. The 'gardening buddies' are neighbors and reside in Motley. (Submitted photo)

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Lakewood is pleased to introduce its newest family medicine physician, Dr. Olivia Kastello. Dr. Kastello will practice full-spectrum family medicine, seeing patients of all ages. Both she and her husband enjoy spending time outdoors fishing, hunting, canoeing and walking their dog. Dr. Kastello is looking forward to working alongside the great team at Lakewood and will be seeing patients at the Staples and Motley clinics.

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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1948

∘ Sept. 9, 1948 - The Rev. Kilburn K. Holt, pastor of the First Congregational church of Staples, will give his farewell sermon to the congregation at the regular services Sunday morning, Sept. 12, at 11 o'clock. Rev. Holt has accepted the call of the congregation at the New Richland, Minn., Congregational church.

∘ Sept. 9, 1948 - An Italian spaghetti supper, with all of the trimmings, will be served by the Staples council of the Knights of Columbus in the school hall, Sunday evening, Sept. 12, with the serving starting at 5 o'clock.

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Dawn Timbs

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A large crowd is expected and the proceeds of the supper will be donated to the Sacred Heart Parish. Dinner tickets are now sale at $1 per plate.

Heading the committee is local Grand Knight Tony Adamietz. Others on the committee include Chancellor Clem Hanley, Robert and Bernard Blessing, John Wroblewski, John Rengel and the Rev. F. C. Falque.

A genuine Italian recipe for the spaghetti has been secured and a committee of ladies are in charge of the cooking.

∘ Sept. 9, 1948 - The Bullard Township Farm Bureau Unit will meet at the district 25 schoolhouse on Thursday evening, Sept. 16. Members and friends are invited. Several speakers have been arranged for. Music will be supplied by students from the Staples school with Erling Lian directing. Lunch will be furnished by the lunch committee.

∘ Sept. 9, 1948 - Gerald Trout has built a garage in Motley, located where the Morey Fish house first was, south of town.

Mr. Trout bought four lots from E. Morey and his garage is 36x46. Bill Progreba will assist him in the garage, which will have all modern equipment They will do all kinds of repair work and carry a complete line of parts. They expect to have their opening next week.

∘ Sept. 9, 1948 - "Want Ads Pay!" stated the Rev. Kilburn K. Holt in The World office Tuesday morning of this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Holt had placed their piano in the "For Sale" column of The World last week.

Friday morning, just after people started to get their mail through the city delivery, the calls started to come in relative to the piano.

Five calls were received by one o'clock in the afternoon, and it was at that time that the piano was sold.

50 Years Ago - 1973

∘ Sept. 13, 1973 - This month marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Staples Rotary Club.

According to the Staples World of 50 years ago, the Rotary club was organized during the week of Sept. 10-15 and final arrangements were being made to ask for a charter.

Officers elected to head the new club in Staples were Franz R. N. Anderson, president; H. W. Dower, vice-president; George Beckett, secretary; and a. C. Hoenig, treasurer. At special ceremonies Oct. 4, 1923, the charter was given to the Staples Rotary Club.

James Hofer, the club's current president, said that the Staples Rotary Club will have a special anniversary night and this will be held Oct. 8, at Ted & Gen's in Aldrich.

∘ Sept. 13, 1973 - The Motley Rockets, defending Longbow League Champions, squelched Backus 48-12 in a game played on their home field Friday. Coach Bill Finn seemed satisfied with his teams overall improved performance from last week's opening LaPorte clash where the final score read Motley 18, LaPorte 6. Motley held Backus to 94 total yards while rushing for an impressive 235, 115 of which were gained by Keith Skeesick.

∘ Sept. 13, 1973 - The Staples Girls Basketball team, known as the Cardinalettes, coached by Kay Pettitt, scored a convincing 67 to 6 victory over the Motley Rockettes in their opening game of the 1973 season Sept. 4, on the Staples court.

Joan Stone led the Staples attack with 18 points, while Jan Peterson and Sue Oldenburg finished with 12 and Pam Seipkes hit double figures with 10. Others scoring for Staples were Jeanne Hesse 3, Kathy Hollister 2, Kathy Lund 8, and Cheryl Sauer 2.

∘ Sept. 13, 1973 - Late in July, Lawrence Welk held a gathering of the clan in his hometown of Strasburg, N. Dak. Among those attending was a niece of his, Mrs. Jerry Randgaard, daughter-in-law of Hjalmer Randgaard of Staples.

∘ Sept. 13, 1973 - A Fergus Falls daily newspaper, and a Twin Cities newspaper last week carried stories about a former Staples resident, Erick Johnson, and an invention on which he has been working for the past 60 years. Johnson retired from his job here with the railroad in the early '50s and moved to Detroit Lakes. More recently, he moved to Battle Lake, and he's been toiling to perfect a perpetual-motion machine - an anti-pollution machine, as he calls it.

25 Years Ago - 1998

∘ Sept. 10, 1998 - The Minnesota Music Educators Association has named Stanley Carlson, Staples Motley, as Educator of the Year for 1998. Carlson and three other Minnesota music teachers are being honored for their outstanding contributions to music education.

∘ Sept. 10, 1998 - A bone jarring ground game coupled with a decent passing attack when needed gave the 1998 Cardinals their opening football game win for the first time in several years. The Cards dumped Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 16-7 in the opener for both teams Sept. 3.

∘ Sept. 10, 1998 - The 1998 Cardinal volleyball season got off to a great start with two wins for Coach Linda Card's spikers in their first two outings.

The Cards defeated Verndale 3-2 Aug. 18, coming back from a 2-1 deficit by winning their last two games. Tuesday, Sept. 1, the girls aced Pine River 3-0.

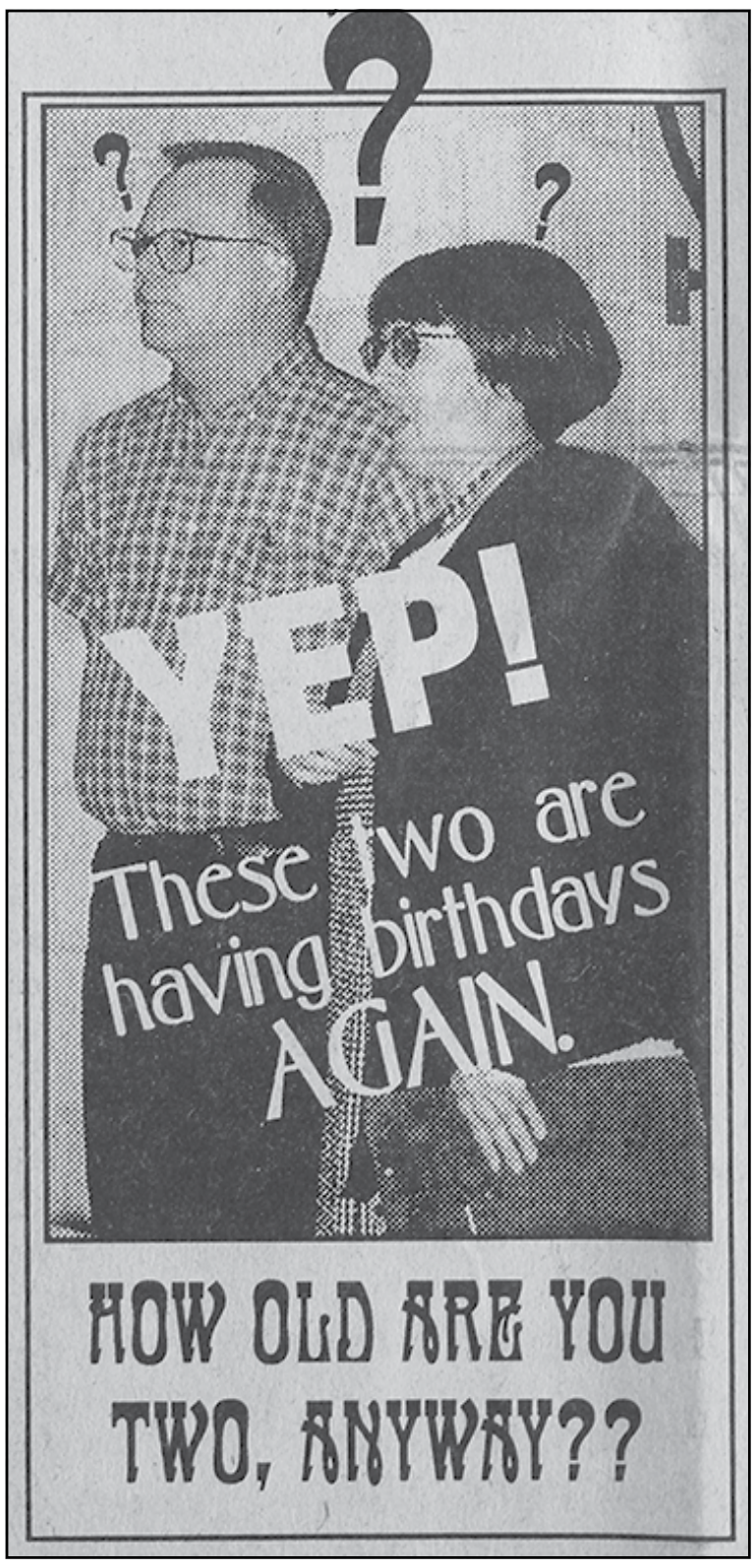
Seniors Becki Wagner, Lee Zahler, and Amy Otteson are the team's captains.

10 Years Ago - 2013

∘ Sept. 12, 2013 - The Staples Motley School District started with approximately 40 more students than last year, most of the increase showing up at the high school.

∘ Sept. 12, 2013 - The Staples Motley Women of Today held their first community event Aug. 18, providing root beer floats for the final Music in the Park Concert. Members who helped out included Veronica Peterson, Diane Miller, Nicky Anderson, Heather Holmberg, Stacy Finck, Morgen Martin, Kellie Busker, Renee Selleck.

∘ Sept. 12, 2013 - Donna Miller recently retired from her position as church accompanist at Staples United Methodist Church, a ministry she offered for 68 years. On Aug. 11, the church honored her at a special Recognition Service, which included several musical selections, tributes, a slide show and a brunch.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1998. 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.

Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the July 8, 1993 edition of the Staples World featured Julie Logering, staff member at the Kids Hideout Daycare offered at North Elementary School in Staples, helping children make gingerbread people. The children, from left, are Kelsey Hjelmeland, Joshua Guertin and Matthew DesMarais.

There were no responses to this mystery photo.

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Stars from basketball, golf, swimming, track and field, football to be inducted into athletic hall of fame

was inducted in to the Minnesota State High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

He was head girls basketball coach and also coached baseball. He coached from youth sports to the varsity level. His son David Joerger was inducted in the hall of fame in 2020 and his son Blaine Joerger is getting inducted this year.

Blaine Joerger

Played tennis and basketball. In tennis, he was state runner-up with doubles partner Mike Rollins. In basketball, set school records in scoring for a game, season and career, finishing with 1,712 total points. He played basketball at Mankato State Univesity, where he was All-Region and All Conference, and set a school record for three pointers made.

Collin Beachy

Was state champion in cross country and track, also was an All Conference basketball player on the team that placed third in state.

Beachy won the 1988 state cross country meet on a snow-covered course. He won the state 1,600 and 800 meter runs in 1989 and still holds the school records in those events. Was also part of the True Team State Championship in 1989.

In basketball, he was a three year varsity player and helped the Cardinals to a 62-13 record in that time.

Curtis Jenkins

Set state record in the 100 yard butterfly and was state champion in that event, in the one-class state meet.

He swam at the University of New Mexico, winning conference titles there. Now coaches swimming and competes in masters swimming at the national level.

Erik Kelly

Competed in football, basketball and track and field.

Was Was an all-state basketball player and his Cardinal teams had a 104-13 record during his playing time. He was point guard on three straight state tournament teams, finishing 2nd, 3rd and 3rd. Set Minnesota and national record for three point shooting percentage at 47.3 percent.

Minnesota's Hoops named him as on of the top 100 point guards in state history, announced in 2018.

Qualified for state track in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles and was also on the state 4x400 relay team.

Was a two-way starter in football, playing quarterback.

Jody Wilson

State golf champion and six year letterwinner for the Staples golf team. Made it to four state golf tournaments, winning it her senior year.

As the 1983 Class A state champion, Wilson played a playoff against the Class AA champion for the right to represent Minnesota at the National All-American Golf Tournament. The two were tied after 18 holes and Wilson won on the fourth playoff hole. She placed 15th in the national tournament.

She played golf at Concordia College in Moorhead and Minnesota Morris.

Pamela Sachs

Taught for 40 years at Motley and Staples-Motley. She volunteered as a statistician and connected with students in the football, basketball, wrestling and baseball programs. She also took photos and sent stories to the Staples World newspaper.

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees

Maggie Berscheit, BHU Care Staff
Nominated by Leslie Hoogakker
"Maggie is always willing to pick up shifts when needed or willing to stay over into the morning to set the next shift up for success. Maggie is a bright and funny person who brings nothing but a good attitude to work every single day. She will take time to sit with patients who are having a bad night. If they ask, she will sing or read the Bible to them. I wish we could bottle up just a little bit of Maggie's enthusiasm and pass it around. She makes the world a better place."

Ashley French, RN, Medical Home Case Manager
Nominated by Hope Middendorf, LPN, Clinic
"Ashley always goes above and beyond for her medical home patients. She has great communication skills, always keeping multiple teams updated on status changes for our patients and makes sure that everyone is on the same page. She has developed good relationships with each of our medical home patients and understands their individual needs and wants. She is always willing to lend a hand and will go above and beyond when needed. We had a medical home patient in the clinic who was in desperate need for home oxygen but was unable to get to any medical supply store. Ashley coordinated with Medical Marketplace and drove to our Long Prairie store and got all the needed supplies so that patient could go home on oxygen. This is just one example of what a fantastic nurse she is."

Jasarah Winskowski, RN, Palliative Care / Comprehensive Care
Jennifer Kane, LSW, Social Services
Nominated by Cindy Sauber, RN, CHPN, Palliative Care
"In hiring to replace two recent retirements, we found two spectacular individuals with compassion, accountability, and integrity. Jasarah takes time to listen and find ways to help her patients so they can have best outcomes for their quality of life. She helps them navigate through all the medical jargon and coordinates cares from all health care systems the patient uses. A true caregiver with compassion for each person she meets, in and out of the workplace. Jennifer is outstanding in finding ways to help patients and their families, whether it be transportation, finances, food, or shelter. She has a calmness about her that she passes on to her patients as she talks with them. A true servant for patient assistance. Both Jasarah and Jennifer have been with Community Palliative Care only six months, though still learning more each day about Palliative Care, they are an amazing team. Thank you Jasarah and Jennifer for ALL you do for our patients in Community Palliative Care."

Amie Lykken, RDCS, Ultrasound Tech, Radiology
Nominated by Tracy Brand Esler, Patient Accounts Representative
"During a radiology visit, my mother and I had the perfect experience with Amie. With my mom being compromised in several ways, Amie used techniques to make my mom comfortable and relaxed. Mom had been in the hospital last fall, and Amie remembered her from the hospital stay. She was the same tech now as she was then for my mom. Her warming words of comfort, her techniques used with pillows to accommodate my mom's condition, and her willingness to explain each step of the process for that visit did not go unnoticed. She took my mom's mind off of the procedure, which helped her to stay calm and breathe better. Her compassion, thoughtfulness, and kindness will forever be remembered and we will forever be grateful. She is beyond 5-Star quality."

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One day for Labor Day is not enough

By Andrew Moss

The state of labor this year is so fraught, so weighted with issues and problems, that a single day of homage and reflection doesn't seem enough. It's as if a year or more is needed to engage the issues, challenges, and possibilities facing American workers today. Consider the following:

Some 37.9 million Americans, about 11.6 percent of the population, live in poverty. But as sociologist Matthew Desmond has noted, about one in three Americans lives in a household with an income of $55,000 per year or less, an income barely enough to cover the rising costs of rent, health care, and food. Some 10.2 percent of American households (13.5 million households) have been food insecure, lacking access at one time or another to an adequately nutritious diet.

At the same time, organizations that best represent the material interests of working people – labor unions – are at an all-time low in membership (10.1 percent), down from 20.1 percent of working adults in 1983, when comparable data was first available. As studies have shown, unionized workers tend to make wages higher than those of non-union workers, and they tend to be less vulnerable to such corporate labor strategies as outsourcing.

But outdated labor laws and weak enforcement continue to hamper the efforts of thousands of workers seeking to organize unions and achieve fair collective bargaining agreements. Despite some important successes (e.g. the wage raises and safety provisions recently won by UPS workers), major employers like Starbucks and Amazon stonewall negotiations, and union busting remains a lucrative enterprise: a highly effective instrument deployed by many companies.

To complicate matters, AI has entered the workplace, threatening jobs in call centers and other places of employment – and remaining a contentious issue in ongoing strikes by screenwriters and actors.

Recent polling indicates that public support for unions (71 percent) is the highest it's been since 1965. But it's one thing to indicate approval on an opinion poll; it's another to express that support in concrete ways.

One way, of course, is to continue educating oneself about labor issues and the way they're played out in public discourse. With the 2024 election 14 months away, for example, one can scrutinize the words and actions of candidates who profess to care about working families.

Consider, for example, South Carolina Senator Tim Scott's declaration, at the recent Republican presidential debate, that "the only way we change education in this nation, is to break the backs of the teachers unions." What does it mean to represent unions in this way – to erase any consideration of teachers as both parents and as members of a community?

And what kinds of legislation, what kinds of policies, best represent the interests of workers – like those at Starbucks and Amazon – who seek to organize and achieve fair contracts?

Consider the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, which, among other things, would make it illegal for employers to force workers to attend anti-union, captive audience meetings. The PRO Act was passed by Congress in 2021, but it has since languished in the Senate. What will it take for basic legislation like this to become law?

Behind these questions lies the fundamental issue of accountability. How to hold candidates and public officials accountable for stances and actions that help or hinder workers? How to hold ourselves accountable as citizens, willing to take the extra steps to look beyond campaign rhetoric as educated and discerning voters?

And how to look around our own neighborhoods – informing ourselves of local labor issues, respecting (even joining) picket lines, and supporting workers' rights to organize whenever possible?

The need for accountability applies to unions and union members as well. In my home city of Los Angeles, where screenwriters and actors continue their strikes, 32,000 low-wage hotel workers have also been on strike for two months. In a city where exorbitant rents have made it impossible for housekeepers or hotel bartenders to live where they work, the union is demanding not only better wages, but, among other things, a 7 percent surcharge on rooms to help fund affordable housing for workers.

Strongly contested by the hotel owners, this latter demand nevertheless shows a unique kind of accountability: not only a union's investment in fair wages, working conditions, and benefits for workers, but also an investment in the housing stock and well-being of entire communities.

This Labor Day will be marked by requisite speeches, marches, and other forms of observance. And it should. But may it also mark a deepening, an intensifying, of the ongoing struggle for workers' rights and labor justice.

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Context of Motley Police leaving

Full text of letter read to the Motley City Council by Police Chief Jason Borash

First, I want to start out by saying that over the last several months, how touching and humbling it has been hearing from local community members and the support they have expressed for not only myself, but for our past officers and the department. I can't find the words to express how grateful I am to so many people in this community for their help and support over the years, and the many wonderful relationships and friendships that have also been created during my time with Motley PD.

During my eight-year tenure with the City of Motley, I have worked very diligently to provide the best possible policing services to the city and community of Motley. I have worked very hard to build good relationships with the residents, local business owners, business employees, surrounding community members, out of town area businesses, civic organizations, surrounding area law enforcement agencies, other surrounding public safety agencies, city employees, and the Council.

I am very hopeful for the continuing success of the Motley Police Department with this community, and that future Chiefs and officers will be able to continue providing the best policing service they can to keep our community safe, and building outstanding community relationships.

With that being said, I would like to take a moment to address some of the changes that have taken place in policing since 2020, some comments or concerns that have been raised, and to correct misinformation being spread throughout the community with the facts.

In 2020 after the death of George Floyd and the pandemic of Covid-19, there were many protests and riots regarding the defunding of the police, which ultimately lead to a massive number of officers leaving the profession, and a much smaller amount of new people entering the field, creating a shortage of officers in many departments nation-wide.

In April 2021, Officer Pesta resigned from his full-time position with Motley and accepted employment at the Morrison County Sheriff's Office for higher wages due to the shortage of officers. In August 2021, Motley hired Officer Cody Holtz to fill the open position.

In July 2022, I requested a pay increase from the city council for the police department. Numerous budget meetings and discussions were held regarding my request, at which time I also expressed my concerns of wasting taxpayer's money with the huge cost of turnover within a police department, not only financially but in police coverage and protection for its residents. The city opted to have a wage study done. During this time, I voiced to several council members that I was fearful that Officer Holtz may find another place of employment due to so many other local area agencies paying much more. In December 2022, the council voted to accept the pay scale as suggested in the wage study. I continued to speak with council members regarding the need to raise the police department wages due to the concerns of staffing shortages growing throughout the State and higher wages being provided all around our community, and the belief that Officer Holtz was going to leave to go to another agency if his wages were not increased. I added to the January 2023 council agenda to request a wage increase for the police department employees only, and had spoken with several council members about the need for the increased wages to retain all of the current employees. I removed the item from my agenda at the beginning of the meeting, as I had been informed in private by a majority of the council members able to vote on this topic prior to the meeting, that they would not support my request.

It has been stated by Councilmember Nikki Bjerga many times, that the cause of the police department employee's wages not being increased was due to me removing it from the agenda, even after she stated to me that she was not in support of it. She also has claimed many times that it was later added to the agenda under the Administration Department, concerning all employees, which is also false, and it has never been placed on any other council meeting agenda in any way or form, and has only been recently discussed in the annual budget meetings.

I continued to speak with council members about my fears of losing Officer Holtz to another department over wages. I explained to the council members that with the shortage of police officers in the State, and the high number of agencies already trying to hire with much better wages, benefits, and perks, that it would be almost impossible to refill Officer Holtz's position, and that I believed was no chance with the low wages they were offering. On June 5th, Officer Holtz resigned from his full-time position to go to another local agency with higher wages. The council determined to hire another officer to replace Officer Holtz and I again informed the council that they would need to raise wages for their officers in order to attract anyone to apply for the position. The council decided to discuss the issue at a later time.

In July, discussions regarding the budget began. I continued to voice the need to raise the wages for the police department to several of the council members. I also informed them that I was interviewing for a job opening at another local area department, and that they would need to approve an increase at the July council meeting in order to prevent me from leaving my position. Some council members requested to have the subject tabled until the August meeting. On July 17th, I was offered a position with the other department and accepted. I contacted all of the council members and discussed my pending resignation with them in person that same day. Councilmember Borash, who is the only member who cannot vote on the subject of raising my wage, was the only councilmember to ask what it would take to keep me in my current position.

After the August 14th Council meeting, the council conducted my performance review. Two councilmembers, Steve Johnson & Nikki Bjerga, were very obvious in their scores that they were upset with me and scored me according to their personal feelings being hurt, rather than on my performance as the Chief. They also made several comments during my review indicating that they were upset with me because there were citizens that came to meetings and voiced their concerns regarding the possibility of losing their police department, and that some residents had called councilmember Bjerga or made comments on her social media regarding their feelings about possibly losing their police department. They also continued to make many other false statements which I offered to show them the evidence to prove to them otherwise. Mayor Schmidt had to stop their attack on my as it was becoming so outrageous, and my review was completed momentarily after that.

On August 23rd I tendered my resignation and all of the council members were made aware immediately after. Three council members expressed their sadness of the situation, but were supportive in understanding my reasons. Two council members did not reach out to me and have not spoken to me before the meeting on August 29th. It was at that meeting, over six weeks after informing them that I accepted another offer, when one of those two council members finally questioned if I would be willing to work for Motley and rescind my resignation if they approved a wage increase. Councilmember Johnson also made sure to make it a point of stating that it was very clear that I made over $100,000 a year. The public spoke out and stated that it was a false statement, and he again stated that it was true. This comment came from Johnson as one page out of the recent budget packet showing all of the city's employees wages and benefit costs was mailed out to every resident in Motley. After investigation, it was learned that councilmember Bjerga had given a copy of this sheet to her father, Ervin Bjerga, and with the help of his other daughter Kristin and son Jeffrey, they mailed 500 copies out to the residents in an attempt to skew the information to the public. It was then reported on the news, state wide and nationally, that I make over $80,000 in wages.

I would like to clarify these false statements for the truth. With regards to my current annual wages, I would have made at the end of the year approximately $67,142. Also, on the budget sheet that councilmember Johnson referred to stating that I made over $100,000, the actual amount listed on there is $97,491.49, which includes all benefits, and state mandated costs to the city for their share of Medicare, and PERA. It should also be noted that my $67,142 wage does not reflect the amount of State or Federal taxes to be taken out, my share of other taxes and deductions, health insurance premiums, and my share of PERA as required by State law. I also want everyone to keep in mind that many if not most businesses, including other police departments, offer some sort of insurances to their employees and also have to pay their share of various taxes as required by State and Federal law including social security. So it really does boil down to the difference of what the various agencies are offering for the hourly wage that makes the difference at this time between departments.

At our last special council meeting held on August 29th, Councilmember Johnson stated that the council had just approved a one step pay increase for all of the employees. This again was mis-information given to the public as it was only discussed as an option at the budget meeting held the night prior, not approved, and has to be brought before the council at a regular or special meeting with the wage change on the agenda, and approved by a majority vote before it can go into effect. At the time of his statement, there is no guarantee as to whether it will pass or not, or whether a motion will even be made to make this change in wages.

As of August 29th, there are 200 agencies that are advertising to fill officer vacancies. Many of these agencies have several openings to fill. Currently, Motley ranks 191/200 for wages offered to their officers. With the number of officer vacancies steadily growing, and the low number of recruits coming into the profession, my opinion is that it will take much more from the city in order to hire officers. The position to replace Officer Holtz's position was posted and advertised beginning on June 27th. It has been 10 weeks and the city has not received a single inquiry about the position nor a single application.

I wish to make it clear to the council today, that I am not and will not rescind my resignation. I implore the council to strive to work diligently at maintaining a police department in Motley, improving their support for the department and its officer's needs, and the public safety needs of the residents. I also implore the residents to see through all of the lies that have been stated by councilmembers Johnson and Bjerga during the last year and remember that they are the cause for the loss of the employees of the police department as well as the upcoming resignations of other employees. Our city deserves better.

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"Without labor nothing prospers."
— Sophocles

Quote of the week
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— Andre Gide

Quote of the week
"Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration. The rest of us just get up and go to work."
— Stephen King

Staples-Motley School Board meeting Monday, Sept. 18

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Individuals or groups wishing to be included on the school/community forum portion of the meeting must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting.

The agenda includes but is not limited to:

-Approve resignations of Sam Schimpp, Para.; Kathy Robben, Para.

-Approve staff hires: Penney Omodt, Food Serv. Elem.; Chris Jennissen, MS/HS Special Ed. Teacher; Amanda Weishair, SLPA Elem.; Taylor Anderson, Bus Driver; Stacy Beto, Food Serv. MS/HS; Andrew Capistrant, Bus Driver; Melissa Jewison, MS/HS Media Dept. Para; Kathy Blessing, PT Food Serv. MS/HS.

-Approve termination of Julia Steward, Elem. Para.

-Approve Retirement of Liz Koskiniemi.

-**Facilities**: ICS update

-**Closed session** for Superintendent Performance Review

-**Closed session** for Negotiations

Upcoming schedule:

Fri., Sept. 15: Policy committee meeting, 9 a.m. District Office

Mon., Sept. 18: Regular Board Meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Fri., Sept. 29: Lakewood Nest addition Ground Breaking Ceremony, 1:30 p.m., MS/HS

Mon., Oct. 2: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., Oct. 23: Regular Board Meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., Nov. 6: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., Nov. 20: Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.

Pancake Supper
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September 14

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Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Group Dancing Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Larry Johansen, caller. For info., 218-894-2900.

September 15

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. All women welcome.

September 18

AA group Mtgs In Motley are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

September 19

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.

'GriefShare' 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.

September 20

Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association Board Mtg Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. The public is invited. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

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Allis Chalmers C, hand crank, redone
M Farmall, narrow front, FBK 224467 pto pump, hydraulic, runs good
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Big Tex 7' x 12' dump trailer, 2 - 7,000 lb. axles, like new, 2 batteries
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5. Mouser bolt action, Model M48 T89193
6. Noble, bolt action Model 20F .22
7. Rifle, bolt action, unknown, NA24668
8. American gun, dbl. barrel shotgun 16 ga., 323260
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Cub Cadet for parts, Gt 2550
Old Paulson loader
V-plow for Skidsteer
Trailer house axels
Old flare box
2 TV antenna towers
Approx. 25 used steel sheets
Misc. I beams
Hercules engine — Gas tanks
Engine stands
20' pole, made for rafter lifting
Cherry picker
4' metal brake — Blower
Cut off band saw
Hydraulic jack bumper
Large metal band saw on wheels, homemade
8" bench vise, older one
A lot of nuts and bolts
3' x 14' bench with 1" metal thick top
11 x 38 Firestone tractor rims, good cond.
Many misc. hand tools
Long handle tools
Ford topper, short box, green
V.W. rear end with transmission
Homemade pallet fork, graffle, 6 forks, heavy
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Various Volkswagon rear ends and parts
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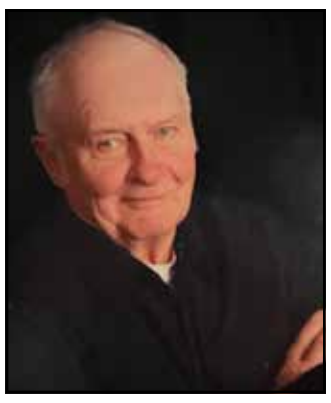

Gary Bruce Johnson, 86, of Staples, passed away September 5, 2023, surrounded by his loving family at Lakewood Health System Hosptial.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples on Friday, September 15, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Gary was born in Staples February 26,1937, to Lyle and Sara (Schmidt) Johnson. Gary attended school in Staples at Sacred Heart Catholic School and Staples High School. Gary married the love of his life, Janice (Loken) Johnson on October 3, 1959. They had three children.

Gary was a truck driver for many years and for most of his life, an avid mechanic and owner of Johnson's Garage. He was always fixing people's cars even after hours when they would call his home and ask for his help with their mechanical issues. Gary loved to hunt and fish, going to demolition derbies; wearing many hats from running them to building his son, Mike's cars, as well as being a huge wrestling fan, racing cars. His favorite thing of all was playing dice but even more was spending time and attending activities with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gary had the most compassionate heart that served those in need and took many under his wing. He was a devoted husband, grandpa and great-grandpa and a friend to many. He loved his family more than anything and never missed a thing for any of them. He was also a devout Christian, unwavering in his faith.

Gary will be deeply missed by his wife, Janice; two daughters, Tammy (John) Fritsche, Pillager and Kim (Joe) Pilgrim, Staples; one son, Mike (Tanya) Johnson, Motley; 10 grandchildren, Jessi (Jeremy) Weinhandl, Jason (Beth) Gustason, Cory Wilson, Kara Fritsche, Tony (LeAnn) Mack, Beau (Kadylyn) Pilgrim, Josephine (Robert) Jost, Raheem (Voss) White, Alyssa (Emjay) Ingersoll and Maddison (Nathan) Leaderband; 19 great grandchildren; one brother, Dale Johnson; three sisters, Kay Jessop, Pat Myers, and Cindy Morales; cousin/best friend, Jim Schmidt and Kathy and his beloved fur baby, Skittles.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Charlotte Johnson; one brother brother, Alan Johnson; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Leonard and Mary Jane Loken and one niece. Sara Mertens.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

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Bernadine St. Pierre

Bernadine "Bernie" St. Pierre, 90, of Staples, passed away peacefully September 4, 2023, at her daughter's home in Maple Grove. She courageously fought cancer four times, but sadly succumbed to dementia.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 9 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Bernadine was born August 30, 1933 to Simon and Josephine May in Browerville. She grew up on a dairy farm with her parents and four siblings. After graduating Browerville High School in 1951, she attended a teacher training program in Staples and received her certificate of teaching. Her first three years were spent teaching in a country school in Clotho followed by Oylen. She continued her education at St. Cloud University for a B.S. degree and later furthered her education in administration at the college of St. Thomas. When Bernie accepted a teaching position at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples, she had found her home. She taught there for 37 years with the last 18 years as principal. Teaching was her greatest passion.

During the beginning of her teaching career she met Phillip Samuel St. Pierre. They were united in marriage on December 28, 1953 at Sacred Heart Church in Staples. Their daughter, Debra Jane, was born September 25, 1954.

Bernie was involved in the Catholic Church and the community which included: an Oblate of St. Benedict's, Secretary and Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary, lifetime member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, a standing member of Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Eta Chapter of women educators and was named Woman of Achievement in 1992, served on the Community Education Board for over 30 years, President of the Hospital Auxiliary, board member of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, charter member of the Staples Historical Society, organized fundraising buses to the casinos for the Arts Council and Historical Society, served six years on the Advisory Board of the Staples Community Foundation and was nominated as Volunteer of the Year in 2005, was named the Todd County Outstanding Senior Citizen in 2014, was the Trustee of Sacred Heart Church for 12 years, a member of the Mission Circle and chairperson of the Bereavement Committee for over 20 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Debra Case; two granddaughters, Suzanne (Aaron) Henning and Therese (Jarett) Peikert; five great-grandchildren, Ashton, Jayden, Theodore, Margo and Finnley; four siblings, Mary Jane Drayna, Rudy (Karen) May, Jodie (Arnold) Hamann and Ervin (Mary) May.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband (P.S. St. Pierre) and in-laws, Billy Drayna and Pat and George Schilling.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers masses to the church or memorials to Sacred Heart Area Catholic School, Staples.

Arrangements were with Iten Funeral Home, www.itenfuneralhome.com.

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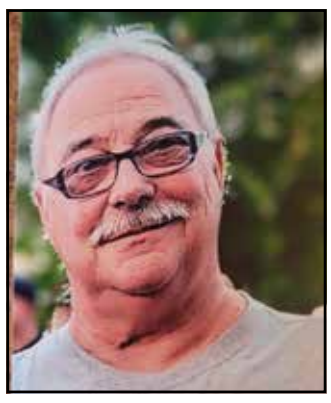
Mitchell Stevens



Mitchell (Mitch) E. Stevens, 62, of Motley, passed away September 4, 2023, at the St. Cloud Hospital surrounded by his family.

Memeorial services were held September 9, at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Interment was at the Motley Public Cemetery.

Mitch was born March 21, 1961 to Gerald and Faye (Jenkins) Stevens in Thief River Falls. He married Debra J. Solga on October 5, 2001. Mitch was a truck driver by trade for many years before purchasing his own company, Mitch's Fuel Service and was known as "The Fuel Man" to many, deliving fuel for many years. In later years he drove dump truck for Ideal Construction and then worked for MnDOT.

Mitch enjoyed going to the lake and watching the kids and grandkids snowmobiling and being included in the deer hunting group. If you ever met him, you were his friend. He will be remembered for making his presence known, causing laughter with his antics and will always be our "Legend."

Mitch will be deeply missed by his wife, Deb; six children, Erin (Todd) Judd, Bryan Stevens, Justin (Zoe) Stevens, Jason (Keri) Bendson, Ross (Sarah) Bendson and Ashley (Keith) Trout; 17 grandchildren, Reid and Kennedy Judd, Gavin, Ben, Brynn and Kallyn Stevens, Taylor (Christine), Alexis, Jake and Grace Bendson, Cameron, Briana, Brooke, and Logan Bendson, Isaac and Riley Trout; three great-grandchildren, Raelynn, Brantley and Hayden Bendson; mother, Faye Stevens; brother, Mike Stevens; sister, Michelle (OJ) Judge.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jerry; one brother, Mark and one sister-in-law, Sheila.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

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Harriet Dent

Services for Harriet Dent will be held Faith Lutheran Church, Staples on September 17 at 2:30 p.m.

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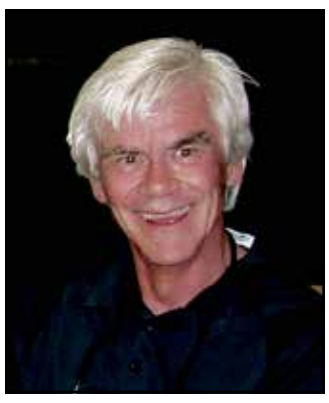
Terrence Christiansen



Terrence "Terry" Lee Christiansen, 72, of Detroit Lakes, passed away September 4, 2023, at Essentia Health- St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes.

A celebration of his life was held Sept. 11 at the David-Donehower Funeral Home of Detroit Lakes.

Terry was born August 21, 1951, to Richard and Beverly (Huntly) Christiansen in Cocoa Beach, Florida. The family moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where Richard served in the U.S. Air Force. After Richard's death, he and his mother moved to Ringsted, Iowa, to be closer to family and friends. Beverly remarried in 1954, to James Beaver, who loved and treated Terry as his child. The family grew to include his brother, Robert, and two sisters, Patricia and Rebecca.

In 1957, the family moved to Estherville, Iowa, where Terry would graduate high school in 1969. In 1971, he earned his associate degree from Iowa Lakes Community College and went to work for Dale D. Jacobson Engineering. Terry then worked for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroads. In 1980, he went to work for the Burlington Northern Railroad out of Staples until 1994, then out of Dilworth, retiring in 2009. Terry married Patsy Webber in June of 1971 and they had two sons, Aaron and Christopher. In August of 1999, he married Barbara (Popp) Black, who had two adult children, Bryan and Amanda and seeing the joy he brought Barbara, accepted him into their family.

Terry enjoyed spoiling his four grandchildren. He had a passion for cars, especially the Ford Mustang and enjoyed attending car shows. Moreover, he was fond of attending road and drag races at the Brainerd Race Track. Terry was an avid Minnesota sports fan and cheered for the Twins and Vikings. He also liked old Westerns and never missed an episode of Jeopardy.

Terry is survived by his wife, Barb; father, Jim Beaver of Spirit Lake, IA; one son, Aaron (Megan) Christiansen of Sabin; one step-son. Bryan (Anke) Black of Pelican Rapids; one step-daughter, Amanda Black of Savage; one brother, Bob (Paula) Beaver of Estherville, IA; two sisters, Patty (Paul) Freedman of Mesa, AZ and Becky (Ed) Larkin of Estero, FL; two grandsons, Aiden and Blake Christiansen; two granddaughters, Johanna and Petra Black and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one son, Christopher.

Arrangements were with David-Donehower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) .....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) .....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) .....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) .....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship .....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion .....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel .....10:00 a.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study .....7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July .....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m,
Saturday .....4:00 p.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY .....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER .....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Hewitt Community Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses .....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950
Sunday Service ..... 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study ..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Seeds of Hope.....7:00 p.m.

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690
Sunday Service ..... 10 a.m.

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"How Clear is My Trumpet Call... Or is it Muffled?"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Communication. What comes to your mind when you think about that word? Think about communication in your relationships: with friends, spouse, children, co-workers and church family. Think about how those relationships have ebbed and flowed, for better or for worse, in how entrusted communication has been handled.

At best, communication that's been handled and shared well, has brought life to people and those relationships. At worse, communication that's been handled poorly, has brought damage to people and those relationships.

Life giving communication requires intentionally and "other-oriented" care and even preparation. Destructive "communication" often brings lasting devastation.

We often would do well to revisit James 3:2-12 about the power of the tongue for either good or evil.

Words count. Every word counts. We're the better when, before we speak a word, we remember that words, as with all areas of life, are gifts from God, Who, in Jesus, IS the WORD (John 1:1). I need to remember that far more than I have.

God's words and ways often get disparaged and/or dismissed. That isn't surprising when God, Who's the Wisest of all and is over His creation, reminds us in Isaiah 55:8 that "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways."

In his song "Ancient Words," Michael W. Smith remedies that, if we will listen, when in his lyrics he pens, "Ancient words, ever true; changing me and changing you."

So, we conclude with the imagery of our devotion title when we hear the apostle Paul share in I Corinthians 14:7-8, "Even in the case of lifeless things that make sounds, such as the pipe or harp, how will anyone know what tune is being played unless there's a distinction in the notes? Again, if the trumpet doesn't sound a clear call, who will get ready for the battle?"

Asking both you and me, how clear and distinct is the music of our conversations? Is what I say to another person an invitation to God's life and God's ways? Or, am I speaking aimlessly and in an unthought out moment, causing rambling, muffled confusion rather than helpful nourishment? Let's care about words in both mind and mouth in every conversation.

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Staples World

DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

Brownell, Burton run fastest 5ks in school history

Audrey Brownell and Kyanna Burton both raced past the Staples-Motley school 5,000 meter cross country record, placing second and third in the Moorhead Dragon Twilight meet on Sept. 8.

Brownell and Burton were exceptional, running 18:09 and 18:19. The previous school record had been 18:38, run by Burton last season.

As a team, the Cardinal girls finished seventh in a meet filled with top teams from North Dakota and Minnesota.

In the boys meet, Issiah Tabatt finished 16th a fast time of 16:37, close to his personal best. The boys finished 13th out of 23 teams.

Team results

Girls varsity (5,000 meters)

Perham 68, Red River 90, Moorhead 92, Fargo Davies 114, West Fargo Sheyenne 131, Hawley 154, Staples-Motley 180, United North Central 213, Bemidji 252, Central Cass 253, Minnewaska 270, Park Rapids 308, Devils Lake 359, Northern Cass 413

2. Audrey Brownell 18:09, 3. Kyanna Burton 18:19, 52. Bella Hines 21:18, 78. Naila Mikhaeil 22:18, 104. Aleea Holst 23:28, 111. Leah Greenwaldt 23: 58, 120. Suhaila Mikhaeil 24:44

Girls junior high (3,000 meters) - 75. Maddie Kist 15:37, 104. Elise Trif 17:19

Boys varsity (5,000 meters)

Perham 50, Moorhead 106, Fargo Davies 148, West Fargo Sheyenne 156, Bemidji 168, Hillsboro/Central Valley 193, Hawley 203, Park Rapids 256, Red River 294, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 297, Minnewaska 346, Riverside Christian 350, Staples-Motley 354, Ottertail Central 359, Pelican Rapids 371, Devils Lake 386, Lake Park-Audubon 425, Northern Cass 433, Maple River (N.D.) 513, Nevis 586, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 588, Lisbon 599, United North Central 671

16. Issiah Tabatt 16:39, 83. Logan Robben 18:15, 89. Dillan Robben 18:30, 97. Odin Trif 18:39, 115. Gage Bjerga 19:21, 121. Elijah Greenwaldt 19:30, 129. Ivan Lozano 19:53, 130. Blaine Plattner 19:57, 146. Garrett Bjerga 20:49, 169. Israel Ritter 22:18

Boys junior high (3,000 meters) - 77. Jackson Odden 13:28

Finishing on the field

A unique aspect to this year's MSU Moorhead Dragon Twilight race was the finish line in the middle of the college football field. Above, Naila Mikhaeil races runners to the line. Below Issiah Tabatt finishes ahead of a some runners. (Photos from herostiming.com)

Bear paws and claws

Caden Dobson, a senior at Staples-Motley High School, bagged this 3-4-year-old male black bear south of Staples on opening weekend. (Submitted photo)

Tennis team starts looking at section rivals

The Staples-Motley tennis team had a positive outcome against one of their section rivals, winning 5-2 against Roseau on Sept. 8.

The Cardinals had three wins in singles and two in doubles. The doubles team of Kenzie Erickson and Heidi Zimmerman won handily, 6-1, 6-3, at number two doubles, while Maddison Perius and Natalie Hanson won by the same score at number three doubles.

Staples-Motley is ranked fourth in the state according to the latest poll from the Minnesota High School Coaches Association. Lauren Rutten is ranked fifth individually.

Three other Section 8A teams are ranked in the top ten, Thief River Falls, Crookston and East Grand Forks. The Cardinals will play two of those schools at Thief River Falls on Thursday, Sept. 21.

Team results

Staples-Motley 5, Roseau 2

Singles: Lauren Rutten W 6-0, 6-0; Ronnie Noska W 6-1, 6-1; Jaida Holst L 4-6, 6-2, (10-8); Kaylee Perius W 7-5, 6-4

Doubles: Amy Rollins/Corinne Olson L 4-6, 2-6; Kenzie Erickson/Heidi Zimmerman W 6-1, 6-3; Maddison Perius/Natalie Hanson W 6-1, 6-3

Minnesota's Seasonal page is about to turn

Mike Rahn

Inside the Outdoors

"What's your favorite season?" It's a question asked routinely of Minnesotans. A fair question, given the great contrast between our summer, fall, winter, and spring; from oven-hot temperatures and brow-mopping humidity in summer, to extremity-numbing cold in the depths of winter, and all gradations in between. Not surprising, there are strong opinions on the subject.

There is contrast not only in weather and our personal comfort zones, but in our favorite pursuits, many of which—like hunting, foraging, or ice fishing, for instance—are decidedly seasonal. Some of us—the luckiest ones—find something appealing about all of the climatic divisions of the outdoor year, each in its turn.

We've reached another seasonal page-turning time here in Minnesota, based on the abundant evidence in what we see, hear, and feel around us. And—no less important—in what is on our minds as we greet the autumn of the year.

For the first time in many weeks, the morning temperature here in the north-central part of the state has dipped into the 40's. On the water, anglers flinging musky lures shortly after dawn on Sunday were in long pants and breeze-cutting windbreakers; one even a classic buffalo-plaid wool mackinaw. Here on this lake, where the family cabin has stood for nearly three-quarters of a century, the best "musky bite" is considered a fall event, though there has been no shortage of anglers heaving outsized baits and executing the classic figure-eight-at-the-boat retrieving routine for much of the summer. Time will tell if their success ratio improves now as the lake gradually cools with longer nights and the declining angle of the sun.

The first of the state's hunting seasons are about to begin, with the September 1st start of the mourning dove season, and on Saturday September 2nd the start of a five-day early teal hunt. This is the third year of a three-year experiment authorized for Minnesota by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, a trial to assess its impact on the flyway's teal population. Most states in the Mississippi Flyway hold an early teal hunt before the start of their general duck and goose hunting seasons, the reason being the habit of blue-wing teal to migrate earlier than many duck species, and thus be less available to waterfowl hunters.

This year's early teal hunt begins three weeks before the start of our regular duck season, on September 23rd. The special teal hunt has not been without controversy. Some have been concerned that hunters will mistake other duck species for teal—especially under low light conditions at sunrise and sunset—and harvest birds that are not yet legal targets, though monitoring by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) personnel during years one and two reportedly showed acceptable compliance.

Sign of the season

Canada geese flock up in August to start thinking about flying south. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

The Fish & Wildlife Service and DNR will evaluate the three-year trial after this season to determine if the early teal season will remain part of the state's waterfowl hunting framework in future years. Minnesota's early over-water Canada goose season also begins September 1st, ruffed grouse and archery deer season begin in a mere two weeks on September 16th, and the fall wild turkey season September 30th. Can all this really be so close at hand?

One of fall's appeals for just about everyone is its color, when trees cease producing chlorophyll and the latent colors that have been hidden in leaves become visible. There is already early evidence in the occasional maple showing a splash of brilliant orange. Frequently, this will begin with just a branch, or a major limb changing color ahead of the remainder of the tree. I've always maintained that the oranges and reds of autumn are best appreciated before the so-called peak of color. The contrast between orange and red and some still-vibrant greens is better, to me anyway, before the entire landscape is awash in fall colors.

Sumac leaves have begun to turn to reds and oranges, too, especially on sunny, well-drained slopes. Sumac is one of my wife's targets for her fall weed harvest, the "crop" to be used in decorating our home's window boxes after the colorful annual flowers they've held all summer have been stung by a heavy frost. Sumac produce elongated, candle-like clumps of reddish berries that remain colorful through much of the winter. Stems of red osier dogwood, flower stalks of tansy, and other dried weeds and seed heads complete the September find-and-gather list, much of which is ready for harvest already.

The hummingbird feeder I received for Father's Day has been a big hit with the local ruby-throated hummers, but we're getting close to the time when they leave us to migrate south to such destinations as the Gulf Coast, Mexico, Central America, and some even to the West Indies. Dependent as they are on flower nectar for survival, hummers can't afford to wait too long, or they may risk gaps in the food supply necessary to make it to their winter destinations.

There are many other indicators of the transition from summer to autumn. Members of that flock of 11 young mergansers on our lake—now down to 10, impressive survival by any measure for wild creatures—are now almost indistinguishable in size from their mother, as the group pursues minnows in the shallows.

The leaves of soybeans in our local farmers' fields are beginning to turn bright yellow, and sweet corn—my favorite food group—is in good supply at farmers markets and roadside produce stands. Road ditches are sporting purple fall asters, yellow brown-eyed Susan, and—of course—goldenrod to torment those with allergies. The creamy, grey-white berries of gray dogwood—an absolute favorite ruffed grouse food—are in evidence, too. Find them, and grouse are likely somewhere in the neighborhood!

Coffee out on the deck at dawn seems to demand a sweatshirt, more mornings than not. To those who love fall, it's a welcome feeling. Welcomed along with all those other signs that a seasonal page is about to turn.

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NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary
36-37pnc

TODD COUNTY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TODD COUNTY ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS DERIVED PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Notice to the Public: on September 19, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota) the Todd County Board of Commissioners will hold a First Reading to solicit public input on the Todd County Ordinance Regulating the Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Places.

The Second Reading of the Todd County Ordinance Regulating the Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Places will be held on October 17, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota). The Todd County Ordinance Regulating the Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Places can be viewed online at https://www.co.todd.mn.us/.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Gaida, Todd
County Auditor-Treasurer
Clerk to the County Board
37-38pnc

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Hearing regarding the process for distributing Opioid settlement dollars and provide an opportunity to Wadena County citizens and municipalities to give comment relating to the same.

The meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 9:05 a.m.** at the Wadena County Courthouse, Lower Level Multi-purpose Room at 415 Jefferson St. S. Wadena, MN 56482.

Dated: August 23, 2023

Ryan Odden
County Coordinator
36-37pnc

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-23-682

In Re: Estate of:
Nicholas John Hopp, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 02, 2023 at 10:30 AM, a hearing will be held in this Court at 221 1st Ave. S, Long Prairie, MN 56347, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated August 21, 2021, and for the appointment of Corey Matthew Hopp, whose address is 46450 251st Avenue, Stapes, Minnesota 56479 as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

This Hearing will be held:

X Via Zoom;

X If checked this will be an administrative hearing, and your appearance is not required. If there is an objection to this petition, you will be notified of another date and time.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 18, 2023

BY THE COURT
Daniel Benson
Judge

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
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CITY OF STAPLES
Summary Financial Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Staples to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at Staples City Hall at 122 6th St NE.
Questions about this report should be directed to the City Clerk at (218) 894-2550

Revenue and Expenditures for General Operations (Governmental Funds)

	Total 2021	Total 2022	% Increase or (Decrease)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	$ 1,030,537	$ 1,081,144	4.91%
Special Assessments	117,414	132,237	12.62%
Licenses and Permits	105,455	171,614	62.74%
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,541,853	1,628,828	5.64%
Charges for Services	302,819	419,827	38.64%
Fines and Forfeits	23,036	19,117	-17.01%
Investment Earnings	61,309	(25,488)	-141.57%
Miscellaneous	742,644	894,531	20.45%
Total Revenues	$ 3,925,067	$ 4,321,810	10.11%
Per Capita	1,308.36	1,440.60	10.11%
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	$ 479,806	$ 415,885	-13.32%
Public Safety	1,045,923	1,269,007	21.33%
Streets and Highways	424,768	672,718	58.37%
Economic Development	388,347	489,663	26.09%
Parks and Recreation	153,668	103,938	-32.36%
Airport	90,163	182,645	102.57%
Debt Service:			
Principal	652,000	1,003,000	53.83%
Interest and Other Charges	195,402	232,370	18.92%
Capital Outlay	447,489	647,604	44.72%
Total Expenditures	$ 3,877,566	$ 5,016,830	-22.71%
Per Capita	1,292.52	1,672.28	-22.71%
Total Long-term Indebtedness	$ 11,721,028	$ 10,685,804	-8.83%
Per Capita	3,060.10	3,561.93	16.40%
General Fund & Special Revenue Funds Unrestricted Fund Balance - December 31	$ 2,024,208	$ 1,654,191	-18.28%
Per Capita	674.74	551.40	-18.28%

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-tangential 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

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Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
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25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
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(23-0627-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2023

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 1st 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.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2023 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT – NWTF PRAIRIE EDGE GOBBLERS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the NWTF Prairie Edge Gobblers through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the NWTF Prairie Edge Gobblers to hold a raffle event at the Thunder Lodge in Long Prairie Township at the address 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN on December 30th, 2023.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402680 through 402696 in the amount of $12,421.64 and (Regular) 57180 through 571220 in the amount of $63,354.25 for a total of $75,775.89.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 804317 through 804351 and (Regular) 710822 through 710870 for a total of $46,377.50.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600991 through 600995 and (Regular) 517446 through 517459 for a total amount of $50,654.62.

Todd County Historical Society

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve increase of annual appropriation to $15,000 and update lease agreement, to include an addendum with new appropriation for 2024 forward.

Health & Human Services

Laura Vaughn from Northern Pines Mental Health Center provided an overview of 2023 services supported for Todd County clients and introduced the new Northern Pines Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve FFY2024 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Grant Contract.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To eliminate a Registered Nurse position effective immediately.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To eliminate the Home Care Registered Nurse Team Lead position effective July 19, 2023.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services organizational structure from the Child Protection Unit to the Child Services Unit, adding a Child Services Manager and Child Services Supervisor and eliminating the Child Protection Team Lead position.

Commissioners

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve contract for a classification and compensation study to be completed by Gallagher for a total of $68,775 with $18,775 of this supported with ARPA Funds.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize Board Chair to sign purchase agreements for lots adjacent to Historic Courthouse, parcel 36-0042300 at $145,000 and parcel 36-0042400 at $175,000, subject to contingencies.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reminded that the County Special Primary Election will be held on August 8, 2023 with three polling locations open: Long Prairie City Hall, Long Prairie Township Hall and Reynolds Township Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will also be an election for Upsala School District No. 487 held on August 8, 2023 with one polling location open at the Upsala Recreation Building.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended the Finance, Facilities, Wellness, Personnel, Region V and West Central Regional Juvenile Center meetings.

Commissioner Denny attended the Emergency Service Board and other regular committees.

Commissioner Noska attended the Todd County HRA meeting and other regular committees.

Commissioner Neumann attended the SRWD, Policies, CPT, Personnel, Finance, Facilities, and CMCOA meetings.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reported on meetings attended including the Parks and Trails Board, toured a daycare pod location, and other regular committees. A public service announcement message will be posted and published regarding signs not being permitted within the road right-of-way. Due to the new cannabis laws taking affect August 1, 2023, information on how this impacts Todd County will be studied and prepared for a future board meeting to discuss.

Recess

Chair Neumann recessed the meeting until August 15, 2023.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
ARC ELECTRIC SERVICE	$16,637.07
BROWERVILLE TRUCKWASH/ BIG BOYZ	$4,043.41
CENTRAL APPLICATORS INC	$16,716.15
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC	$2,589.60
SHI CORP	$3,059.30
STOECKER REPAIR	$4,733.73
ZIEGLER INC	$5,567.35
51 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$22,429.28
Total:	**$75,775.89**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
DHS - SWIFT	$4,140.60
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV	$3,892.27
NEOGOV	$4,808.48
PERISH/ALAN	$3,010.49
SHI CORP	$2,753.37
TODD COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	$2,225.00
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF	$2,821.89
77 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$22,725.40
Total:	**$46,377.50**

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS	$5,670.90
GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC	$5,256.90
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC	$2,363.98
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC	$14,687.50
PRAIRIE LAKES YOUTH PROGRAMS	$10,500.00
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	$3,632.00
PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$8,543.34
Total:	**$50,654.62**

On a motion by Denny and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 1st, 2023 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on August 15th, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Randy Neumann,
County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file
Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
37pnc

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Cardinal VB building momentum in two wins

The Staples-Motley volleyball team got back on track with two wins last week, 3-0 against Bertha-Hewitt on Sept. 5 and 3-0 against Aitkin on Sept. 7.

"They're a hardworking group with a lot of talent so it's a matter of putting all the pieces together and that started to happen this week," said Coach Gretchen Bestland. "Our serve receive and defense did a nice job of getting the ball to our setters which allowed our attackers to get some great swings."

After a close first set against Bertha-Hewitt, the Cardinals finished strong with two decisive set wins.

It was a similar story against Aitkin. Staples-Motley fell behind early in the first set, but Jade Storry turned the momentum around with a back row spike for a point. Ellie Moulton served the team back into the lead, with Izzy Olander getting a kill to put the team ahead for good.

In the second set, the Cardinals were able to work on some of their plays. Miranda Schotzko scored a kill on a quick set from Livi Lorber. The team spread the ball around with six different Cardinals earning a kill in the set.

In the third set, Staples-Motley could do no wrong, with Moulton serving 19 straight points to build a 20-1 lead. But they weren't just cruising, players were hitting the floor for digs and they were scrambling to make plays. Lorber had two ace blocks for points in that run.

"This was a good week to help build momentum," said Bestland.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Bertha-Hewitt 0; 25-23, 25-14, 25-14

Steffany Sullivan: Aces-2, Digs-11
Ellie Moulton: Aces-1, Assists-1, Kills-9, Digs-6
Izzy Olander: Assists-2, Kills-5
Jade Storry: Kills-5, Digs-6
Lilly Tyrrell: Digs-8
Miranda Schotzko: Assists-2, Kills-8, Blocks-4
Livi Lorber: Aces-3, Assists-6, Kills-8, Blocks-3, Digs-6
Annie Schlosser: Assists-15, Kills-4, Blocks-1, Digs-1

Staples-Motley 3, Aitkin 0; 25-14, 25-13, 25-3

Sullivan: Digs-9
Moulton: Aces-7, Kills-9, Digs-7
Olander: Kills-2
Storry: Aces-1, Kills-5, Blocks-1, Digs-4
Schotzko: Assists-6, Kills-2, Blocks-1
Lorber: Aces-2, Assists-8, Kills-8, Blocks-5, Digs-5
Lilly Tyrrell: Kills-1, Digs-5
Schlosser: Assists-9, Kills-3, Blocks-2
Tamara Streli: Kills-5, Blocks-1

Spike run-up

Ellie Moulton gets ready to hit in the game against Aitkin.

Timely hit

Tamara Streli gets her first kill as a Staples-Motley player.

All the tools

Livi Lorber plays as a blocker, hitter and setter for the Cardinals.

Making the dig

Left, Steffany Sullivan gets low to return a serve while her coach Gretchen Bestland, left, and teammates look on. From left, Miranda Schotzko, Katerra Barnhart, Ashlin Birkholtz, Ellie Lange and Pam Lawrence. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Neelan, Mithun score overtime winners

The Staples-Motley football team won with an overtime touchdown by Blake Neelan and the extra point kicked by Peyton Mithun to beat Breckenridge 28-27 on Sept. 8.

Colbe Tappe scored a touchdown on a 17 yard pass from Eli Rutten in the first quarter. Ben Tyrrell scored a running touchdown in the third quarter and had another touchdown to tie the score in the fourth quarter.

In overtime, Neelan scored on a three yard run and Mithun's kick made it 28-21. Breckenridge also scored and attempted to win the game with a two point conversion, but they were stopped short.

The win moved the Cardinals to 2-0 after their 28-14 opening game win over Frazee.

Meeting the ball

Izzy Olander connects on a spike.

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Bucking bull action

Terry Bontrager of Staples competed in the Nimrod Bull Bash Sept. 2 held at the Troy Meech farm all three nights Labor Day weekend. The 4x NFPB championship round was held Sept. 3. (Submitted photo)

Construction's begun at Essentia Health clinic, Staples

Crew members from Ideal Construction were at work Sept. 1, at the site of Essentia Health - St. Joseph's new clinic and drive-through pharmacy, located at 301 N. Second Ave. NW in Staples. In addition to primary care, the clinic will offer orthopedic care. The expected date of completion is early 2024. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Court report September 1

Long Prairie Police Department

Cassandra Mae Bender, Northome. Driver must carry proof of insurance. Dismissed.

Nicholas Randy Bruder, Long Prairie. Violate harassment restraining order—probable cause. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Manuel Ramirez Orozco Ramirez, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Carlos Antonio Sosa Franco, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Patrick Ervin Braegelmann, Grey Eagle. Dredge, fill, change course, current, or cross-section of public waters without permit. Fine $50. Fee $75.

Andrea Jeanne McDaniel, Minnetrista. Fail to display valid registration on non-motorized watercraft. Fine $25. Fee $85.

Mason Vang, Blaine. Fail to display valid registration on motorized watercraft. Fine $25. Fee $85.

Minnesota State Patrol

Dylan Patrick Brose, Waconia. Speed 87/70. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Noelle Hunt Dempsey, Cushing. Speed 72/60. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Ramon Eduardo Guanchez Rivas, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Nicole Lynn Hvezda, Seattle, Wash. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Edwin De Jesus Jose Martinez, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Amy Violet Krohn, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Ashley Maurice Larson, Columbia Heights. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Ryan Thomas Larson, Staples. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Lynn Renee Dahl Lundblad, Inver Grove Heights. Speed 90/70. Fine $70. Fee $155. No proof of insurance. Fine $200.

Kaesha Lee Marlow, Kerkhoven. Hands-Free Law—access video content, images, games, software applications. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Chaunce Joseph Sandness, Devils Lake, No. Dak. Speed 92/70. Fine $70. Fee $155.

Eric Benjamin Tiongson, Fargo, No. Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Demetris Antone Burgin, Motley. Criminal assault fifth degree inflict or attempt bodily harm. Fine $100. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, Stay 90 days for one year). Driving after revocation. Dismissed.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Andrew Spain Chirpich, Plymouth. Forestry—open burning—prohibited materials. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Sullivan Adam Decker, Fergus Falls. Burglary, second degree. Amended decision, stay of imposition pursuant to M.S. 609.135.

Celestina Figuero Franco, Long Prairie. Instruction-permit violations—person 18 years or older. Fine $50. Fee $85. Driver must carry proof of insurance. Fine $200. Careless driving. Fine $100.

Dallas May Goertz, Long Prairie. Wireless communication device—initiate, compose, send, retrieve, read electronic message. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Cody Lynn Sadlo, Motley. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

England Prairie Pioneer Days tractor pull results

England Prairie Pioneer Days held their antique tractor pull featuring 50 years and older tractors on August 26 at thei grounds located near Verndale.

Stock Antique

3500

1: Roger Wittmer, Osakis 1949 IH C, 241.28

2: Chuck Novak, Ramsey 1939 JD B, 231.75

4000

1: Jessie Olson, Erdahl 1951 Farmall H, 247.75

2: Jacob Boonster, Grove City 1949 Farmall H, 242.44

4500

1: Karl Hausmann, Alexandria 1949 Farmall M, 264.75

2: Tom Nathe, Sauk Center 1956 JD A, 257.41

5000

1: Mathew Goodman, Browerville 1964 Oliver 770, 319.94

2: Karl Hausmann, Alexandria 1948 Farmall M, 275.23

5500

1: Devon Egeness, Eagle Bend 1956 Oliver 88, 325.31

2: Stan Sanvik, Miltona 1952 Cockshutt 40, 314.02

6000

1: Devon Egeness, Eagle Bend 1956 Oliver 88, 260.67

2: Roger Host, Watkins 1957 IH 450, 257.13

6500

1: Devon Egeness, Eagle Bend 1956 Oliver 88, 318.10

2: Chuck Novak, Ramsey 1950 JD G, 270.60

7500

1: Dalton Drayna, Miltona 1960 IH 560, 243.18

2: Erik Bettes, Browerville 1958 Farmall 450, 242.16

8500

1: Jon Sarff, Eagle Bend IH 560, 299.46

2: Jon Hausmann, Alexandria 1957 Farmall 450, 286.29

9500

1: Dalton Drayna, Miltona 1959 IH 560, 265.30

2: Seth Hess, Eagle Bend JD 3020, 265.23

10500

1: David Sarff, Eagle Bend 1964 Oliver 1850, 275.42

2: Jason Runga, Eagle Bend 1973 IH 966, 254.34

Improved Antique

3500

1: Cole Wilhelm, Clear Lake 1936 Allis WC, 251.62

2: Mathew Goodman, Browerville 1949 Cockshutt 30, 213.18

5500

1: Daniel Kimber, Wadena 1959 IH 560, 313.20

2: Wayne Kimber, Hewitt 1959 IH 460, 260.81

6000

1: Daniel Kimber, Wadena 1959 IH 560, 351.58

2: Larry Sanvick, Eagle Bend 1953 Minneapolis Moline U8, 261.08

6500

1: Daniel Kimber, Wadena 1959 IH 560, 244.82

2: Tim McKnight, Bertha 1960 IH 560, 242.64

Oldest Puller: Tom Nathe, Sauk Center, 76 years young

Youngest Puller: Levi Novak, Ramsey, 11-years-old

Furthest Traveled: Roger Host, Watkins, 106 Miles.

Ice cream and entertainment

An ice cream social was served at Living Legacy Gardens, part of the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center, as part of their Field Day on Aug. 25. Part of the event was a performance by Skal Klubben, a Scandinavian violin group. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Drone games

At the Central Lakes College Field Day on Aug. 25, kids had fun running after the field drone, above. Below, a photo of the TV screen showing the drone's view of the event at the Ag and Energy Research Center. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

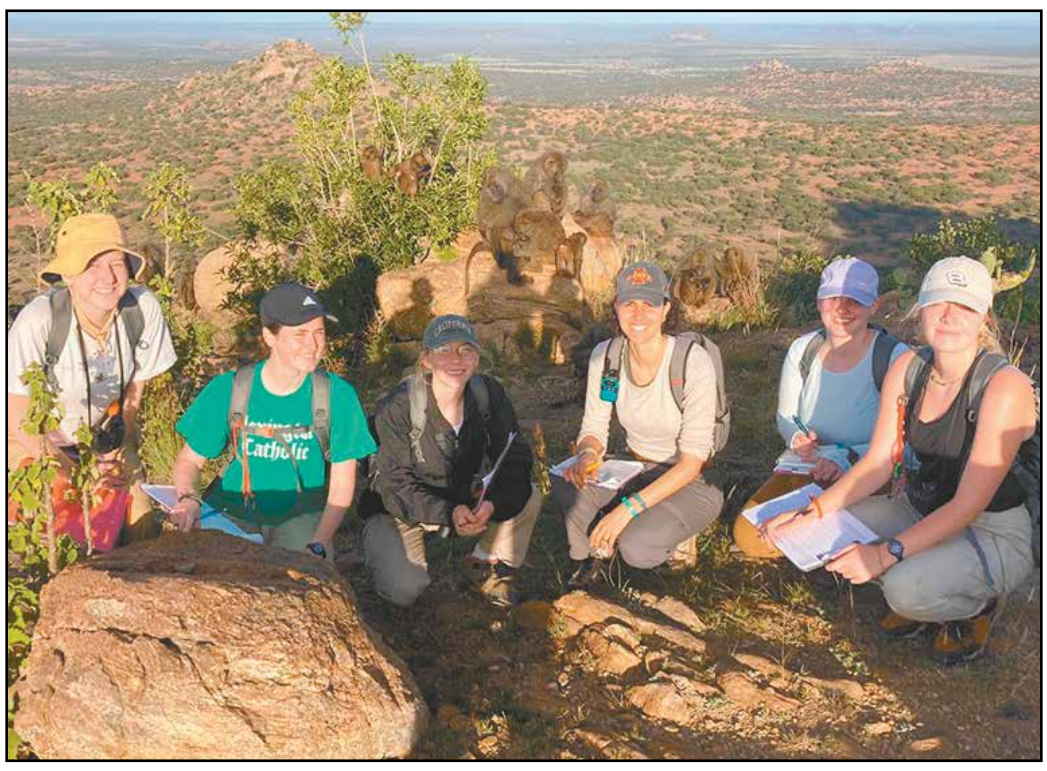
Lakewood grief support group to meet at Sourcewell

Lakewood Health System will offer weekly grief support group meetings every Tuesday from Sept. 19 through Oct. 24, from 3-4:30 p.m. at Sourcewell (202 12th St. NE, Staples). Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, child, or any other loss is welcome to attend one or all meetings.

As a participant in the grief support group, you will have the opportunity to share with others who have also experienced recent grief and loss. Sharing is encouraged at your own comfort level. Everyone experiences the grief journey as an individual; the journey – when shared – can be a source of inspiration and comfort to you, as well as others.

In healing, there is hope for the future. The grief support group can help you move forward towards healing. Join us as we encourage one another through mutual support. The group is facilitated by chaplain Paul Johnson and social worker, Jennifer Kane.

To register or for more information about the grief support group, call 218-894-8093 or email pauljohnson@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.



Project co-workers

Uasonigiro project co-workers included, from left, Iowa State University student Bryn Williams, NKU student Ansley Cahill, ISU student Ella Duster, ISU professor Corinna Most, ISU grad student Kale Hawks and recent ISU grad Mackenzie Weber. (Submitted Photos)

Rough country

Bryn in a selfie with Lila grooming her son Lazer

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Animal behavior study

are pretty calculated, almost political. They will ignore an individual that is less subordinate.

Males have to fight for their rank, with the dominant male over a group of females in his troop. Subordinate males are allowed, but they know their place.

The status of females, on the other hand, is based on their birth and their mother's status. The older female offspring of the dominate female will eventually become the dominant female of the troop.

Bryn, the daughter of Dale and Susan Williams of Staples, is now back in Ames beginning her final semester of college. She'll graduate in December and said she's just beginning to apply for jobs. "Ideally I would like to go into animal behavior and care. There are lots of different ways to do that, and obviously pay is a factor."

Support for police chief, city employees

There was standing room only at the Motley City Council's special meeting Sept. 5, with nearly 40 members of the public in attendance. The meeting had been scheduled to discuss proposed wage increases. In addition, Police Chief Jason Borash (seated, front row center) read his letter of resignation, met with applause from the public. At Borash's right is City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Sharing goodbyes

The project students joined with two year-round employees shortly before Brynn left for home. From left are Kale Hawks, Project employee Ngoya, Mackenzie Weber, Project employee Patrick, Ella Duster and Bryn.

Baby baboon

Baby Tineco on her mother, Twiglet's, back.

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Police pay still a contentious issue after one year agreement is reached

population of 680, was more than adequate with its wages. Johnson said that it was hard to compete with bigger police departments, and he felt that the council was being held hostage to all that's transpired lately.

With that said, Johnson made a motion for a one-time step increase for all employees, plus a four-percent COLA, which he felt was fair for a town their size. His motion was seconded by council member Bjerga, with council member Pat O'Regan clarifying that this would go into effect immediately.

During the subsequent discussion, council member Brenda Borash asked for the floor. She said she felt she was being held responsible, not hostage, by all of the concerns and frustrations that had been voiced.

Council member Borash said that in "small town Motley," the total number of police calls in 2022 was 1,363. She'd called neighboring police departments regarding their calls that same year and found Pierz and Royalton, both larger towns than Motley, had 868 and 1,021 calls respectively. Brenda Borash went on to note that there'd been a murder in "small town Motley," numerous drug dealings, domestics, suicides and other calls answered by the police.

Council member Borash went on to say that she valued each of the city's employees, as well as its residents. She also believed that in order to fill the soon-to-be vacated police positions, they would need to have a higher step increase than what had been proposed.

Borash went on to amend Johnson's motion to include that all new employees will start at Step 5.

After some discussion, the council unanimously approved the motion, with the amendment.

At that point, Chief Borash asked to read a statement pertaining to his resignation, which was met by applause from the public. *(Chief Borash's entire statement has been included on the editorial page of this week's Staples World.)*

Following Chief Borash's statement, Bjerga stated that she found his attacks on her and her family to be at an all-time low. Johnson also responded to Borash's statement, saying he felt so much of what the chief had said was false, including the reasons why Officer Cody Holtz resigned. Johnson said Holtz had told him the reason he left was that Chief Borash had cut his hours and wages, in order that he (Borash) could have more for himself. And as far as the resignation of Administrative/Accounting Assistant Sarah Lenzen, Johnson said it was his understanding she was leaving to pursue her dream of running a hobby farm.

City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden said that Lenzen's personal life has nothing to do with her resignation and shouldn't be part of the conversation. She went on to say that in her opinion, and as Lenzen's supervisor, she deserves a raise.

Johnson went on to say he believes that people were brought in to these meetings for the purpose of harassing and intimidating the council. He didn't appreciate that they'd been allowed to scream things out whenever they wanted, or that they'd called Bjerga an obscene name at the meeting.

Odden said that she didn't feel they were working together as a council, or a city.

Mayor Schmidt reminded the council that there is a process in place to find an interim police chief. He also said he was trying to protect the decency of the dialogue, suggesting they end their discussion at the meeting. Bjerga questioned why the council's conversation was being halted, when the public had been allowed to speak out at past meetings.

The mayor went on to encourage the community to find some common, neutral ground. "We're all adults," he said. "It's time to learn and reflect and perhaps somehow get along. Because I've said all along, how this story gets told will only help or hurt us in our process...If we stay divided, we only get further apart."

In addition to resignations already received from Police Chief Borash and Police Officer Cody Holtz; two more are expected to be received from both Odden and Lenzen at the Sept. 11 council meeting.

Chief Borash later confirmed that he has been hired as a patrol officer for the Baxter Police Department. His starting wage is $33.02.

Baxter bound

Motley's Chief of Police Jason Borash has resigned, with his last day with the MPD being Sept. 22. He has accepted a new position with the Baxter Police Department. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)