

Johnson wants chance to clear his name

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples resident Dave Johnson has been accused of making threats about Staples-Motley school personnel, but Johnson said he did not make any threats and the school is taking

extreme steps to ban him from school property. Johnson has been served with two harassment restraining orders (HRO) that state he can not be on school property.

Johnson also believes someone is going way beyond that, telling nearby schools not to hire him for substitute teaching. In the past two weeks, Johnson has been removed from substitute teaching positions while he was in the classroom at two nearby districts, even after the teachers requested that he replace them when they are absent.

"I am named as the preferred substitute for many teachers in many different schools," said Johnson.

Johnson had been a substitute teacher and sports coach in the Staples-Motley district for many years, as well as other area schools. On Jan. 8 of this year, Staples-Motley Principal Mike Schmidt sent a message to staff, saying "If Mr. Dave Johnson is on site, please notify me immediately. He's not to be on school grounds."

Minnesota state law gives the school principal the authority to keep a person off of school grounds on their own discretion. It is a misdemeanor for a person to enter or be found on school property within one year after being told by the school principal or the principal's designee to leave the property and not to return, unless the principal or the principal's designee has given the person permission to return to the property.

On Jan. 9, the school district put a message on their Skyward web site that stated: "The administration team at Staples-Motley schools became aware of a verbal threat

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The grandeur of the opera house in Staples

At a tour of the Batcher Opera House in August, many local people were dazzled by the majesty of the place. Some had never seen the building and others were returning to rekindle memories from the space. However, the walls and ceiling have extensive water

damage and need to be replaced before it can open again. The public will have a chance to see the building on Thursday, Oct. 3. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Batcher Opera House to open again for legislative tour

The public is invited to tour the Historic Batcher Block Opera House (BBOH) Staples on Thursday, Oct. 3, as part of the Senate Legislative tour. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher by Oct. 2, by email at mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us or call 218-894-2550.

There will be two tours on Oct. 3, starting at 9:45 a.m. with the Senate Capital Investment Committee, and a second tour at noon with Katie Hatt, representative of Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, Commissioner Myron Frans and Liz Connor of Minnesota Management and Budget.

Minnesota House Rep-

resentative John Poston and the Staples Economic Development Authority will host the tours with an effort to get the Minnesota Legislature to include the building on their bonding bill, to refurbish it and create a performance center.

The Staples EDA, along with many partners, are working together to find a solution to reopen this historic one of a kind building that covers a whole block in the heart of downtown Staples. A business plan was created by McClure Engineering through funding from Sourcewell and the City of Staples that outlines how the space can be restored to its original beauty and renovated to accommodate today's

needs while offering a programming plan to keep the building open for decades to come.

The space will be an economic development engine not only for the Staples and Motley communities but for the region as a whole and ultimately the state. In addition to community performances, visiting artists and collaboration with area organizations and artists, BBOH will host around 300 events a year, from performances to classes that will not only engage local residents but will bring in tourists and others from across the state and nation to experience the historical feel of attending performances in this one of a kind space.

Revitalizing this space

will be a regional driver of workforce retention and recruitment. In addition, it will have significant impact on the region and the surrounding communities as it will drive economic investment into the area through business development.

Over a century ago, one man had an idea to bring culture to the area. Charles Batcher realized his vision of a grand opera house in 1907 when the Batcher Block Opera House opened to an enlivened public for the first time, giving locals in the area a resplendent venue for cultural activities that rivaled larger cities in both stature and performances.

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 2	46°	38°	Rain
Oct. 3	46	32	Cloudy
Oct. 4	52	42	M. Sunny
Oct. 5	52	39	Cloudy
Oct. 6	53	37	M. Cloudy
Oct. 7	56	39	P. Cloudy
Oct. 8	60	43	Sunny

Last Year, 2018

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 2	63°	50°	Cloudy
Oct. 3	61	50	Cloudy
Oct. 4	57	48	Cloudy
Oct. 5	53	42	Rain
Oct. 6	47	38	Cloudy
Oct. 7	46	39	Cloudy
Oct. 8	48	41	Rain

Average Temp.:
H = 62° Low = 44°

Average Rain (last 7 days): .10"
Total Rain 2019: 23.20"

Note:
Morning of Sept. 30:
1.80" & still raining

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Evergreen Hill Cemetery: 11A

Obituaries

Leonard Gedde
Judy Stevenson



Thank you for subscribing!

Women in Philanthropy accepting grant applications

Women in Philanthropy (WIP) is currently accepting grant applications for programs that focus on physical and mental health of children and youth. The deadline for applications to be submitted is Nov. 1.

The WIP group offers competitive grant dollars to organizations and programs in surrounding communities, in an effort to support needed health services, community education and preventative

health programs and activities that contribute to the quality of life for children and youth in the five-county service area including Todd, Wadena, Cass, Morrison and portions of Crow Wing counties.

The WIP group is made up of area women who, through donations, hope to positively impact the overall health and wellness of children. Awarded grant funds will ultimately support the mission of the WIP group which is, "Women:

empowering people, enhancing lives, engaging communities to make our investment count."

The projects that fit the WIP mission help support healthcare events and wellness programs that impact children. Examples of projects funded thus far: Lamp Camp tuition for children, Project Linus (blankets for children in crisis), Pillager Elementary School's health and wellness programs and equipment for children, and more.

Organizations and programs may qualify for a WIP grant once every three years. If your organization has obtained a WIP grant in the last three years, consider reapplying three years after receiving your last grant. To obtain a grant application, contact Heidi Chapman, Foundation Director, at 218-894-8503 or WIP@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

Kempe & Kit hair salon open in Staples

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Kempe & Kit, a salon owned and operated by Jackie Goff, is now open in Staples.

It's the place to go if you want to get your hair cut or colored, or treat yourself to a manicure and pedicure from seasoned stylists.

The salon is located at 323 2nd Ave. NE, in the space formerly known as Family Hair Care, which had been owned for 30-some years by Julie Peterson.

Goff purchased the business recently from Peterson, who remained on as a stylist at Kempe & Kit.

She's been working in this field for 13 years, Goff said, adding that, "I thought it was time to have my own salon."

Prior to opening Kempe & Kit, Goff worked at a salon in St. Cloud, and at R

Salon in Staples. She loves what she does, Goff said, adding that what she loves most about her job is "helping people feel better about themselves."

A native of the area, Jackie (Hansen) Goff graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 2004. She went on to pursue a degree in elementary education, but later changed her mind and enrolled at Regency Beauty Institute in St. Cloud, receiving a degree in cosmetology. "It's been the best decision ever," Goff said.

The name of her new business was inspired by her mom's maiden name, Kempe, Goff said. "It's a tribute to the powerful women in my life," she went on, mentioning both her mom, Bonita; and grandma, Veronica.

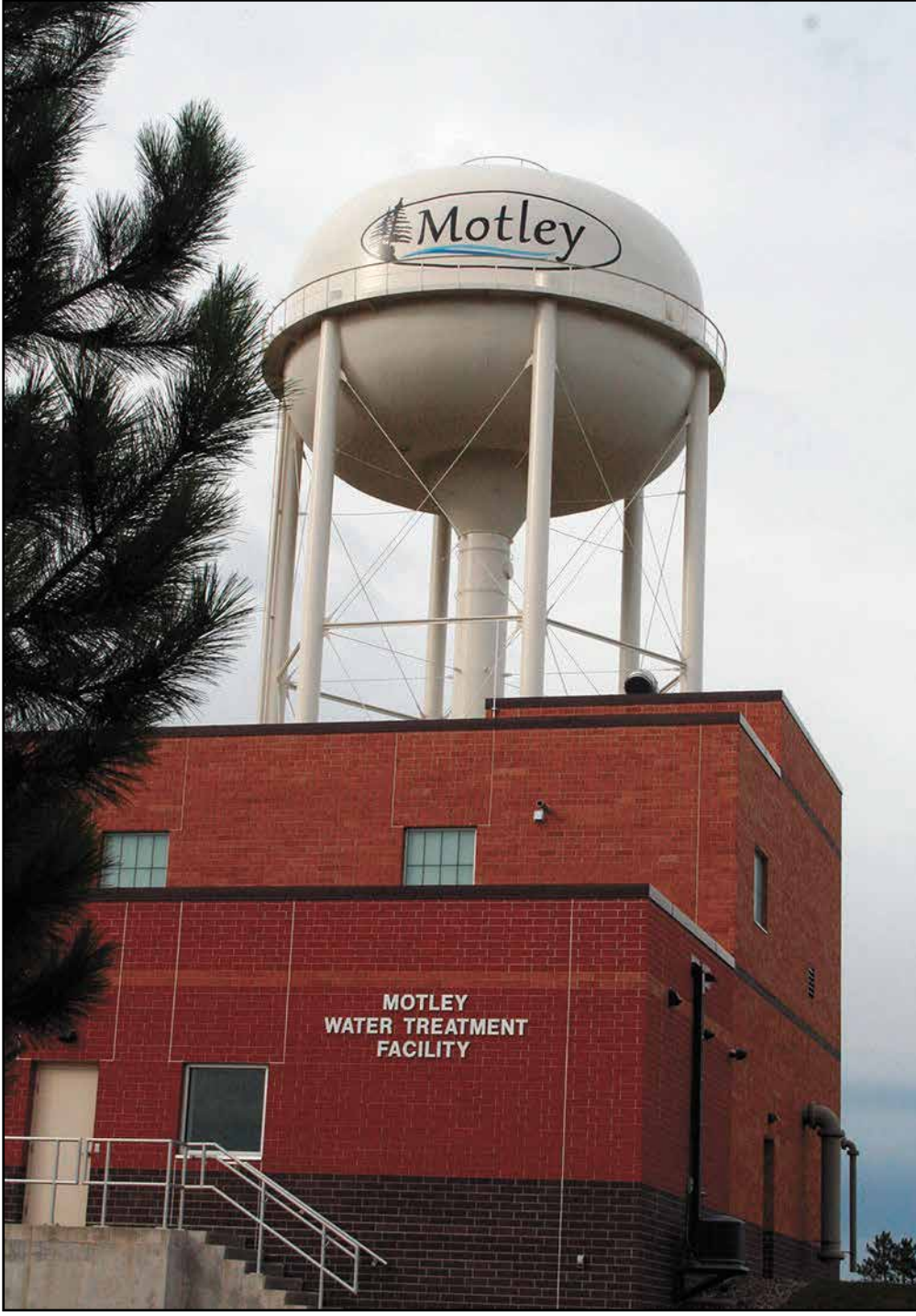
The salon was "walk- See **SALON** on page 3a



New salon owner

Jackie Goff recently opened Kempe & Kit, a beauty salon located in downtown Staples. The business is generally

open Monday - Friday and offers services for both hair and nails. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Newly painted water tower

Motley's water tower, previously blue in color, has been repainted tan along with a new logo, designed by Chris Mayhew of Staples. Tri State Coatings of Wadena was the contracted company for the project, which began last July. The logo is painted on both the north and

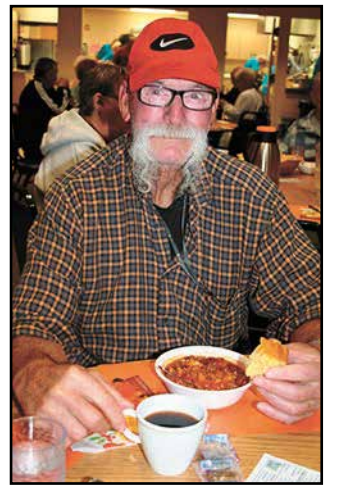
south sides of the water tower, which is located behind the city's water treatment facility. Mayhew's logo design features pine trees and two rivers and is entitled, "Motley, Gateway to the North." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Care Ministry community meal in Motley

Dozens of people stopped by Motley United Methodist Church Sept. 24 to enjoy a free chili dinner, complete with corn bread and dessert. This was the first of the free community meals sponsored by Care Ministries for the 2019 - 2020 season. Meals are generally held on the last Tuesday of each month at area churches. Pictured above, from left, are Rose Hoemberg, Staples;

Rita Stone, Aldrich; and Ladonna Peterson, Motley. Pictured below left, Shirley Godejohn, one of several church volunteers that evening, dishes up a bowl of chili. Below right, Keith Crotty, Motley, enjoys some corn bread with his chili. **The next community meal will be held Oct. 29, at the Congregational Church in Staples.** (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Ryan Kray, MD



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Law enforcement reports

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

Sept. 19-25 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Blake Zortman, 22; Cindy Klima, 56; William Jupitz, 45; Ramona Trana, 56; Daniel Jenniges, 29; Lance Kingbird, 20; Joel Pfeffer, 50; Justiin Plocher, 31; Joseph Ruprecht, 63; Abdullahi Aden, 25; Dennis Schagunn, 48; Ramona Trana, 56; Ian Sommerfeld, 40; Lance Kingbird, 20.

Sept. 20-25 - The MPD issued citations to the following for not wearing a seat belt while driving: Jeffrey Weappa, 43; Shane Christensen, 27; Joshua Dumpprope, 28; Randal Mertz, 36; Anthony Coller, 45; Sammie Plattner, 33; John Siebolds, 57; Charles Flickinger, 78; Vernon Verbeck, 67; Kevin Flickinger, 49.

Sept. 25 - The MPD received a report of vandalism at Converse Park in Motley where someone tore the paper towel dispenser off of the wall in one of the restrooms. After watching the security video, the MPD identified the suspect, a juvenile, and contact was made with the suspect's parents who will be responsible for replacing the holder.

Sept. 24 - The MPD received a report of a burglary at the 900 block of Hwy 10 in Motley.

Sept. 24 - The MPD received a report of theft at Ortons BP Station in Motley.

Sept. 21 - The MPD issued a citation to Matt Bailey, 39, for no proof of insurance. He was also warned for speeding.

Sept. 20 - The MPD received a report of two juvenile males climbing and playing on a dirt pile

inside a fenced-off construction area. No damage. The parent and juveniles were advised.

Sept. 20 - The MPD issued a citation to Cassandra Adams, 30, for using a cell phone while driving.

Sept. 19 - The MPD issued citations to Ahmed Abdi, 27, for speeding and for driving without a valid commercial license.

Sept. 24 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 38000 block of 30th Ave. in Motley who said he could hear a male party yelling for help across the river in Cass County. Cass County was responding in the area and proceeded to locate the subject, whom they had dealings with earlier in the evening over mental health issues.

Sept. 24 - The MCSO received a call from MN State Patrol requesting that Motley Fire be paged for an accident near Hwy 210 and Hwy 64 in Motley.

Sept. 22 - The MCSO received a report of illegal burning at the 26000 block of Front St., Cushing.

Sept. 22 - The MCSO received a report of a gas drive-off at Ortons BP in Motley.

Sept. 20 - The MCSO assisted state patrol in removing a deceased dog from the traffic lane at Hwy 10 in Cushing. The owner of the dog was notified.

Sept. 20 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Chaz Lasch, 29.

Sept. 19 - The MCSO received a call regarding a burglary at the 16000 block of 10th Ave in Morrison County. Subsequently, deputies arrested Dylan Midas, 20, for burglary; Jason Power, 39, for an outstanding warrant; and issued a citation to Austin Tast, 23, for driving after suspension.

Game Day at Motley United Methodist Church

Game Day will be held at Motley United Methodist Church on Wednesdays, from 1 - 3 p.m., beginning Oct. 2.

Bring your favorite card game or board game and spend the afternoon with others who like to play

games. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome and the event is free.

Motley UMC is located at 847 3rd Ave. South. For more information about this, call 218-352-6466.

Thank you for reading the Staples World

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

Oct. 5, 1944 - The headline read, "Motley Village Suffers \$30,000 Fire Damage Early on Thursday Morning." Fire of undetermined origin, and apparently starting in the storeroom in the back of the Farmer's Store in Motley, completely destroyed the stock, fixtures and equipment of the store, spread to the postoffice building where a great deal of damage was done, and did a little damage to the former Akin garage building before it

370 acres under the plow, cares for the livestock, and does all of the work there, with the assistance of one boy working with him. He uses a tractor for most of the field work, and last spring his picture was carried on the front page of "The Farmer" as the "model young farmer of today."

In an interview with Mr. Tyrrell, he was a little bit shy in answering the questions put to him, but finally "opened up" and gave the dope to the reporter.

50 YEARS Ago - 1969

Oct. 2, 1969 - The Aladdin lamps, candles, and flashlights went into use in many homes throughout the City of Staples Sunday evening as the electrical power was out for a period of about six hours and 10 minutes.

In his 'Bits & Butts' column, Publisher Chuck Mayer wrote that the power outage affected the lives of hundreds, even thousands, of residents. "It brought back to me the blackouts during World War II days, when curtains shrouded windows, Army vehicles were driven with only the little blue running lights showing, and service aircraft were operated in radio silence.

"It was an eerie feeling to drive about Staples and see no lights except those on automobiles, or the glow of candles or lamps coming from windows of homes. The only lights, other than those at the hospital, were signal lights along the railroad tracks and automobile lights. At the Assembly of God church, services continued by candlelight. At the hospital, the emergency power system was pressed into use and two babies were born during the power outage. At the theatre, patrons filed out after determining that the power would not be likely

to come back on for some time. All in all, it was a reminder of how dependent our civilization is on electrical power; how much one misses it when it is not available; of the inconvenience caused by an outage of even brief duration."

Oct. 2, 1969 - By a margin of one vote, Randy Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maris Snyder, was elected president of the Student Council at the Staples Elementary School.

Snyder defeated Douglas Kupitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kupitz, for the presidency. Voting by the students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the school was conducted last Friday, according to David Anderson, council advisor. In the vice-presidential race, Mary Finn defeated Dale Zappe and Sandie Hoemberg defeated David Solga for the secretary's position.

25 YEARS Ago - 1994

Oct. 6, 1994 - Nearly 400 people attended the Staples World Homemakers School cooking program Monday evening at the Staples Centennial Auditorium. Home economist Dot Hart prepared 11 dishes on stage, sharing cooking and home management tips. The show was co-sponsored by 33 local businesses.

Oct. 6, 1994 - Moose are not common in the Browerville area, but one showed up with the Larry Paskevitz beef herd south of Staples. Larry's son Doug first spotted the moose on Sept. 27. It had still shown no inclination to leave the following Monday. A DNR spokesperson said that survival rates of moose in this area are not good, probably not more than 50 percent, due to illegal hunting and deaths due to brain worms.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

Oct. 1, 2009 - A time



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Oct. 2, 1969 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. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

capsule was filled Tuesday with items from 2009 and placed behind the cornerstone of the new Staples City Hall and Public Library building. The items included letters from school children, copies of Staples World newspapers, the 2009 SMHS yearbook, various individual business cards, a VHS tape and a compact disc, an old flip cell phone and other items. It is expected to be opened in 100 years.

Oct. 1, 2009 - The Staples-Motley Cardinals exploded for four scores in the second quarter for a 26-7 halftime lead and a 42-7 victory over Thief River Falls in their homecoming

game Sept. 25.

Oct. 1, 2009 - The Fourth Street awnings in Staples, a fixture and symbol of the community for four decades, are about to come down.

The awning of the former Rexall Drug Store, which is being remodeled for an optometrist office, was removed last Friday, revealing for the first time in many years the name Beckett's Drug Store and the year 1919 in the store's original brick front.

Jerel Nelsen, executive director of the Staples Economic Development Authority, told the Staples EDA members on Sept. 22 that should be the first of

several awning removals, as all the awnings on the west side of the first block of Fourth Street are scheduled to be removed this fall. The east side will likely follow next spring, making room for the old Highway 10 turnback reconstruction project planned to start early in the 2010 construction season.

The cedar sided awnings have provided a common front for many of the Fourth Street stores since the early 1970s when banker Don Eddy championed the common theme for storefronts in the business district.



And the answer from last week is...

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 17, 1974 edition of the Staples World featured Staples Lions President Doug Grossman (center) presenting checks on behalf of the Lions to the Staples Fire and Police Departments. Accepting the checks from President Grossman were Leo Fahnlander (left), Fire Chief; and H. Michael Carr, Chief of Police. The fire department planned to put their \$100 check toward the purchase of new

equipment; and the police department planned to put their \$50 check toward the purchase of the safety cones and school crossing flashing signals. Ray Garland of Staples correctly identified everyone in the photo. Kevin Roline of Nevis correctly identified Fahnlander and Carr, as well as Doug Grossman's last name; and Kyra Ladd of Staples correctly identified Carr. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

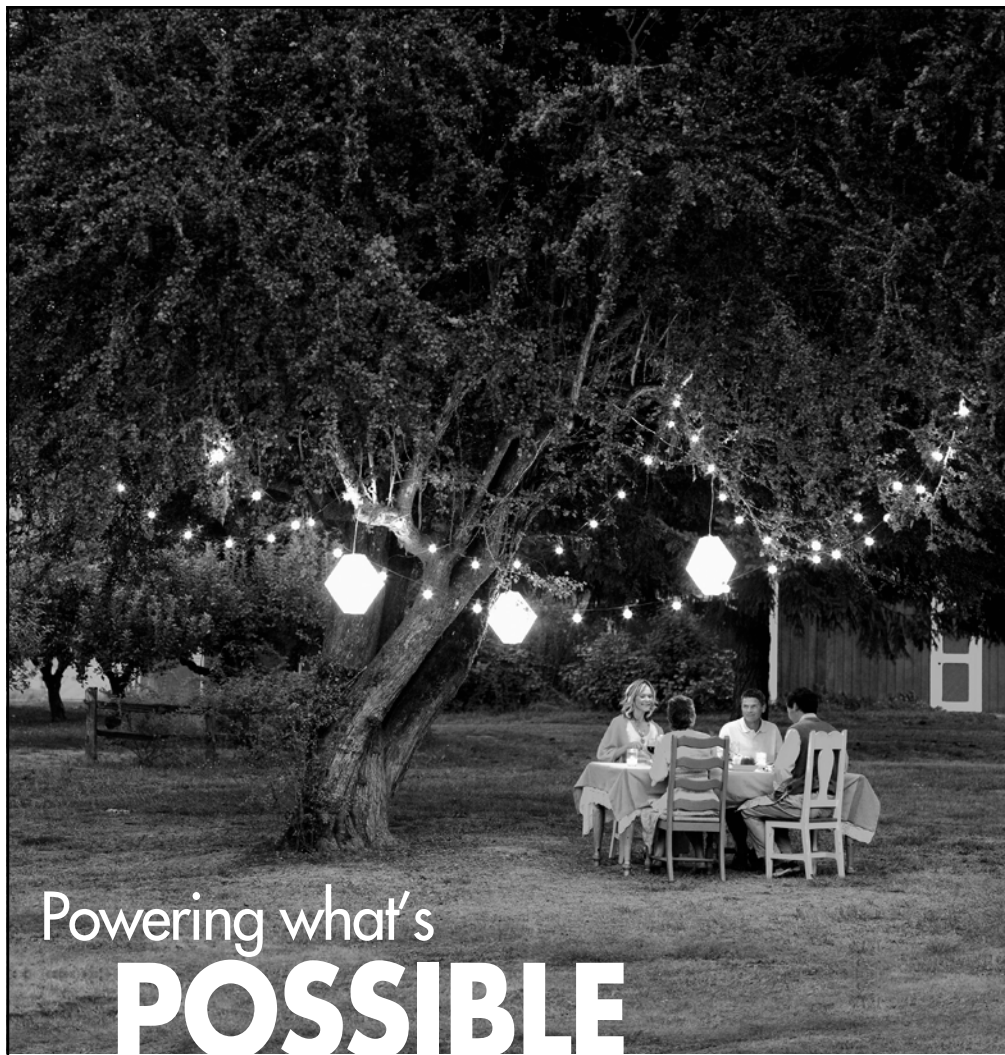
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Time right for her own salon

in ready" when she purchased it, Goff said, but she has rearranged the space a bit and repainted some things. They are looking to expand the business at some point, perhaps add massage services.

In addition to her work, family is a priority in her life. She is married to Chris Goff and they have an 18-month old son, Lincoln. They live south of Staples, Jackie said, and are glad to call this area "home."

Kempe & Kit is generally open Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and on Saturdays by appointment only. For more information, call 218-894-3414.



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Wadena County Historical Society ANNUAL MEETING

October 11: 5:30 p.m. Social, 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Meeting • Maasconi's Char & Bar • 210 Service Drive, Verndale, MN Limited Menu \$15. Reservations required.

Fall Legacy Program Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. Michael Schumacher, Author



"The Contest: The 1968 Election and the War for America's Soul" - A showcase of memorable moments from one of the defining stories of the 1960s.



Please make dinner reservations by October 8th. Call 218 631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net



Letter to the Editor

Domestic violence awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, not unlike all other awareness months, special emphasis is put on domestic violence information. This is a good thing, but what about the other 11 months of the year?

So far in Minnesota in 2019, there have been 14 women killed by acts of domestic violence, not to mention the families torn apart, the suicides of the abusers, the children left without a parent or parents. This is a time for all of us to take notice of how this issue affects every one of us in one way or another.

So, what is domestic violence? Domestic violence is the use of power and control of one person in a relationship over another. It often times starts out to be very subtle and with time can grow to be a very dangerous situation for the victim as well as others. It isn't always an intimate partner situation. As we in this area have wit-

nessed this year, with the two domestic homicides committed by a family member. We are once again reminded that it can happen in the blink of an eye, and in our own back yard, or our own home. When these crimes happen we're all asking why, and unfortunately that is often an answer we will never know.

What can we do as a friend, a community, or a family member if we suspect that this is happening to someone? First and foremost when someone shares with you or even if they don't, but you believe that something is happening, just be there for them, and if they share with you, listen attentively, believe them and encourage them to seek advice or help to keep themselves safe.

There are several kinds of abuse, all leaving a victim terrified and doubting their own self-worth. Victims will often times say "If he ever hits me, I am

gone." The problem with this is one never knows how hard that hit may be, and/or if they'll have an opportunity to leave.

This Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2019, I would just ask that we all take domestic violence seriously; if safe, reach out to those who may need our help and if you're not sure what to do or how to approach a situation, call or email Hands of Hope Resource Center and talk with an advocate. Your conversation is confidential and FREE. Our telephone number is 320-732-2319 and we are in the office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We also have a 24 hour crisis line at 1-800-682-4547.

Let's all be aware of the world around us, be available for each other and celebrate peaceful living.

Connie Nelson,
Hands of Hope Resource Center

Forgotten voices galvanized women's suffrage movement

By Joan Michelson

"At Larkin Street a crowd of women came in. They were on their way to the Women's Congress... all kinds and degrees of women. They filled hall and balcony, stood against the walls and filled the aisles. They were enthusiastic and hopeful and full of excitement... But the most striking thing about this woman's convention is the spirit of camaraderie it fosters... They've learned how to disagree without quarreling and they are willing to admit that there are two sides to a question and an infinite number of points of view."

So began an article about the California Women's Congress on May 21, 1895 by Miriam Michelson, my great-great aunt and a prominent reporter for the San Francisco Call. Aunt Miriam and other "girl reporters" of her day relentlessly kept the suffrage cause in the headlines, thereby both informing women about the movement and where they could go to gather with it and emphasizing the importance of the giving women the right to vote.

These brave female reporters put their livelihoods and sometimes their lives at risk for the sake of women gaining their most fundamental democratic right: the vote. They also convinced their editors to send them to these events, and to publish their stories and interviews with women attendees and speakers.

As Aunt Miriam's writing reflects, women journalists like her noticed and wrote about different things and asked different questions than male reporters, sought different stories, perspectives and people to interview and often still do today.

It was Julie K. Brown of the Miami Herald who diligently covered Jeffrey Epstein's pedophilia, even

being referenced by the U.S. Attorney's office as one of the reasons they were finally able to prosecute him (before his suicide). It was Jodi Kantor's earth-shattering reporting in The New York Times that led, along with The New Yorker's Roman Farrow's, to the arrest of Harvey Weinstein for sexual harassment. Norah O'Donnell of CBS News was the reporter who pushed the CEO of Boeing to apologize to the families of the 346 people killed due to Boeing's deadly mistakes in building the Max 737 plane. Shawna Thomas, Washington, DC Bureau Chief of Vice News, recently told the audience at my News-eum event that she pushes reporters for more diverse points of view on stories.

The newspaper women like Aunt Miriam also became role models, demonstrating that women could have fulfilling careers of their own, even if they remained unmarried as Aunt Miriam did, and be financially self-sufficient. Miriam Michelson was so successful as both a best-selling fiction writer, appearing in The Saturday Evening Post and The Smart Set, that when her brother Albert Abraham Michelson won the Nobel Prize (in 1907), he was referred to as "Miriam's brother."

"Michelson's career (demonstrates)... that women journalists," Harrison-Kahan writes in "The Superwoman and Other Writings by Miriam Michelson" (Wayne State University Press, 2019), "in playing up gender and the female perspective, created new paradigms of womanhood, which they publicized to readers on a daily basis through the pages of the newspaper." She added that these newspaperwomen, "played a crucial role in shaping literary and mass culture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries."

These newspaperwomen

also permanently changed the trajectory of women's political, economic, academic and social lives, opening the doors to the opportunities, jobs and the enormous voting power that women hold today.

The six highly-accomplished women running for President of the United States today, would not have been able to do so without the dogged, dangerous work that pioneering female journalists did that helped push the 19th Amendment over the edge to ratification.

As we commemorate the 99th year of women earning that right and approach the centennial, with official ratification of the 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920, it's crucial that we tell the stories of these brave women journalists along side those of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and the other suffragists.

It was the newspaper women who amplified and strengthened the voices of suffragists like Susan B. Anthony, enabling their messages, and even details about where to meet, to be heard further to thousands more women, with a favorable picture of women's empowerment.

Together, the suffragists and the women journalists ignited a movement that pressured male politicians to vote in favor of women gaining the right to vote. Without these newspaper women doing their yeoman's work, ratification might never have happened then, literally.

On behalf of women voters of today, thank you, Aunt Miriam and her fellow trailblazing women reporters, for helping secure our power.

Joan Michelson is a journalist and podcaster who covers women innovators in science, technology, engineering and math. Follow @joanmichelson

MnDOT encourages safe routes to school

More than 200 Minnesota schools and thousands of students will participate in International Walk and Bike to School Day Wednesday, Oct. 2. The annual event, sponsored by Minnesota Safe Routes to School, encourages students and parents to increase their physical activity, practice pedestrian and bicycle safety, reduce traffic congestion and strengthen connections between families, schools and communities.

"Walking and bicycling safely is a critical life skill and Walk to School Day encourages students to use this knowledge throughout their lives," said Dave Cowan, MnDOT Safe

Routes to School coordinator. "Students and families can use their Walk to School Day event as an opportunity to get some fresh air while reaping the benefits of increased physical activity, reduced traffic congestion and arriving at school ready to learn."

Participants can also join in Minnesota's Walk to School Day photo contest by submitting photos on the MnSRTS Facebook page with the hashtag #mnwalks.

The event is an opportunity for families with children who typically ride a school bus or ride in a private vehicle to take part through a "bus stop and walk" event. Locations are

determined by participating schools who designate a space within a half mile from the school and volunteers help supervise the walk and assist with crossing streets.

Walk to School Day also encourages parents and community members to begin thinking about the walkability and bikeability of their neighborhoods, because children often walk to community destinations like playgrounds, libraries, pools and more.

Minnesota Safe Routes to School provides resources and grants to advance SRTS programs through planning, projects and support.

LEGION Act signed into law

In a significant legislative victory for The American Legion, President Trump sign a bill July 30 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941.

The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act) - fills in the gaps of war eras and redefines The American Legion's membership eligibility dates, beginning with the bombing of Pearl Harbor and continuing until it is determined the United States is no longer in a state of war.

"Today's passage of the LEGION Act is a victory for veterans who until now have not had their service to our nation fully recognized," American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad said. "These veterans and their family members can now enjoy all

the benefits of their service which they so richly deserve."

The gaps in the war era were largely during the Cold War, a time when threats to U.S. national security was real, especially to the men and women serving in uniform. Overall, estimates show that about 1,600 U.S. servicemembers were killed or wounded in hostile operations during periods that were not previously recognized as time of war by the federal government.

Reistad credited member of Congress and American Legion Family members with the successful legislation. "The American Legion appreciates the support our representatives have shown the veterans who were previously caught in the gaps," Reistad said. "This also underscores the passion

American Legion Family members have for our nation's veterans. Their grass-roots advocacy for this bill has been inspiring."

Reistad evoked the memories of The American Legion's founders who launched the organization 100 years ago this year.

"As we celebrate our centennial anniversary, we hold to the same truths that our founders appropriately crafted a century ago," Reistad said. "Among those: a veteran is a veteran. It does not matter whether a veteran fought enemies on foreign soil, protected our interests in an ocean far away or secured our national defense here at home. Their service is what matters most. Now, thanks to this legislation, all veterans will be properly remembered for their service."

Opportunity for outdoor experiences

Lifelong lessons and care for Minnesota's tremendous outdoor heritage start with quality time outdoors. The Department of Natural Resources is offering a new grant program called "No Child Left Inside" to help more children cast a fishing line, study animal tracks, hike or bike, or simply learn more about nature.

"We're excited to be putting some funding toward getting kids outdoors. The time is now," said Jeff Ledermann, DNR's education and skills team supervisor. "Minnesotans care deeply about the outdoors. Kids in past decades were outdoors early and often, but that's not a given anymore so these grants are here to boost outdoor pro-

grams and initiatives all around the state."

Public entities and nonprofit organizations serving youth under age 18 are eligible to apply for this first phase of the grant program, which features a simple application and a quick review. In the first phase, \$182,000 is available for programs all around Minnesota. The minimum request is \$500 and the maximum is \$5,000. Future phases of the grant program will have larger grant awards with more extensive application and review processes.

Applications can be submitted starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, and awards will be made on a rolling basis. Matching dollars are encouraged but not required. The application period will close once all the money is awarded. The earliest date to start reimbursable project work is Sunday, Dec. 1, and the reimbursable grant project work must be completed by Monday, June 1, 2020.

"We're urging folks to be creative in how they approach getting youth outdoors and if in doubt, please apply for these grants," Ledermann said. "We're anticipating a strong response from

people who work with youth every day—we know they have great ideas."

The 2019 Minnesota Legislature authorized the No Child Left Inside grant program. Funding can be used for outdoor recreation equipment, transportation and related natural resource education expenses. Factors the DNR will consider in determining awards include whether the project:

- Contributes to a geographically balanced distribution of awards.
- Provides students with direct experiences and understanding of nature.
- Uses research-based, effective environmental, ecological, agricultural or other natural-resource-based educational curriculum.
- Maximizes the number of participants.
- Serves children with limited opportunities to outdoor activities.
- Uses public parks and other natural resource venues and personnel as resources.
- Commits matching funds or in-kind support.

For more information on the grant program and a link to the application, visit the DNR's recruit, retain and reactivate page.

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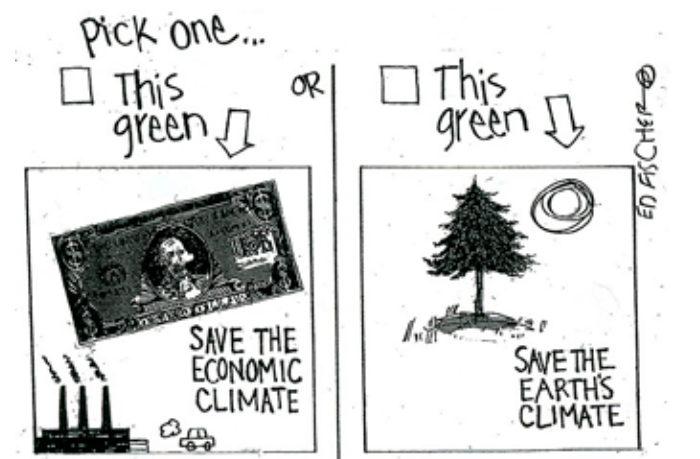
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Real Men Sing!/Real Men Sing jr! Festival set for October 12

Record setting numbers for small town choral festival

The 2019 Real Men Sing! and Real Men Sing, Jr! Choral Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, at Staples-Motley High School. The all-day event includes workshops and rehearsals; and concludes with a concert at 7 p.m. Open to the public, the Real Men Sing concert will be held at the high school gymnasium.

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

The previous 16 festivals have been a resounding success with both participants and audience members. This will be the 17th year for the festival, which provides young men in middle school and high school choirs throughout Minnesota the opportunity

to work under some of the very best choral directors in the state.

Participating schools are not limited to bringing only their "best" students, like many festivals. Instead, they are encouraged to bring all of their male singers to the festival. "Everyone deserves the opportunity to make music," says Staples Area Men's Chorus director Steve Hoemberg. "Our very own chorus is made up of men of all ages and walks of life, including different levels of musical skill. We pride ourselves as an organization in being inclusive. If guys are willing to join our group, then they have earned the right to sing."

Rehearsals and workshops are held during the morning and afternoon, prior to the concert. Since 2003, REAL MEN SING! and RMSjr. have featured over 4,000 participants. The event has gained notoriety throughout the state of Minnesota and across

the nation, including Wartburg College in Iowa.

"After serving as the festival clinician in 2009, I decided we needed something like this in Iowa, so we started a festival called...what else...REAL MEN SING!" snickers Dr. Lee Nelson, Director of The Wartburg Choir.

"We are quite proud of our traditions," said long-time chorus member Ron Denning. "These kinds of events and traditions aren't pulled off by organizations that aren't highly organized with many dedicated and talented members," echoed Don Hoffmann, a singer in the chorus and one of the group's gifted grant writers.

The RMS Guest Conductor for the evening concert will be Dr. Matthew Ferrell, Director of Choral Activities at St. Cloud State University; and the RMSjr. Guest Conductor will be Adam Reinwald, Assistant Director of the National Lutheran Choir

and founding member of world-renowned male vocal ensemble Cantus.

In 2013, the SAMC added the RMSjr. initiative. "Logistically it made sense," stated Hoemberg. "Schools were already bringing buses, but they weren't always full with just high school guys, so why not fill the empty seats with younger guys and make the festival even better?"

Kevin Olsen, chorus President and RMS event chair added, "Mr. Hoemberg brings up one side of the logistical conversation, but the other side is figuring out how to feed them all and keep them on task." Both agree that there is significant expense added as a result of this year's record-setting RMSjr. participation, which is currently 50 more than last year, but it's exciting to be part of something so special to so many students.

Overall participation is expected to once again exceed 300 singers. The concert will also feature several select soloists.

For more information about REAL MEN SING!, as well as information about other events of the Staples Area Men's Chorus, go to HYPERLINK "http://www.staplesmen.org" www.staplesmen.org or visit them on Facebook under "staples area men's chorus." Tickets are available online at www.staplesmen.org, at Nelson Insurance Agency on 2nd Avenue in Staples, and at the door.

This project was made possible by a grant provided by the Five Wings Arts Council with funds from the McKnight Foundation supplemented with Legacy funds.

Lakewood to hold Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Ceremony

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the U.S. end in miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of the newborn child. Lakewood Health System hosts a special ceremony to acknowledge these painful losses and provide comfort to families each year.

Those who have been touched by a pregnancy or infant loss are invited to a ceremony of dedication and remembrance on Monday, Oct. 7. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on the lower level of Lakewood's Main Campus in Staples (49725 Cty. 83).

The nondenominational ceremony will include poems, a time for reflection and a special water service at the Serenity Sanctuary fountain. Refreshments will be served at the close of the ceremony.

Whether your loss is recent or was experienced in the past, all—parents, family and friends—are invited to attend. For more information or to request a luminary bag for decorating, call 218-894-8525 or 218-894-8505.

'40 Days for Life' prayer vigil, corrected dates

A local 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil will be held on five Tuesdays during October, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., at the following locations:

- Oct. 1 - Staples Alliance Church. For more information, call Janet Anderson, 218-839-3900.
- Oct. 8 - Sacred Heart Catholic Church. For more information, call Rosie Blessing, 218-371-7066.
- Oct. 15 - Staples Assembly of God Church. For more information call Candice Miles, 218-296-0316.
- Oct. 22 - Staples Alliance Church. For more information, call Janet Anderson, 218-839-3900.
- Oct. 29 - Sacred Heart Catholic Church. For more information, call Rosie Blessing, 218-371-7066.

If interested in signing up for an hour of prayer, either at the participating church or at your home, call the corresponding phone number. All denominations are welcome to participate.

For online information, visit www.40daysforlife.com.

Mark Your Calendar

October 7

RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF MN (REAM) Mtg Monday, Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m., Staples City Hall. Program: Melissa Birkholtz, Staples Police Chief, 'Senior Scams.'

October 11

THE WADENA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL Mtg Friday, Oct. 11, 6 p.m., Maasconi's Char & Bar in Verndale. Free and open to public. For info., call 218-631-9079.



Books, Bites and Brews Book Club

The Books, Bites and Brews Book Club, above, had an exciting evening with their book talk on Paris Architect. The next talk will be held Thurs., Oct. 24 at Timbers Restaurant in Staples at 6 p.m.

The new book will be "Virgil Wanderer" by Leif Enger, a Minnesota author. Summary: After an accident Virgil's memory is altered. He begins to piece

together his history and the lore of his broken Minnesota town with the help of a cast of affable and curious locals.

Go to the Great River Regional Library webpage at www.griver.org and order a copy or stop at the Staples Library. Attend the book talk for a chance to win a \$25 gift card from Timbers Restaurant. This program is provided by the Staples Friends of the Library. (Submitted photo)

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Racing with a herd of rams

Sivert Klefsaas puts the homecoming game away by breaking a long touchdown run in the second half, chased by the team of Roseau Rams. (Photo by Jody Hagenon)

Cardinals roll to 5-0 record with big homecoming win

Cardinal fans lined the bleachers Sept. 27, cheering the Staples-Motley Football team to victory at their homecoming game, with a 38-6 win over the Roseau Rams. The Cards remain undefeated this season.

It was a chilly night with temperatures in the low 50s, but the energy from the crowd (thanks to the inspiration of the chant-leading Cardinal cheerleaders), as well as the hot chocolate for sale at the concession stand, warmed everyone's spirits. The Cardinal pep band, under the direction of Jon Crust, added to the celebratory atmosphere.

The Cardinals scored twice in the first quarter, but allowed one score

in the second that cut their halftime lead to 14-6. Cade Schmidt ran the second half kickoff back for a touchdown and the Cardinals added two more scores later to reach the final score of 38-6.

Sivert Klefsaas had two rushing touchdowns, Cade Schmidt one and Garrett Carlson one.

Shortly after the game, Coach Chris Kappler was full of praise for his team. "They followed through with the game plan" and came through with another win. "We are excited about the season," Coach Kappler went on, adding that they plan to keep building a successful program. They try to remain positive

out there on the field, the coach said.

With their undefeated record, the Cardinals now face three more tough games, starting with Pillager coming to town on Oct. 4.

Team results

Staples-Motley 38, Roseau 6
Total yards: S-M 419, R 106
Rushing: S-M 352, R 49
Sivert Klefsaas 12-150, Cade Schmidt 18-110, Garrett Carlson 14-89, Tristan Helstrom 1-3
Passing: S-M 67, R 57
Max Strickland 8-12, 67
Receiving:
Izaiah DeMars 5-36, Klefsaas 1-18, Schmidt 2-13

Cardinals stay hot, split volleyball games

The Staples-Motley volleyball team maintained a winning record, beating Pillager 3-1 at home on Sept. 24, but they fall 3-0 against a tall, quick Detroit Lakes team on Sept. 26.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Pillager 1
25-12, 25-21, 25-27, 25-18
Mackenna Bjerga; Digs-12, assists-28, kill-1
Alix Peterson; digs-2, kills-13, block-1
Tabetha Allen; digs-5, kills-16, blocks-2
Aubrey Brandt; aces-3, digs-21, kills-6
Morgan Becker; digs-6, assist-1, kills-2
Bella Martin; aces-2, digs-9, assist-1
Ava Schneider; digs-2, assist-2, kills-2, block-1
Libby O'Neil; aces-2, digs-6, assist-1
Heidi Lombard; digs-22, kill-1
Leah Bestland; Ace-1, digs-3

Staples-Motley 0, Detroit Lakes 3

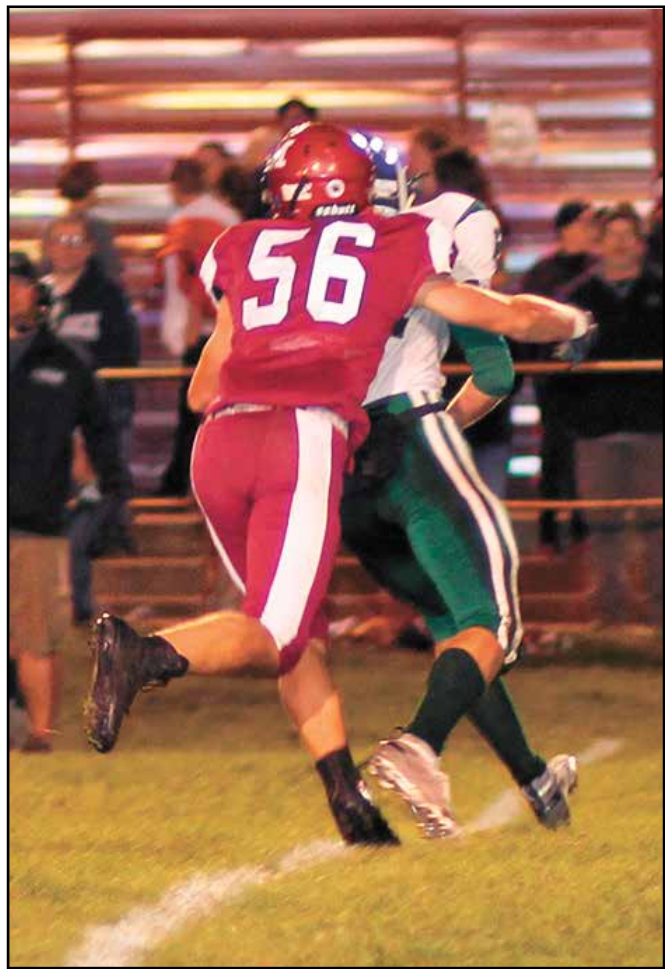
21-25, 22-25, 16-25
Mackenna Bjerga; digs-7, assists-21, blocks-2
Bella Martin; Ace-1, digs-2
Alix Peterson; digs-2, kills-3, block-1
Tabetha Allen; digs-1, kills-12, blocks-3
Morgan Becker; digs-2, kills-2, blocks-2



Jump serve

Bella Martin pounds a serve.

Aubrey Brandt; digs-12, kills-4
Heidi Lombard; digs-14
Ava Schneider; digs-1, assists-1, kills-1
Libby O'Neil; Ace-2, digs-8
Leah Bestland; Ace-1, digs-3



Defensive pressure

Alex Giza tracks down the Roseau quarterback for a sack. (Photo by Judy Hagenon)



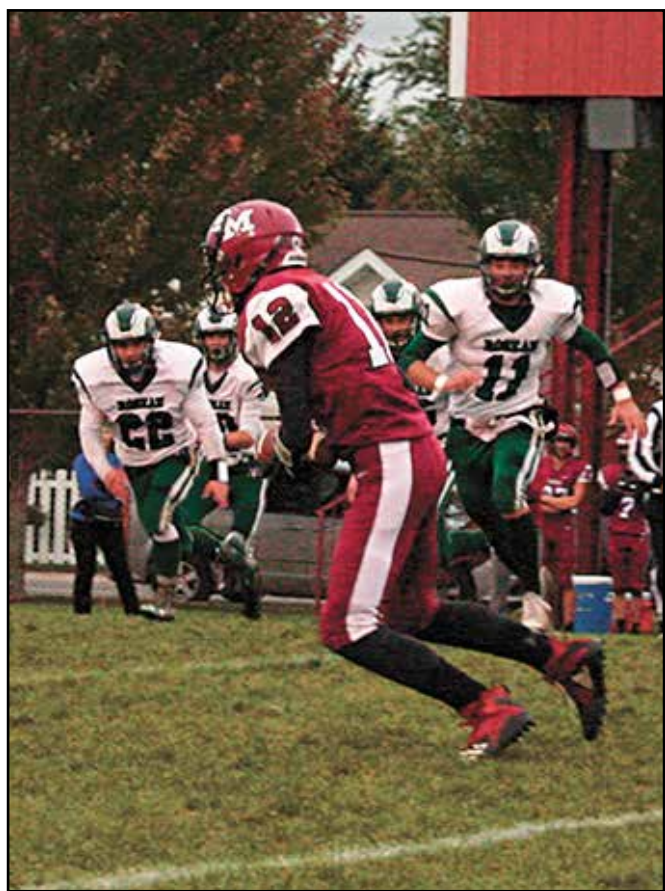
Yards after the catch

Cade Schmidt turns upfield after catching one of his five passes against Roseau. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Going for the kill

Alix Peterson rises up for a spike.



Yards after the catch

Izaiah DeMars turns upfield after catching one of his five passes against Roseau. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Perfect position

Libby O'Neil stays focused on returning a serve.



Defensive dig

Aubrey Brandt moves to make the play.

Anderson, Klimek place high at Griak

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Emmet Anderson placed second and Hunter Klimek was 16th in the prestigious Roy Griak Invitational cross country race at the University of Minnesota on Sept. 28. Anderson nearly outprinted the top ranked runner in Class AA, as the two Minnesota runners finished ahead of the nation's seventh ranked runner from Colorado and runners from nine other states and Canada.

In the girls race, multiple nationally ranked teams and a notoriously hilly course made for a super tough race, but Kyanna Burton moved up throughout the race to finish 25th in a fast time of 19:13. The Cardinal girls were shorthanded in the race but Elizabeth Danilyuk shored up the fifth position, not far from the fourth Cardinal runner.

In the boys race, Anderson started out with the lead pack of ten runners. Midway through the race it had narrowed down to four. With 1,000 meters to go, Anderson said he could see the leaders start to tire on a big hill and he knew it was time to make a move. He surged and Oliver Paleen of St. Paul Highland Park went with him. The two moved away from the field and dueled in a final sprint, with Anderson closing in the last steps, but coming up short by less than a second.

Schedule changes

After running in the top races all over the state, the Staples-Motley cross country teams made changes to their schedule to replace two other high level meets.



Finish line in sight

Left, Elizabeth Danilyuk sprints to the finish. Right, Madysen Hull comes in with just one shoe.

They will run at Crosby-Ironton on Oct. 3, instead of the Perham meet, before running at C-I again Oct. 10 for the conference meet. They also replaced the Bemidji meet on Oct. 15 and will go to Proctor instead.

Team results

University of Minnesota Roy Griak Invitational
Boys results
Staples-Motley 31st of 62 teams

2. Emmet Anderson 15:47, 16. Hunter Klimek 16:25, 261. Tanner Robben 18:10, 290. Isaac Christoffersen 18:19, 348. Issiah Tabatt 18:37, 352. Luke Brownell 18:38, 362. Jack Tyrrell 18:42, 489. Logan Robben 19:38, 551. Gabe Misher 20:56

Girls results

Staples-Motley 38th of 57 teams
25. Kyanna Burton 19:13, 201. Ashley Robben 21:08, 246. Addison Lorber 21:31, 309. Addisyn Cichos 22:05,

380. Elizabeth Danilyuk 22:50, 424. Naila Mikhael 23:24, 471. Mackenzie Wilds 24:21, 483. Madysen Hull 24:54



Fast company

Kyanna Burton passes some of the top runners in the nation.



Racer

Isaac Christoffersen pushes to the finish.



Thrilling finishes

Emmet Anderson, above, and Hunter Klimek, below, finish amid the screaming fans at the Roy Griak Invitational. The Cardinals proved they are the top duo in the state at the race, with Klimek the top finisher for a team's second runner. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Cardinal tennis team flies into Section 5A

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team will host a home playoff game on Thursday, Oct. 3. This is the first year in Section 5A, which has scheduled the first round at the home court of the high seed.

The Cardinals are expected to be one of the top four seeds, although the seeding results will not be known until Oct 3, so the team doesn't know their opponent or the time of the match. After the first round, all the games will be played at Sartell.

New London-Spicer is expected to be the number one seed, with Pierz and Staples-Motley right behind. Other teams in the new Section 5A are Belgrade-Brooklyn-Elrosa, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Melrose, St. John's Prep/St. Cloud Cathedral and Sauk Centre.

Heading into the tournament, Staples-Motley lost 6-1 to a ranked Pequot Lakes team for their only conference loss on Sept. 23, then earned a big 4-3 win against Perham on Sept. 24, and followed that up with a 7-0 win over Sauk Centre on Sept. 26.

"We have high expectations on how we will perform as a team and individuals in the section tournament," said Coach Jacques Doll. "Everything we have done so far doesn't mean anything regarding postseason play, we need to come out strong and prove our hard work can pay off."

The match against Perham was a huge win, said Doll. "All four singles came out strong and got the win for the match. Perham loaded their doubles lineup, so that put some of our younger players in tough spots, and they competed hard anyways. We are proud of their effort and how they continue to believe in themselves and improve."

Lauren Rutten improved to 19-8 on the year by beating a very solid player at number one singles, who finished runner up the conference tournament. Jenna Dvorak won her 23rd match of the season and Rose Han won her 20th as they were victorious at 2 and 3 singles respectively. Allison Knosalla was the last match on with the team match tied at 3-3 and she went into a



Hitting the angle

Rose Han smashes a ball to the corner to cross up her opponent for a winner in the match against Perham. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

third set. "Allison's match experience showed as she raised her level and dominated the third set 6-1 to clinch the team win for the Cardinals," said Doll.

Haley Cichos and Tasha Achermann split sets and lost a close third set at number one doubles. "They played a great match as all seven positions competed hard," said Doll.

Team results

Staples-Motley 1, Pequot Lakes 6

Singles: Lauren Rutten L 6-3, 6-0; Rose Han L 2-6, 6-4, (10-6); Amy Rollins L 6-0, 6-2; Kenzie Erickson L 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: Tasha Achermann/Haley Cichos L 6-4, 6-3; Jenna Dvorak/Allison Knosalla W 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, (13-11); Georgia Kruchten/Katie Smith L 6-3, 6-2

Staples-Motley 4, Perham 3

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

Doubles: Cichos/Achermann L 6-4, 3-6, 4-6; Smith/Kruchten L 6-0, 6-2; Rollins/Erickson L 6-1, 6-3

Staples-Motley 7, Sauk Rapids 0

Singles: Rutten W 6-1, 6-0;



Rising up

Allison Knosalla hits a deep shot.

Dvorak W 6-0, 6-1; Han W 6-2, 6-1; Knosalla W 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: Cichos/Achermann W 6-1, 6-0; Smith/Kruchten W 7-5, 6-1; Erickson/Rollins W 7-5, 6-4

Cardinal tennis action

Pictured at right, Georgia Kruchten gets to the ball in the match against Perham; below right, Kenzie Erickson reaches up to hit a successful net shot; below, Jenna Dvorak concentrates on a backhand. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Swimmers find success pushing through races

The Staples-Motley girls swim team competed against Park Rapids on Sept. 26, and traveled to the Fosston-Bagley Invite on Sept. 28.

"We have reached the point in the season where it gets extremely difficult to drop time," said Coach Amanda Toft. "The girls are physically exhausted, but the team is still working towards being their best for each other. They cheer their hearts out and keep their chins up with a smile on their faces, even when they don't have the race they were hoping for."

Park Rapids meet Top Finishers and Time Droppers:

- The JV Medley Relay of Mazie Hopp, Nicole Hess, Madi Snyder, and Kora Wells took 3rd. The Varsity Relay of Evelyn Gonzalez, Sabina Moe, Adriana Dickey, and Mia Arroyo also took 3rd in their own heat.
- Arroyo swam the Varsity 200 Freestyle for the first time and dropped nearly 30 seconds from the start of the season.
- Hopp swam the next event and dropped nearly 40 seconds in the JV

200 IM! She also dropped 3 seconds in the JV 100 Freestyle.

- Wells swam the JV 50 Freestyle, took 2nd place and dropped a bit of time too. Destiny Dukowitz then swam the Varsity 50 Freestyle and dropped half a second.
- Moe (JV), Dukowitz and Snyder (Varsity) all dropped incredible time in the 500 Freestyle race. Moe took 2nd in the JV heat.
- The JV 200 Freestyle Relay of Wells, Hopp, Hess, and Arroyo took 2nd place, as well the Varsity Relay of Moe, Dukowitz, Gonzalez, and Dickey.
- Hess dropped 7 seconds for a new personal best in the Varsity 100 Breaststroke.
- The 400 Freestyle Relay of Snyder, Hess, Arroyo, and Dukowitz swam their best race for 3rd place in the Varsity heat.

Fosston-Bagley Invite Top 8 finishers:

- In the 200 Medley Relay, the relay of Evelyn Gonzalez, Sabina Moe, Adriana Dickey, and Mandy Carter took 6th. The Relay of Destiny Dukowitz, Nicole Hess, Madi Snyder,

and Mia Arroyo took 8th.

- In the 200 Freestyle, Adriana Dickey dropped 2 seconds to take 4th place!
- Gonzalez took 6th in the 200 IM.
- Snyder took 6th in the 50 Free after out-touching 7th by .01 seconds. Moe then took 8th.
- Snyder then swam the 100 Butterfly and took 8th place.
- In the 100 Free, Dukowitz took 7th place.
- Dickey took 5th place in the 500 Free.
- For the 200 Free Relay, a 4th place Relay of Carter, Dukowitz, Gonzalez, and Dickey. Also an 8th place Relay of Hess, Snyder, Arroyo, and Moe.
- Gonzalez took 7th in the 100 Backstroke.
- In the 100 Breaststroke, the team's medalist, Sabina Moe, took 3rd place by out-touching two other swimmers that were less than a second behind her.
- The 400 Free Relay of Kora Wells, Arroyo, Olivia Holmberg, and Hess finishes the meet in 7th.



Bringing home hardware

Sabina Moe shows off her medal earned in the 100 breaststroke. (Submitted photo)



Fast finish

Tanner Robben sprints past a host of runners at the Roy Griak Invitational.



Passing on a hill

Ashley Robben gets around a pack on one of the hills at the Roy Griak Invitational.



Reconnecting with the headwaters

The Staples-Motley swim team took their annual field trip to Lake Itasca State Park to experience the headwaters of the Mississippi River. (Submitted photo)

Bands tell a story of duck and goose travels, and more

If you hunt ducks or geese long enough, and harvest many—or are just fortunate—you may harvest one with an aluminum band on one leg, fastened like a bracelet above its webbed foot. It's a rarity, because only a small number of waterfowl are ever banded by biologists or the technicians who assist them.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

You will probably see more leg bands in print than in person, in photo-illustrated ads selling equipment for duck and goose hunting, like shotguns, ammunition, calls, clothing, or other gear. The bands will typically be strung like beads on a lanyard that holds a waterfowler's duck or goose calls, this lanyard being a standard item of hunting accoutrement. By marketing logic, the bands imply hunting success and prowess, and the gear being advertised just might have had something to do with it. Or so the ads suggest.

The purpose of these leg bands is to help biologists understand the patterns of duck and goose migration, the routes they travel, and where they over-winter. When—or more probably, if—a band is recovered, the

person who recovers it will hopefully call the toll-free number engraved on it, this being the number for the federal Bird Banding Laboratory at Patuxent, Maryland. With the identification number on the band, the Laboratory can match it with the place, date, age, sex, and species of the bird as it was recorded when banded.

In times past, the communication was by mail. But these days the more timely—and reliable—means is by telephone. The finder may keep it; all that matters to the Laboratory at Patuxent is the knowledge of where the bird's life story ended. As a thank-you, the recipient is sent a certificate with the information on the date, location, and vital statistics of the bird when it was banded.

While the band is a trophy treasured by hunters, the real value in the process is the gold mine of information such bands have yielded to the Bird Banding Laboratory; information about the distribution, migratory paths, and life span of the various waterfowl and other migratory bird species that are banded.

While most of the waterfowl band numbers reported are from birds harvested by hunters, some are not. According to author George Reiger in his excellent book *The Wildfowler's Quest*, migratory bird bands have been found in such unexpected places as the stomach of a shark, in polar bear feces, and embedded in the lip

of a catfish. Though the number is now probably much larger, Reiger noted that there were more than 40 million records of banded migratory birds on file at the Laboratory in Patuxent when his book was published in 1989.

Among the more important results of this research is a gauge of how long some migratory birds can live. Some ducks harvested by hunters were over a decade old. The potential life expectancy of a goose can be measured in decades. Of course, the age of a hunter-harvested duck or goose is not a measure of how long it could live, since—by definition—it did not die of old age. Then again, it is the rarest of rare birds that dies of old age. Most wild creatures end their days in the talons or jaws of a predator; either when immature, in the prime of their life, or in decline when their vigor has left them.

What Patuxent's longevity findings suggest is that hunting mortality does make a difference in the abundance of ducks and geese. There is a wildlife management theory called "compensatory mortality," which states that if a hunter did not harvest an animal, it would die of some other natural cause, like predation by a mink, a hawk, or a fox. But when you discover that a bluebird can live seven years—as one banded bird harvested by Reiger did—you have to think twice. Few young ruffed grouse will survive to reach two years of age, and most brook trout live

only about three. But band returns have told us that waterfowl can make the migratory journey time and time again. If a bird's population status warrants harvest restraint, requiring it can make a difference.

The origins of bird banding are not found in America. In England, King Charles II and his successor James III in the mid-17th century banded waterfowl with silver or copper bands. But these were indicators of Crown ownership, not an interest in research. John James Audubon, the renowned naturalist and painter of bird life, is credited with attaching silver threads to the legs of songbirds, and thereby learning that they returned to the same place to breed.

But it was reformed market hunter Jack Miner in Ontario in 1909 who began the practice of banding waterfowl and recording the results of recovered metal bands. With the point of a pair of scissors he scratched his mailing address in a strip of aluminum that he bent around the leg of a black duck he captured. A hunter in South Carolina later shot it, and penned a letter to Miner to report the harvest. This revealed the migratory path and destination of the bird.

Today most waterfowl banding is done by state and federal agencies. But the object is the same: learn the birds' life history secrets that only such stratagems can reveal.

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OCTOBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Weds., Oct. 2, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge
Thurs., Oct. 3, 10 a.m., Bible Study - Paul John-

son; 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted by Lions '93

Fri., Oct. 4, 10 a.m. Cappuccino

Sat., Oct. 5, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist

Sun., Oct. 6, 1:30 Bingo/Marge

Mon., Oct. 7, 7 p.m. Entertainment - Jim Anderson

Tues., Oct. 8, 2:15 p.m. Church, Staples Church of Christ; 3:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Oct. 9, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Fri., Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m. Church - Faith Lutheran; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday w/ Faith Lutheran

Sat., Oct. 12, 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon., Oct. 14, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Church

Tues., Oct. 15, 2:15 Church - St. John's Lutheran; 3:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Oct. 16, 2 p.m. Bingo - Trinity Lutheran

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Kaitlyn Longworth and Kody Skeesick of Staples, a baby boy, Kash Allen weighing eight pounds, three ounces on September 22, 2019.

Born to Brooke Vanderweken, of Little Falls, a baby girl, Ripley Marie weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on September 20, 2019.

Born to Kendel and Tom Roline of Verndale, a baby girl, Ella Jo weighing five pounds, 15 ounces on September 23, 2019.

Born to Debra and David Pinoniemi of Menahga, a baby boy, Grant Thomas weighing nine pounds, one ounce on September 24, 2019.

Born to Arianna and Josh Larson of Breezy Point, a baby girl, Adira Joy weighing eight pounds, five ounces on September 26, 2019.

Born to Samantha Beach and Austin Keep of Pine River, a baby boy, Carson John weighing five pounds, 11 ounces on September 26, 2019.

Born to Jennifer Fitch and Jacob Mahle of Merrifield, a baby girl, Isabelle Marie weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on September 26, 2019.

Born to Kristi and Jacob Hix of Pillager, a baby boy, Jonathon William weighing seven pounds, five ounces on September 26, 2019.

Born to Marci and Daniel Douts of Staples, a baby boy, Everett James weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on September 27, 2019.

Obituaries

Judy Stevenson

Judith "Judy" Anne (Bremer) Stevenson, 74, of Motley went home on September 26, 2019 with her family by her side.

Funeral services were held, October 1 at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Chaplain Gregg Valentine officiating.

Judy was born on December 4, 1944 in Wilmont to Joseph and Alvera (Hurlbut) Bremer. Judy attended school in Motley, graduating in 1962. She married Gary David Stevenson on November 30, 1963 in Motley. Together they had four children. They lived in several different states for Gary's boiler making career before settling in Motley. There Judy raised her family and drove school bus for many years before retiring in 2001. She was everyone's favorite school bus driver and always had oldies music on the bus stereo for the kids. Judy could be found in a corn field or gravel pit picking agates with her "Butt" sisters, Sylvia, Putzie and Mary. She spent many summers with her grandchildren in her home; sorting leaches, going to garage sales, four wheeling, camping and picking agates. Back in her day, she and Gary loved swing dancing and they were good at it - everyone stopped dancing to watch them. She loved Elvis Presley and everyone knew it by looking around her home. She instilled an important work ethic in both her children and grandchildren. She was very handy and took pride over doing most of the maintenance and upkeep of her home.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one brother, Joe Bremer; one sister, Sylvia Erbe; brothers-in-law, Bob Erbe and Doug Stevenson; sister-in-law, Virginia Kay and great-grandchild, William Mainville.

She is survived by her husband, Gary; three daughters, Theresa Stevenson, Annie Stevenson and Toni Stevenson; one son, David (Tabitha) Stevenson; 11 grandchildren, Melaine (Craig) McNeil, Kane Thurlby, Logan Landrus, Zachary (Ashley) Thurlby, Maisie (Neal) Mainville, Danielle Chandler, Tristan Peterson, Sam Chandler, Gracie Stevenson, Maggie Stevenson and Brennan Stevens; five great-grandchildren, Caleb McNeil, Braydon Mainville, Clara Hill, Cameron McNeil, Ellie Mainville; one brother, Roger Bremer; three sisters, Ramona (Punk) Blahosky, Mary (Mike) Kampa and Paula (Ken) Swecker; sister-in-law, Joy Stevenson.

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<p>Staples</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Soulight (Kids Program) 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>First Congregational Church, UCC firstconougocstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571 Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples Church 218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text MASS: Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sabbath School</p> <p>Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Aldrich</p> <p>Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Cushing</p> <p>Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 11:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday, each month</p> <p>Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad Pastor: Jim Brown Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad SUNDAY Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m. Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m. Kids' Club 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Leader</p> <p>Swan Valley Lutheran Leader 218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info: 218-837-5690 .. Open by arrangement</p>	<p>Motley</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lone, Motley 218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Hewitt</p> <p>Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffert Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>United Methodist Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Verndale</p> <p>Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>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. WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. ..Groups</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p>
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"Faith"

Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, Motley Free Methodist Church

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES
Oversee the operations of Discover Staples for both tourism marketing and community marketing
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•Negotiate contracts
•Facilitate creation of the annual goals
•Facilitate annual budget process
•Ensure Tourism Marketing operates under lodging tax requirements and requirements of the agreement between LEAP and the City of Staples.
•Report monthly to the overseeing boards of both tourism marketing and community marketing as well as the overall LEAP board.

Direct the development of marketing programs, campaigns and media content to effectively promote Staples as a place to Live, Work, Play and Stay
•Create marketing tools to take advantage of print and digital media opportunities to promote Staples
•Build and maintain a thorough working knowledge of the assets in greater Staples
•Partner effectively with community organizations and businesses
•Maintain liaisons, memberships with state and regional tourism industry organizations
•Attend professional meetings
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POSITION REQUIREMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS
Education/Experience
Any combination of training and experience that provides the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform position responsibilities
Knowledge, Skills and Abilities
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VA implemented the MISSION Act on June 6. One of the lesser known provisions of the law established a new urgent care benefit that allows eligible veterans access to urgent and walk-in care at participating clinics in their communities. This is in addition to the continuing ability to visit the St. Cloud VA Urgent Care Clinic in Bldg. 1 at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center, which is available to veterans from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 365 days a year.

This is a giant step forward in terms of convenience for veterans, as eligible veterans do not need to get prior authorization from VA to visit an urgent care provider in VA's network. This urgent care benefit is meant to give veterans who do not live close to a VA urgent care clinic or who need care afterhours a convenient way to get treatment for minor injuries and illnesses such as colds, strep throat and pink eye. To be eligible for urgent and walk-in care, veterans must be enrolled in the VA health care system and have received care through VA from either a VA or community provider within the past 24 months.

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As an example of how this works, view this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jkeg4N29w0>

Veterans can view participating urgent care clinics in their local area by visiting: <https://vaurgentcarelocator.triwest.com/Locator/Care>. Here is a list of local participating Clinics 50 miles from Wadena from the VA Health care web site:

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To learn more, read this factsheet or visit the Community Care website. Factsheet: https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/docs/pubfiles/factsheets/VAFS_Urgent-Care.pdf#
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See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.



Reading is rewarding

Elliana Mumm, daughter of Teneesa and Kris Mumm, is the newest winner for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Presenting the prize is Angie Johnson (left), Great River Regional Library at Staples and Beth Fabian (right), Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition at the Staples Public Library. (Submitted photo)

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Staples-Motley Schools' 2019 Homecoming



Tie-dye creations add colorful spirit



Designing tie-dye T-shirts was once again a popular activity during Staples-Motley High School's Homecoming Spirit Week. Pictured at top, from left, are Mandy Weishair, Layla Dumpprope, Bryson Dumpprope, Connie Martinez (three generations), and Shelli Rau.

Lower photo, from left, are Susan Williams (coordinator for this event), Amy Richter and Wanda Oberlander, all volunteers.

Williams reported that the event went very well, people had a lot of fun and a total of 182 T-shirts were tie dyed.

In the years they've been doing it, they've done close to 800 T-shirts, she added. Williams expressed appreciation for the help of many in the community, including North Fourth Laundry, Ernie's Grocery, Olson's Feed Store, Timbers Restaurant, the SM Student Council (along with their advisor, Lorna Klefsaas), and numerous adult volunteers. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



All in black

AJ Nienow got into the spirit of Monochromatic Day during Staples-Motley's Homecoming Week by wearing all black. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Designer

Topanga Braith, ninth-grader at SMHS, paints a tie-dye design on her T-shirt.



King Owen and Queen Kai

Owen Bjerga and Kai Gelle were crowned the 2019 Staples-Motley Homecoming King and Queen at a pep rally Sept. 27. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Cardinal red hair

Grant Bestland (right) was one of dozens of young people who had their hair spray-painted red by Jayme Carlson prior to the Staples-Motley Homecoming Football game Sept. 27. "There's no turning back now," Bestland said after the first of the temporary hair spray was applied. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



And the winner is...

Kai Gelle (second from right) reacts after being crowned the 2019 Staples-Motley Homecoming Queen Sept. 27. The other queen candidates, from left, include Alix Peterson, Mackenna Bjerga,

Bella Martin, Riley Peterson. Last year's homecoming queen, Scout Strickland (third from left) had the honors of crowning Queen Kai. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Ready to reign

Owen Bjerga (second from right) was crowned Homecoming King for Staples-Motley at the high school pep rally Sept. 27. Other king contestants, from left, included Ben Olander, Ryan Wick, Issac Kronenberg and Cade Schmidt.

Last year's homecoming queen, Lili Schneider (hidden from photo) returned to her alma mater to participate in the crowning ceremony. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Showing their Cardinal spirit!

Staples Elementary students had the opportunity to practice some cheers Sept. 25, during Homecoming week. In addition, they were introduced to members of the 2019 SMHS Homecoming Royal Court.



Festive faces

Students had the opportunity to have their faces painted prior to the Staples-Motley Homecoming Football game Sept. 23, just one more way to show their Cardinal pride. Pictured above, Lili Schneider holds up a mirror to Benet Robinson after painting his face, while his buddies Griffin Judd and Skyler Self look on. The boys are all seventh graders. Schneider, a freshman at Lake Superior College in Duluth, was last year's SM Homecoming Queen. Below, Jocelynn Rippentrop, third grade, gets her face painted by Kaila Erbe, a senior at SMHS. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Homecoming halftime show

The Little Cardinal Cheerleaders, under the direction of Jayme Carlson, performed a few cheers during halftime at the Staples-Motley Homecoming Football game Sept. 27. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Introduction to yoga

Students at Central Lakes College in Staples had the opportunity to participate in a variety of breakout sessions during Student Success Day Sept. 25. Pictured above, instructor Rob Rasmussen leads a group in yoga stretches

designed to help improve posture and breathing, develop body awareness and in the process clear thinking and concentration. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Award-winning poet speaks to students

Guante Tran Myhre, two-time National Poetry Slam champion, rap artist, activist and educator from Minneapolis, was the keynote speaker at CLC's Student Success Day in Staples. He spoke to students about the importance of empathy, finding a community and knowing

when to ask for help, as well as learning about how identity matters. Myhre performed a few of his poems which dealt with these themes and social justice issues. Prior to the performance, students were treated to a free lunch. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Learning how to change oil

Jeff Klehr, far left, Diesel Mechanics Instructor at Central Lakes College in Staples, helped students learn the basics of car maintenance at Student Success Day Sept. 25. The class, led

by Klehr and fellow Diesel Mechanics Instructor Paul Zimmerman (not pictured), was one of several breakout sessions offered to students that day. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Ordeal in clearing name

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made by a citizen against members of the school district staff, coaches and volunteers. The information was immediately provided to law enforcement and a Harassment Restraining Order has been requested of the courts and served on the individual who made the threat. Precautions have been taken at the district to assure the safety of all." It was signed "Dr. Ron Bratlie, Superintendent."

On January 22, the harassment complaint against Johnson was heard in court with Schmidt and Bratlie representing the school.

At the court hearing, Johnson learned that he was accused of saying "I have access to weapons, I know how to use them, and I have a list of people."

Johnson said he has never owned weapons and has never talked about weapons in his life, other than to say they should be stored safely if they are in a home.

At the court hearing, Schmidt said the threats were brought forth by one of the school employees, and that specific people in the school were named in the threat. According to the court record, Schmidt said: "It was reported he was very escalated in his behaviors. Some of the things that he said were very concerning. It's not anything I'm going to take lightly, in regards to our campus and our students."

Judge Timothy Churchwell ruled in favor of the restraining order, writing: "The court has issued the HRO's on a limited basis to provide a cooling off period."

Even Johnson's efforts to clear his name were used against him in the hearing, as the judge's decision read: "Mr. Johnson himself acknowledges he intentionally seeks out individuals within the school and community to share his side of the story. As a result, he creates an atmosphere of mistrust and concern."

But the judge also recognized that the school showed no evidence for their claim. "There's been lots of hearsay, out of court statements, references to all sorts of things that aren't even before the court," he said.

"To have them make such absurd frivolous claims of me being a school terrorist, saying I made threats to students and staff, having a hit list of 27 people, and having access to weapons and knew how to use them, it is without any evidence," said Johnson.

Johnson said he doesn't

understand how a claim with no evidence could stand up in court, or why they issued a restraining order instead of doing a full investigation. "If they think I could be a school terrorist, why didn't they have the police come and search my house for the list or the weapons I supposedly claimed to have?" asked Johnson.

Despite this, Johnson abided the restraining order and stayed off school property. He did attend one baseball game at Pine Grove Park, which is not school property, to see some of the players he has coached in the past. But the police were called and Johnson said they tried to remove him, but the HRO only stated school property, and the park is owned by the city.

When the restraining order expired Aug. 1, Johnson thought he would be free to go back on school property again. He played pick-up basketball at the school on Aug. 11, then was hit with another restraining order on Aug. 12, signed by Schmidt. This time the restraining order stated that he also stay off any property being rented by the school.

Staples-Motley Superintendent Shane Tappe said he has recommended that Schmidt and other school staff should not comment on the new restraining order. "It is in the hands of the attorneys, it is still in process," Tappe said. "Unfortunately we can't typically comment while the attorneys are working on it."

Tappe added a general comment about school safety: "Our number one priority is the safety and security of our students. Every decision we make is with that as the highest priority."

Johnson's substitute teaching licence was renewed after the board reviewed his case. Johnson views this as proof that the school does not have anything against him.

"Why in the world would the Minnesota Department of Education put themselves in that kind of a serious potential safety situation, having someone with pending criminal charges to be working with children?" asked Johnson. "If there was even a fraction of a chance the claims were partly true or somewhat accurate, nobody would ever allow a teacher to continue subbing under this kind of circumstance."

Johnson has continued as a substitute teacher in area districts, working for Teachers On Call, a service that is also used by the Staples-Motley district. Johnson said he has a copy of

his personnel file, and it is clean.

Despite his legal standing, clean file and being a preferred substitute for many teachers, Johnson has been removed from teaching assignments at two area districts this year, while he was in the classroom teaching students.

In both cases, they didn't give Johnson a good reason for removing him. One school said he had parent complaints from last year, but he said those complaints were not in his personnel file and it had never been brought up before.

Johnson thinks the source could go back to the day before the HRO hearing in January, when a threatening letter was dropped off at his neighbor's door, but was intended for Johnson. It contained other accusations against Johnson and stated "Everybody knows where you live from some emails we got ... If we don't hear from you by Monday me and my wife and friends will be knocking on your door and do it are [sic] way ... hope you never teach again you piece of (expletive)."

That last line is one reason Johnson is concerned about being removed from his substitute teaching positions, as he thinks it may be someone from the school telling other schools not to hire him, or it could be someone from the community.

"Why would they go after someone's livelihood? That's not okay," said Johnson.

Johnson said the worst part of his ordeal is people in the community believing the unproven accusations. He said children in Staples have been heard saying "Mr. Johnson's going to blow up the school" and other unfounded bad things about him.

"It's so nasty to have that in our own community," said Johnson. "A lot of people have been hurt in many ways, over this."

Johnson said the school is doing exactly what they teach children not to do, bully someone based on accusations. The original Jan. 8 email that asked staff to notify Schmidt if Johnson came onto school grounds was accompanied by a photo of Johnson that was taken from his facebook page, and the other people in the photo were cropped out. "If a student did that, they would be suspended," said Johnson.

Johnson also doesn't know of any recourse to clear his name. He wants to tell his story. He said he would like a chance to be cleared of the accusations and be allowed to teach and coach in the district again.

Lakewood remains in Eagle Bend

CentraCare Health recently made the decision to stop providing healthcare services at the Eagle Valley clinic, which has been a shared venture with Lakewood Health System since 2003. This decision will take effect Nov. 1.

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