

Staples city electric rates are to remain the same

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council reviewed an electric rate study at their Aug. 27 meeting. Evan Leebens of Missouri River Energy pre-

sented the study. Staples is a member of MRE and gets most of the city's electricity from the company.

Leebens said a 2015 study recommended a six percent electric rate increase for Staples, but this new study shows flat cost projections. He said Staples has a higher rate than other nearby towns, but he expects those communities to have increases in the coming years.

New fitness center location

The Council also approved a rezoning request to allow a fitness center to go into one of the buildings at the Staples Industrial Park. The owners of Snap Fitness are planning to expand into the building at 1206 Prairie Ave. NW, formerly known as the Widmer Building.



Once again, beautiful music from Opera Hall stage

Music flowed from the Batcher Opera Hall one more time on Aug. 28, as Gary and Dawn Timbs entertained the crowd that came to the tour of the Batcher

Building on Aug. 28. They sang "Over the Rainbow" and "Hey, Good Lookin'." (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

'Sleeping giant' Batcher Building explored for pre-legislative tour

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

"You are standing in a sleeping giant," artist Carter Averbeck told the crowd at a tour of the Batcher Building in Staples on Aug. 28. He said he has restored other opera halls, and this is "the best preserved I've seen."

Because of water damage and mold, the original art can't be conserved, but Averbeck said he will be able to restore the building to the exact patterns and colors of the original artwork, and he would even recreate the

milk based paints used on the Opera Hall.

Averbeck is a fresco painter trained in Barcelona. The biggest project for the restoration would be redoing the fresco painted on the ceiling of the opera hall, right above the stage. "There are angels and cherubs flying all around" in the painting, said Averbeck, but the face of the main subject is now wiped out by plaster disintegration.

Averbeck said it was a single artist who painted the fresco, but the name of the artist wasn't recorded. It appears to be in a north-

ern European style.

The Batcher Building project will be presented to the Minnesota Legislative committees for the state bonding bill, which provides funds for community development projects. Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher told the people on the tour that if the money for the project comes through, they anticipate holding 300 events a year at the building. "The feel of attending an event here, it's about community pride and identity. We are an arts community," said Radermacher.

Building owner Colleen Frost said Staples is the perfect community to get this project to happen because of the many musicians in the area. "The music talent and artists here, it's in their DNA," she said.

As an example, Frost invited Staples musicians Gary and Dawn Timbs to give a demonstration of the acoustics of the building. They accommodated by mesmerizing the crowd with two songs, as some people videotaped, and others transported themselves back to 1907, when

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 11	61°	51°	Rain
Sept. 12	65	48	Rain
Sept. 13	54	43	Cloudy
Sept. 14	71	56	M. Sunny
Sept. 15	75	61	P. Cloudy
Sept. 16	76	55	P. Sunny
Sept. 17	73	55	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2018

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 11	75°	52°	Sunny
Sept. 12	82	55	Sunny
Sept. 13	82	54	P. Sunny
Sept. 14	84	57	Sunny
Sept. 15	87	61	P. Sunny
Sept. 16	91	63	Sunny
Sept. 17	65	49	Cloudy

Average Temp.:
H = 69° Low = 52°

Average Rain
Last 7 days: .95"
2019: 19.05"

Archery deer season starts Saturday

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Offer made to buy EDA land

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Christine Tollefson asked the Staples Economic Development Authority about purchasing land to expand her business. A Daughter's Love provides home services and day care services for elderly people, and at the Aug. 27 SEDA meeting, Tollefson said they now provide 25 jobs in Staples with a payroll of \$60,000 a month.

The business currently operates out of a group of homes on 4th Street NE in Staples. Tollefson said they were looking at building a new single structure, which will require fewer staff to assist the clients that are now separated into multiple units. She said that would allow staff to do more in-home care around the area.

Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said she showed Tollefson possible building spots in Staples, and they were interested in a lot owned by the SEDA. The lot is between 5th Street and 4th Street NE, across from Staples-Motley Elementary School.

Tollefson offered \$10,000 for the lot. Radermacher said the city has put around \$29,000 into the lot, which is also near the assessed value of the land. Radermacher said if the city accepted the offer, the benefit would be to put the property back on the tax rolls and they wouldn't offer any other incentives to build. Another option would be to sell the lot for full price and create a tax increment finance (TIF) district to help with the cost of construction.

Tollefson said she was ready to start building right away, but City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said to sell that lot, they will have to schedule a public hearing and the city council would have to vote on it. He said after going through all the steps, a realistic time line would show it

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CLC's Diesel Program receives AEDF accreditation

The Central Lakes College Diesel Technology program is now accredited by the AED (Associated Equipment Distributors) Foundation. A tour of the program, located at the CLC Staples campus, took place Aug. 21 and was followed by a ceremony honoring the AEDF accreditation of the diesel program. Pictured above, from left, are Steve Hoemberg, Director of Outreach, MN Transportation Center of Excellence; Kari Christiansen, Vice President of Administrative Services at CLC; Adam Hayashi, Interim Dean of Staples Campuses at CLC; Robert Henderson, President Emeritus of the AED Foundation; Jeff Klehr and Paul Zimmerman, Diesel Mechanics Instructors, CLC; Martin McCormack, Associate Director of Development and Workforce at AED Foundation; Jacki Anderson, Outreach Director, U.S. Rept. Collin Peterson; and Rebekah Kent, Dean of Brainerd Career and Technical Programs at CLC. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Left: Jeff Klehr and Paul Zimmerman (at far right), Diesel Mechanics Instructors at Central Lakes College, Staples campus, gave a tour of their program recently to members of the AED (Associated Equipment Distributors) Foundation and others. Klehr and Zimmerman noted that there is a shortage of skilled diesel equipment technicians, and those who are trained in an accredited program such as the one offered at CLC can expect to secure a job with good wages upon graduation. The AED Foundation representatives in attendance included, from left, Robert Henderson, AED Executive Vice President & COO and Martin McCormack, AED Foundation Associate Director of Development and Workforce, both of Schaumburg, Ill.; and Scott McPherson, AED Great Lakes Regional Manager, of Land O'Lakes, Wisc. Following the tour, a ceremony was held honoring the AEDF accreditation of the Central Lakes College Diesel Program. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Becker Busy Bees 4-Hers do well at Minnesota State Fair

By Bill Sauber
Club reporter

Members of Becker Busy Bees 4-H Club went down to show at the Minnesota State Fair the livestock weekend.

Everyone was excited to go back down and show. The weather was great during the fair staying in the 70s and sunny. That

helped the members and their animals stay cool.

Members who showed were Dustin Converse, Colton Converse, Caden Mrazek, Sam Sauber and Bill Sauber.

First to show was Bill with his Bantam Breeding Pen of Chickens. He received a blue ribbon and got a call back for showmanship. Showmanship is based on you and how well

you know your animals.

Friday was the busiest when Dustin showed his goat and received a red ribbon. Colton, Caden and Dustin also showed wool from their sheep and each received a blue ribbon.

On Saturday, Sam showed his Dutch rabbit and won champion in his breed. He then won overall breeding rabbit of the 4-H at the state fair. Sam said,

"I thought I would do okay but not place so high overall."

After all the livestock shows were done our club went on the space tower and skyride. We all had fun at the fair and can't wait until next year.

The Becker Busy Bees 4-H Club will get back to meetings in the new 4-H year which starts in October.



Grand Champion rabbit

Sam Sauber of Motley took home the overall Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit award for his Dutch rabbit Rog at the state fair. He also won the champion award for his breed (Dutch). Sauber is a member of the Becker Busy Bees 4-H Club. (Submitted photo)



Purple ribbon winners at the Minnesota State Fair

Two members of the Becker Busy Bees 4-H Club received purple ribbons at the recent Minnesota State Fair. Pictured above left is Colton Converse of Motley with his March Ewe lamb which earned a purple ribbon in that class. Above right is Caden Mrazek of Motley who received a purple ribbon with his January Ewe

lamb. *Additional ribbons/awards earned by Colton Converse and Caden Mrazek at the state fair:* The boys each earned blue ribbons with their Corriedale fleeces; and Caden earned a Grand Champion title in Livestock Interviews. (Submitted photos)



Blue ribbon chicken

Bill Sauber of Motley received a blue ribbon at the recent Minnesota State Fair for his Bantam Breeding Pen of Chickens. Sauber is a member of the Becker Busy Bee 4-H Club. Below, Sauber (far left) lets some fairgoers pet the chicken. (Submitted photos)



Blue ribbon winner

Dustin Converse of Motley took home a blue ribbon from the Minnesota State Fair after showing his French Alpine dry yearling doe. The goat was leased from Sarah Carlson of Motley. Dustin's mom, JodyLynn Converse noted that the goat show started at 8 a.m. and went all day until about 6 p.m. "It was a marathon," she said. Dustin also earned a blue ribbon with his Corriedale fleece. (Submitted photo)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Sept. 4 - The MPD assisted Morrison County Sheriff's Office on a traffic stop, warrant arrest.

Sept. 4 - The MPD received a report of suspicious activity on the north side of the wastewater treatment plant in Motley.

Sept. 3 - The MPD issued a hands free violation citation to Scott Schroeder, 37.

Sept. 2 - The MPD received a report of property damage at the 900 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

Aug. 31 - The MPD arrested Michael Alan Rogers, 50, for probation violation. New charges of 5th degree drug possession and paraphernalia were added. The incident took place at the 900 block of Hwy 10 in Motley.

Aug. 31 - The MPD responded to a report of theft at 67th Ave SW in Motley.

Aug. 29 - 31 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Megan Marsh, 38; Donald Black, 55; Leah Erickson, 42; Nicholas Rimer-Listul, 34; Jeffrey Schindele, 56.

Aug. 31 - The MPD received a report of a possible break in at the 200 block of 4th Ave. S., Motley.

Aug. 30 - The MPD arrested Derik Charles George, 31, for driving under the influence.

Aug. 30 - The MPD issued a citation to Darrin Tiessen, 29, for driving with a revoked license.

Aug. 29 - The MPD received a report of a 10-year-old, eight-foot trampoline that had been taken from a yard at the 200 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

Sept. 2 - The MCSO responded to a structure fire at the 27000 block of Red Stone Dr., Cushing. Upon arrival, Randall Fire was on scene and attempting to the fire out. The cabin that was on fire was fully engulfed and it was a total loss.

Sept. 1 - The MCSO arrested Tania Marie Deick, 34, for driving while intoxicated.

Aug. 31 - The MCSO assisted the Staples Police with arresting a subject who had made terroristic threats.

Aug. 30 - The MCSO issued a citation to Joseph Strang, 35, for texting while driving.

ATV crash results in serious injury

Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch reports that on August 31 at 1:12 p.m., the Cass County Sheriff's Office received a report of an ATV crash with injuries in the Spider Lake Recreational Area in the Foot Hills State Forest, rural Backus.

Deputies and responders arrived and learned that a female, age 54 from Kimball, was operating a 2019 Suzuki ATV when she

lost control, crashing the vehicle. The victim was treated on scene and transported to a Twin Cities hospital via North Memorial Air Care with serious injuries.

Assisting at the scene were the MN Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officers, Backus Fire and First Response, North Memorial Ambulance and North Memorial Air Care.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

Sept. 14, 1944 - Word was received from Dora Wilson, of Minneapolis last week telling of the death of Marine Pfc. Richard B. Wilson, a former Staples boy. Pfc. Wilson was killed in action at Guam in late July. He had been in service two years, and had been overseas 18 months. He was the son of Mrs. Arthur Anderson of Minneapolis.

Sept. 14, 1944 - This is the first issue of the Cardinal Kronicle, high school paper, which is contained within the columns of The

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World, this week. The section starts its 18th year, with the beginning of the present school term. Heading the editorial staff is Miss Ella Martin, as editor in chief of the Paper. Miss Frances Martinson is the business manager; and Miss Thelma Houston, member of the high school faculty, is the advisor for the staff this year.

Sept. 14, 1944 - Severson's Food Market in Staples advertises a five-pound bag of sugar at 33 cents; 12-oz. can of Spam for 34 cents; sliced bacon ends, 17 cents per pound; 24-oz. jar of peanut butter for 29 cents; T-bone steak, 35 cents per pound. Questions? Call them at 540.

Sept. 14, 1944 - Mrs. Charles Akin, in the News of Motley, reports that an 8-lb., 6 oz baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodwater Sept. 9, at the Staples Hospital. The little fellow has been named Robert LeRoy. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eckes, born Aug. 27, has been named Mary Alice. The little girl is doing nicely.

50 YEARS Ago - 1969

Sept. 11, 1969 - Two persons are dead and five others are hospitalized with injuries as a result of a two-car accident early Saturday morning Sept. 6, about two miles southwest of Staples. The tragedy apparently happened about 1 a.m. at the intersection of Hwy No. 210 and Todd County Rd. 21, commonly known as the Long Prairie road.

Killed at the scene of the accident was Carol Jean Tichy, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tichy, rural Staples. Mrs. Elizabeth Ackert, 80, Medford, Wisc., died of injuries received about 11:15 a.m. Saturday at the Staples Municipal hospital.

Hospitalized with injuries are John Lorenzen, 53, Staples, who was the driver of one of the vehicles involved; his wife, Genevieve, 55; Marjorie Ann Herman, 18, Staples; Michael Horan, 20, Motley; and Rex McCoy, 22, Motley, who was the driver of the other car.

Sept. 11, 1969 - Dennis Tyrrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyrrell of rural Browerville, was selected

Grand Champion Dairy Exhibitor at the 1969 Minnesota State Fair. Tyrrell, a member of the A-1 4-H club, was selected by an interview committee of extension dairy specialists on the basis of long-term 4-H dairy records and knowledge of the dairy industry. He received a beautiful trophy symbolic of his award from the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association.

25 YEARS Ago - 1994

Sept. 15, 1994 - The Staples Motley school board awarded the first bids for the Motley school building project at a special meeting Sept. 8. The first phase of the project, site work and excavation, is expected to begin the first week in October.

Sept. 15, 1994 - Local law officers are certain that the men who robbed the Mid Central Federal Savings Bank in Staples on Aug. 16 have been captured. At the same time, it's very unlikely we will ever see them on trial for the local bank robbery, Staples Police Chief Kyle Huber said.

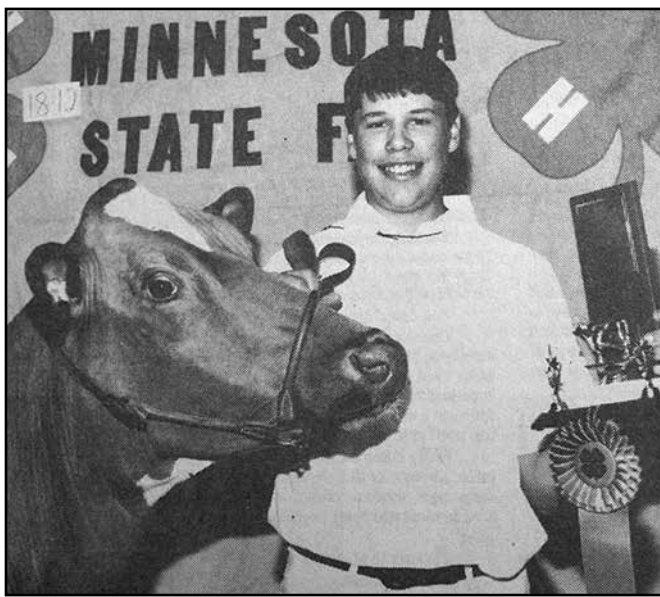
Huber's quite sure the Staple bank robbery is closed. He is convinced that Benjamin Brooks, 27, and Frederick Treesh, 30, both currently under arrest in Ohio, committed the robbery in Staples.

Sept. 15, 1994 - Business is booming in Leader. The biggest news is at the Bear's Den the night spot bar and grill that was formerly known as 64 Spot. Owners Gary and Glenda Dauer are brimming over with enthusiasm and plans for their new look business. The Dauers have in the past two years added a large dance area and dining room to the former 64 Spot. Now they are in the process of installing gasoline pumps and setting up a convenience store. "People in the area are really excited. They are so happy they won't have to drive all the way to Motley or Staples for gas," Glenda said. That also probably goes for milk and a loaf of bread as well.

Sept. 15, 1994 - The whole pool is full in swimming practice for the new Staples Motley girls swimming program. Coach Mel Nefstead is now working with 29 girls. The team traveled to its first ever meet last week, where they finished 11th place among 11 teams, but Nefstead felt good about his young girls and their times. "It was probably the worst scenario we could have faced. The deck was wall to wall kids, in one of the biggest meets we'll see this year. Our kids were nervous, apprehensive, with many of them in their first competition ever. We took 21 girls to the meet, and we all had a good time," Nefstead said.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

Sept. 10, 2009 - Even as children were beginning their first day back at school Tuesday, Sept. 8,



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Sept. 15, 1994 edition. Do you know who this person is and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning. 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 Aug. 23, 1979 edition of the Staples World featured members of the Cardinal Girls Softball Team that had been honored at a team picnic following their 1979 winning season. From left, sophomore Nancy Miller, chosen as the Most Valuable Player on the 1979 squad; and Bev Kirk (center) and Patty Neilsen, chosen by their teammates to be co-captains the next season, during which they will both be seniors.

Bev (Kirk) Maybon of Baxter, 1980 Staples High School graduate and one of the girls pictured, correctly identified all and remembered the details of the photo. Deb Miller of Staples correctly identified all except Patty Neilsen; Mel Nefstead of Baxter correctly identified Bev Kirk; Kevin Roline, Lori Miller and Kevin Nelson correctly identified all. Nelson, of Staples, said he got some help from Kathy Lauer. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

voters in the Staples Motley School District went to the polls and defeated a \$6.43 million building bond. The bond issue failed by 182 votes. District totals showed 644 voted no and 462 voted yes.

Most of the money was earmarked for building maintenance projects, such as replacing roofs and worn flooring, replacing windows, installing a biomass burner at the high school and renovating space at the high school to accommodate the office of the Freshwater Education District so the current building can be closed.

Sept. 10, 2009 - The annual Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Staples Historical Society, will be held Sunday, Sept. 20, and features seven homes. These include Janet Kiley's

Landmark Inn, Staples; Amy Hunter's home in Staples; Stan and Rose Edin's Vintage Villa in Staples; Shawn and Steph Jordahl's home outside of Motley; Scott and Jean Odden's new home on the Crow Wing River; Scott and Barb Markus' home in Motley; and Stephen and Dr. Julie Benson's custom designed farmhouse in rural Staples.

Sept. 10, 2009 - The Cardinal volleyball team is looking tough after the first game of the season. On Sept. 1, Staples Motley met the Aitkin girls on the Gobbler's home court. The Cards swept them in three games for a quick night. "The team played well for the first game of the season and I was very happy to see how things came together for the girls," said Coach Kyra Quast.

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Purchase offer

likely wouldn't be ready to build until spring. Tollefson said she might want to build on a different lot and get it done this year. She said she would go back to her family to discuss the time line, and the SEDA decided to look into scheduling a public hearing, if she was still interested in buying the lot.

In other news, Radermacher informed the board that a manufacturing business is looking at opening a plant in Staples.

Staples Police report; August

On Aug. 25, Staples Police responded to a report of a car/deer crash on Airport Road NE, just south of Warner Road. The driver had been traveling northbound on Airport Road, when she had struck a deer. Another passing vehicle had also struck the deer, but did not stop at the crash scene.

On Aug. 25, Staples Police responded to a report of a fight occurring near the intersection of 6th Street NE and Michigan Ave. NE, involving multiple subjects. Upon arrival, one of the parties involved in the incident was observed fleeing from the scene on foot. Also responding to assist was the Wadena County Sheriff's Department and Todd County Sheriff's Department.

On Aug. 21, Staples Police responded to the 800 block of 7th Street NE for a juvenile that had called 911 stating that he had shot a gun in the house on accident. No one was hurt and no one else was around. The juvenile and parent were advised on the issue.

On Aug. 21, Staples Police received a report of four juveniles who came into the Warner Road apartments and got out and broke a watermelon. The reporting party stated the juveniles were cursing and there were young children in the apartment area. Police located the vehicle and four juveniles who went and cleaned up the watermelon.

On Aug. 21, at about 1:30 a.m., Staples Police observed a suspicious vehicle parked at Dower Lake Recreation Area. Two individuals located at the end of the pier stated they were star-gazing.

On Aug. 20, Staples Police responded to a call of an assault on the 1400 block of 8th Street NE. Randy Etzler, 55, was arrested in the incident.

On Aug. 20, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a domestic. Police located the suspect Kristopher Tornow, 39, and he was later arrested for domestic assault.

On Aug. 20, Staples Police received a report of a shoplifter at Ace Hardware. Dustin Carpenter, 28, was cited for theft.

On Aug. 29, Staples Police responded to the report of a male subject harassing an individual

and grabbing his groin in a lewd manner. The subject, John Faulk, 54, was arrested on a Crow Wing County warrant and was transported to the Todd County Jail.

On Aug. 16, Staples Police responded to a report of possible financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult. The reporting party stated that she had paid her roommate money for bills and the bills weren't paid. The roommate is also reportedly verbally abusive and has taken all the food from her roommate. The reporting party was advised to work on an eviction notice to the roommate and to look into an HRO.

On Aug. 16, Staples Police received a report of a theft of three Ipads from Lakewood Health System.

On Aug. 16, Staples Police responded to Lakewood Care Center for a report of a theft. After investigation, theft charges will be filed against Christine Scales of Verndale.

On Aug. 15, Staples Police arrested Sara Tangeman, 34, for domestic assault.

On Aug. 14, Staples Police assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a one vehicle rollover at Highway 210 and County Road 9. Police arrived and met with the one occupant who stated that he was ok.

On Aug. 13 Staples Police received a report of an elderly woman that was unsure where she was. Police made contact with the woman and learned that she had memory issues. Family was contacted and the woman was left with family.

On Aug. 11, Staples Police received a report of gun shots.

On Aug. 8, Staples Police responded to the 300 block of 5th Street SE for a threat complaint. While conducting the investigation, police determined that the complainant fired a bb gun during the incident to scare the suspect involved. Police also determined the suspect involved was in the public street and didn't threaten the complainant's life. Police also found that the suspect had a felony warrant for his arrest out of Morrison County Police arrested Arron Holloway, 27, for the warrant, and cited Virgil Gilbert, 56, for discharging a firearm in city limits.

CLC student named 2019 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar

Central Lakes College student Samantha Mrazek is one of 207 Phi Theta Kappa members named a 2019 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program helps new Phi Theta Kappa members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs. Scholars are encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating in Society programs and are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service and leadership potential. Nearly 900 applications were received.

"Samantha is an extremely hardworking student and is completely deserving of this scholarship. We are so proud of what she has accomplished," said Kate Porter, CLC English instructor and PTK advisor.

A total of \$207,000 is awarded through the Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation provides \$200,000 in funding for the scholarships, with \$25,000 set aside for members who are veterans or active members of the United States military. The remaining amount is supported by donations to the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation and provides seven Global Leaders of Promise Scholarships, earmarked for international students.

"The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges," said Jane Hale Hopkins, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. "We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa, make it possible for more deserving students to achieve their educational goals, and support tomorrow's leaders of the global community."

The funds provided by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation not only aid college completion, but also give students the opportunity to engage in Society programs and develop leadership skills to become future leaders in their communities.

"Research shows that Phi Theta Kappa members are four times more likely to complete a college degree than their peers," said Dr. Monica Marlowe, Executive Director of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation. "The Leaders of Promise Scholarships recognize students for what they have achieved already and assure that financial need isn't an obstacle to achieving their academic goals."

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Rollover accident near Staples

The Staples Ambulance crew works on a patient who had been ejected in a rollover accident. On Wednesday, September 4, at 4:10 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of a one vehicle rollover where the driver was ejected. The vehicle crash was north of Staples on County Road 30, near 12th Street NE. Staples Police Department, along with a member of the Staples Fire Department were first on scene treating the male driver.

The driver was traveling north on Wadena County Road 30 when he swerved to avoid hitting a dog, caus-

ing the vehicle to cross into the southbound lane and into the ditch where the unbelted driver was ejected. The driver was treated on scene by ambulance and transported to Lakewood Health System where he was met by North Memorial Air Care. Alcohol was not a contributing factor in the crash.

Responding agencies were the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Staples Police Department, Staples Fire Department along with Lakewood Ambulance and North Memorial Air Care. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Inside the first day at Staples-Motley schools

By Deb Ferdon
Staples-Motley Schools

What a great time to be a Cardinal. I am currently the coordinator for Teaching and Learning activities here in the Staples-Motley District, so I am fortunate to get a view of the happenings within all of our school buildings and classrooms while I support teachers and students. I am also a parent of a seventh grade student and a junior at the Middle/High School campus. My children attended Motley School for all of their Elementary and Middle School years starting in kindergarten, so this year in particular was the first year my son was in a new building ever, my daughter had moved over in 8th grade. I could sense his nervousness at Open House, being in a different building and figuring out which turn to take to get to science or math, and the frustration of not being able to open his locker (in the end he just got a new one).

On Tuesday morning, I brought my son to school to try to get his locker situation sorted out, and then planned to stay on to be available to help out whenever I could as the day got rolling. As we walked up to the main doors, we were greeted enthusiastically by a barrage of upperclassmen who were there as greeters to welcome the "little kids" to the building. What a treat. "Good morning." "Welcome." "Hey I like your shirt." Messages in sidewalk chalk welcoming kids to the building, promising a great school year. My mortified seventh

grader shuffled in quickly past all of this ruckus, only to be met with a "tunnel" of kids cheering and high-five-ing as we entered the building. What a fabulous welcome. They continued as buses unloaded and kids made their way inside to start the day.

After he got himself situated and quickly told me to be on my way, I made myself available in the office and hallways to assist students with whatever I could. I jumped in with countless adults and upperclassmen whenever it appeared a student needed help finding lockers, opening lockers, and calming nerves. I was so impressed with how well all of the kids settled in and were quickly so comfortable.

The atmosphere in the entire building was a healthy mix of natural anxiety and sincere excitement about being in this new space and environment. It was evident that the fifth and sixth graders were quick to learn that they are the lucky ducks in the newest and nicest rooms in the place. Kudos to the building and grounds crew who created a great space for our youngest kiddos to learn and grow, giving them an awesome space mostly to themselves.

Cutting down to two buildings from three was a tough one. Staff and students had to make a big move. Leadership had to work out a lot of details to make schedules and spaces happen smoothly. Families needed to adjust to this new normal only a few years after reconfiguring

elementary schools. The loss of the Motley Middle School, as we came to know it, is hard. While efficiencies and financial factors are logical reasons to make changes, the realities are hard to face.

But the rocks in the path will become less jagged on our feet as we move forward and sunshine will peek through the clouds. Teachers will continue to provide great learning experiences for kids and help each and every one of them have a sense of belonging and to strive to succeed.

Collaboration among staff and students alike in the MS/HS building will provide amazing opportunities. The Early Childhood center in Motley will be a great place for our youngest students to thrive and be prepared for school - they continue to come up with great ideas to make that a fun place to be.

I'm excited about the energy I felt in the Middle-High School building and the opportunities it will provide for all of our 5-12th grade students. I wish more families had been able to be in the building and experience the vibe that I did in the first days of school as an observer. Was everything perfect? Nope. Will there be bumps in the road and things that are less than ideal? Yep. But like we say to kids, attitude is everything. Life is 10 percent what happens to you, and 90 percent how you react to it (Charles Swindoll). I choose to react with a positive and enthusiastic attitude knowing that this will be a great thing for all of our Cardinals.

Let's make Minnesota the "Education State"

Governor Tim Walz

As a former public school teacher and a dad, the back-to-school season is a meaningful time of year for me. This year, it's also full of change. My daughter, Hope, starts her first year of college at the University of Minnesota and my son, Gus, heads back to middle school. This will also be the first year in nearly thirty years that neither my wife, Gwen, nor I will be starting September in a school.

While I am not in front of a classroom this year, I approach every day in my job as a "teacher-governor." That's because the education of our children determines the future of our state. Every student in Minnesota deserves the opportunity to learn in the best schools in the country with caring, qualified teachers.

But as I travel around the state, I see how the quality of a student's education is too often dependent on their race or zip code. I recently met a grandmother who lives with a deep anxiety. Her fear is that her grandchild in Le Crescent won't receive the same opportu-

nities or have as bright of a future as her grandchild in Woodbury. Disparities in our educational system based on geography, race, or economic status hold back not only our students, but our entire state from reaching its full potential.

We must make Minnesota the "Education State" for all children—no matter who they are or where they live. This past legislative session, we achieved many victories for education. Together, we increased the general education formula for the next two years, giving schools more flexibility to meet the unique needs of their students. We invested in the mental health of our kids by allowing districts and charters to hire more school counselors. And we kept the preschool doors open for 4,000 of Minnesota's littlest learners to keep them on track to reach their full potential.

While I am incredibly encouraged by these steps forward, we still face many challenges in education. The achievement gap between white students and students of color persists—threatening to hold back our future workforce. Too many school districts,

especially in Greater Minnesota, rely on levies and property tax increases to provide students with the support they need and deserve. We cannot continue to ask our teachers and administrators to do more with fewer resources.

If we are going to foster the best education system in the country, every politician, every community, and every Minnesotan must value our children receiving a high-quality education. This means valuing our teachers, our principals, our mentors, our paraprofessionals, our bus drivers and, of course, our students. In sum, it means valuing the great American institution of public education.

Back-to-school is a time filled with possibility and excitement. Education is the great equalizer of society. Education unleashes untapped potential. Education conjures the magic of promising beginnings and the grace of second chances. I will work every day to make Minnesota the Education State. Good luck to everyone as they head back at school, and I look forward to what we can achieve together this year.

Pine Grove wonderland

I loved the beautiful picture in your paper of our beautiful park.

I really love our park. In the early mornings it is so beautiful with the sun shining through the trees. I used to take my children out to the park many years ago, just a great place

for kids to run and play. Maybe we could have more pictures of our park.

Helen Riggs
Staples, Minn



A great place to run and play

Children frolic while chasing after bubbles at the Ziegler 5K run at Pine Grove Park in August. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

What happened to customer service?

What has happened to customer service? When did taking a personal call on your cell phone become more important than helping a customer?

Twice in the last seven days, I have been a customer placed second to a personal phone call by employees of two different businesses in Staples. There is always a push to buy local and support local businesses. I am in favor of supporting local businesses and I try to do my part. However, treat me with respect as a customer.

My first experience within this seven day period, I walked into a business in Staples and

the employee was talking on the phone. It was obviously a personal call. I collected my purchases, went to the counter and had my purchases rung up; all the while the employee continued their conversation. The employee did say thank you, but those were the only words spoken to me as she continued her phone conversation.

My second experience was today (Aug. 30). I went to a different business in Staples. The employee was outside taking a personal phone call. I entered the store, waited a few minutes, then the employee came in - still talking on the phone. He raised his eyebrow, in an attempt to nonverbally ask me what I wanted. I told him what I wanted, he brought the item to the register, rang up my purchase, gave me a receipt; all the while talking on his cell

phone. He did not say one word to me. I will not be going back there.

Before you point a finger or blame our teens/young people for these incidents, don't. To the best of my guessing ability, I would say that these two employees were over the age of 30.

The next time this happens - although I hope there is not a next time - I will leave my purchases on the counter and walk out. No more "Minnesota nice". There are other places in town, and out of town, to buy these same products.

Employers, please talk with your employees about personal cell phone use versus customer service. If you want residents to support local businesses treat them with respect.

Roxane Lindberg
Staples, Minn

BBB offers tips for managing your student's online reputation

Talking about the privacy concerns with social media use can seem like beating a dead horse, but with 33 percent of college admissions officers admitting to viewing applicants' social media profiles, students and their parents need to know what they're getting into when they post online.

According to a 2018 CareerBuilder survey, 70 percent of employers regularly use social media to screen job candidates, and 34 percent of employers reprimanded or fired an employee based on content they found online.

Because social media has the potential to have such a large impact on a

student's future, it's crucial for them to be taught how to manage their online reputation. Here are six simple ways to ensure your student is scrolling for success:

- Make your own social media accounts. Parents who are more familiar with their child's social media platforms are better able to teach what to do and what not to do. Once you make your own account, you can then send a friend request to your child. Because you are then connected to their social media, it will discourage them from posting what they are doing at their "after school hang-out," especially if they know their parents or other family members will be able to clearly see it.
- Have them consider "what ifs." A question that should be asked to anyone with a social media account is: "If your future employer were to do an online search of you right now, how concerned would you be with what they could find?" If the answer is "Not very," great. If they pause and think, it may be time to start reviewing the content they share.
- Make sure their social media accounts are private. While this cannot guarantee absolute privacy, it can help to prevent strangers

from accessing your child's photos and other information. Any public photos or videos posted online can be easily duplicated and put into any article, news report, poster, etc.

- Encourage young adults to use LinkedIn. Social Media is not the enemy. In fact, 37 percent of employers say they have hired a candidate because their social media reflected the personality of the company. Platforms such as LinkedIn allow employers to see your child's past job experiences and current employment goals.
- Have regular conversations about social media. Making your child aware of the potential impact a post can have on their future might make them think twice about what they are posting.
- Reach out to the Better Business Bureau for resources. If you have questions about ways you can protect yourself online, reach out to BBB.

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Girl Scout informational session/sign-up event

School is back in session and Girl Scouts is forming new troops in the Staples-Motley area.

Join us at Staples Elementary on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. to learn how Girl Scouts offers the best leadership experience for girls—one that is designed with, by, and for girls. Girl Scout activities reach far beyond cookies, arts and crafts. The inclusive, all-girl environment of a Girl Scout troop creates a safe space where girls can try new things, develop a range of skills, take on leadership roles and just be themselves. Girl Scouts go hiking, camping, learn about the outdoors, volunteer in your local community, learn about robotics and cybersecurity and create memories with new friends.

Meet current local Girl Scouts and troop leaders

and register for membership on-site. All new girl members will receive a free T-shirt featuring Luna the Unicorn. Girls will make slime while parents and caregivers team up with other members of the community to form new or join existing troops. Girl Scouts is open to all girls in Kindergarten - 12th grade.

Joining Girl Scouts costs \$25 annually. Scholarships are available thanks to support from our product program and generous community donors. All information sessions are free of charge.

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines serves central and northern Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. For more information about getting involved, call 218-726-4710 or visit us online at www.girlscoutslp.org.



Edible art tradition for dairy princesses

Rachel Paskewitz of Browerville was one of 10 finalists at the 66th Annual Princess Kay of the Milky Way contest. As part of the decades-old tradition, Paskewitz had her likeness carved in butter on Aug. 31, by sculptor Linda Christensen, spending eight hours in a revolving cooler at the Minnesota State Fair's dairy building. Paskewitz, a 2018 graduate of Staple-Motley High School, currently attends South Dakota State University. (Submitted photos)

Mark Your Calendar

September 11

FALL FESTIVAL - COMMUNITY EVENT, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley. Supper, bounce house, hay rides, live music, AWANA and youth registration.

Motley High School choir room. For info., 218-894-1574.

September 17

SQUARE DANCING WORKSHOP - LAST ONE FOR THIS YEAR, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6 - 8 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 Fourth St. NE, Staples. Mainstream with Phil Miller. For info., 218-639-3273.

September 18

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited.

September 12

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., Sept. 12, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Roger McNeil, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

September 16

STAPLES AREA WOMEN'S CHORUS REHEARSING, Monday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., Staples-

September 23

HAM RADIO TECHNICIAN OPERATOR LICENSE CLASSES sponsored by Wadena Area Amateur Radio Club (WAARC), will be held every Monday evening from 7 - 9 p.m. for seven weeks beginning Sept. 23. Class sessions will be held at the Wadena-Deer Creek High School and are free to the public. Pre-registration required. The goal of the class is to assist participants in acquiring a Technician class amateur radio license from the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). For more information, contact WAARC at www.wadenaham.org, or go to the WAARC Facebook page, or email a.browne.388@gmail.com.

Business Succession Planning Lunch and Learn Series

(This project was funded in part by the Initiative Foundation, a regional foundation.)

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Proud parents

Alan and Vicki Paskewitz of Browerville are pictured with their daughter Rachel Paskewitz (center) who was one of 10 finalists at the 66th Princess Kay of the Milky Way contest held at the Minnesota State Fair. Rachel Paskewitz, representing Todd County, was named a scholarship winner. (Submitted photo)



STEP recognizes Direct Support Week

Staff members are crucial to supporting people with disabilities in the community.

To recognize the accomplishments and contributions made by direct support professionals to the lives of people with disabilities, STEP in Browerville, Staples, Sauk Centre and the Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR) are supporting Direct Support Professional Recognition (DSP) Week, Sept. 8-14.

"Direct support professionals are at the core of our mission, helping people with disabilities to live the lives that they

choose," said MOHR President Julie Johnson. "Their work is valued, needed and appreciated."

STEP employs 30 DSPs to serve 80 individuals in and around the Todd County community. "Our mission at STEP is to serve, teach, and empower people. Without dedicated DSP staff we could not work towards that goal."

"The caring and important work they do is truly admirable and I cannot thank them enough," said

STEP's Executive Director Cory Lawrence.

With more than 100 disability service providers across the state, MOHR's mission is to promote and strengthen employment and life engagement opportunities as chosen by persons with disabilities.

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"The Farewell" at 7:10
"Booksmart" at 9:00 & 9:15
"Wild Rose" at 3:15 & 9:25

Mon. Sept. 16th
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"Blinded by the Light" at 7:10

Tues. Sept. 17th
"The Peanut Butter Falcon" at 7:00
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The push, the stretch and the score

After Issac Kronenberg (64) cleared a path, quarterback Max Strickland reaches out and jumps over the goal line for the team's second touchdown. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Football team grinds out win against ranked opponent

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

With clutch plays throughout the game, the Staples-Motley football team ground out a 20-16 win against third ranked Otter Tail Central on Sept. 6. In the last two possessions, the Cardinals stopped OTC on fourth and one, then converted their own fourth and two, which allowed them to run out the clock.

"We saw our team play a full 60 minutes," said Coach Chris Kappler. "They overcome some mistakes, rose to the challenge and executed our game plan."

The two OTC touchdowns came after Cardinal mistakes, but they relied as a team, with big plays coming from many different players.

"We saw our O and D lines control the fronts, making way for our backs and linebackers to make plays," said Kappler. "Our running backs ran hard, and got us the yards we needed. Our wide receivers made some timely catches, that kept our drives going."

The Cardinals had a good start on defense when Cade Schmidt sacked the OTC quarterback on a fourth down attempt.

On the first offensive possession, Garrett Carlson had a long run for a first down. On 4th and 11, Max Strickland threw a pass to Izaiah DeMars for a first down. Sivert Klefsaas took it the rest of the way for a six yard touchdown run, and the Cardinals opened a 6-0 lead.

The defense stepped up again, with Sam Opheim and Emmitt Win-

kels getting tackles for loss to force a punt.

But right away OTC stepped in front of a pass and returned the interception for a touchdown. The extra point put the Cardinals down 8-6.

Rising to the challenge, Staples-Motley drove back down the field. Big plays included Klefsaas picking up a fourth and one, and Carlson making first down runs.

Strickland finished the drive with a quarterback sneak to put the team up 12-8.

Once again, the defense held with Cole Winkels and Issac Kronenberg making stops. But another Cardinal turnover, a fumble, led to another OTC touchdown, and the Cardinals found themselves down 16-12 at half-time.

In the second half, the Staples-Motley secondary stopped two OTC drives. DeMars intercepted a pass and Strickland broke up a third down pass, forcing a punt.

After the punt, the Cardinals got first downs from Carlson and Schmidt, before scoring on a half-back pass. Klefsaas took a handoff and then threw deep to a wide open DeMars. Schmidt ran in the extra point for a 20-16 lead.

OTC started driving again, but Cole Winkels and Schmidt made big stops. On fourth and one, Kronenberg led a big Cardinal push up the middle to stop the run attempt before it could go anywhere.

With seven minutes left, it was Schmidt's turn to carry the ball for

first downs, as the Staples-Motley front line wore down OTC and kept the clock running. After two penalties created a 3rd and 21, it looked like the Cardinal defense would have to make one last stop, but Carlson cut to the outside and got 19 of those yards back and Schmidt barged through tacklers for two yards on fourth down, crossing the marker by a couple of inches. With 1:31 left in the game, the Cardinals celebrated, knowing they could now run out the clock and ensure the victory.

Beating a ranked team in their second game is a big early season win, but the Cardinals have been building up to this point over the past year and they played the kind of game they had been looking for.

"As a team, this is what we expected," said Kappler. "It is great for the kids to see their hard work from the summer paying off. Every week our goal is to get better and try to eliminate the little mistakes."

Staples-Motley will face another huge challenge in their next game, against a 2-0 Breckenridge team on Friday, Sept. 13, at the Cardinal field.

Team results

Staples-Motley 20, Otter Tail Central 16

Rushing: SM 240, OTC 94
Garrett Carlson 25-141, Sivert Klefsaas 9-62, Cade Schmidt 10-38

Receiving: SM 58, OTC 66
Izaiah DeMars 4-55, Schmidt 1-3

Passing: Max Strickland 4-5, 28 yards, Klefsaas 1-1, 30 yards

First downs: SM 16, OTC 6

Third downs: SM 6-10, OTC 1-7

Fourth downs: SM 2-5, OTC 0-3



Sure hands

Izaiah DeMars reaches up to grab a pass to gain a first down in the first half. He led the team with four receptions, including a touchdown, and also intercepted a pass in the game.



On deck for the sack

Cade Schmidt sacks the quarterback with the help of Sam Opheim (87).



First half sprint

Garrett Carlson breaks into the open for a big run in the first half, with help from blocker Logen Weite (44).



Getting a block on every player; gaining the biggest inch of the season

It was a victory for the Cardinal blockers, pictured above earlier in the game, from left, Emmitt Winkels, Alex Giza (56), Schmidt (22), Sam Opheim (87), Issac Kronenberg (64) and Cole Winkels (66). Pictured at right, Staples-Motley football players celebrate after the referees determine they got a first down by just a couple of inches, on a run by Cade Schmidt. With 1:30 left and a four point lead, the Cardinals were able to run out the clock after this measurement.



Tennis team battles wind, beats tough Park Rapids

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

It took a few games for the Staples-Motley girls tennis team to figure out how to play with a fierce wind that came up just as the matches were starting against Park Rapids on Sept. 5.

"The wind tried to stop us, but the girls stayed strong and fought through it," said Coach Jacque Doll. "They are getting more mentally tough and are able to stay steady through crucial points. They could have easily used the wind as an excuse, but not today. They used it to battle to a great win."

One example is the number one doubles team of Tasha Achermann and Haley Cichos, who started behind in their first two sets, and came back to win the first one, but put it all together for the third set, winning 6-3.

Before that big conference match, the Cardinals beat Crookston 6-1 and lost a tough match to Moorhead 4-3 on Aug. 30. On Sept. 6, the Cardinals beat Parkers Prairie 7-0 and beat Roseau 6-1.

"Roseau is a tough team that loads their doubles lineup, so for us to get the win at 1 and 2 doubles showed our depth and those players' mental toughness," said Doll.

"Georgia Kruchten and Keara Kern had a big time come from behind win at two doubles," said Doll, and the one doubles team of Achermann and Cichos also came from behind for their win.

The Cardinals are now 8-5 and have won four matches in a row. They will face some bigger schools this week. "We look for-

ward to the challenge," said Doll.

Against Parkers Prairie, Corinne Olson and Kenzie Erickson won at three doubles for their first varsity win. Several players were switched to new positions in that match and performed well, said Doll. "It's nice to see that versatility," she said. Amy Rollins and Katie Smith played number two doubles for the first time and got the win.

Team results

Staples-Motley 6, Crookston 1

Singles: Lauren Rutten W 6-0, 6-0; Jenna Dvorak W 1-6, 6-3, 10-2; Rose Han W 7-5, 1-6, 10-8; Allison Knosalla W 7-6 (7-2), 6-3

Doubles: Tasha Achermann/Haley Cichos W 7-5, 7-5; Georgia Kruchten/Keara Kern W 6-3, 3-6, 10-8; Amy Rollins/Katie Smith L 6-4, 6-3

Staples-Motley 3, Moorhead 4

Singles: Rutten W 7-5, 6-0; Dvorak L 6-3, 6-3; Han W 6-1, 6-1; Rollins L 6-1, 6-7 (7-5), 7-10

Doubles: Cichos/Achermann L 7-5, 6-3; Kern/Kruchten L 6-1, 6-2; Smith/Knosalla W 0-6, 7-6 (7-5), 15-13

Staples-Motley 5, Park Rapids 2

Singles: Rutten L 6-4, 6-3; Dvorak W 6-0, 6-0; Han W 6-2, 6-2; Knosalla W 6-1, 6-1

Doubles: Achermann/Cichos W 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; Kruchten/Kern L 6-4, 7-5; Rollins/Smith W 7-6 (7-3), 6-2

Staples-Motley 7, Parkers Prairie 0

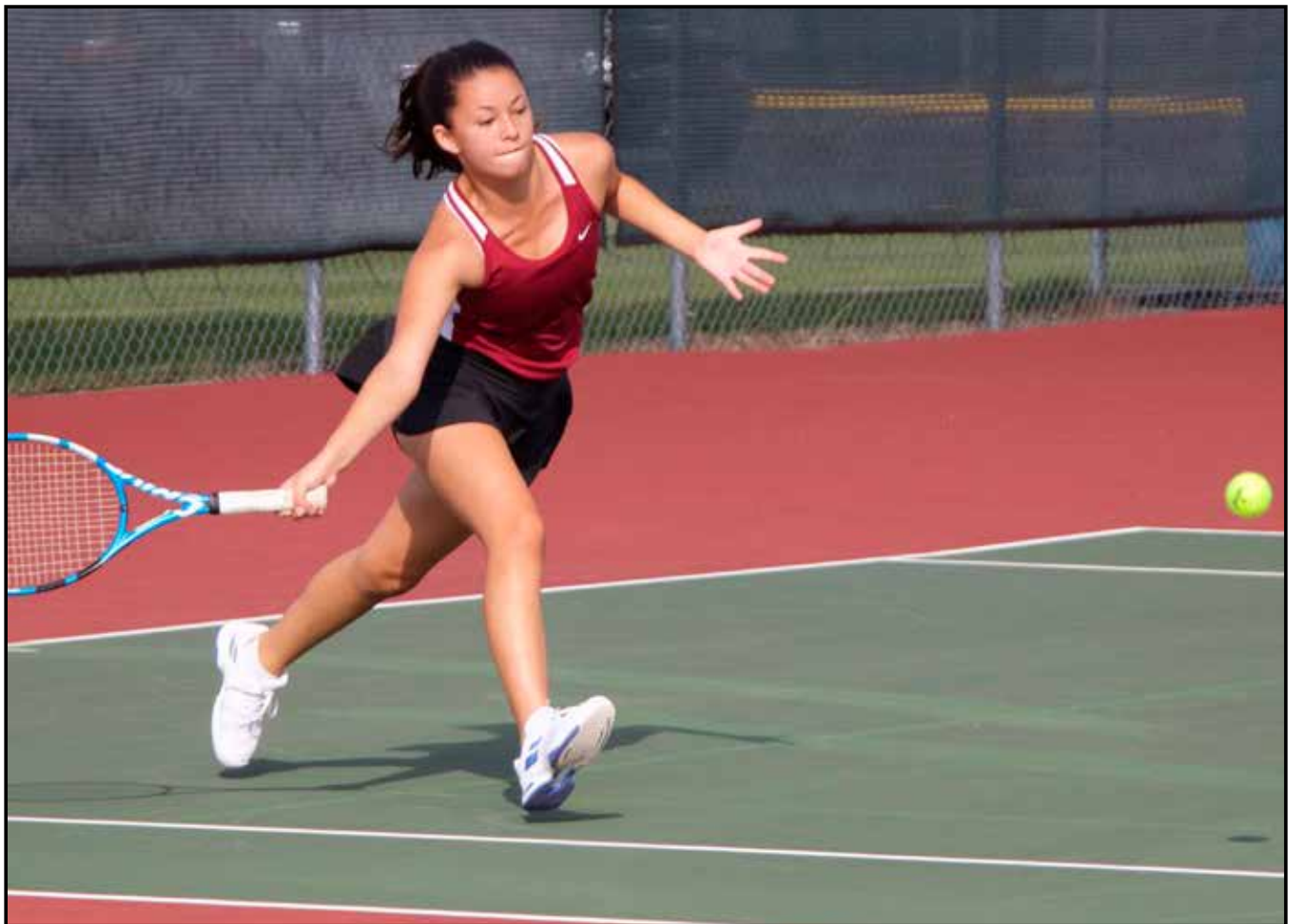
Singles: Dvorak W 6-2, 6-1; Han W 6-0, 6-1; Knosalla W 6-1, 6-1; Achermann W 6-0, 6-1

Doubles: Rutten/Cichos W 6-0, 6-0; Rollins/Smith W 6-3, 6-0; Kenzie Erickson/Corinne Olson W 6-0, 6-2

Staples-Motley 6, Roseau 1

Singles: Rutten W 6-1, 6-0; Dvorak W 6-2, 6-0; Han W 6-0, 6-1; Knosalla W 6-0, 6-1

Doubles: Cichos/Achermann W 4-6, 6-4, (10-2); Kruchten/Kern W 6-4, 6-0; Smith/Rollins L 6-3, 6-2



Swinging on the run

Rose Han comes sweeping in to return a low shot during her singles match win against Park Rapids. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Big at the net

Tasha Achermann reaches to score a point at the net.



Catching the deep ball

Amy Rollins runs to the deep corner to return a long shot.



Power stroke

Lauren Rutten snaps a forehand shot.



Eye on the ball

Allison Knosalla concentrates on a backhand.

Human bias extends to wild creatures, too

Only the largest birds have a wingspread and silhouette sufficient to cast an eye-catching shadow as they pass overhead, interposed between us and the sun. Soaring birds, especially, ride updrafts on virtually motionless wings, their stillness making the shadow they cast even more apparent.

Two familiar soaring birds are a common sight in my neighborhood. But their fleeting shadow is usually not a foolproof identifier, and usually requires a turn of the head—eyes focused skyward—to confirm their identity. As I mowed and did yard work over the long Labor Day weekend, both were in evidence overhead.

The point where land and water meet seems a particularly good place for these birds to catch updrafts that keep them aloft with a minimum of wingbeat effort. The first to put in an appearance was following the shoreline, not much above treetop level, though "treetop"

can be white pines standing 50 feet tall, or more. It took mere seconds scanning the sky to pick up the fan of brilliant white tail feathers, then the white-feathered head, that confirmed the bird's identity as a bald eagle. They're a relatively common sight here, so the sighting was no surprise.

Though we glorify it on our coins, our federal buildings, government documents, and what-have-you, the bald eagle is as much a scavenger as it is a symbol of power. One of the reasons bald eagles are found near water is the prospect of an easy fish meal. This can be the result of caught-and-released fish that do not survive; perhaps a result of hooking injury, or being brought up quickly from great depth. Fish also die in some lakes due to summertime oxygen depletion, and scavengers in the vicinity—including eagles—benefit.

Some bald eagles are drawn to popular duck hunting waters. There they occasionally pick up birds that have been wounded or killed by a duck hunter, but unfortunately not retrieved. It's happened to me. A duck has been harvested and is drifting motionless at the edge of the decoys. As I'm preparing to row out and retrieve it, a bald eagle

cruising over the lake has spotted the floating duck, homes in on it, and—to my open-mouthed surprise—glides down and snatches it. Adaptive scavenging, for sure.

The second of these soaring birds casts a shadow not markedly different from the first. But when eyes turn skyward, the differences become evident. This bird has narrower wings, the feathers at the tips more widely spread—almost like fingers. A shorter neck joins this bird's head with the "fuselage" between its wings. It's entirely dark, and lacks any visibly bright plumage; head, tail, or anywhere else.

In its dining habits, this bird is not so different from the bald eagle, scavenging meals where it can find them, though it is chiefly an over-the-land hunter. This second soaring bird is the turkey vulture. Unlike the bald eagle, few humans hold the vulture in high esteem. We even use "vulture" as an epithet to describe someone who takes advantage of the misfortune of others.

This scorn, despite the bird's service to Nature in recycling wild or domestic creatures that have died of natural causes, or at the claws and fangs of predators. This prejudice is not uniquely American.

Though you'll find eagles on flags, coats-of-arms, and in other symbolisms in many countries, you'll look far and wide to find any similar recognition given to the vulture.

We tend to make similar judgments of worth or desirability with other creatures, too. We value the brown or brook trout we take from a river or stream, but thumb our nose at the chub or sucker taken from the same water. We prize the walleye, but scorn the eelpout (except during the winter Eelpout Festival in Walker, Minnesota!). We harvest ducks with enthusiasm, but are embarrassed if we shoot a coot, even though a creative cook can make one into a delicacy.

We find the red-winged blackbird cheery and handsome, but see the jet-black, yellow-eyed grackle as a stealthy and murderous nest robber. We find frogs interesting and appealing, but toads creepy, never to be touched. Centipedes are cute. And so on, with fish, fur, or fowl.

There's little rhyme or reason to some of these prejudices, other than to concede that we're a bundle of biases and contradictions; including where Nature is concerned.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



Anderson sets Staples-Motley 5K record

Emmet Anderson pulled away from the competition with a mile to go and kept increasing his speed, to finish in a school record of 15:09 at the Moorhead Dragon Twilight on Sept. 6. Perfect conditions of a fast, flat course, no wind and a fast field led to nearly every competitor running a personal record on Sept. 6.

The Staples-Motley girls team won the meet, with Kyanna Burton coming in first in 19:01.

According to Coach Bruce Fuhrman, the school record was a 15:42 run by Jeff Brever when he won the 1999 state meet.

By that standard, Hunter Klimek also beat the old school record, as he finished in 15:29, just two seconds out of second place.

Every cross country course is different, and it

appears that this is only the second time the 5,000 meter race has been held at this course. Coach Fuhrman said he measured the course before the race with a measuring wheel and it was 5,000 meters.

Team results

MSUM Dragon Twilight

Boys results
Varsity (5,000 meters)
Perham 62, Bemidji 76, West Central 87, Staples-Motley 99, West Fargo Sheyenne 126, Moorhead 139, East Grand Forks 146, Bismarck Legacy 166, Bagley/Fosston 271, Lisbon 294, Ada-Borup/Norman County 323

1. Emmet Anderson 15:09, 3. Hunter Klimek 15:29, 29. Tanner Robben 16:57, 34. Isaac Christoffersen 17:17, 39. Jack Tyrrell 17:31, 40. Lucas Brownell 17:34, 58. Logan Robben 18:20, 66. Sam Jennissen 18:54, 76. Gabe Misner 20:04, 83. Connor Judd 20:53
Junior varsity (4,000 meters) 9. Issiah Tabatt 14:35,

22. Grant Johnson 15:28, 29. Jacob Schmitz 15:35, 44. Will Dolezal 16:21, 56. Dillan Robben 16:49, 59. Levi Danilyuk 16:53, 94. Alex Brings 21:13, 101. Colton Converse 28:08

Jr. high (3,000 meters) - 68. Dustin Converse 15:15, 71. Gabe Kroll 15:34, 82. Reid Judd 16:52

Girls results
Staples-Motley 52, Perham 56, Moorhead 87, Bemidji 93, East Grand Forks 131, West Fargo Sheyenne 135, West Central 154, Fargo South 184, Northern Cass 253

1. Kyanna Burton 19:01, 6. Aften Robinson 19:30, 14. Addison Lorber 20:22, 18. Ashley Robben 20:31, 20. Addisyn Cichos 20:35, 36. Elizabeth Danilyuk 22:00, 58. Mackenzie Wilds 24:01, 65. Madsen Hull 24:39, 75. CJ Koval 31:58, 76. Abby Brown 32:24

Jr. high (3,000 meters) - 1. Audrey Brownell 12:22, 22. Naila Mikhael 15:09, 38. Adelaide Toepper 17:34, 44. Natalie Miller 21:19



Celebrating the five set win

Staples-Motley volleyball players react to finishing the 3-2 win, after starting out down 0-2. From left, Mackenna Bjerga, Bo Erholtz, Ava Schneider and Aubrey Brandt. (Submitted photos)

Cardinal VB comes from behind to win thriller

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley volleyball team started in a hole by losing the first two sets at Bertha-Hewitt on Sept. 3. But they stuck with it and won the third game, then survived two nail-biter sets, each by two points, to take the match 3-2.

"They were intense," said Coach Gretchen Bestland. "The first two sets the girls did not look like how they can play, there was a definite lack of focus and they were in their heads from the mistakes they were making."

But the coach was proud

when they came back. "Once they got the third set their determination kicked in. Bertha-Hewitt is a very scrappy team which made it hard for us to put the ball away, but we started to match that intensity in the third set.

The Cardinals set game records, with Tabetha Allen collecting 30 kills, Mackenna Bjerga with 41 set assists and Heidi Lombard 42 digs, which put her over 500 digs in her varsity career.

"We also utilized two sophomores, Bo Erholtz and Leah Bestland, who saw their first varsity time and were able to make some key plays," said Best-

land.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Bertha-Hewitt 2
22-25, 15-25, 25-17, 26-24, 15-13
Alix Peterson; digs-6, ace-1, kills-3
Mackenna Bjerga; digs-4, assists-41, block-1
Morgan Becker; digs-4, kills-3, block-1
Tabetha Allen; digs-3, kills-30, blocks-3
Ava Schneider; digs-9, assists-3, kill-1
Aubrey Brandt; ace-1, digs-20, kills-5
Bella Martin; digs-20
Libby O'Neil; digs-2
Brooke Heldman; digs-1
Heidi Lombard; digs-42, assists-1
Leah Bestland; ace-1, digs-5
Bo Erholtz; kills-3, blocks-2



Powering through the water

Evelyn Gonzalez swims the butterfly portion of the individual medley race. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Competition improves swimmers times

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley swim team raced at Ogilvie-Mora on Sept. 3. Since Ogilvie has a 25 meter pool, instead of 25 yards of most pools, Coach Amanda Toft said it was hard to confirm times dropping, but the swimmers had some close races and powered through the last stretch to out-touch their opponents.

"This was really exciting to see in action as we have been trying to focus on having strong finishes in our races," said Toft.

After doing some calculations, Toft said "it's looking like most of the team had time drops yet again. Their hard work is paying off and their positivity and

sportsmanship is truly a joy to be around."

Top finishers for the Cardinals included:

- 200 Medley Relay (JV) of Destiny Dukowitz, Nicole Hess, Madi Snyder, and Mia Arroyo took 2nd place, while the varsity team of Evelyn Gonzalez, Sabina Moe, Adriana Dickey, and Mandy Carter took 3rd.

- Adriana Dickey had a strong 200 freestyle for 2nd place in the varsity heat. She also took 3rd in the varsity 500.

- Mia Arroyo took 2nd in the JV 50 freestyle.

- Nicole Hess rocked the JV 100 freestyle for 2nd place.

- The JV 200 free relay of Arroyo, Hess, Moe, and Snyder took 2nd place.



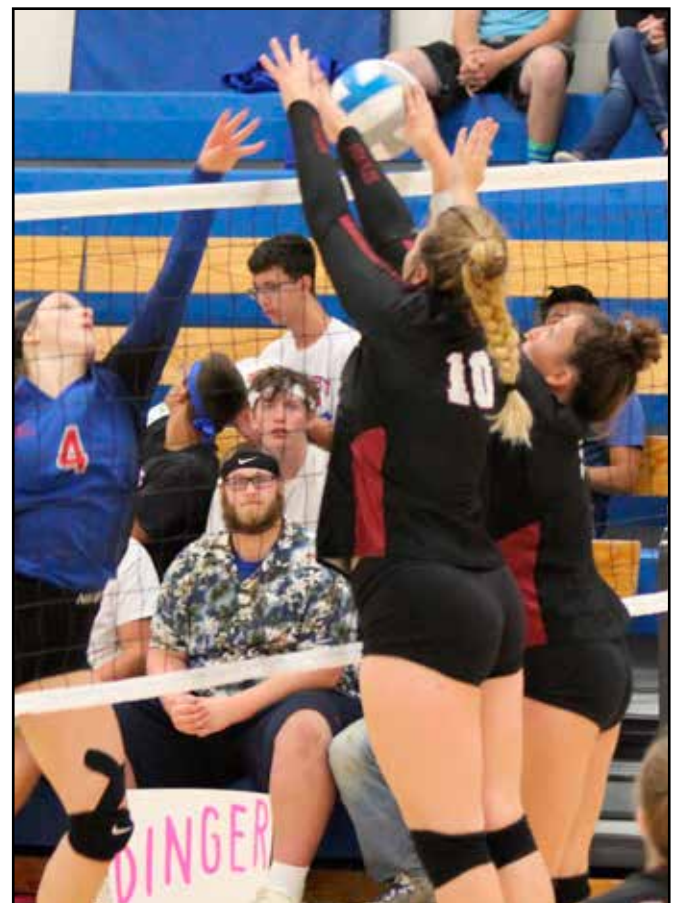
Letting it fly

Bella Martin gets ready to fire a serve.



Scoring from up high

Tabetha Allen goes over the block for another kill.



Cardinal wall

Allen and Bjerga team up for a block.

Antique | Collectible | Misc. AUCTION

Indoors, Motley Fairgrounds, Motley, MN

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019

SALE TIME: 12:00 P.M.	RESTROOMS	LUNCH AVAILABLE
As we have sold our home and are moving out of state, we will sell the following personal property at auction.		

COLLECTIBLE
Victrola and records
Sm. oak kitchen table w/2 chairs
Pine drop-leaf table
Steam trunk
Oak leather-seated chair
Doll, white iron bed w/brass accents
Nail kegs, soap
Glass ceiling shades
Oak parlor table
2 wooden children's chairs
Coca Cola advertising
Straight edge razors
Butter churn & butter molds
Vintage kitchen utensils, kraut cutters
Vintage children's puzzles
Carding combs
Red Wing crocks, 2, 6, 12, 20 and more
MN Stoneware, 1 gal.
Copper tea kettle
Bernard Fuel Company advertising
The Monkeys and Beatles collectible cards
70's record albums
28 oz. pop bottles, Coca Cola, 7-Up,
Bubble Up
Space tins and food tins
Beveled mirrors
Vintage teaching materials
Cast iron dog bookends
Hollywood Schwinn ladies bicycle

Books
Copper blow torch
Bernard Fuel Company advertising
The Monkeys and Beatles collectible cards
70's record albums
28 oz. pop bottles, Coca Cola, 7-Up,
Bubble Up
Space tins and food tins
Beveled mirrors
Vintage teaching materials
Cast iron dog bookends
Hollywood Schwinn ladies bicycle

Boys' Bears - Figurines
Oliver Wendall... Love Letters 227740
Daisy Bloomer... Let's Be Friends 227781
Miss Showplace... Making Time 227781
Mrs. Tuttle... Stop and Small the Roses 228315
Amy B. Bearsdale... Is it Lurchtime Yet? 228364
Bobby... Off to School 228411
Gary and Tina... Together Forever
Mamma Bear and Caledonia, Quiet Time Victoria
Martha Bloomer... Thyme to Garden 227748
Sunny and Sally... Sunnyside... Plant Whistle
Teacher Bear... 2222
Miss Appleton... Storytime
Yankee Doodlebear... Stars and Stripes Forever
Eleonore Bearsvelt... God Bless America 227789

Boys' Bears - Stuffed
Christiana Labearseley 918446
Matthew 91758-17
Bradley P. Oakley 904002 (pants faded)
Edmund 9175-17
Eleonore Bearsvelt 912010
Mr. Trumbull 918330, Eliza Willoughby 918402
Winstead P. Bear 915210-30
Sylvia G. Bearmore 918438
Hans Q. Berman 91392
Aunt Yvonne Dubarry 918450
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Aladdin Model B polished brass
Aladdin #5 polished brass
Aladdin Model B clear glass pedestal
Aladdin Model B dark glass pedestal
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Ryojo silver base
Finger lamps, 3, one brass
B&H pedestal lamp
2 wall brackets w/roll lamps
2 hanging lamps w/ shades
The Rochester
2 barn lanterns
RR lantern

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Grandfather clock
Red wagon
very good condition
Old wardrobe closet
5 gal. Red Wing Crock
Antique waffle iron and toaster

Hand meat grinders
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Antique sleeper
Scale model cars, trucks and semis 1/64th to 1/24th scale.
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Library visitor challenge

The Staples Friends of the Library hosted a challenge to see who would visit the Staples Public Library the most and attend the programs held during the summer months.

Winner of the challenge was the Roelofs Family or Motley, pictured above: Becky Roelofs with Lydia and Jacob. (Submitted photo)



SHS Class of 1969 celebrates 50th class reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1969 recently gathered at Ted & Gen's in Aldrich celebrating their 50th class reunion.

Front row, left to right: Al Goeden, Sherry (Miller) Frisk, Melba (Stone) McGuire, Irene (Hall) Eckert, Marjorie (Sally Herman) Higgins, Laura (Macho) Botzet, Dave Jacobson, Walt Spillman.

Row 2: Marjean (Martin) Meyer, Naomi (Selvey) Grow, Luann (Pankratz) McGrane, Karen (Jenkins) Meyers, Peggy (Logering) Sather, Mary (Jensen) Baker,

Dee Thompson, Linda (Kowalski) Bartylla.

Row 3: Mark Roline, Rick Olson, Rick Otteson, Duane Hagenson, LeRoy Smith, Krieg Ofstad, Nancy (Keeling) Shinabarger, Teresa (Ingebritson) Walker, Hope (Shinabarger) Lucas, Barry Hoskins, Tim Wilson, Pattie (Dyer) Pyle, Steve Wilkowski.

Back: David Kemp, Steve Roth, Les Johnson, Phil Jasmer, Dave Meide, Roger Wiebesick, Rusty Thiel, Loren Burket, Terry Haidle, Ken Borle, Dale Williams, Mark Crampton, Duane Dickman.

Obituaries

Andrea Johnson

Andrea (Marr) Johnson, 71, of Isanti, passed away August 29, 2019 surrounded by family at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Isanti. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. and a luncheon will follow the service at the church.

Andrea Lydia was born September 12, 1947 in Bertha, to Elmer and Sally (Modrow) Marr. Andrea grew up in Staples and attended Staples High School, graduating in 1965.

Andrea met the love of her life, Elmer Johnson at Lake Shamaineau attending the Motley Fair that night and were together ever since. They were married August 28, 1965, in Staples, and spent the next 54 years by each other's side. They moved to Isanti in 1976 where they made their home and raised three girls.

Andrea was a daycare provider for over 30 years and loved each of the children she took care of as if they were her own. After the last of her little ones grew up and started school, she went to work outside the home at Wal-Mart in Cambridge and retired from Medtox Laboratories in New Brighton in 2011. After retirement she spent time with her grandchildren, which were her pride and joy.

Andrea loved reading, game shows, playing bingo, bowling, camping, sitting



by the campfire, spending time in Duluth and the North Shore. She enjoyed spending time with her family above all else. Her humor, wit, kindness and love will be cherished in all our memories. She was a beautiful soul, who was kind to everyone and she was one of a kind. She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Shari and Lisa Johnson of Pine City, Becky Johnson of Isanti; one granddaughter and sunshine, Tressa Johnson who attends NDSU in Fargo; one grandson and buddy, Noah Johnson of Isanti; brothers and sisters-in-law Mallory and Sandy Marr of Waubun, Glen and Karen Marr of Champlin and sister and brother-in-law Dianne and Curt Meyers of Foley; many cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Elmer Marr and Sally Marr (Ross).

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Melvin Hutchison

Melvin C. Hutchison, 91, of Staples, passed away surrounded by his children and wife on September 3, 2019 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A memorial service remembering his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10 at the Staples Church of Christ with Pastor Barry Klein officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Melvin was born on October 14, 1927 in Swea City, Iowa to Vernon and Harriett Hutchison and grew up on the family farm. Melvin was united in marriage to Delores Dibble on November 21, 1948 in Fairmont. The marriage was blessed with five children. He was the jack of many trades including farming, mechanics, road construction and a butter maker. His hobbies included flying, camping, fishing and modifying junk into useful ideas.

Melvin is survived by his wife of over 70 years, Delores of Staples; one son, Dennis Hutchison of Staples, four daughters, Karen (John) Mehr of Paynesville, Peggy Hutchison of Cokato,



June (Pat) Pawelk of Howard Lakes and DeeAnn (Lawrence) Hayes of Akeley; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren many other friends and relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Elmer Hutchison, Evelyn Rudolph and other relatives.

Melvin's family would like to thank the Lakewood Health System employees, and the residents at the manor and care center for their respectful care and friendships. They all became a part of his family. Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

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Craig Rhymers

Craig Allen Rhymers, 70, Crosslake, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, at CRMC Hospital, Crosby, with his family at his side.

Funeral services were held at Sept. 5 at the Staples United Methodist Church.

Graveside services with honors was held Sept. 5 at Assembly Area #5, Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis.

Craig was born on October 3, 1948 in Minneapolis, the son of Roy and Irene (Wassing) Rhymers. He grew up and was educated in south Minneapolis, graduating from Roosevelt High School. While in school, he loaded bags at MSP Airport. He attended the U of M, Minneapolis, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree. He served in the US Air Force as a T38 Instructor at Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, TX and served in Desert Shield/Storm flying C-130's for the 133rd Tactical Airlift Wing. He headed up the runway lighting project at Camp Ripley.

Craig worked with United Airlines in Denver, working with the flight simulator. He began flying with Western Airlines out of LA, which later merged with Delta. He flew with Delta until retiring on October 2, 2013 as 5th Captain from the top. He was also retired from the Air National Guard as a Lt. Col. In his younger years, Craig enjoyed boating, fishing, waterskiing and flying, flying, flying. He enjoyed Gopher Football, Twins



Baseball and Vikings Football. His family also remembers him as "The Man of the Grill".

He was united in marriage with Joan Batcher on Aug. 16, 2015 at the Staples United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Joan (Joannie) of Crosslake; one daughter, Amanda Rhymers of Louisville, KY; five stepchildren, Danika (Zach) Ohly of Rochester, Zachary Batcher Johnson of Shakopee, Joetta (Danny) Markow of Boise, ID and Turner Batcher Johnson of Minneapolis and Gunner Batcher Johnson of Helena, MT; one granddaughter, Charlotte Ohly of Rochester; one brother, Dr. Kurt (Elaine) Rhymers of Alexandria, VA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Debra on July 8, 2009.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel of Staples, www.brenny.com.

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Richard Anderson

Richard D. Anderson, 85, of Motley, passed away Sept. 1, 2019, at Lakewood Care Center in Staples.

A family service will be held at a later date at the Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls.

Dick was born in Minneapolis January 28, 1934, to Lloyd and Alice Anderson. Dick worked for Tenneco Gas Company for 26 years.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Barbara; four sons, Don (Becky), Doug (Kim), Russ (Diane) and Dan; one daughter Bev Otte; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Arlene Keller and Loretta Jutz; sister-in-law Paula.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister Jeanette Lahoud; one brother Bob Anderson; brother-in-laws Pete Keller, Ed Jutz and Jim Lahoud, mother- and father-in-law Les and Farryl Munter.

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James Germann

James Emmanuel Germann, 87, passed away on Friday, August 30, 2019.

A graveside service and interment will be held at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. with family and friends.

Survivors include one son, Jeffrey (Alyssa) Germann, Harrisburg, SD; one granddaughter, Kailey Germann, Sioux Falls, SD; four brothers, Gerald (Darlene) Germann, Underwood, Mike Germann, Fort McHave, AZ, Dennis (Patt) Germann, Monticello, Roger Germann, Fergus Falls; Ursula (John) Germann, Sioux City, IA and numerous nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by one brother, John Germann, Sioux City, IA; one sister, Rita Smith, Gary, IN and his wife, Anne Germann.

Memorials and cards in lieu of flowers may be sent to Heritage Funeral Home in care of James Germann. www.heritagesfsd.com.

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Thank you!

I would like to thank the entire Staples World staff, members of the Staples Motley Community Foundation and all the entertainers who helped make this year's Little Red Caboose Variety Show a huge success. Thank you Judy Richer, Mary Kobliska, Kevin Olson, Chris Etzler, Tom Brickacek, Robb Jasmer and all the other volunteers who gave of their time to make the show work. Thanks also to the Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce.

We are so blessed to have not only wonderful talent in our area, but wonderful volunteers as well.

Finally, a big "Thank You" to all who attended our seventh show. We were very near a sell out and your continued support is greatly appreciated!!

Sincerely,
Ray Gildow, Show Producer

WELCOMING HOME TO STAPLES...

Henry
Beautiful son of Jennifer & Nicholas
Born 7/13/19 in Staples.

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Beautiful son of Sabrina & Samuel
Born 7/21/19 in Staples.

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Tracy and Josh Jack of Verndale, a baby boy, Hans Paul weighing seven pounds, five ounces on August 31, 2019.

Born to Jocelyn Grewe and Derek Olston of Hewitt, a baby boy, Abel John weighing nine pounds, 14 ounces on September 4, 2019.

Born to Ashlee and David Mikel of Verndale, a baby girl, Paislee Jolene weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on September 5, 2019.

DEADLINES
for all classified ads is **12 noon Friday** to be published in the Staples World.
For publication in Saturday's Staples Square Shooter the deadline is **5 p.m. Wed.**



EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY, STAPLES BOARD MEETING

Evergreen Hill Cemetery will hold their board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck, Sec./Treas. 36-37pnc

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

AGENDA

- Call to Order
•Approval of the August 2019 BOA minutes
•Board introduction and process review
o The applicant is introduced
o Staff report
o Applicant request if staff report accurately represents the request
o Public Comment
o Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. Randy and Gloria Drayna: Lot 11 Block 1 of Nordstrom's Subdivision in Little Elk Township Site Address: NA.PIN: 16-0039700

- 1) Request to have a RV 115' from the OHWL instead of the required 150' setback from the OHWL.
2. Dennis and Roxanne Manning: Lots 8, 9 & 100 Ex E'erly 225' of Fanning's Subdivision in Grey Eagle Township Site Address: 13897 Bunting Drive. PIN: 11-0066600
1) Request to increase maximum peak height of dwelling to 26' instead of the maximum allowed 18' peak height to replace foundation.
2) Request to add 31' x 26.5' expansion onto dwelling with a maximum peak height of 24' instead of the maximum allowed 18' peak height.

3. Jason Lee Ehnes: S 22.25 Ac of Gov't Lot 4 Ex Part Lying E of Hwy 71 in Long Prairie Township Site Address: NA PIN 18-0034700

- 1) Request to construct 50' x 120' storage structure with a maximum peak height of 25' instead of the maximum allowed 18' peak height.

4. WW & M Partnership-John Holig: Part of Gov't Lot 1 Lying SE of Co RD Ex S 385' in Burnhamville Township Site Address: 31233 County 104. PIN: 06-0023101

- 1) Request to allow 24' x 36' cement pad 69' setback from the OHWL instead of the required 100' setback.
2) Request to place RV 83' from the OHWL instead of the required 100' setback.

5. Duane Atwood: Part of SE4 SW4 of Section 17 and Part of GL 1 of Section 20 in Grey Eagle Township Site Address: 12093 County 33. PIN: 11-0022200 & 11-0025800

- 1) Request to construct 30' x 54' dwelling 59' from the OHWL instead of the required 100' setback.
2) Request to construct 30' x 54' dwelling with a maximum peak height of 24' instead of the maximum allowed 18' peak height within the 100' setback from the OHWL.

6. Joseph and Suzanne Elmes: S 100' of N 600' of SW4 Between Lake and Rd of Section 25 in Leslie Township Site Address: 22525 Gateway Dr. PIN: 15-0030000

- 1) Request to construct a 28' x 25' attached garage 52' from the OHWL instead of required 75' setback from the OHWL.
2) Request to expand well house to 7' x 8', 36' from the OHWL instead of the required 75' setback.
3) Request to cover lot with 27.2 percent (%) total impervious surfaces instead of the maximum allowed 25 percent (%) total impervious surfaces

Adjournment.

Next meeting: October 24, 2019

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County Board of Adjustment Bill Berscheit, Chair 37pnc

NOTICE TODD COUNTY HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Todd County Housing & Redevelopment Authority has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

The plan is available for review at the Authority's office at Sunrose Courts 300 Linden Ave. S Browerville, MN. The agency plan may be reviewed Tuesdays or Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A public hearing will be held on October 30, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Sunrose Courts 300 Linden Ave. S Browerville, MN for any comments on the plan or the Capitol Funding.

Kim Wallace Todd County HRA 37pnc

NOTICE TODD COUNTY HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SECTION 8

The Todd County HRA's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance Waiting list is open. We will be accepting applications until further notice. To apply during this period you can fill out an application at 300 Linden Ave S, Browerville, MN. Applications are in the entryway of the building or you can call 320-594-6388 and leave your name and address and one will be mailed out or you can email toddcountyhra@yahoo.com.

Selected applicants will be placed on the waiting list by date and time the application is received and by order of preferences.

Applicants who need help completing the application due to disability can make a reasonable accommodation request to the housing authority via 320-594-6388.

Kim Wallace Todd County HRA 37-38pnc

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE 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: August 29, 2014 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$156,253.70

MORTGAGOR(S): Darrel L. McFedries and Dianna L. McFedries, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 8, 2014 as Document Number 491042 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots Forty-six (46) and Forty-seven (47), Block Eight (8), Sylvan Shores South, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 28649 OTTAWA DRIVE, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$148,467.01

TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 08-0162900 and 08-0162800

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 19, 2020.

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: McFedries, Darrel L. and McFedries, Dianna L.

Dated: July 25, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C. N. Kibogni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Michael van Muelken, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (19-0791-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 32-37pnc

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 16, 2019

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 16th day of July, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 9.1 2019 Boat & Water Grant.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2019 as presented.

To approve the 1-Day Temporary On Sale Liquor License for the Sauk Centre Lion Club for August 24th, 2019 at Fairy Lake Park Shelter, 10538 County 95, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400279 through 400296 in the amount of \$5,915.06 and (Regular) 51847 through 51920 in the amount of \$67,051.75 for a total of \$72,966.81.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800002 through 800018 and (Regular) 705366 through 705486 for a total amount of \$95,565.38.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600000 through 600004 and (Regular) 515239 through 515282 in the amount of \$74,503.47.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

Hold Harmless Agreement - Ditch Maintenance - County Ditch 15

WHEREAS, CCMorgan, LLC - Jeffrey Lopez is requesting to maintain approximately 5,200 feet of CD15 that is located on his parcels 02-0023000, 02-0023300, 02-0023402 and Delbert Greenwaldt's parcel 02-0023100. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and; WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done; a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TEP, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed.

Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch, or moved to an approved upland site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to CCMorgan LLC - Jeffrey Lopez to maintain approximately 5,200 feet of CD15, on his own property and a section on Greenwaldt's property. The project will be done at Jeffrey's own expense.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

Hold Harmless Agreement - Ditch Maintenance - County Ditch 31

WHEREAS, William Bontrager is requesting to maintain approximately 3,564 feet of CD31 that is located on Joseph and Ella Bontrager's parcels 07-0007100, 07-0007200, and Harold Pankonin's parcel 07-0007300. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority. William has gotten permission from both Ella Bontrager and Harold Pankonin's son to complete the project, and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done; a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TEP, and;

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to William Bontrager to maintain approximately 3,564 feet of CD31, on Joseph and Ella Bontrager's property and a section on Pankonin's property. The project will be done at William's own expense.

Facilities Committee

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHRIS PELZER TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ROCK WALL CONDITION ASSESSMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Historic Courthouse is registered on the National Historic Register; and; WHEREAS, the Courthouse has a rock wall that is in need of repair; and;

WHEREAS, small grant funds have been received to assist in funding and completing a conditions assessment and this conditions assessment has been completed; and;

WHEREAS, larger grant funds are available for the next phase of obtaining blueprints/drawings; and;

WHEREAS, in order to apply for the grant an organization must authorize someone to conduct business and accept the grant funding on behalf of the organization;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Chris Pelzer is duly authorized to conduct business and accept grant funding for the large grant application to potentially offset the costs of obtaining the rock wall blueprints/drawings.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit

Amendment for Gourley Bros LLC on parcel 15-0008800 with the conditions developed by the Planning Commission and two additional conditions proposed by the County Board.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit Amendment for Joseph Muellner on Parcel 06-0046601 with the conditions developed by the Planning Commission.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Rezone Amendment request from Jacob & Brittany Altendorf on parcel 14-0000601 with the conditions developed by the Planning Commission.

County Sheriff

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2019 State Boat and Water Safety Grant

WHEREAS, Todd County Sheriff Steve Och has submitted the 2019 Boat and Water Safety Grant to the Todd County Board of Commissioners; and;

WHEREAS, the Boat and Water Safety Grant awards \$8,445 to the Todd County Sheriff to carry out the Minnesota Boat and Water Safety rules; and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the 2019 Boat and Water Boat Safety Grant and authorize Sheriff Steve Och to carry out the conditions of the grant.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended and projects in progress.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the meeting was adjourned for the month of July 2019.

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On a motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held July 16, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on August 6, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer 37pnc

DEADLINES for all classified ads is 12 noon Friday to be published in the Staples World. For publication in Saturday's Staples Square Shooter the deadline is 5 p.m. Wed.

Needing/Wanting a Granite Memorial FOR YOUR FAMILY? I can help! Diane M. Hahn 24 years serving our area! Rep. for Fergus Falls Monument Co. Call 218-445-5685 or 218-640-2341



VFW and Auxiliary Patriotic essay contests

The Wadena VFW Post 3922 and its Auxiliary are again sponsoring the annual Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay/scholarship contests for students in Bertha-Hewitt, Sebeka, Staples-Motley, Verndale and Wadena-Deer Creek Schools...

'What Makes America Great.' The top national prize is \$5,000; local prizes will also be awarded at each participating school as well as by Post 3922.

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Entrants must prepare and record on an audio CD or a flash drive a 3-5 minute speech on the topic 'What Makes America Great.'

The top national prize is \$30,000; local prizes will also be awarded at each participating school as well as by Post 3922.

Information and entry forms will be available at local schools; interested persons may also call Ruth Clark at (218) 631-1035.

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District moves forward with high-water project

August 20, 2019 the Morrison County Commissioners were unanimous in their decisions to allow the LSLID to continue and to approve the recommended revisions to the LSLID's Order of Establishment.

At their Annual LSLID Meeting on August 24, the Lake Shamineau riparian property owners voted to approve all five of the items on the ballot. Following are the items and the vote percentages:

Table with 5 columns: Item #, Description, YES, NO, Yes percentage of total. Items include Non-Project Budget, AIS Budget, High-Water Project, Establish Project to Construct Outlet, and Finance Authority.

Ardis Sandstrom and Bob Koll were elected to fill the two open positions on the LSLID Board.

The process to establish an outlet for Lake Shamineau continues and the LSLID Board will seek approval from Morrison County Commissioners on the 2020 budget; work toward entering the 429 Finance Process; complete an environmental assessment worksheet; seek permitting; obtain a utilities agreement; establish rights of way and easements; complete the final design; develop an Operations and Maintenance Plan; establish bonding; award construction bid; complete construction; and finalize project charges.

The goal is to establish an infiltration system outlet to manage the rising water level, and protect Lake Shamineau from further shoreline erosion, compromised water quality, loss of wildlife habitat and property values.

Public Notices

TODD COUNTY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TODD COUNTY UNIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice to the Public: on September 17, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Court-house (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 Unified Environmental Health Ordinance amendment.

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

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0011300 and 36-0011200 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1012742-0000041077-0

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020.

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

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

Dated: September 4, 2019

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Michael van Muelken, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (19-0998-FC01)

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA 6:15 p.m. Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Discipleship Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY Wednesday times are for Sept. - May Sonlight (Kids Program).... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 6:30 p.m. First Congregational Church, UCC firststongouccstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571 Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street, NE, Staples 218-894-1546 Pastor: Carl Larson 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. Gabriel Walz Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text MASS: Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m. United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248 Pastor Greg Leslie Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m. 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 www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 11:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday, each month Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad Pastor: Jim Brown Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad SUNDAY Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m. Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m. Kids' Club 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.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 218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship 11:00 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. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 . Open by arrangement

Motley Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466 218-352-6888 Pastor Jim Johnson Sunday School 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Group 5:30-7:30 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. Gabriel Walz MASS: Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m. Oylen Oylen Alliance City Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Pillager First Lutheran Church Pastor Mathew Sundquist 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 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@fbpillager.com Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m. Connection Point 9:30 a.m. (serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffer Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.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. United Methodist Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m. Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Sell 218-371-7189 Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard SUNDAY Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m. Prayer 9:20 a.m. Coffee / Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. ...Groups 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 Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer Clerk to the County Board 36-37pnc

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE 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: May 31, 2016 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,637.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Alejandra Aguilar, a married person MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HomeServices Lending, LLC d/b/a Edina Realty Mortgage

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

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

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

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

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$118,470.13

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

"God in Life's Storm"

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

Jesus was asleep in the stern. They woke him and said, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" -Mark 4:38 ESV

The headlines read: "Hurricane Dorian Batters the Bahamas." "Dorian Heads Up Eastern Coast."

You may have read these headlines and questioned: "Doesn't God care?"

That's what the disciples asked Jesus as their tiny boat was battered by a violent storm. "Teacher, do you not care?"

Jesus in turn asked: "Where is your faith?" With Him in the boat they were perfectly safe.

Jesus cared for the disciples. He cares for the people affected by Dorian. He cares for you and me, especially in the midst of life's storms. But where is our faith?

In truth it is in the midst of storms when we learn how much God cares for us. In calm waters we give no thought to God. When the storms of life crash upon us like giant waves though, we have nowhere else to turn. We cry out to God, and He sees us through the storm. In the storm our faith is tested. We may get bruised and battered; we may suffer loss, but He carries us through, leading us; guiding us; protecting us all the way.

How can we be certain of this? Because He died for us. He cared so much for us that He went to the cross to die for our sin, to rescue us from death and the devil. He endured the hell-storm of judgment that we deserved, and rose again in triumph, that we too might rise with Him, by grace, through faith.

Storms will rise. Turn to Jesus; call upon Him. He will deliver you. Amen.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Longbella Drug Store "The Prescription Store" 2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242 Motley and Pillager

Ernie's Food Market Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic "Complete Animal Care" Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank Fully Insured to \$250,000 Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply Bob Reeck, Manager Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Staples World Your community newspaper since 1890 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 218-894-1112

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Veteran's News

Permanent and total disabled veterans can fly space available flights for free

David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

Air Mobility Command Jet set disabled vets on Space-A flights. When congress signed the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act last year, 100 percent service connected disabled veterans became eligible for Space Available Travel. Better known as 'Space-A' or military hops, Air Mobility Command (AMC) maintains an extensive network of flights throughout the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. Supplementing this network, several Air National Guard and Naval Aviation Units have flights available.

To be eligible for Space-A flights, veterans must have a permanent and total service-connected disability rating. These vets must also obtain a DD Form 2765, "Department of Defense/Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (TAN).

The Denton Amendment allows U.S. military aircraft to transport, on a space-available basis, humanitarian supplies from nongovernment organizations to people around the world who are in need of assistance. The 317th Airlift Group transported the supplies to Pope Army Airfield, N.C., where it will be taken to Joint Base Charleston, S.C., and then to Afghanistan.

The Space-A Program fills surplus capacity and seating on DOD aircraft. A popular perk among retirees, now eligible veterans can take advantage of the program and fly for free. So, whether the veteran is looking for a getaway to Hawaii or a trip to catch-up with their veteran brothers and sisters on the other side of

the country, the Space-A travel program can fly you there.

Some things to know before flying Space-A:

Disabled veterans, along with retirees, are in priority group 6. This means active service members on emergency leave; post deployment respite and other important transportation needs will have priority.

A contingency plan and resources, including commercial airfare, need to be available in case of a scheduling change or sudden unavailability.

Dependents of disabled veterans are not eligible for Space-A travel.

Eligible veterans looking for flights should review schedules at AMC passenger terminals. Most AMC terminals, on military bases or at commercial airports, have a Facebook page that posts flight schedules and seat availability. Once a flight and destination are selected the veteran can register in person at the terminal, or by email/fax.

Disabled veterans, with a little flexibility and patience, are taking to the sky for free with Space-A travel and seeing more of the country thankful for their service and sacrifice.

For more information including: eligibility, locations, schedules, baggage, contact info, and to register for the Space-Available Travel email sign-up visit the Air Mobility Command Space Available Travel page. (Source: VA Vantage Point Steven Clipp May 5, 2019)

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.



Winning team

The winning team at Lakewood Health System Foundation's 26th Annual Golf Classic was Brown's Medical Imaging. The team included, from left, Lee Current, Ashley Current, Heather Slechta and Jay Christenson. (Submitted photo)

Lakewood's Foundation Golf Classic raises \$21,155

The 26th Annual Lakewood Health System Foundation Golf Classic, co-sponsored by Diamond Tournament Sponsors: Nyhus Chevrolet-Buick, First International Bank & Trust of Staples, and Rasinski Total Door Services was held on Aug. 22, at The Vintage at Staples with a total of \$21,155 raised for the Reach Out and Read program, Helmets Worth Wearing, and other children's health and wellness programs.

Out of 26 teams, the Brown's Medical Imag-

ing team handed in the winning scorecard for the 18-hole scramble. Teammates included Lee Current, Ashley Current, Heather Slechta and Jay Christenson. This is the second year the tournament has used the Peoria scoring system, which provides a golf handicap for all teams, to try and create fair play for all.

Hole contest winners for the day included: Ron Biebighauser for the men's longest drive; Lydia Kinney for the women's longest drive; Blake Faust

for men's closest to the pin; and Laura Moonen for women's closest to the pin.

The success of the Lakewood Health System Foundation Golf Classic was made possible by the generosity of the golfers, hole sponsors and donors, as well as the numerous volunteers.

For more information about this and other Lakewood Health System Foundation events, visit www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com or call Jolene Zachman at 218-894-8508.

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Newly tenured certified staff at Staples-Motley

Newly tenured certified staff at Staples-Motley School District include, from left: Mary Kempton, Cathy Evans, Jeremiah Piepkorn, Jill Severin, Cory Asfeld, Jennifer Sapp, Lyn Vavreck, Hallie Bergeson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



25 years of service

Mary Moen (left), Elementary Music teacher; and Cathi Dumpprope, Paraprofessional, were recently recognized for having served 25 years at Staples-Motley School District. (Staples world photo by Dawn Timbs)



Celebrating five years of service

Pictured are Staples-Motley School District support staff members who are each celebrating five years of service. From left: Char Abbas, Brenda Alexander, Sarah Trantina, Bryan Progreba, Jacki Engebretson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Opera Hall/ building tour

the Opera Hall was the place to watch performances.

Two elected officials were featured at the tour. Representative John Poston told the people who hadn't seen it "you're going to be shocked when you see the history that is upstairs."

Poston said he has observed a resurgence of positive things happening in Staples, and mentioned Central Lakes College and Sourcewell as examples. He said the Batcher Building could be a huge economic driver for Staples.

"It's amazing to see it is still preserved, at more than 100 years old," said Poston. "This can be the centerpiece of Staples. People would come from all over the state, and the country, to visit."

Senator Paul Gazelka said he was pleased to see the community interest in the project, as that is one of the criteria the bonding bill committees use. He said it also meets the criteria of regional significance.

"It's amazing you have this resource

here," said Gazelka. But he wanted it to be a project for both the state and the federal government to come together to help fund, not just the state bonding bill.

Kim Pilgrim of Staples attended the tour and said that the Opera Hall was her playground when she was young. Her great-grandmother lived in an apartment on the same floor, and when they visited, she would run around the big floor and play on the stage.

"It is strange to come back and see it like this," said Pilgrim.

Frost talked more about the amazing history of the building, with John Phillip Souza and circuses among the original shows and the experience of Louie Anderson and Mickey Rooney doing shows when the Opera Hall was reopened for a few years in the 2000s.

Staples Mayor Chris Etzler compared it to some other state-wide tourist attractions. "Brainerd has the lakes, Crosby has the Cuyuna bike trail, we have this," said Etzler.



Enjoying the Kinship Partners event

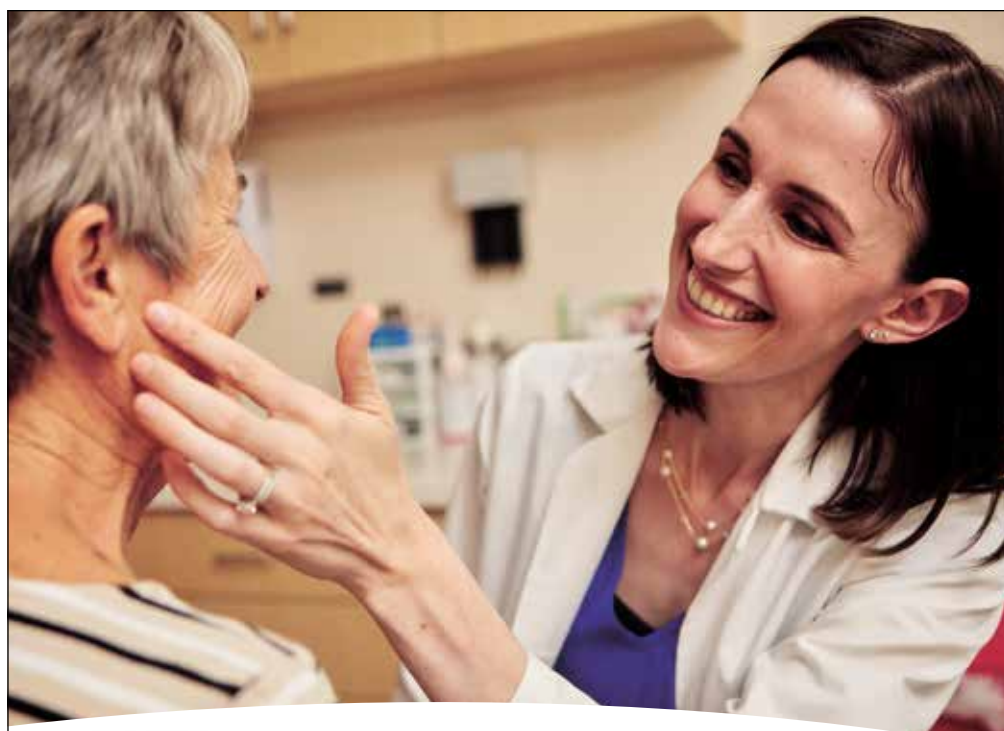
The first ever 'Meatballs for Mentors' fundraising event was a success, according to Kristi Carlson, Staples-Motley Program Coordinator for Kinship.

Pictured at top from left, enjoying the meatballs, are Bill Haugen, Connie Landecker, Ron Murray, Don Landecker, Mary Murray and Eva Joy Lund, all of Staples.

In lower photo, from left, are Kathy Johnson, a member of the Kinship Partners Board of Directors; and Kristi Carlson. Johnson is also the Staples-Motley Elementary School Principal.

There were five vendors providing meatballs for the event, Carlson said, adding that Kinship Partners is appreciative of all who helped in any way or attended the event. Funds raised support the Staples-Motley Kinship Lunch Buddies program as well as the regular mentor/mentee matches in this area.

"Through one-on-one mentoring, and now our school-based mentoring programs, Kinship Partners moves communities forward by embracing this time-tested model that empowers volunteers within our communities to make a real difference in the lives of a child, and an entire generation," is stated at their website, www.kinship-partners.org. For more information about Kinship Partners, visit their website or call 218-454-8012. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Winning meatballs

Los Corrales restaurant in Staples took first place at the 'Meatballs for Mentors' contest Aug. 22, in Staples. Pictured, from left, are Bryan Barajas, owner of Los Corrales; and Larken Hirschev of Staples, an employee at the restaurant. The event was a fundraiser for Kinship Partners. Other vendors serving meatballs included Spot Cafe, Timbers Restaurant, Ted & Gen's and Trident Foods. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

