

## School board still has building decisions

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley school board gave some direction on how to handle the school's contract with the Staples Community Center, they liked the idea of developing a continuous improvement plan instead of a new strategic plan, but they struggled with recommending how much of a maintenance project the school should tackle at this

time. At the board's Oct. 14 work session, Troy Miller of LHB presented a detailed proposal of projects they feel the school should undertake, a list that went beyond the original \$2 million scope of the project. LHB's study identified \$3.5 million in maintenance costs that they felt are needed.

Some of the extra cost was an identified need that would cost less to do now. For example, at the elementary school building, Miller recommended putting in water mains for a future sprinkler system while the ceiling is pulled down to improve the heating and ventilation system. He said the sprinkler system will be required some time down the road if the school makes significant improvements to the building. Another suggestion would save money in the long run, putting in LED lights, new lighting controls and power modifications to save energy.

The unplanned but needed project at the high school was repairing the gymnasium walls. Miller had previously recommended putting radiant heat along the walls to prevent moisture from collecting inside the walls, and that cost was in the proposal. But after a closer inspection, he said there may already be more damage than they originally thought, and they did not include an estimate of the cost of repairing the walls. "It could add up fast," Miller said about the cost of the wall repair.

Superintendent Shane Tappe told the board they will have to decide if they want to continue with the two building model into the future, or at some point consolidate into one building. If the board continues with the two building model, fixing up the gym "could be money well spent," said Tappe. "I want to make sure we are good stewards of the taxpayer's dollar."

Tappe said the full scope of the \$3.5 million could be paid through long term facility maintenance (LTFM) dollars, including the \$1.5 million bond the

school is levying next year.

However, "that takes care of the majority of the LTFM dollars and would leave us with very little," said Tappe.

Building and Grounds Supervisor LeRoy Peterson said "if something major came up, then we would be in trouble."

Tappe said he would have options for the board at their Oct. 21 regular board meeting.

### Community Center

The board discussed negotiating a new contract with the Staples Community Center to use the swimming pool and gym space.

Currently the school pays around \$80,000 per year to use the facility and Tappe asked if the board would prefer to switch to a pay as you go system where they only pay for the hours that students are using the building.

Elementary Principal Kathy Johnson said the past two years the school has used the swimming pool to send the entire third grade class to take swimming lessons. But this year she said they haven't been able to find a time in the new schedule to get the kids over there and back, so that program is ended for now.

High School Principal Mike Schmidt said the school only uses the community center for the swim team and DAPE, or special needs students. He said the Grad Blast uses the building but it is not technically a school program, it is run by parents.

In the past, the community center gym has been used for junior high basketball practices, but Schmidt said they haven't figured out a schedule to see if it will be needed again this year. The school also uses the building for a few community education activities.

Most of the board members agreed that they would like to look into a pay as you go system, but for it to start the next school year, in order to give the city and the school time to plan and figure out a rate for usage.

See **SCHOOL BOARD** on page 3a



## Oktoberfest fun at CLC

Students at Central Lakes College in Staples had the opportunity to celebrate 'Oktoberfest' recently, an event which promoted positive lifestyles, including having fun without alcohol. The event, sponsored by Proof Alliance out of St. Paul, included 'Kegs and Eggs Brunch' and 'Mocktail Contest' and an 'Alcohol Awareness Resource Fair.' Pictured above with their non-alcoholic mocktail drinks, are Roxanne Hammer-

meister, Larissa Jones (Student Senate member and publicist), Austyn Griesert and Matt McNamara, 2nd year Robotics students; and Erich Heppner, Director of Student Life at CLC, Brainerd and Staples campuses. Below, from left, are judges at the mocktail drink contest: Sheila Edin, Nick Heisserer, Mallori Sheik, Jeff Klehr and Abby Klein, Student Senate President. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Gravestone now in place for Countryman

Two years ago, Betty Gold's daughter, Stephanie Sjoberg embarked on a family journey, though not the kind most of us usually think of.

Through the help of the Veteran's Administration, she has successfully obtained a grave marker for an ancestor who was a Civil War veteran.

### Steph's Research Journey:

The search for Henry Countryman's grave began in 2017 in relation to obtaining documents to support our application to the Daughters of



## Grave marker placed

Above is a photo of the grave marker for Henry Countryman who was buried in 1889 without a marker. Through their research family was able to have a gravestone placed in 2018 with the aid of the the Veterans Administration. (Submitted photo)

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## Weather

### This Week's Forecast

High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 23	40° 28°	Cloudy
Oct. 24	40 28	P. Cloudy
Oct. 25	50 36	M. Sunny
Oct. 26	58 36	Sunny
Oct. 27	47 28	P. Cloudy
Oct. 28	49 28	M. Cloudy
Oct. 29	38 24	Snow showers

### Last Year, 2018

High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 23	42° 26°	Sunny
Oct. 24	52 33	Sunny
Oct. 25	53 41	Cloudy
Oct. 26	47 37	Rain
Oct. 27	48 41	Rain
Oct. 28	49 42	P. Cloudy
Oct. 29	45 36	Cloudy

Average Temp.:  
H = 49° Low = 32°

Total Rain thru  
Oct. 20:  
.50"

2019 Total Rain:  
28.30"

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## Obituaries

Gregory Rohr  
Bernard Sowers  
Sherman Sheets



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## Ready for takeoff

The Staples-Motley boys cross country team takes off at the Proctor Invitational on Oct. 15, with Hunter Klimek (7210) and Emmet Anderson (7212) leading the way, in front of the airplane that is on display at the Proctor Golf Course. Cardinal sports teams are in post-

season play this week, from state tennis to section tournaments for football, volleyball and cross country. See the details in sports, pages 6a-7a. According to an internet search the airplane is a U. S. Air Force F-101B Voodoo. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

# City of Motley will no longer have a building inspector

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Oct. 14, the council voted to discontinue the services of its building inspector.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Al Yoder mentioned he had had a lot of complaints that people couldn't afford to build because the building inspector requirements make it too expensive.

There had been no new houses built in the city since the current inspector came on board, the mayor said, noting that the building inspector asks for architectural plans or blueprints which are "a lot of money."

Scott Sadusky of Cities to Lakes Inspections Services was hired as Motley's building inspector in April of 2017, taking over for David Barsody from Inspection Services.

Because the city's Planning and Zoning Specialist, Darrin Welle, follows the state codes in building matters, Mayor Yoder felt that those services would be sufficient. In addition, if a building contractor is licensed, bonded and insured, they would be adhering to all state codes.

Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director for Motley, felt that the building of the new sign in Converse Park, for instance, had been more difficult than it needed to be. And for the pavilion foundation, he felt we spent a lot of time drawing up the plans for what he wanted and in the end he drew up his own detail of what he wanted anyway. "Don't make it difficult, just tell us what you want and we'll do it," Brotherton said.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD concerns from Ron Kramer who owns property on Emory Circle. Kramer was out of town and spoke to the council via speaker phone. His concerns included building inspector fees and street assessments.

During the conversation, Kramer mentioned that he would like to build on that lot, but was told by his contractor that he would need to first have an engineer's report estimated to cost between \$6,000 - \$10,000. "If that's the case, I will not build," Kramer said.

In regard to his concerns about assessment amounts, Kramer said

that his property borders both Emory Circle and Morrison St., but that his address would be Morrison St. The assessment for his property is only for Emory Circle and not Morrison St. Kramer did not feel he should have to pay assessments on Emory Circle since he plans to put his driveway on Morrison. He went on to say that if they couldn't come up with an agreement, he would put the lot up for sale. If he couldn't sell the lot he'd give it back to the city. Kramer mentioned to the council that if he built on that lot, the city would collect taxes from him for many years.

The council said they would like to wait to make any decisions until City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja returned the next month. Council member Amy Hutchison said that Kramer had purchased the parcel for "almost nothing" and that he knew it bordered two streets at that time and had assessments on it. She also felt that they had to be fair to all of the others who bought properties on Emory Circle. Council member Steve Johnson agreed. He thought that perhaps the council might consider giving Kramer a break on the interest on the assessments, but that he didn't want it "to be a wash."

- DENIED a request from Kent and Joan Christianson to have their water bill reduced. Due to a leak they thought had been fixed, their basement filled with 55,000 gallons of water while they were out of town. The council sympathized, but did not feel they could reduce the water bill. Darci McIlivray, temporary administrative employee, noted that the Christianson's sewer bill had been removed.

- LEARNED from Fire Chief Brad Olson that 90 children had taken a tour through the fire hall during Fire Prevention Week.

- HEARD from Police Chief Jason Borash that a vehicle had crashed into the sign outside of the fire hall recently during an accident, and that they are working with the insurance company to get it fixed.

- APPROVED a proposal to enforce a "no parking at any time" policy on the following streets:

- Cleveland Ave., from Cedar St. to Birch St. on both sides

- Meadow Ave., from Cedar St. to the end of the road on both sides.

- Cedar St., from Pine Ave. to Meadow Ave. on the south side.

- Cedar St., from Cleveland Ave. to Meadow Ave., on the north side.

- APPROVED a final pay request in the amount of \$8,347.79 for the well project.

- APPROVED a final pay request for the watermain in the amount of \$23,026.93.

- APPROVED paying \$1,401.53 for a plow truck wing mount.

- APPROVED a motion to replace one of the wastewater plant reject pumps estimated to cost \$4,280, and to replace both pumps if needed.

- APPROVED changing the office hours at city hall to Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt. The council will reevaluate these hours at their January regular meeting.

- APPROVED a resolution providing a satisfaction of mortgage for property in Stevens County upon receipt of \$7,000.

- HEARD from Lori Smith during the public forum portion of the meeting, regarding property tax concerns. Smith said she lives on Hwy 210 in a house with an estimated market value of \$329,000. Her property taxes are \$5,952 a year, which she has paid for the past nine years since purchasing the home which is located in Cass County. She said the house with taxes closest to hers is one located on Gull Lake worth \$960,000. Smith feels these high taxes are making it difficult for her to sell her home. She wondered if the house's taxes were still connected to the Tire and Auto Lodge Repair Shop on the adjacent lot? The council told Smith that this is something she will need to bring to the Board of Equalization meeting in April. Council member Amy Hutchison said she would make some calls on Smith's behalf.

- APPROVED offering \$10,000 for a house for sale that's located next to the fire hall.

- NOTED that city hall would be closed on Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day.

- SET the next regular council meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

# Nostalgia remains for more cautious hunting rules

Nostalgia may not entirely deserve the low opinion that some have of it. There's the nostalgia that looks back uncritically at the past, remembering the good stuff and forgetting the bad. "The good old days," pretty well sums up this kind of nostalgia.

Then there's more thoughtful nostalgia, with credible logic that in the move from the past to the present, something has been lost. For example, we once believed that computers and global electronic communication would reduce our workload and give us more leisure time. Instead, we've made it possible to be on-the-job no matter where we are, no matter what time of the day or night—or weekend—it is. Many have lost a little, or a lot, of leisure or "safe" time away from the daily grind.

It once was possible to change your car's oil, or spark plugs, or replace a valve cover gasket if you could work a simple socket wrench, or find the drain plug on your engine's oil pan. But with most of today's automotive designs, there isn't room under the hood to even reach the oil filter; let alone replace it. You probably need your vehicle high overhead on a hydraulic lift, like your mechanic has. With today's more complex engines, you might have to remove an intake manifold just to replace those spark plugs.

A car dealer recently proposed that my son spend \$600 in labor for the procedure. I can remember pulling cables off spark plugs, replacing six plugs at \$2.75 each, and snapping those cables back on myself. From a standpoint of do-it-yourself vehicle maintenance, those were good old days.

I also feel nostalgia for a time before some recent changes in wildlife management practices. Particularly worth mention—since we're in the middle of the 2019 waterfowl season—are the rules that govern the harvest of migratory birds; chiefly, ducks and geese. This topic arose with the publishing just a week ago of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) proposed regulations for the 2020 hunting season.

Yes, 2020, when we are still only halfway through the 2019 season. For the record, in the process of setting these regulations there is a series of meetings, public comments taken, and—we hope—those comments considered by the professional biologists. Truly final rules will not be set until February of 2020. But that is still a far cry from how things were done in the past.

Before 2016, duck and goose hunting limits and seasons were not set until summer, when there was information on the current year's breeding population, and therefore the projected fall abundance. It made sense to set season length and bag limits that took into account the most complete and genuine data on how many ducks or geese there were in the current year, not the year past; particularly for what the USFWS calls "species of special concern," ducks or geese whose abundance is less than ideal; like blue-bills (scaup), pintails, or black ducks.

But that changed with a strategy known as "adaptive harvest management," or AHM, beginning with the 2016 season. In typically complex government-speak, this was described

as "making decisions for migratory bird harvest ... based on predictions derived from long-term biological information and established harvest strategies."

In practical terms, it basically means ignoring spring breeding populations, or breeding success, except in dire circumstances that would justify last-minute changes. It took pressure off biologists to gather data, analyze it, and translate it into season lengths and bag limits so the states could set their waterfowl hunting seasons as soon as possible. Now, the states can expect to "select and publish their season dates in early summer," not near to the actual opening of the hunt.

Another justification made at the time of this change was hunter convenience. Hunters could make their plans farther in advance, knowing season dates and bag limits sooner. But waterfowl hunters serious about limiting duck and goose harvest to sustainable levels had to work hard to find logic in it. The most compelling reason seemed to be convenience, not conservation.

For the record, though nothing will be final until February of 2020, the USFWS is currently proposing for next season "the same regulatory alternatives that are in effect for the 2019 season." This is what the USFWS considers a "liberal" framework, and would mean that Minnesota—for example—could have a 60-day season and 6 duck daily harvest limit, with some special restrictions on wood ducks, mallards, redheads, canvasback, bluebills and black ducks.

"Could," rather than "would," because states are free to be more restrictive than the USFWS framework allows. But realistically, Minnesota has not been restrictive in recent years, in a pattern that many see as an effort to increase hunter success, and thereby contribute to retaining ad recruiting waterfowl hunters, whose numbers have been in serious decline in recent years.

Instead of a 12 noon shooting hour on the season's first day as we once had—the purpose being to protect locally breeding birds, and let them gradually adapt to hunting season pressure—we open the season one-half hour before sunrise. Especially when they've not been in a duck blind for 10 or 11 months, too few hunters can tell what they're shooting in such poor light. Some rarely can, which might be an argument for setting the shooting hour at sunrise—not a half hour before—for the remainder of the season.

Minnesota has also moved to the earliest possible duck hunting opening date, this year's season beginning Sept. 21st, a full two weeks before the traditional early October openings I remember from so many seasons past. The logic behind this—and there is logic here—is that it gives Minnesota hunters a better chance at harvesting early-migrating blue-winged teal, many of which are beyond our southern border by October. Others would argue that late nesting hens, and less mature young from re-nesting efforts, are not yet ready for the rigors that the hunt presents.

Natural resource managers are under pressure to deliver a satisfying experience to their "clients," which anglers and hunters are. Fish caught, or birds bagged, are for some the measure of that quality experience. With that in mind, perhaps it should not be surprising that some fishing and hunting regulations seem to be made for public relations reasons as much as for biological ones.

# BCA investigating officer use of force incident in Morrison County

## High speed chase involved gunfire

After leading officers in a pursuit through Todd and Morrison counties Oct. 15, with speeds of up to 105 mph, the chase ended when the subject's vehicle left the road and struck a tree in Cushing. Shortly after, the driver allegedly suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

According to their report, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) said that at 5:05 p.m. Oct. 15, Todd County Sheriff's Office deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop near Browerville in southeast Todd County related to an ongoing investigation of suspected criminal activity. The driver did not

stop and a pursuit began, heading east on County Rd. 16 into Morrison County. Morrison County Sheriff's deputies and Minnesota State Patrol troopers joined in the pursuit.

The driver shot at pursuing law enforcement during the pursuit, the BCA said, adding, "No one was injured." At one point, the driver lost control of the vehicle on southbound Highway 10. His vehicle left the road and struck a tree in the west ditch near County Rd. 16 in Cushing.

The driver did not follow officers' commands to exit the vehicle. The pursuing agencies were joined at the scene by the Morrison

County SWAT team. At one point, officers fired bean bag rounds to knock out the vehicle's back window, then fired chemical munitions into the vehicle.

As officers approached the vehicle they located the driver who had an apparent gunshot wound to the head. Officers provided medical aid at the scene and the driver was taken by ambulance to St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls and then by air ambulance to North Memorial Health Hospital in Robbinsdale where he was being treated for an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

No officers were wearing body cameras. The BCA

will determine whether squad cameras captured the shooting during the pursuit or the incident at the crash site. BCA crime scene personnel recovered a handgun from inside the vehicle.

The BCA stated they are investigating the officer use of force incident. One of the officers involved has been identified as Joshua Burgardt, who has been with the Little Falls Police Department for 13 years. The identity of the other officer, an employee of the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, is being withheld under Minn. Stat. 13.82, subd. 17 (a).

# Motley Police, Morrison County reports

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

(MCSO) included the following:

Oct. 16 - The MPD received a report of suspicious activity at Main St. W. in Motley. The complainant said that someone has been sleeping in two of the semi sleepers there. The size of the tracks appear to belong to a female or younger male.

Oct. 16 - The MPD responded to a report of a marijuana smell at an apartment building on Pine Ave. S., Motley.

Oct. 15 - The MPD reported finding two juveniles walking near 3rd Ave. and Beaulieu St. in Motley after curfew. Both were warned and told to walk

home they were a block away. The officer stood by and observed that they returned home.

Oct. 15 - The MPD assisted Todd and Morrison County deputies with a pursuit that ended in Cushing. The officer said he provided perimeter security.

Oct. 15 - The MPD issued a citation to Joshua Gunnar Olson, 28, for a gas drive off in the amount of \$60 at Orton's BP in Motley.

Oct. 12 - The MPD responded to two separate vehicle accidents at Hwy 210 and Hwy 64 in Motley. No injuries reported in either case.

Oct. 14 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Jacob Johnson, 21; Tab Erickson, 50; Devon Herold, 21.

Oct. 11 - The MPD responded to a complaint that a resident had blown all of her mulched leaves onto the street in front of her house, located at the 300 block of Morrison St. E., Motley. The officer drove by the residence in question and located a large amount of mulched leaves on the street covering three-fourths of the two lanes the entire length

of the property. He spoke with the owner who stated she had received permission from one of the city employees. He then spoke with the city employee who said she had called him after she had blown them on the street and described it as a very small amount next to the curb, so he didn't think it would be an issue. The owner said that she is old and lives alone so she blew them out there figuring the city could clean them up with the street sweeper to make things easier for her. She was advised that the local ordinance does not allow people to blow lawn clippings or leaves onto the street.

Oct. 15 - The MCSO arrested McKenzie Anderson, 23, for 3rd degree drinking while intoxicated.

Oct. 15 - The MCSO responded to the scene of a pursuit that ended in Cushing. Deputies assisted with securing the scene and helping the BCA with gathering information and evidence, and sitting on the crime scene until being informed by BCA agents that all vehicles could be cleared.

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# Staples Lions attend District 5M8 contest

Members of the Staples '93 Lions and Staples Host Lions traveled to Foley Oct. 8, for the District 5M8 mini forum, which included speakers and an awards ceremony.

According to their report, the two speakers were interesting and informative.

Dr. Karim Sadak from MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation spoke about childhood cancer treatments, survival rates and the need for follow-up care from long-term side effects of treatments.

Lion David Thoen spoke about diabetes and the work of the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation to find a cure for diabetes.

Awards to individuals and clubs were given out after the speakers. Lions Frank and Amy Leidenfrost, Staples, were both recognized for 100 percent secretary reporting.

The Staples '93 Lions placed first out of 77 clubs in the District Governor's contest. Volunteering is a large part of the contest, and the Staples '93 Lions do a lot of work with the local food shelf as well as with hospice programs.



## Award

Past President Lion Beth Gedde, Staples '93 Lions, accepted the District 5M8 Governor's contest first place award in Foley Oct. 8. (Submitted photo)

"We serve," is the motto for the Lions organization. Their major areas of concentration are vision, hearing, diabetes, environment and childhood cancer.

For more information or to become a member of the Lions organization, contact any Staples Lions member or call 218-894-1935.

# Todd County Sheriff's Office/Dispatch reports

The following incidents were recently reported to the Todd County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) and dispatch.

Oct. 19: Monty Thornberg, 20, of rural Bertha was stopped on 203rd Ave at the intersection of Co 24. Thornberg was stopped for traffic violations observed. As a result of the traffic stop Thornberg was cited for Driving After Revocation.

Oct. 19: TCSO received a theft complaint from the Madsen Apartments on First Ave. NE, Eagle Bend. It was reported that sometime during the overnight hours some property was taken from the community room.

Oct. 19, 10:45 p.m.: Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to a burglary in section 24 of Gordon Township. The building was unoccupied at the time and nothing appears to have been stolen.

Oct. 17: The Stearns/Benton SWAT Team, along with the Central MN Violent Offender Task Force and Todd County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at 648 Main St. North in Browerville. Taken into custody was Nathan Alexander Isaac, 27. Isaac is being held at the Todd County Detention Center for 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Receiving Stolen Property and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Assisting agencies were West Central DTF and Long Prairie PD.

Oct. 15 at 5:05 p.m.: Todd County Deputies were involved in a vehicle pursuit that started on Todd County Road 16 near Browerville. The pursuit continued onto County Rd 18 and ended on Hwy 10 in Morrison County. Due to the circumstances involved in the pursuit the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is conducting an investigation. The subject involved was transported by Mayo Clinic Ambulance and then transferred to North Memorial Hospital by air ambulance with serious injuries. Hwy 10 near Cushing was closed in both directions due to the investigation. There is no threat to the public and additional releases will come from the Minnesota BCA.

Oct. 9: Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to a burglary in progress in section 19 of Little Sauk Township. Prior to the arrival of law enforcement the suspects fled the scene.

During the week of Sept. 29 - Oct. 5, TCSO responded to 202 calls for service including: 39 traffic stops, 21 civil process, 5 suspicious activity, 7 welfare checks, 4 agency

assists, 4 traffic complaints, 7 disturbances/domestics, 3 damage to property complaints, 8 car/deer accidents, 7 alarms, and 10 farm animals out complaints.

**Todd County Dispatch** received 115 - 911 Calls during the week.

Oct. 7: TCSO received a call of a two vehicle property damage accident that occurred on Main Street West, Clarissa. Norma Gonsior, Clarissa, was westbound on Main St in a Buick Century and turned too sharp into a parking spot. The passenger side of her car struck the driver's side front of a parked, unoccupied Chrysler van owned by Kathleen Pooler, Clarissa. Norma was not injured and both vehicles received moderate damage.

Oct. 5: A vehicle fire was reported on Quicken road south of Philbrook, A white GMC Sonoma truck was in the middle of the road abandoned. The drive had left the scene after having mechanical problems and the vehicle had caught fire. The Staples fire department assisted at scene and the truck was towed.

Oct. 4: Craig Noska was driving west on Cty Road 16 near 275th Ave in his 2012 Dodge truck when he swerved to miss a deer and ran into a county road closed sign. The truck had damage to the front drivers side and was drivable, Noska was not injured.

Oct. 2: the Todd County Sheriff's Office took a theft report on the 30000 block of Hwy 71. A black leather wallet with items inside and a vape pen were reported stolen. Contact the sheriff's office at 320 732-2157 with any information.

Sept. 30, 7:00 p.m.: TCSO responded to a report of a three-year-old male who had been ran over and stepped on by a horse at a residence in Leslie Township. The victim was treated at the scene by deputies until Long Prairie Ambulance personnel arrived. The victim was transported to the Long Prairie Hospital then to the St Cloud Hospital for further treatment. The victim sustained serious injuries; his current condition is not known.

Sept. 26: 5:45 a.m. one vehicle accident was report on Cty RD 24 and 225th Ave. Everett Rolli, rural Staples was driving north on 225th Ave in his 2102 Chrysler mini van when went through the intersection of Cty 24 going across into the ditch and hit several trees. Rolli was injured in the accident and transported by Bertha ambulance. Bertha fire department also assisted at the scene.

## 75 YEARS AGO - 1944

Oct. 26, 1944 - Sunday morning, Oct. 22, while hunting with his cousin in the vicinity of Elbow Lake, Gordon Stolhanske of Staples suffered a gunshot wound in his left leg. The wound was accidental and happened when his cousin, Sgt. Laurel Stolhanske, was unloading his gun. He was immediately taken to Elbow Lake where a physician dressed the wound. They then returned to Staples, and he has been confined to his home since that time, but is getting

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along nicely at this time. Sgt. Stolhanske is spending a 15-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Stolhanske of Staples.

Oct. 26, 1944 - Here's one for Ripley, and "believe it or not" at The Staples World office, is a fully developed and blossoming cowslip, which was brought into the office the first of this week by Peter Stol, who resides on a farm 10 miles north of Motley on highway No. 64. The cowslip was found by Herbert and Ludwig Stol, nephew and brother of Peter Stol, Monday of this week in a meadow. It is a rare thing to see spring flowers blooming in Minnesota in late October, and this occasion is so rare that the members of the Stol family thought it a decided novelty.

The little plant has gone through many hard and killing frosts, but is apparently as hale and healthy as it would be in the early spring, which is the natu-

ral blooming time for the plant.

Oct. 26, 1944 - An Armistice Day Dance will be held at the River Inn on Saturday, Nov. 11. Music by Bob's Rhythm Kings. Admission is 42 cents, plus 8 cents tax - 50 cents total. Sponsored by Ivan V. Sarff Post, of Staples.

## 50 YEARS AGO - 1969

Oct. 30, 1969 - Conducted by Leopold Sipe, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra will appear in concert at the Staples High School Auditorium Friday evening, Oct. 31, at 8:30 p.m. The musical group's appearance in this city is under the sponsorship of the Staples Fine Arts Council.

Oct. 30, 1969 - Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Jensen of this city have received notification from the Department of the Army that their son, SP/4 Roger D. Jensen, has been awarded posthumously the Bronze Star Medal for heroism, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal. SP/4 Jensen was killed in action while serving in Vietnam with the United States Army on June 28. SP/4 Roger D. Jensen became the first fatality of the Vietnam war from this city.

## 25 YEARS AGO - 1994

Oct. 27, 1994 - Candidates for three offices in Todd County were grilled Thursday, Oct. 20, in a Meet the Candidates session sponsored by the Staples World and the city of Staples. They included Gaylord Saetre and Charles 'Chuck' Rasmussen, county attorney candidates; Joyce Rosenow and Ron Hinnenkamp, each seeking the



## Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Nov. 1, 1990 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

auditor's job; and Dave Kircher and Dave Asmus, who are each after the sheriff's job. The general election will be Nov. 8.

Oct. 27, 1994 - Headed to the Section 6 cross country team meet this Friday at Pierz are the Staples Motley varsity boys squad. The team includes Kurt Detloff, Derek Mattila, Jeff Brever, Dave Jenkins, Scott Brever, Robin Reichel, Chris Rice and Mike Vacek. Gladys Salthe is the head coach for the team.

Oct. 27, 1994 - A former teacher in Staples, Helen Douglass, has left nearly a million dollars to Rochester Community College. She lived most of her life in the small community of Douglas, northwest of Rochester. Upon her death in May 1993, Ms. Douglass specified in her will that a large portion of her estate be given to Rochester Community College, to be used for scholarships. The gift is estimated at \$800,000.

Douglass taught briefly (2 - 3 years) in the 1940s at Staples High School and later at Moorhead State Teachers College (now Moorhead State University). Her grandfather, Harrison Douglass, established the village of Douglas in 1878. The village was founded when the Chicago and North Western Railroad built a station there. Douglass was active in community organizations, was an avid reader and an enthusiastic traveler. She was a skilled private investor, building upon inheritances from her father and two aunts. She also shared a touch of whimsy with the mourners at her funeral. She had been so taken by an Elvis impersonator who sang at her 90th birthday in 1988 that she asked him to sing at her funeral. He did.

## 10 YEARS AGO - 2009

Oct. 22, 2009 - A fire destroyed a home early Thursday morning on the south side of Staples. Officials say they believe the

fire had been purposely started by someone. A passer-by reported the house at 311 Fourth Street SW was on fire at about 12:38 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. The Staples Fire Department responded and spent about two hours bringing the fire in the small, two story home under control.

Owners Larry and Donna Schmidt were on the scene Monday cleaning out the garage. They said the house was one of their rental units and they had owned it for several years. It had been rented out in September but the renters had left prior to Oct. 1.

Oct. 22, 2009 - Final plans are shaping up for the 'For Pete's Sake' benefit event this Saturday to help the Peter Achermann family continue their search for Peter. The benefit will be this Saturday, starting at noon, at the Bear's Den in Leader.

Peter, who was fairly well known in the Motley-Staples-Leader community, was last seen in Staples in the early afternoon July 24. His car was found July 25 on a minimum maintenance road in the woods north of Joe and Barb Haselberg's home in Becker Township, roughly five miles northeast of Staples. The family is hoping that hunters heading into the woods will be aware of their missing loved one and look for signs. "We ask all hunters to be on the lookout for anything unusual, out of the ordinary, where ever they are at," Peter's family asks.

Oct. 22, 2009 - The Staples Motley Cardinals (football team) claimed their seventh win without a loss this season with a 38-0 win over Warroad on Oct. 15.

Oct. 22, 2009 - Following a fifth consecutive tennis team section title, the Staples Motley Cards sent six players into contention for individual state honors on Oct. 19 and 20 at St. John's University.



## Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 23, 1969 edition of the Staples World featured six winners of the Punt, Pass and Kick competition from this area, who competed in the District contest in Wadena. Representing the various age groups are, front row from left: Kevin Kristenson, 8; Robert Kennedy, 9, and Larry Hokenson, 10. Back row: Richard Van Buren, 13; Jeff Cizek, 12; and Tom Backberg, 11. The local contest was under the sponsorship of the Mueller Motor Company.

There were no responses to this Mystery Photo.

## School board

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### Improvement plan

Instead of embarking on a new strategic plan that would require a paid facilitator to guide the process, Tappe said the board might consider developing a continuous improvement plan, and had an example of another school's plan. Tappe said the school did

strategic planning just four years ago, and if the board was still behind the mission and vision statements that came from that process, he would recommend the continuous improvement plan instead, which can be done within the school and community.

Board member Mary

Freeman said "We have a lot of climate and culture things going on, we are already doing a lot of good things, this can pull all those good things together."

Other board members agreed and indicated they would like to start moving forward with the continuous improvement plan.

## Thank You Volunteers and Sponsors...

Thank you to all the Paint the Town volunteers and sponsors. This was another successful season for the Paint the Town program. Due to the dedication of the volunteers and sponsors the Paint the Town program was able to paint an additional two homes for our community. This was the fourth year of the program and we have been able to paint a total of 17 homes.

The Paint the Town Committee, would like to thank all of the volunteers for taking their time to help. A special thanks to the Paint Teams which included: Lions Club, Lakewood Health System, Staples Rotary, First International Bank & Trust and Sisters with Sass.

As well as a HUGE thank you to our sponsors, this program is completely funded through our local businesses and organizations. Without them this would not be possible. This year's sponsors included: MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union, SEDA, Sourcewell, Lakewood Health System, Staples Assembly of God Church, Precision Polishing, EL-KO Services, Dairy Queen, Staples True Value, Staples Ace Hardware, Stern Rubber, Vision Electric, Lions Club, Abdo Eick & Myers and First International Banks & Trust.

**We will be offering the program again next year with applications being accepted now through June 11, 2020.**

Contact Melissa Radermacher, [mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us](mailto:mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us) or 218-894-2550 for information.

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# Science and actions on Minnesota climate changes

From Minnesota DNR

Minnesota's climate is becoming warmer and wetter, and the Department of Natural Resources is taking action to identify climate-related changes, understand the impacts of these changes on the state's natural resources and recreation, mitigate the impacts as much as possible, and adapt to those impacts that cannot be avoided.

These actions range from measuring changes to alerting Minnesotans to the effects of climate change, to planting tree species that will survive better in a warmer climate, to installing renewable energy options, like solar panels, at state parks and DNR buildings.

"We want people to know that Minnesota's climate is already changing and will continue to do so. Across state government, we are working together and with our partners to reduce our contributions to those changes and adapt to the changing climate and reduce negative impacts to Minnesota's resources and people," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "Climate Week is a great opportunity to talk with Minnesotans about what we're doing to manage for climate change."

The DNR will highlight its management actions during Climate Week (Sept. 23-Sept. 28), when leaders across the country and world showcase efforts to address climate change. Now in its 11th year, Climate Week began in New York City in 2009 and this year will include a United Nations Climate Action Summit.

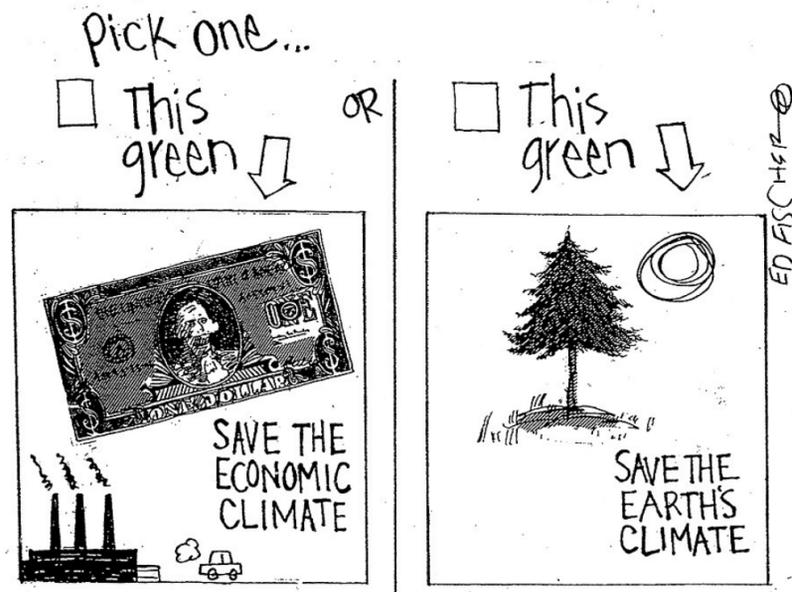
The DNR has been working hard to communicate the changes state climate experts are seeing. Toward that end, the DNR recently created a new website describing how Minnesota's climate is changing, the impacts to natural resources and recreation, and what DNR is doing to address it.

The DNR is part of group of state agencies working on climate change adaptation and mitigation. It also collaborates with other partners, such as universities, federal agencies, local governments, and tribes, on climate change issues.

## Climate change impacts

Data from the State Climatology Office indicate Minnesota's temperatures are increasing - especially in winter - and large, more frequent extreme precipitation events are occurring. Minnesota has warmed 2.9 F between 1895 and 2017, while receiving an average of 3.4 inches more precipitation annually.

Climate changes are already impacting Minnesota's wildlife, plants, waters, historic resources, infrastructure, and avail-



able outdoor recreation activities. Here are some examples:

As a result of warmer winters and longer growing seasons, some 535,000 acres of tamarack forests have been affected by Eastern larch beetle, an insect that Minnesota's historically colder winters kept in check.

Lake ice seasons have shortened. For example, Lake Osakis—an average-sized lake in central Minnesota—now has "ice out" more than a week earlier now than it did in the 1940s. Early ice-out dates negatively affect a variety of winter recreation opportunities, such as ice fishing and cross-country skiing.

With warmer winters and more precipitation, rough fish are gaining a foothold in waters that provide important duck habitat. Rough fish degrade water quality, reducing the food available to migrating ducks.

## Adapting, managing for climate impacts

Minnesotans can see how the DNR is managing for climate impact in state parks and state forests,

along lakeshores and in wildlife management areas, and in the infrastructure that the DNR builds and operates.

For example, at Blue Mounds State Park, a 2014 "mega-rain" event destroyed a dam, causing the Lower Mound Lake impoundment to drain. To avoid future destruction, and after extensive review with stakeholders, the DNR restored the creek to help the park handle future extreme precipitation events.

Other examples: Foresters in southeastern Minnesota are planting swamp white oak, shagbark hickory, and bur oak in the understory of woodlands because forestry experts predict these species will thrive in Minnesota's warmer, wetter climate.

The DNR is working with shoreland owners to maintain tree cover and thereby help curb rising water temperatures in certain lakes. This is critical for cisco (or "tullibee"), an important fish species that is prey for game fish and loons.

Since 2009, the DNR has installed 40 renewable energy systems at 31 locations across Minnesota. These systems generate 714,000 kilowatt hours of electric power. Also, the DNR has added more than 125 hybrid or electric cars to its vehicle fleet, increasing average fuel efficiency from 28.6 MPG to 38.3 MPG between 2014 and 2018.

Strommen said there is still a lot of work ahead for the DNR. The agency has made climate change a key priority and intends to work closely with stakeholders, other government agencies, and all Minnesotans to address climate change.

"We know that, by working closely with Minnesotans, we can better adapt to this significant challenge," Strommen said. "We all have a stake in the future of our natural resources and recreation opportunities. By learning, adjusting, and doing our part individually, we can help Minnesota's public lands, and the people who enjoy them, address and adapt to climate change."

# Climate shift may force loons out of Minnesota

By Heather Chapman  
The Rural Blog

"Each state in America has an official state bird, usually an iconic species that helps define the landscape," Brad Plumer reports for The New York Times. "But as the planet warms and birds across the country relocate to escape the heat, at least eight states could see their state birds largely or entirely disappear from within their borders during the summer, according to a new study."

Nearly 400 North American bird species—about two-thirds—will likely make a drastic shift in their ranges in the coming decades because of climate change, the National Audubon Society study predicts. Many will struggle to survive the shift to unfamiliar or shrinking habitats.

"If global temperatures rise a plausible 3 degrees Celsius above pre-indus-

trial levels this century, Minnesota will no longer enjoy the local climate conditions that loons are accustomed to as they arrive each summer to breed and hunt for food, the study found," Plumer reports. "As a result, the birds may bypass the state altogether and head farther north."

Audubon President David Yarnold said this is "one way we'll see the effects of climate change right in our own backyards . . . If you've ever been around a lake in the upper United States, you can probably hear the sound of a loon in your head. It's hard to imagine a Minnesota summer without them. It's hard to imagine a New Jersey summer without goldfinches."

The study has a neat interactive map that shows you how birds in your state and even your ZIP code could be affected by the shift, as well as a map showing how some common bird species could be affected. Click here for more.

# The carnival comes to Staples

By Mike Holst

Growing up in a small town like Staples there was little to do for entertainment. Most of the activities had to do with the school and sports activities or concerts. So in the summer time when the school was largely shuttered, it became bleak indeed. But every so often there was something that broke the boredom. It was called the carnival and every so often they came to town.

Now I'm not talking about a church carnival or some entertaining things that are put in place for a civic celebration. No I'm talking about a full-fledged carnival that came to town and set up on the ball fields and the playground by the high school. There was a whole parade of trucks carrying in the rides and attractions and they set up a mini midway full of games of chance, entertaining things to see and thrilling rides.

One of the games I was always attracted to was the little digger cranes where for one thin dime you got a chance to operate that swinging apparatus, inside its glass case and grab a prize and drop it into the chute that delivered it to you. Not having a lot of money to spend, I would watch others playing the machines hoping to see just what it was that made it so difficult to snag the best things that were rarely taken. Like that shiny gold wristwatch that was always in the farthest corner from the chute. One of the things I noticed was that most people were in a hurry and either over shot the target or if they did snag something good, they were in hurry to get it out and lost grip of it. But on this one night a man managed to grab that watch but he dropped it in the middle of the pile and dismayed he left. Before they

could reposition it-- which they always did-- I got my dime on the counter and guided the claws over to that watch and drug it out of there. I was overjoyed putting the watch on my skinny arm and I sprinted home to show off my winning. Two days later my arm turned green and itched like crazy. I showed my dad and he took out his knife and scraped off some of the metal off the back. The back was lead, painted gold, and dad made me throw it away. He told me it would make me dumber than I was.

There were also the tents with deformed people and animals to see and a guy out front with a cane and a top hat, calling it the seventh wonder of the world. Somehow I am glad we have gotten beyond that over the years. Exploiting people was never my thing. Then there was what my dad called the hootchie kootchie tent where you had to be older to get in and see the scantily dressed dancers. No one knew at the time, that in a few decades you could see more than they showed, at the mall for free. My friend and I went around to the back and peeked under the canvas but before we could get a look-see, we got caught and had to run for our freedom. My buddy's pants were all wet as somebody had relieved themselves behind the tent and he laid in it. Then there was a ride shaped like a bullet that spun you around and around and I took a fast trip in it, on a dare. There was room for two people in it and the other person threw up on me, so my friend and I went home that night smelling like pee and vomit. But at least it was something to do and we could say we went to the carnival and sixty-five years later I would write about it.

# Action helps rural groceries survive surge of dollar stores

By Heather Chapman  
The Rural Blog

Rural residents often have a harder time getting to a grocery store than their suburban and urban counterparts. It's an even bigger problem for the rural poor, including seniors and those with disabilities, since they may be unable to drive to the store.

"The median distance to the nearest food store for rural populations in 2015 was 3.11 miles, and a shade farther for rural households enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, better known as food stamps, according to a May 2019 report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the program," April Simpson reports for Stateline. "A slightly larger share of rural SNAP households than rural non-SNAP households, eight percent as opposed to seven percent, were more than ten miles from the nearest store."

Some states are trying to figure out a way to fix, or at least reduce, the problem. Rural-grocery advocates say tax incentives and subsidies have helped large supermarkets, but have squeezed out local, independent grocers. The surge of dollar stores in rural areas is also posing problems for small grocers, since the stores of Dollar General Corp. and smaller chains often have lower prices. However, critics say most dollar stores aren't a

good substitute for grocery stores since they generally don't have fresh meat or produce, Simpson reports.

On the federal level, the Agriculture Department's Healthy Food Financing Initiative, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, supports healthy-food grocery projects in more than 35 states, but some rural grocery owners say it's difficult to access those funds, Simpson reports.

Nancy McCloud, who owns a grocery in rural New Mexico, told Simpson: "I couldn't find any that was applicable for a for-profit business . . . If I were a co-op, yes, but a co-op wouldn't survive in this particular town. There wouldn't be enough [people] to help."

McCloud had no experience running or even working in a grocery, but decided to buy and reopen the local store in 2017 after it closed. Without her store, the 863 residents of Mountainair, New Mexico, would have to drive 47 miles to get fresh food. She told Simpson she felt that the town's continued existence depended on having a grocery store.

"When you have a small rural town and the grocery store dies, the town dries up and it just blows away," McCloud said. "There are six towns east of here — they just lost the grocery store, then they lost the gas station, and then they lost the bank and now they're nothing."

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## Benefit for Pillager man Oct. 26, in Cushing

### Brady Feist severely injured in motorcycle accident last May

A benefit for Brady Feist, 26, of Pillager will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 2:22 - 10 p.m., at the 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing.

Feist, the son of Mark and Kim (Dinkel) Feist, suffered a severe head injury in a motorcycle accident in Baxter last May. He continues to undergo rehabilitative therapy and will need more surgeries in the future.

"It's been a haul," Kim Feist said recently, mentioning all that her son has endured since the accident, including being airlifted to St. Cloud Hospital early on where physicians worked to relieve the swelling of his brain. Subsequently, Brady's journey toward recovery has included weeks at Abbott Northwestern in Minneapolis, rehabilitation treatment at Courage Kenny in Golden Valley, more time at St. Cloud Hospital, as well as at Regency Hospital



Brady Feist

in Golden Valley and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He is back home in Pillager for a short while, but will be back at the Mayo for facial reconstruction surgery in the near future.

They take it one day at a time, Kim Feist said. "We have to keep doing what

we've been doing." That includes being there for Brady every step of the way...offering love and encouragement, sitting by his side at the hospital, offering continuous prayers on his behalf.

A 2011 graduate of Pillager High School, Brady has been an employee of his parents' business, Pine Country Plumbing & Heating. That changed, of course, with the accident. His mother mentions that it's been difficult for them to keep the business running smoothly, while being there for their son, which of course they want to be. And, they are short one employee these days... Brady.

Yes, it's been difficult on the entire family, but it's Brady her heart aches for. It's a miracle that he is alive after the motorcycle accident, for which they are all grateful, but that doesn't mean there haven't

been days when the Feists have wondered why it had to happen in the first place.

They recently returned home from yet another stay at a hospital. "I think I've seen Brady smile more in these last couple of days than I've seen in a long time," Kim Feist said, noting the healing power of being home.

Kim Feist helps manage Brady's Caring Bridge site, keeping friends, family and other interested parties updated on her son's medical situation and journey.

"The support has been awesome," Kim said, noting that there have been over 75,000 visits to Brady's site. The encouraging words have done much to lift their spirits during several dark days.

Along with her journal entries about Brady's situation, Kim has shared

quotes along the way that have encouraged her.

One reads, 'Never lose hope. Just when you think it's over...God sends you a miracle.'

Recently, she posted, 'You have been assigned this mountain to show others it can be moved.'

The Feists are grateful for the support they have received over the past four-plus months by way of prayers, financial donations and encouraging words.

Friends are hosting the upcoming benefit at 2 Tall Tavern to help Brady Feist with ongoing medical, travel and living expenses.

The benefit will include raffles, silent and live auctions, food and live music.

For more information, contact 2 Tall Tavern at 218-575-3013 or check out the Brady Feist Benefit page on Facebook.

## Mark Your Calendar

### October 23

**MEDICAL HOME PATIENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MTG** Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2 - 3 p.m., Lakewood Health System, main campus in Staples. For info., 218-894-8311 or email loiswalters@lakewood-healthsystem.com.

### October 24

**WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG** Thurs., Oct. 24, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Larry Johansen, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

### October 26

**FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 - 10 a.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. South.

### October 29

**CARE COMMUNITY MEAL** Tues., Oct. 29, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Staples. Hosted with Thomastown Covenant Church. Free. For info, 218-894-2571 or 218-894-3923.

**FREE FALL FESTIVAL** Tues., Oct. 29, 6 - 8 p.m., Central Lakes College, Staples, commons area. Crafts, snacks, door prizes, cookie decorating, fun activities.

## Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

### October

- **STAPLES-MOTLEY BLOOD DRIVE** Oct. 23, at the community center.
- **MS DANCE** Oct. 25
- **MS/HS CHOIR CONCERT** Oct. 28; Grades 5 - 8, 7 p.m.; Grades 9 - 12, 8 p.m.

### November

- **HS FALL PLAY** Nov. 1 - 3
- **VETERANS DAY PROGRAM** Nov. 11, TBA
- **MS/HS BAND CONCERT** Nov. 12, grades 5 - 8, 7 p.m.; grades 9 - 12, 8 p.m.
- **MSHS ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Nov. 18, 7 p.m.
- **CONNECTIONS SHOWCASE NIGHT** Nov. 19, 6 p.m.

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

## U of M Extension to host area land rent meetings

By Brenda Miller, University of Minnesota Extension

Landlords, Farmers, and Agri-Business Professionals should make plans to attend one of the informative land rent meetings being held across Central Minnesota. These free meetings are offered by University of Minnesota Extension. Farm land rental rates are the largest input cost and a fair farm rent agreement is a challenge in today's economy with current corn and soybeans prices in 2019.

Negotiating a fair rental agreement that satisfies the landowner and the farmer is a challenge. Nathan Hulin, Extension Educator in Ag Business Management, will provide several ways, by examples, factsheets and worksheets to determine a fair farmland rental rate for both parties.

Topics covered at the meetings will include local historic and projected farmland rental rate trends, current farmland values and sales, a worksheet that will help determine a fair rental agreement. Input costs for 2019 will be presented along with current 2019 corn and soybean prices. Worksheets will examine 2020 costs and what is affordable rent that a farmer will be able to pay in 2020, the rate of return to the landlord at current market values and flexible rental agreements.

Make plans to attend one of these meetings now. Attendees will receive several informative worksheets and factsheets that will help to determine what a fair 2020 farm land rental rate is.

Area meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Alexandria on November 6 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Douglas County Works; 526 Willow Dr.
- Long Prairie on November 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Long Prairie City Hall; 615 Lake St S.
- Little Falls on November 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Little Falls City Hall; 100 7th Ave NE.

Questions or for more information: contact Brenda Miller, U of M Extension-Todd County, at 320-533-4655 or nels4220@umn.edu.



## "Whooo" was at the library storytime?

Nine participants, attended "Whoooo" at the Staples Public Library Storytime held in Oct. Stories, crafts and snacks were provided by the Staples Friends of the Library. Storytime is held the second Wednesday of each month

at 10:30 a.m. Register by calling the library. Stay current on upcoming programs by following us on Facebook or our webpage at [www.griver.org](http://www.griver.org). (Submitted photo)



## Painting class held at Staples Library

A painting class with Deb Blowers was held recently at the Staples Public Library as part of an Arts and Culture Legacy Grant. Participant learned different techniques in painting and took

home their completed project home. To join us for upcoming programs, follow us on Facebook or the webpage at [www.griver.org](http://www.griver.org). (Submitted photo/ names not provided)

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310 4th St. NE, Staples

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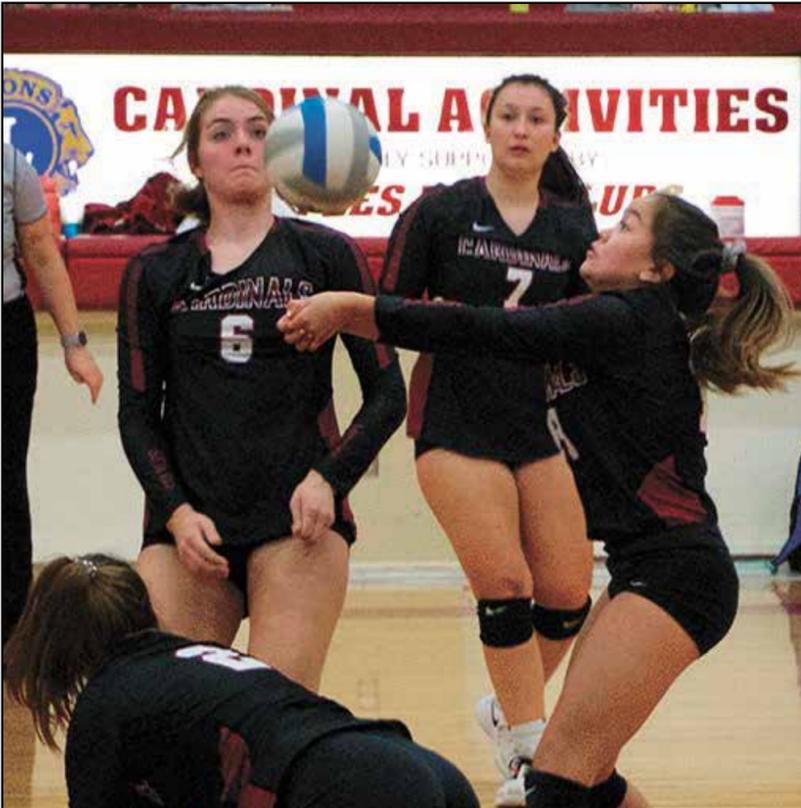
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## Getting back on track

Libby O'Neil cleans up with a steady pass after a scramble in the game against Menahga, as Alix Peterson and Mackenna Bjerga look on and Morgan Becker gets up after hitting the floor. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

# Cards No. 2 seed in Section 8AA Volleyball

The Staples-Motley volleyball team won their final dual match against Menahga 3-1 on Oct. 14, made it into the finals at the Upsala Tourney, Oct. 17, but lost two extremely close games, finishing third out of nine teams. The Cardinals finished the season with a 16-10 record, earning the second seed in Section 8AA Tournament. They will host Fergus Falls on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

"We're excited to get the number two seed in our sub section," said Coach Gretchen Bestland. "Fergus Falls is a team we don't meet up with during the season so there are lots of unknowns. They had a losing record this season but they play a really tough schedule."

If Staples-Motley wins their first round game, they will play at home against either Perham or Crosby-Ironton, Friday, Oct. 25. Third round games will be Tuesday, Oct. 29. Games are all scheduled for 7 p.m.

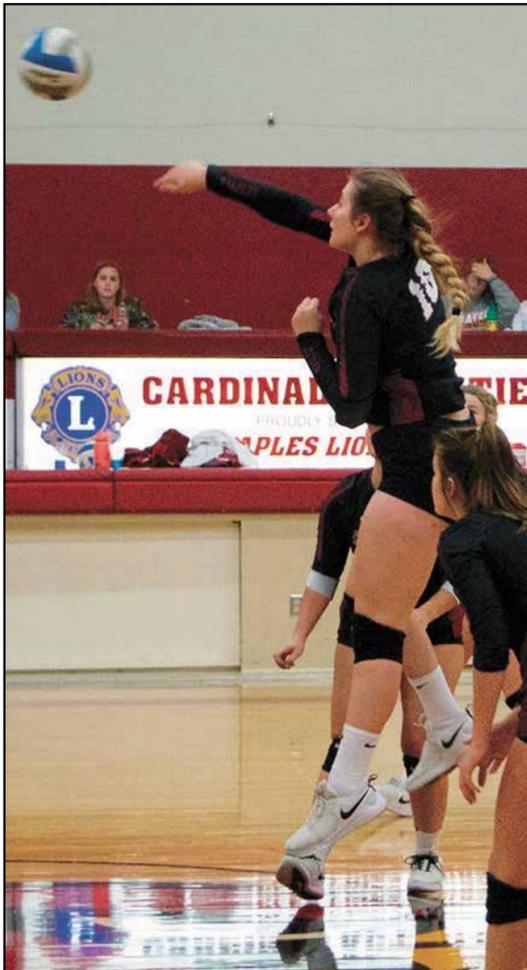
Against Menahga on Oct. 14, the Cards won the first two sets, lost the third set and were down 13-9 to start the fourth. Aubrey Brandt tied the score at 14 with a kill, giving the team a two point lead, 21-19 with an ace serve.

Alix Peterson had a kill and a block for the final points, before finishing off the match with another kill.

**Team results**  
**S-M 3, Menahga 1**  
 25-11, 25-22, 12-25, 25-21  
 Alix Peterson; digs-9, kills-9, blocks-2  
 Mackenna Bjerga; digs-8, assists-43, blocks-1  
 Bella Martin; Ace-2, digs-10, kills-1  
 Tabettha Allen; digs-3, kills-23, blocks-1  
 Aubrey Brandt; digs-8, kills-6, block-1  
 Morgan Becker; digs-6, kills-8  
 Ava Schneider; digs-2, kills-2  
 Libby O'Neil; digs-5  
 Heidi Lombard; digs-26  
 Leah Bestland; Ace-2, dig-1  
 Klaire Storry; dig-1

**Upsala Tournament**  
**S-M 2, Isle 0**  
 25-10, 25-11  
 M. Bjerga; Aces-2, digs-10, assists-21  
 A. Peterson; digs-4, kills-6, blocks-2  
 B. Martin; aces-2, digs-8  
 T. Allen; digs-4, kills-11  
 A. Brandt; digs-2, kills-2  
 H. Lombard; digs-13  
 L. O'Neil; digs-3  
 A. Schneider; dig-1, assists-3, kills-3  
 M. Becker; digs-2, kills-2, block-1  
 L. Bestland; ace-1, digs-2  
 Brooke Heldman; digs-4, kills-4

**S-M 2, Upsala 0**  
 25-18, 25-19  
 M. Bjerga; digs-10, assists-12, kill-1  
 A. Peterson; Ace-1, digs-1,



## Power attack

Tabetha Allen goes for a spike as the middle hitter for the Cardinal attack.

kills-5  
 B. Martin; digs-2  
 T. Allen; digs-2, assist-1, kills-8, blocks-2  
 A. Brandt; digs-2, kills-4  
 H. Lombard; digs-2  
 L. O'Neil; Aces-2, digs-2  
 A. Schneider; dig-1  
 M. Becker; digs-3, kills-1, block-1  
 B. Heldman; digs-2  
**First place round**  
**S-M 0, Milaca 2**  
 23-25, 24-26  
 M. Bjerga; digs-9, assists-18  
 A. Peterson; digs-2, kills-7, block-1  
 B. Martin; ace-1, digs-13  
 T. Allen; digs-3, kills-6, blocks-1  
 A. Brandt; ace-1, digs-17, kills-6  
 H. Lombard; digs-15, assist-1  
 L. O'Neil; aces-2, digs-5  
 A. Schneider; dig-2, assist-1, kill-1, blocks-2  
 M. Becker; digs-2, kills-2  
 L. Bestland; dig-1  
**S-M 1, Holdingford 2**  
 25-21, 26-28, 10-15  
 M. Bjerga; digs-10, assists-23  
 A. Peterson; digs-1, kills-6  
 B. Martin; ace-1, kills-15, kills-3  
 T. Allen; digs-2, assist-1, kills-10, block-1  
 A. Brandt; digs-11, kills-5  
 H. Lombard; digs-19, assists-2  
 L. O'Neil; digs-11  
 A. Schneider; dig-2, assist-1, block-1

# Tennis players look forward to state

Two Staples-Motley doubles teams are making their first trip to the state tournament this week.

Haley Cichos and Jenna Dvorak won the section doubles title while Tasha Achermann and Rose Han placed second in the tournament to also qualify for state. Both doubles teams will open the tournament at the same time, 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24.

"It is the state tournament, so everyone is good, and the teams will have a challenge in every match,"

said Coach Jacque Doll.

Achermann and Han will play against Ava Wallerich and Emma Brunkow of Lake City.

"Tasha is a senior, so we are thrilled that she got to state," said Coach Jacque Doll. "Rose is a junior and the two of them are experienced. If they play with confidence they could surprise some people."

Haley Cichos and Jenna Dvorak, both juniors, play Camryn Hoffarth and Mara VanNyhuis of Osakis in the first round.

"Haley and Jenna are capable of playing at a high level with power, but they are both crafty and can change things up on their opponents," said Doll. "They could surprise their opponents."

Achermann and Cichos played as the number one doubles team for most of the season, but they each teamed up with a singles player to enter the section tournament. Dvorak and Han were the number two and three singles for much of the season.

# Football playoffs begin at home Oct. 22

The Staples-Motley football team found little traction in their 40-0 loss at Barnesville on Oct. 16.

The Cardinals only had 63 total yards from scrimmage, they converted two of their three fourth down attempts and only made two of eleven third down

tries. Meanwhile, the defense gave up 394 yards rushing to the second ranked team in the state.

The Cardinals finished the regular season 6-2 and are the third seed in Section 6AA. They will host Wadena-Deer Creek Wolverines at home, Tuesday,

Oct. 22, in the first round playoff game. The winner of this game play at Pilsbarger, Saturday, Oct. 26. Staples-Motley won over W-DC earlier in the season 54-18 and will likely be favored in the first round. The Cards also played Pilsbarger this year, falling 22-6.



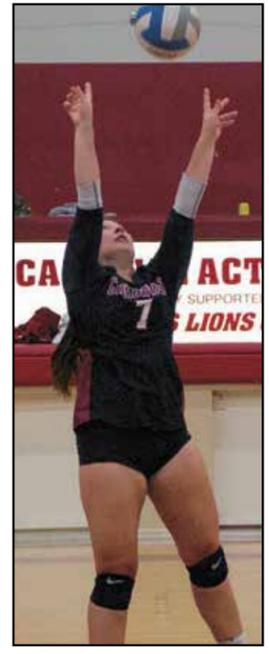
## High point

Aubrey Brandt fires a jump serve at the opponents.



## Back row D

Heidi Lombard returns a serve.



## Assist

Mackenna Bjerga sends a set.



# Undefeated football season

The Staples-Motley Red and White 5th-6th grade youth tackle football teams recently completed their season with a combined 10-0 record. Team members include, front row from left, Zachary Tabatt, Anthony DiGiovanni, Cody Cueva, Reed Olds, Ashton Anderson, Xander Moench, Owen Carlson, Brodie Cyrus, Preston Pierce and Gavin Stevens; middle row, Luke Bjerga, Jack Tetlie, Turner Beachy, Eli Dumpprope, Reid Judd, Russell Milton, Braylin DeLeon, Riley Re-

ese, Evan Schultz and Adrian Caldwell; third row, Eli Rutten, Peyton Jares, Colbe Tappe, Conner Kuhns, Noah Larson, Gage Foss, Carson Mertens, Ayden Blue, Emmitt Djuren and Chase Blue. Not pictured, Bryce Hopp, Jackson Shouviller and Devin Flan. Team coaches are TJ Rutten, Arden Beachy, Shane Tappe, Cam Larson, Bob Jares, Charlie Carlson, Rob Storry and Jason Caldwell. (Submitted photo)



**Ahead of the field**

Destiny Dukowitz wins the 100 meter backstroke. (Submitted photo)

**Swimmers looking ahead to conference, section**

The Staples-Motley girls swim team held a junior high meet with Brainerd on Oct. 14.

"This meet is always one that our swimmers look forward to because they finally can see how they compare to swimmers their own age," said Coach Amanda Toft.

The varsity swim team will compete in the Mid State Conference meet at Detroit Lakes on Friday, Oct. 25. They then have a couple of weeks to get ready for the Section 6A meet at Alexandria on Thursday, Nov. 7.

At the junior high meet, "the girls were able to swim some great races and drop a little time," said Toft. It

was the first time the 6th graders had a timed meet since the start of the season.

Jr. high meet time drops and top three finishers:

- The relay of Destiny Dukowitz, Sabina Moe, Madi Snyder, and Mia Arroyo started out the meet by taking 2nd place.

- Walker Johnson dropped over 20 seconds from the start of the season in the 100 IM to take 4th place

- Mia Arroyo took 3rd in the 50 freestyle, and Ceci Moe dropped 17 seconds from the start of the season in the same event.

- In the 50 butterfly, some great times drops from the start of the season: Arroyo

(11 seconds), Nicole Hess (4 seconds), and Raina Mikhaeil (42 seconds).

- In the 100 freestyle, Dukowitz took 3rd, and Mikhaeil cut her time in half from the start of the season.

- The 200 freestyle relay of Hess, Arroyo, Snyder, and Dukowitz took 2nd place.

- Dukowitz then won the 100 backstroke by over 7 seconds.

- Sabina Moe won the 100 breaststroke, and Hess took 3rd place. Also swimming the 100 breaststroke, Ceci Moe dropped 20 seconds, and Johnson dropped 20 seconds as well.

**Cross country teams at full strength heading into Section 6A meet**

The Staples-Motley cross country teams have high hopes of making it to state when they run the Section 6A meet on Thursday, Oct. 24.

"It appears both teams are returning to full strength as we head into the section meet at Pierz," said Coach Bruce Fuhman. "We will continue to train hard this coming week to improve. One thing our athletes have had this year is a strong mindset, they want to do everything they can do to perform at their very best."

The Cardinals had their last regular season race at Proctor on Oct. 15, tuning up for postseason competition. The girls team placed first, with the boys taking second.

Emmet Anderson placed first with a meet record and Hunter Klimek was second in the boys race.

"Our boys will have a large spread between runners going into the section meet, but this is a bit misleading," said Fuhman. "We do have two of the fastest runners in the state, and our talented pack runners need to focus on lowering their times to a low seventeen minute mark and we will see what happens."

The boys section has two ranked teams, Staples-Motley and West Central, that will likely take the two state entries, but when teams start to taper at the end of the year, a surprise team could pop up with a great race.

At Proctor, the girls improved in comparison to teams they faced in recent weeks.

"While our top five scorers are running well and ready to compete at a high level, our current six, seven and eight runners in Elizabeth Danilyuk, Naila Mikhaeil, and Mackenzie Wilds have narrowed the spread, giving us a huge advantage in any tie



**Fast race in rain**

Mackenzie Wilds finishes strong as the rain sends most spectators to hide under their umbrellas. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

breaker situation," said Fuhman. "We have a solid team effort going on here."

The girls may need a strong seven to make it to state out of a tough section.

"Our Section 6A girls division is heavy on very good state ranked teams this year," said Fuhman. "Albany, Minnewaska, West Central Area and perhaps some others will have to decide things on the course. It will be a great battle and I like our chances."

**Team results**

**Proctor Invitational Girls results**  
Staples-Motley 55, Pequot Lakes 81, Cloquet 134, Proctor 150, Duluth East 161, Ely 193

...11 more teams  
2. Kyanna Burton 19:29, 5. Aften Robinson 19:56, 9. Ashley Robben 20:11, 18. Addison Cichos 21:10, 21. Addison Lorber 21:20, 42. Elizabeth Danilyuk 22:14, 43. Naila Mikhaeil 22:15, 88. Mackenzie Wilds 23:45, 103. Madysen Hull 24:16

**Boys results**  
Cloquet 75, Staples-Motley 80, Ely 130, Cromwell-Wright 151, Pequot Lakes 183, Proctor 207, Duluth East 208 ...12 more teams

1. Emmet Anderson 16:00, 2. Hunter Klimek 16:20, 20. Tanner Robben 17:48, 28. Isaac Christoffersen 17:59, 29. Luke Brownell 18:02 33. Issiah Tabatt 18:09, 44. Jack Tyrrell 18:26, 56. Logan Robben 18:40, 84. Grant Johnson 19:27

**Deer hunting is changing in Minnesota**

By Ray Gildow

The Minnesota DNR is implementing some significant rule changes for deer hunters during the 2019 deer hunting season in an effort to minimize chronic wasting disease. Most of the rules are new to Minnesota and represent a shift in how deer are going to be managed in some areas of the state.

Dogs may be used to retrieve a wounded deer or bear, provided the dog is on a leash no longer than 30-ft. and has the owner's name and telephone on its tag. Hunters are able to harvest an unlimited number of antlerless deer in areas of southeast Minnesota and north-central Minnesota with CWD. Hunters are also able to bag up to three bucks in the CWD-affected zones in southeast Minnesota, while antler tagging points are canceled in those zones. Deer must be presented at a CWD sampling station on the same day it's killed if it's bagged in pink and orange zones of the DNR rules book. Finally, the zone where deer feeding and

attractants is banned has been extended to take into account CWD areas, with feeding/attractants said to increase the spread of the disease. These new rules are listed on the DNR website.

Climate change, the spread of disease, and the discovery of new diseases is changing the deer hunting landscape. We can only hope that these new measures will help control or put a stop to the threats to our deer herd's good health.

The University of Minnesota is working on a plan that will help hunters know immediately if the animal they have shot has CWD. The process is not yet available but is something down the road that will help hunters make sure the deer they have shot is safe to eat.

It seems as if there is a new report coming out every month warning of a new tick or bug disease that is moving into the Midwest. It is very scary business to think that a mosquito or deer tick bite can cause death but that is the reality of today's

changing environment. It is also important to keep in mind that most of our deer herd is healthy, most of the deer that we shoot is safe to eat and that if we take the proper precautions, we can spend quality time hunting and enjoying the outdoors.

The mild winter and early reports from bow hunters suggest that we have an excellent population of deer in the state. There should be plenty of antlerless deer to hunt and as always, those big bucks are out there but not easy to find.

Be sure to get a copy of the new deer hunting rules from the DNR before stepping into the woods this year and above all else... be safe!

**Correction**

I wrote in an early article that the DNR was looking at potentially making some rule changes for fishing on Lake of the Woods during the coming winter months. This is an error. The DNR is not looking at making any changes to the fishing regulations for the 2019-2020 winter fishing season. This was a mistake on my part and I regret the error. So, have a great winter season on Lake of the Woods and enjoy your catch!



**4th grade in 3 on 3**

Staples Motley fourth grade girls participated in the Midwest 3 on 3 Basketball League playing various schools for four weekends in Parkers Prairie. The girls completed play with a 6-2 record. Above, left to right: Carolyn Hoppe, Clara Maros, Brooklyn Winter, Chloe Larson and Jada Holst.

Thank you... for reading the Staples World



**Running, raining and dogs**

Grant Johnson strides out at the Proctor Invitational, past spectators with umbrellas and dogs. There must be a cli-

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## Hello World

### BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Raleigh Morgan and Luke Rudlang of Manhattan Beach, a baby girl, Violet Elaine weighing five pounds, 15 ounces on October 11, 2019.

Born to Isabel Hines of Pillager, a baby girl, Alaia Avery-Graselyn weighing seven pounds on October 12, 2019.

Born to Rachael and Luke Schumer of Brainerd, a baby boy, Grey Wyn weighing six pounds, four ounces on October 16, 2019.

Born to Sueann Zitour and LeRoy Shepherd of Staples, a baby boy, Jameson Daniel weighing seven pounds, four ounces on October 16, 2019.

Born to Stacy and Thomas Harthan of Staples, a baby girl, Ensley Janice weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces on October 16, 2019.

Born to Megan Scholdt and Daniel Alfano of Pillager, a baby girl, Dalilah Rose weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on October 17, 2019.

Born to Tiffany and Coleman Coughlin of Pine River, a baby girl, October June weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on October 17, 2019.

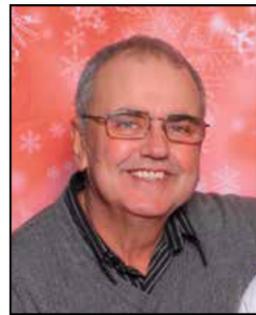
Born to Erica Johnson and Erick Peters of Motley, a baby boy, Maxwell Blake weighing eight pounds, two ounces on October 17, 2019.



## Fall birthdays celebrated

The September/October Senior Citizen's Birthday party was held Oct. 9 with two birthdays celebrated: Laverne Selleck, left, whose birthday was in September and Donna Breckenridge, right, whose birthday was in October. The party was held at the Staples Community Center. (Submitted photo)

## Obituaries



### Bernard Sowers

Bernard Glen Sowers, 66, of St. Paul, passed away unexpectedly October 11, 2019.

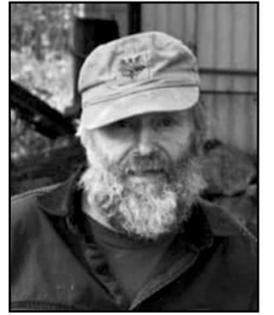
Services were held October 19 at the Bradshaw Funeral Home, Stillwater.

A private family ceremony will be held at Poplar Cemetery in Leader at a later date.

Bernie was born in Wadena to Harold and Myrtle (Chumley) Sowers.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Deb; two daughters, Lisa and Lucy (John); one son, Joe (Laura); seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one brother, Everett; two sisters, Mae and Norma Jean (John) and many family and friends.

Arrangements were by Bradshaw Funeral Homes. w43c A0006B2019OT23



### Sherman Sheets

Sherman Lester Sheets, 72, of Staples, passed away October 17, 2019, peacefully at his home.

A service for Sherman will be held Sat., Oct. 26 at the VFW in Wadena at 12:00 p.m.

Sherman was born March, 25, 1947 in Lyon County to Lewis and Lana Sheets. He graduated from Wabasso High in 1964. After high school Sherman served in the United States Air Force and was a Vietnam Veteran. He worked as a mechanic for many years. In 1977, he married Rebecca Rasmussen and together they raised two children in their Staples home of 36 years.

Sherman will be remembered for his kind, outgoing and generous nature. He had a heart of gold.

Sherman is survived by his wife; two children Sherman (Laila) Sheets of Staples and Layshia (Eric) Wall of Little Falls; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Lee. w43p A0006B2019OT23

### Gregory Rohr

Funeral Mass was held for Gregory Rohr, 65 of McGregor (formerly of Wadena) October 22, 2019 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Aaron Kuhn officiating.

Arrangements are with the Karvonen Funeral Home of Wadena, www.karvonenfuneralhome.com. w43x A0006B2019OT23

## Care Center

### OCTOBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Weds., Oct. 23, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Lincoln Ladies Aid  
Fri., Oct. 25, 10 a.m. Paint pumpkins  
Sat., Oct. 26, 1:30 p.m. Bngo/Marge

Mon., Oct. 28, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church  
Tues., Oct. 29, 2:15 Church - Faith Lutheran; 3:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge  
Weds., Oct. 30, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Lions '93  
Thurs., Oct. 31, 2 p.m. Halloween Party; 4 - 5 p.m. Trick-N-Treat

## 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.....6:00 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**  
firstconougccstaples@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.....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 am.  
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.....7:00 p.m.

**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**  
**Balsamund 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  
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Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and  
Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.  
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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**  
Leader.....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**  
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**Motley**  
**Motley Free Methodist**  
33 Wellwood St. E  
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888  
Pastor Jim Johnson  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....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@fbcpillager.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 Balknap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes  
.....11-11:45 a.m.

**Family Life Church**  
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568  
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com  
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189  
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.  
Celebrate Recovery.....6-8 p.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.

## "All Saints and Halloween history"

Pastor Greg Leslie, United Methodist Church, Motley and Staples

The word "Halloween" means "the evening of Hallows." "Hallows" is simply an older English way of saying "saints" - so, the Evening of Saints. But why "the evening?" The ancient Jews understood the day as beginning with sunset rather than sunrise, just as we see in Genesis 1: "And it was evening, and it was morning, day one." (Genesis 1:5). And because the day begins with sunset, the first worship service of a given day would be the evening service.

Put it all together and Halloween refers to the first service of worship for All Saints Day (Nov. 1 in the Western Christian tradition), held on the evening of Oct. 31.

So, where or how did this observance get connected to jack-o-lanterns, ghosts, things that go bump in the night and trick or treating? That connection comes from popular festivals already happening in many cultures around the midpoints between a solstice and an equinox, sometimes referred to as "cross-quarter days." Some cultures understood these as transition times where the lines between realms may become the thinnest.

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**Mark Anderson, Managing Editor,**  
October 18, 2019

**TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**215 1st Ave South, Suite 103 Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

**Agenda**

- Call to Order.
- Introduction of Planning Commission Members.
- Approval of the October 2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

**1. Little Swan Lake Addition Plat - Vernon Kroll:** Part of Gov't Lot 3 in Section 3 in Burnhamville Township  
Site Address: 32951 Flicker Road. PID: 06-0004500

1) Request to create a non-riparian one lot plat of 40,004 sq. ft. from 16.55 acres in Shoreland Zoning of Little Swan Lake.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters. If unable to attend, all correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.

Todd County Planning Commission  
Michael Wiener, Chairperson

**NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU**

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the South shores of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 2019 and early months of 2020. For inquiries call 651-698-8246.

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NOTICE - Lake Shore AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU: Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the southwest shore of Lake Shamineau. Starting December 1, 2019 into the early months of 2020. For inquiries call 952-975-9078.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

An aeration system will be operating after Nov. 15, 2019 until ice out on Lake Shamineau on the South shore about 1-1/2 miles East of West end of the lake, which will result in thin ice and open water.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU**

NOTICE: An aeration system creating thin ice will be in operation on the southeast shoreline on Lake Shamineau, 33203 and 33211, December 1, 2019 and continuing through Spring 2020. The purpose is to protect the shoreline from ice expansion.

Please be aware of open water and thin ice.

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**NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU**

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edges on the south shore of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 20, 2019 and into the early months of 2020. For inquiries call 763-535-1079.

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## Todd County Commissioners

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 17, 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 17th day of September, 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 with Commissioner Becker absent.

#### Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

#### Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2019 as presented.

To accept the resignation of Ben Guell effective September 26, 2019.

#### GAMBLING PERMIT - BROWERVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB

**WHEREAS,** the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club through this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on March 1, 2020.

#### GAMBLING PERMIT - TODD COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

**WHEREAS,** the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging through this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on November 2, 2019.

To approve an On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Rock Tavern, LLC at the address of 11977 County 47, Grey Eagle, MN in Grey Eagle Township effective October 15, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400355 through 400373 in the amount of \$6,832.37 and (Regular) 52175 through 52249 in the amount of \$70,247.24 for a total of \$77,079.61.

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 Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800088 through 800131 and (Regular) 705709 through 705797 for a total amount of \$80,338.97.

On motion by Erickson 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) 600032 through 600041 and (Regular) 515373 through 515410 in the amount of \$61,598.59.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the County Fee Schedule Public Hearing for October 15, 2019 to begin at 9:15 a.m. in the County Commissioners Board Room and instruct all appropriate legal notices be generated and published accordingly.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Electronic Roster (PollPad)

purchase with KNOWiNK for \$83,817.50 for and on behalf of the Municipal Agreements received from the Cities and Townships within Todd County.

#### Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Drainage System Repair Request for Minor Maintenance of County Ditch 15. The request is to clean the section of Main Ditch located on parcel 02-0022300.

#### Environmental Health Ordinance 1st Reading

The Todd County Unified Environmental Health Ordinance has been updated to incorporate new state regulations. A Public Hearing was held to solicit public input of the 1st Reading of the Ordinance proposal.

#### Initiative Foundation

Carl Newbanks, Grants & Development Manager provided the County Board with an update/report of the 2019 Initiative Foundation's activities and projects.

#### County Sheriff

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to hire two additional deputies at the Todd County Sheriff's Office.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Policing Contract with the City of Browerville effective January 1, 2020 for two years.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Policing Contract with the City of Burtrum effective January 1, 2020 for two years.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Policing Contract with the City of Grey Eagle effective January 1, 2020 for two years.

#### Planning & Zoning

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve authorization for Adam Ossefoort to sign grant agreement for the PZ/SWCD departments.

#### Health & Human Services

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Energy Assistance Program Contract and Internal Controls Documentation for FFY2020.

#### Closed Session

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 subd 3(b) at 9:47 a.m.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

#### Solid Waste

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve and sign the Second Amendment to the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority Joint Powers Financing Agreement.

#### Facilities Committee

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: to authorize to move forward with Phases 1 and 2 for the Expo Building.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the professional services agreement from Ringdahl Architects for the Expo Building project.

#### Administration

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To nominate Commissioner Becker to serve on the RTCC.

#### Finance Committee

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson,

son, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

#### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 PRELIMINARY LEVY

**WHEREAS,** the Laws of the State of Minnesota direct that the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to approve by resolution a preliminary levy no later than September 30 annually; and

**WHEREAS,** The Todd County Board of Commissioners have considered the financial situation of the County and had an opportunity to deliberate the levying of property taxes upon property owners within the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the 2020 preliminary levy for Todd County, for property taxes payable in 2020 per table below, with the authority to reduce this levy before the final levy deadline of December 30, 2019.

	Certified Levy	Program Aid	Local Levy
General Revenue	10,110,213.00	1,624,878.00	8,485,335.00
Road & Bridge	2,617,380.00		2,617,380.00
Human Services	3,844,228.00		3,844,228.00
Public Health	603,373.00		603,373.00
Comp Water	5,360.00		5,360.00
Regional Library	333,406.00		333,406.00
Bonded Indebtedness	570,590.00		570,590.00
County Fair	20,000.00		20,000.00
Parks & Trails	20,000.00		20,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,124,550.00</b>	<b>1,624,878.00</b>	<b>16,499,672.00</b>

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the Truth In Taxation Hearing for Tuesday, December 3, 2019 to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Todd County Commissioner's Board Room.

**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 Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of September 2019.

#### COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BRAATEN SAND & GRAVEL	\$5,096.45
CELLULAR CONCRETE INC.	8,850.00
CENTRAL APPLICATORS INC.	8,054.60
HILLYARD	2,547.80
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	3,772.95
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV	5,590.96
SOUTHSIDE TOWING & RECOVERY INC	5,095.21
TODD CO AUDITOR-TREASURER	2,181.96
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.	7,722.50
85 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	28,167.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77,079.61</b>

#### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ITEN FUNERAL HOME - BROWERVILLE	3,500.00
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER	15,096.10
US POSTAL SERVICE	3,981.00
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	57,761.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,338.97</b>

#### Vendor Name \$ Amount

#15677	\$2,388.74
#2818	2,672.29
HOLISTIC FAMILY ED. SERVICES	5,848.35
LITTLE SAND GROUP HOME	3,355.94
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC	5,756.64

REVERENCE FOR LIFE AND CONCERN	2,588.00
#15615	2,604.15
STEP	7,129.28
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	29,255.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,598.59</b>

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held September 17, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 1, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl,  
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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104 Give Away	304 Livestock	602 Apartments for Rent
106 Personals	305 Pets	603 Houses for Rent
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201 Business Opportunities	308 Musical	606 Land for Rent
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205 Help Wanted	311 Firewood	609 Mobile Homes for Sale
206 Positions Wanted	312 Christmas Trees	610 Land for Sale
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# Benson farm achieves Water Quality Certification

Dennis and Nancy Benson and their son Greg enjoy working with their cow - calf herd and managing the pastures on their farm in central Wadena County and make conservation of our water and soil a top priority.

Because of their long-term goals of protecting water quality and conserving soil, the Benson's farming operation achieved the status of Water Quality Certified Farm in 2018 in Minnesota's Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP).

Farmers from across Minnesota are eligible to participate in this four year-old, voluntary program. The ranks of Minnesota's Water Quality Certified farms include small farms as well as large farming operations and represent a diversity of crop and livestock production - including corn, soybeans, wheat and other small grain, hay, pasture, cattle, hogs, dairy cows and more. Currently in Minnesota, there are 792 producers whose farming operations are Water Quality Certified on a total of 533,193 acres.

The Benson's conservation efforts over many



## Conserving for our future

Pictured from left Greg Benson (son), Nancy Benson, Dennis Benson, Jim Lahn (area certification specialist) (Submitted Photo)

years result in preventing soil erosion, preserving topsoil, slowing water runoff rates and protecting the nearby wetlands, streams and lakes as well as groundwater. Here are some of the 'Conservation Practices' utilized on their farms:

**Perennial pasture:** All

fields on the Benson farms are in perennial vegetation, being utilized as pasture or hay land. As a result, soil erosion rates (whether by water or wind) are very low. Additionally, gully erosion is eliminated, water runoff rates are reduced and soil organic matter levels improve.

**Rotation grazing:** The Benson's cow - calf herd is rotated frequently between 11 different pasture fields, called paddocks or cells. The benefits of rotational grazing are many: forage production is increased, forage stand longevity is improved and overgrazing of pasture is prevented, which also aids in reducing both soil erosion and water runoff rates.

**Controlled access to water:** The Benson's farm has perennial grasses along County Ditch #6, and all adjoining fields are in perennial vegetation. The cattle have controlled, limited access to the county ditch and have other water tanks to provide water for each paddock. The Bensons have installed 'cross-overs' for the cattle to cross the ditch without entering the water.

**Careful management of fertilizer:** Dennis does soil sampling when hay fields need to be re-established. If fertilizer is necessary, Dennis applies these nutrients at the rates recommended by the U of M for forage production.

**Careful use of herbicides:** Infrequently, the Benson's spray for grasshoppers and spot-spray

for weeds. They're careful when they spraying to always follow label instructions.

Conservation-minded decisions enable the Benson farm to be Water Quality Certified - because water and soil resources are protected. By using this combination of conservation practices, the Benson's protect surface water and groundwater, prevent loss of valuable topsoil and conserve these resources for future generations.

The Benson's have also participated in NRCS Conservation programs, such as the Conservation Security Program (CSP) and now the Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP). They have utilized the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) as they established watering sources and fencing for their rotational grazing system and properly closed a manure storage facility which was no longer in use.

In addition to the Benson's achieving Water Quality Certification for their farming operation, the Benson's have received the conservation awards of: Wadena SWCD Con-

servationist of the Year; Area 2 Conservationist of the Year; and the River Friendly Farmer Award. Nancy Benson serves as a supervisor on the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board.

Following the principles of good conservation is important to the Benson family. Maintaining the productivity of their farm operation and the importance of protecting natural resources: "Keeping your soil and water healthy is just the beginning" says Dennis Benson.

Farm operators and owners throughout Minnesota are eligible to be involved in the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program. "This program is an excellent way for farmers to tell the story of the good things they're doing to protect water quality, as well as explore use of new conservation practices," said Jim Lahn, program's Area Certification Specialist, who works with 11 counties in north central Minnesota. Producers interested in learning more can contact their local Soil & Water Conservation District office or Jim Lahn at 218- 457-0250.

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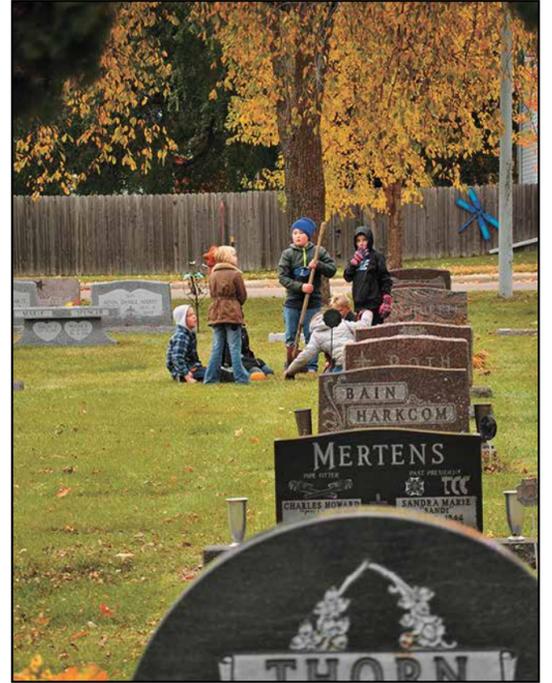
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**Sacred Heart Area School Workathon held**

The annual Sacred Heart Area School Workathon took place Oct. 16 with students, teachers, helpers and parent volunteers participating. Third grade students and one of their supervisors (above) raked and

picked up debris at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, with help from the first and second graders as their community and school service project. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



**The plan among the stones**

Students consulted about their next step in the afternoon clean-up process.



**Preserving history**

SHAS fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes helped uncover grave stone markers that had built up soil and debris which obscured names and dates.



**The results**

Cutting around the markers took respectful time, but a number of markers were uncovered by the end of the afternoon.



**Sod removal**

Sixth grade students removed sod that had built up and grown on top of grave markers. One of their basic tools was a pizza cutter.

**New marker for old grave** continued from page 1a

The American Revolution. Henry is my 3X GGF in lineage to my 6X GGF Frederick Countryman (1733-1810) who was a Patriot.

Henry was born in Ulster Co., NY and moved to Wisconsin with his family after 1855. His father and brothers also moved to Wisconsin at that time. His wife died sometime after 1870 and Henry moved and lived for a time with his daughter, Nellie. Records seem to have lost him until 1885 where I found him on a Minnesota census living in Smith Lake. Searches lead me to the area historical society of Wright Co and then to the MN History Center and copies of old St. Paul Globe newspaper articles where he was found mentioned in a Memorial Day 1889 Commemoration having resided at the Old Soldier's Home in Minneapolis.

A search on Find A Grave found Henry Countryman at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis. My mother and I visited the cemetery and were unable to locate the grave even with the lot information. I contacted Lakewood Cemetery and was told that he was in an unmarked grave.

I still wanted to confirm that this was, indeed, great, great-great-grandpa. A trip to the MN History Center yielded a registration log for the Old Soldier's Home. On it was Henry Countryman, a resident listed on page 27 - ensuring me that this was my ancestor and where he was buried.

I contacted the VA and obtained an application form along with his military records from NARA. The VA accepted the log page as documentation of his death.

I was able to choose the marker specif-

ics. The cemetery was contacted and also had to sign for intent to receive the marker.

The application was submitted on Jan 31, 2018. The marker was received by Lakewood Cemetery in April and placed on May 15, 2018 in time for Memorial Day.

**Letter from Betty Gold:**

"My daughter, Steph, went into our genealogy. She discovered that my maternal two times grandfather, Henry Countryman and his two brothers had fought in the Civil War on the Union Side. All survived and returned home.

Grandpa Henry was buried in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis in 1889. We looked for his grave and couldn't find it. After contacting the VA we found out there wasn't a gravesite marker.

Through the VA we were able to get a marker for Grandpa Henry, which took about a year. The VA representative informed the family that, "No one who served our country should not have a gravesite marker."

The VA furnished that marker; we were able to select the color and information to place on it.

It was then placed on Grandpa Henry's grave in time for Memorial Day, 2018. He finally had a flag which he so long deserved.

Steph was sent a picture of the gravestone placed on the grave - there was no cost to our family.

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Betty Gold, Staples, MN



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