

Tu family returns to Staples for a visit

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

It's been four decades since the Tu family arrived in Staples, thrilled to finally have a safe, comfortable place to call home, thanks to the members of Faith Lutheran Church of Staples who took them in during a very dark hour of their lives.

As told in a Staples World article from Nov. 15, 1979, the Vietnamese family's difficult journey, which ended in Staples, had begun in the fall of 1978 when they left their home in Saigon (to escape the Communists) and traveled 30 days by boat to Malaysia.

A later article tells in more detail the hardships they endured while on this boat with 164 other refugees. These included the boat's motor dying their first night out at sea, drifting for days without food or water, having all of their money and jewelry stolen by pirates; and finally, after first being refused by the Malaysians, being allowed to land on one of their islands. For the next 11 months, the Tu (pronounced Toe) family lived in a refugee camp on the island of Pulau Bidang. There were 13,000 refugees in the camp when they arrived and by the time they left, there were 42,000, the article said.

Their only thought was survival during that time. They built their own shelter of trees and green plastics on an allotted 8 x 8 ft. plot. They received one can of rice per day for the first three months, then a bag of food every three days containing sardines, peas,

oranges and rice. They also went fishing from the shore and in the mountains to supplement their diet.

The article went on to note that on Oct. 3, 1979, the Tus were told they had a sponsor in the United States, but they had no idea where. The family first flew to San Francisco on Nov. 4, where they learned they would be traveling to a place called Staples, Minn.

"When they arrived at the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport on Nov. 5, the tired family was met by Pastor Paul Lundborg and a group from Faith Lutheran. They were safe and they had finally found their freedom," the article said.

Now living in California, the seven Tu siblings returned for a visit to Staples recently, reconnecting with friends they'd first met 40 years ago. They took a walk down memory lane, visiting the church and schools they'd attended

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A reunion with 'Mother Alice'

Members of the Tu family, all now of California, returned recently to visit Staples, the first American town they called 'home,' as well as Faith Lutheran Church, the organization that sponsored them in 1979 as they fled Communist Vietnam. Their visit came about after learning Alice Sather (above, seated), one of the first people they met upon arriving in Staples and a woman who would become a dear family friend, celebrated her 100th birthday this past May. The siblings felt it was important that all seven of them come to express their gratitude to the church, as well as spend time with Alice, whom they've always called 'Mother.' Pictured standing, from left, are siblings Tai, Ngoc, Nguyen, Mai, Duy, Lan, Huong. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

This Week's Forecast
High Low Cond.

Nov. 6 27° 11° M. Cloudy

Nov. 7 25 15 P. Cloudy

Nov. 8 31 23 P. Cloudy

Nov. 9 36 23 M. Cloudy

Nov. 10 29 16 Cloudy

Nov. 11 26 12 P. Cloudy

Nov. 12 26 16 P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2018
High Low Cond.

Nov. 6 29° 19° Cloudy

Nov. 7 33 21 Cloudy

Nov. 8 28 20 M. Cloudy

Nov. 9 19 14 Sunny

Nov. 10 15 9 Snow

Nov. 11 24 18 Cloudy

Nov. 12 20 12 Sunny

Average Temp.:
H = 40° Low = 26°

2019 Total Rain:
31.15"

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

Public Notices

Todd BOA: **10A**

Obituaries

*Donald Dravis
Ronald Houle
John Odden
Bonnette
Thompson*



Facetime with 'Pastor Paul'

Pastor Paul Lundborg was serving at Faith Lutheran Church in 1979, when the congregation sponsored the Tu family from Vietnam. Their parents, Huan and Phung have since passed, but the seven Tu children, now adults, recently made a pilgrimage from California to visit their first American home and the congregation that adopted them. Pictured above, the siblings gathered around a computer that Mary Sperley (seated) had set up for them to speak with Pastor Lundborg and his wife, Roseanne, now of Olympia, Wash., via Facetime. Behind Sperley are church members Joanne Folkert and Arvilla Dyer. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Tribute to Don Dravis

By Tom Crawford

The final whistle blew this past Sunday for the man who put Staples wrestling on the map. Don Dravis, legendary Cardinal wrestling coach and teacher here from 1963 to 1995, died after a long battle with a host of health issues. Don was 82 years old.

Don was more than an excellent educator and coach. He impacted the lives of virtually all those he crossed paths with. He was a friend to all, and despite all the trophies and awards he garnered over the course of his life, Don remained among the most humble of people you could know. He had a passion for helping people,

and that is what he did all his life. Long before activity buses, Don would drive his boys home, often somewhere north of Leader, after school and after wrestling practice.

He helped his wrestlers become better at their craft. He encouraged them in the wrestling room and he encouraged them on the mat in front of hundreds of fans. He patrolled the sideline with a roll of tape, contorting his body into a pretzel shape, wrestling every match along with his wrestler. He had his own style of coaching: "Your grandmother could wrestle better than you" or "Are you going to wrestle or just lay there." Those are just a few of hundreds of

Don Dravis lines that Staples fans still repeat from his 40 years on the job.

Don amassed a ton of trophies and awards. Among them were state and national Coach of the Year awards and many more. His teams were state or co-state champions from 1978 to 1985, and undefeated for much of that seven-year span. He had 21 individual state champions, plus a host of second, third or other place winners. He ended his coaching career with a record of 401 victories, 51 losses and four ties.

With all the honors and all the records, Don was most enthused and excited about how "his boys" performed beyond the wrestling mat. It was rewarding to him to point out how many former Cardinal wrestlers "gave back" by becoming teachers, wrestling coaches or just volunteers. He knew he had made a difference in the lives of many young men, pointing out a few who could have gone the wrong way, ending up on the wrong side of the law. But they had not. This was what made Don most proud. As well he should.

Staples can be proud too that we had Don for a few years here with us. He will be missed. What would he say now, how should we react? He'd probably say, "Get on with it, get on your feet. Get something done!"



Ring of grandchildren

Don Dravis was surprised that all his grandchildren showed up on stage as he was getting his Hall of Fame award. (Photo by Mark Anderson, April 2019)

Larry Denny remembers Halloween before there was 'Trick or Treat'

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Back in the early 1940s, Halloween looked a bit different. Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Denny reminisced on Oct. 31, the days dozens of costume-clad children took to the streets of Staples in search of candy.

There were no voices yelling 'Trick or Treat' when he was a kid, growing up on the south side of Staples. Oh no, none of that, Denny laughed, proceeding to share a few stories of the Halloween he remembers...before there was "Trick or Treat."

Now 89, Denny said he recalls there were three gangs from Staples when he was a youth, and Halloween was a very busy time for them. Their main objectives for the evening included soaping windows and tipping outdoor toilets. And, if it was cold enough, "we'd pee in key holes," he laughed, explaining that if things froze as planned, unlocking a door would be difficult.

Denny grew up on the Long Prairie Rd. on the edge of town, on the south side of the tracks. He was part of the Extreme Sou-

thend gang, along with Tommy Trana, Tommy Williams, Harold Betruba and Don Renecker. "You really needed five or six people to have a gang," Denny said.

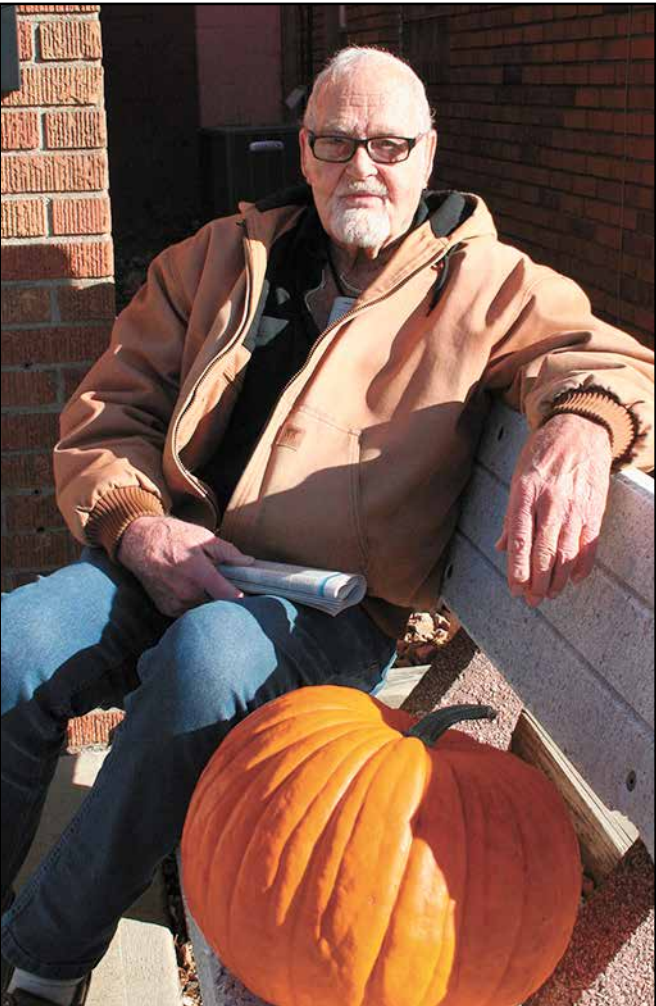
The second gang from the south side included Anglins, Frikkens, Mardens and Madluns...boys who lived closer to the north side of the tracks.

Then there was the gang from the north side of town, with members that included the Doll brothers. "They harassed the north side of town," Denny said, adding, "We worked the downtown."

Soaping windows took most of their time and began as soon as it got dark. "The best soap was the soft and mushy stuff," Denny said. This was during WWII, so soap was hard to come by, he shared. They'd often steal it from the railway roundhouse, or from home, when no one was looking.

"The cops had their hands full," Denny said, recalling Louis Daly and Jess Marr, among others, who had to contend every Halloween with the young-

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Sharing memories

Lawrence (Larry) Denny of Staples stopped by the Staples World recently to share Halloween memories from his childhood. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Thank you for subscribing!



Progress on the park's pavilion

Construction continues on the new pavilion at Ernie Converse Park in Motley. Pictured above, employees of Jordahl Concrete & Masonry in Motley poured concrete for the restrooms and kitchen areas of the building. (Submitted photo).

Pictured below, installing wood trusses to the building's frame, are employees of Derek Holst Construction in Staples. From left are Jamie Nichols, Ralph Rodrigues and Cody Tvrdik. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Oct. 30 - The MPD issued a citation to Matthew Johnsrud, 30, for hands free violation.

Oct. 24 - 30 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Theresa Barrett-Rohl, 53; John Heid, 21; Adarius Kooper, 18; Elizabeth Anderson, 22; Rebecca Rapaway, 24; Gregory Anderson, 62; John Hellquist, 73; Zoey Griffin, 21.

Oct. 28 - The MPD was made aware, via Facebook, that there were four juvenile males that had been walking past a Motley residence and talking to each other about making plans to steal a side-by-side from a resident's yard. When they noticed the resident standing there, they quit talking. She took a photo of the boys as they passed by and shared it on Facebook attempting to find out who the boys were as well as their parents. The MPD recognized one of the boys and subsequently learned that these four boys

had been kicked out of Dollar General in Motley earlier that day for stealing. The manager of the store requested a trespass notice for each child prohibiting them from entering the store. The MPD also made contact with a parent of two of the boys. She was upset at one person's comments on Facebook which she felt were threatening to her children. The MPD spoke with this person and advised him to be careful of what he posts.

Oct. 25 - The MPD reported the warrant arrest of Darrin Tiessen at the 400 block of Pine Ave S., Motley. The warrant was out of St. Louis County. Tiessen posted \$500 cash bail.

Oct. 26 - The MCSO responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 33000 block of Dogwood Ln., Cushing.

Oct. 26 - The MCSO responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 33000 block of Gumwood Ln., Motley.

Oct. 26 - The MCSO responded to a report on an ATV on fire at the 7000 block of Cottonwood Rd., Cushing. Scandia Valley Fire was dispatched.

Motley Council divided on whether or not to repeal building code ordinance

Building inspector initiates termination process of contract with the city

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Motley City Council is split on whether or not to repeal their building code ordinance.

At a special meeting Oct. 29, the council took a roll call vote, with Mayor Al Yoder and council member Steve Johnson voting in favor of the repeal; and council members Pat O'Regan and Jace Carlson voting against. Council member Amy Hutchison was not present at the meeting.

The council had previously voted to discontinue the services of its building inspector, due to it being a costly program. There had been several complaints that people couldn't afford to build because of the building inspector requirements, the mayor had noted at the council meeting Oct. 14.

Subsequently, the mayor had been in communication with Kevin Toskey, an attorney with the League of Minnesota Cities. He was informed, via email, that cities under 2,500 in population are able to repeal the state building code after they have adopted it by ordinance. If it does so, the state building code remains in force, but the city is not obligated to enforce it, Toskey said.

However, he went on, if the city keeps its ordinance, it does need to have a building official enforce

the state building code. When the building official position is vacant, state law requires the city to designate one "as soon as possible," Toskey said. Cities can't issue permits without a designated building official.

Johnson said he felt it was a good idea to begin the process of repealing the ordinance. He noted that the city has received a lot of complaints and that there is currently no building going on because of the high costs.

Carlson said he was "50/50" on the issue. He likes to see building taking place in Motley, but wants to make sure it's being done correctly. O'Regan expressed similar concerns.

Johnson reminded the council that the building contractors are licensed and insured, which means they have to follow the state's building codes.

Mayor Yoder said he was in agreement with Johnson. He felt the city should repeal the building code ordinance.

A motion was first made at the special meeting to repeal the ordinance, but City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja reminded the council that this would need to first be posted in the city's legal newspaper before it could be acted on.

After that, a new motion was made to continue the process of repealing the building code ordinance.

This was the motion that resulted in a split vote. Mayor Yoder said the council would revisit this topic at a future regular meeting.

Scott Sadusky, the city's building inspector since 2017, was in attendance at the special meeting. He expressed concern that no one from the council ever communicated to him that there were issues regarding the building inspection program, or that they had voted to discontinue his services. "It was published in the paper before anyone talked to me," Sadusky said.

He went on to say that his reputation is very important to him and he needed to have the council communicate with him on matters pertaining to his work with the city. In regard to their concerns of permit costs, Sadusky noted that the council sets the fees and that he just gets a percentage.

Sadusky told the council that, given the circumstances, he would like to start the termination process of his contract with them. He said he would like to finish the projects in Motley that he has started, including the new pavilion at Converse Park.

If there are any new building projects, who should he refer them to? Sadusky asked the council. "City Hall," Mayor Yoder responded.

Veteran's News

David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran
Service Officer

The VA implemented changes to community care under the VA MISSION Act. The changes included expanded eligibility for community care and a new urgent care benefit. As part of our outreach and engagement efforts, the VA collected the top questions received from veterans and provided answers to each one below with the goal of making it easier to access the care you have earned.

General health care

- When can I receive community care? Eligibility for community care depends on your individual health care needs or circumstances. You should discuss community care eligibility with your VA care team to determine if you are eligible.

- Can I get dental care through the MISSION Act? Eligibility for dental services has not changed under the MISSION Act. You should talk to your VA care team about eligibility for dental services.

- How does a community provider know I am eligible to receive community care? If your VA care team has determined that you are eligible for community care and you chose a community provider, VA will send the provider a referral and authorization

prior to you receiving care. You must receive approval from VA prior to obtaining care from a community provider in most circumstances.

- I was authorized for community care under the Choice Program. What happens now? The Choice Program expired on June 6, 2019 and specific Choice eligibility for community care is no longer being used. If you were eligible for community care under Choice, you should speak with your VA care team or a VA staff member at your local VA medical facility about updated eligibility for community care.

Urgent care

- How do I become eligible for the urgent care benefit? You must be enrolled in VA health care and have received care through VA from either a VA or community provider within the past 24 months to be eligible for the urgent care benefit.

- How can I find an urgent care provider? To find an urgent care location in VA's contracted network, use the VA facility locator at <https://www.va.gov/find-locations>. Select the link entitled "Find VA approved urgent care locations and pharmacies near you".

- What is the difference between urgent care and emergency care? Urgent care consists of medi-

cal services provided for minor illnesses or injuries that are not life-threatening such as strep throat, pink eye or influenza. Emergency care consists of inpatient or outpatient hospital services that are necessary to prevent death or serious impairment of health such as severe chest pain, seizures or loss of awareness, heavy uncontrollable bleeding or moderate to severe burns.

- Do I have to pay a copayment if I receive urgent care that relates to my service-connected condition? Copayments for urgent care are different from other VA medical copayments. Copayments for urgent care depend on your assigned priority group and the number of times you visit any urgent care provider in a calendar year. Visit the Urgent Care webpage for more information about copayments.

- How do I get prescription medication related to an urgent care visit? VA will pay for or fill prescriptions for urgent care. For urgent care prescription medication longer than a 14-day supply, the prescription must be submitted to VA to be filled. For urgent prescriptions written by an urgent care provider, you can fill a 14-day supply of medication at a contracted pharmacy within the VA network, in VA or at a non-contracted pharmacy. If a noncontracted pharmacy is used, you must pay for the prescription and then file a claim for reimbursement with your local VA medical facility.

Go to <https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/pubs/factsheets.asp> for more detailed information on community care and urgent care. (Source: VA News June 19, 2019)

NOTE: Wadena VFW Post 3922: Free Veteran's Day meal Nov. 11, 5-7 p.m.

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.

In Case you forgot!
DEADLINES
For all classified ads, including garage sales, is **Noon, Friday** to be published in the **Staples World**. For publication in **Saturday's Staples Square Shooter** the deadline is **5 p.m. Wednesday**

CLC's Mary Sam selected to NJCAA council

Mary Sam, Dean of Students, Equity and Inclusion at Central Lakes College, was selected to serve on the National Junior College Athletic Association Equity & Inclusion Council.

"This role will help lift up the need for training and development to ensure NJCAA and partner colleges are working to reflect the student athletes that we serve on a national and local level," Sam said. "It will also prepare the NJCAA and partner colleges to work with cultural humility, support student



Mary Sam athlete and academic success, and establish a work plan to better support women in sports."

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CLC named a Best for Vets two-year college

Central Lakes College has been named a Best for Vets Two-Year College by The Military Times.

To earn this national distinction, The Military Times scrutinizes each institution's veteran graduation rates, policies and procedures in place for veterans, the number of positions dedicated to support veterans, the number of scholarships awarded to veterans and more. After meeting that high threshold, CLC was ranked No. 14 in the nation for two-year colleges.

"As a college community, it is our distinct honor and privilege to serve those who have served our country. It has always been an essential part of our mission," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of CLC. "We look forward to continuing our work of providing this critical population with excellent service and resources."

Theresa Harsha, Director of Veterans Resources at CLC, said the college's work expands into the community as well, offering outreach projects and programs.

"CLC has always supported military members and their families," she said. "We'll continue to provide the quality of care and support and dedication to our veterans."

"The education of our veterans is very important to us," said Paul Preimesberger, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success at CLC. "We want to make sure they are successful with their education and beyond."



Deer hide station

From left, Walter Wiese and Gary Adrover of the Wahoo Valley Area chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association with Chris Etzler of Staples True Value. Wiese and Adrover set up a Hides For Habitat drop station at True Value and will have one at Brick's Travel Center in Motley, where hunters can drop off folded deer hides. Volunteers then salt the hides and ship them to a buyer in Wisconsin. Money raised by the project goes to local efforts including youth hunting education, habitat restoration and land acquisition for hunting. Matching grant money is also paid by the state. Collected hides have raised around \$5.23 million in Minnesota.

Donating hunters are asked to leave as much of the hide as possible, including the tail, but not head or limbs. Hides are to be placed in a paper bag or cardboard box, not a plastic bag. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples Police report, Oct. 13-27

On Oct. 13, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Roosevelt Street SW for a report of a possible suicidal subject armed with a knife. Police investigated the incident and arrested Erik Affolter, 36, for 2nd degree assault, domestic assault, and resisting arrest.

On Oct. 18, Staples Police responded to a fight at B & B's Sports Bar and Grill. Travis Weite, 25, and Kandi Bartylla, 52, were arrested after investigation.

On Oct. 19, Staples Police responded to a damage to property complaint on the 700 block of Dakota Ave. SE. After speaking with the complainant, police learned a domestic assault took place. Jason Degrauwe, 24, was later arrested and charged with 1st degree burglary, domestic assault, and damage to property. Police were assisted by the Todd County Sheriff's Office in locating Degrauwe.

On Oct. 20, Staples Police were called to the 1300 block of 8th Street NE for damage to property. Sometime overnight, two windows on a vehicle were broken out. It appears they were damaged by a small projectile.

On Oct. 25, Staples Police assisted Todd County with a D.W.I. arrest of Jason Denniston, 36.

On Oct. 26, Staples Police assisted Todd County with a vehicle in the ditch on County Road 7. Todd County arrested Justin Ash, 29, for D.W.I.

On Oct. 26, Staples Police responded to an alarm at a business on the 100 block of 6th Street NE. Police located an unlocked front door and then made contact with two subjects outside the business that stated they entered thinking the business was open. The subjects stated when they heard the alarm and saw it was not open they exited the business. Police met with the key holder who locked up the business.

On Oct. 26, Staples Police assisted Minnesota State Patrol with a vehicle in the median of US Highway 10. Police arrived and found the driver unresponsive. Police made the vehicle safe, and woke the driver who said he fell asleep. State Patrol investigated the incident.

On Oct. 27, Staples Police arrested Dustin Strobel for 4th degree DWI.

On Oct. 27, Staples Police were asked to assist Todd County with looking for a vehicle containing a suicidal female traveling towards Staples. The vehicle and the subject were later located by Todd County and taken to the hospital for an evaluation.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

• Nov. 9, 1944 - Saturday morning, Nov. 11, Armistice Day, the Ivan V. Sarff Post of the American Legion is giving a program at the Staples Theatre, to which people of the city of Staples, and this community, are invited. The program will open with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," with the Staples band playing the music. The band will also play several selections during the program. The Legion Auxiliary chorus will also sing. The Rev.

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Compiled by Dawn Timbs

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Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Nov. 10, 1994 edition. Do you know who this person is and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from

to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Harris Johnson, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Staples, will give the Armistice Day address.

• Nov. 9, 1944 - People who signed up for the Jenkins Froz-n-Foods lockers in Staples have been anxiously awaiting the time for the official opening of the new business place in Staples, and the news comes from Leroy Jenkins, the owner, that the business will officially open here on Nov. 13. Those who signed up for the lockers are invited to come in Monday and choose their lockers. The plant is ready to take care of meat that has been prepared, and also birds that have been cleaned. With over 500 lockers installed, all of the freezing units in place, the carpenter work and installation complete, Staples can boast of one of the best and largest plants in this section of the state.

• Nov. 9, 1944 - An ad from Northwestern Bell Telephone Company reads, 'She always wins the Party Line vote. Her 'good neighbor' policy is simple, friendly, workable - she uses her party line telephone in the considerate way that neighbors recognize...and appreciate. She listens to see whether the line is in use before placing a call - and hangs up quietly if it is. She watches the length of her calls, allows time between them for others to use the line. No wonder her friends would vote her the idea party line neighbor. No wonder, either, that they show her the same telephone courtesy.'

panel of faculty members.

Selected as "A" squad cheerleaders for wrestling were Becky Finn, Karen Marden and Marsha Stone. Shelly Reese is the alternate.

Julie Bredemeier, Ruth Ann Bjelde, Linda Kirk, LuAnn Knosalla and Jeanne Martin will lead the student body in yells as cheerleaders for basketball. LeAnn Naley and Deb Shake are alternates. The advisor for the cheerleaders is Marie Granger.

• Nov. 13, 1969 - The Motley Senior class will present a drama in three acts entitled, "A Man Called Peter" on Friday evening, Nov. 14, in the school gym, beginning at 8 o'clock. This play was written by Catherine Marshall.

The play has a cast of fifteen characters and playing the lead roles are Greg Frisk, who plays Peter Marshall, and Kay Bell, in the role of Catherine Marshall. Other members of the cast include: Betty Bjerga, Molly Engstrom, Nancy Higgins, Cheryl Holub, Jo Shake, Becky Tangen, Ken Swecker, Bruce Alt, Steve Dvorak, Steve Jacobs, Tom Galligher and Greg Pittman. This performance is under the direction of Pamela Sachs. David Ehresman is student director and production manager.

found at the scene suffering from two gunshot wounds. Authorities arrested David Pingeon about four hours after they were first called to the scene in Rail Prairie Township.

• Nov. 10, 1994 - Joyce's Pie Pantry & Coffee Shop now open on North 4th Street in Staples. Open 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday; offering fresh pastries, short order breakfast, soup & sandwich lunches.

them, Dec. 7.

All four of the men today live in one or another of the Lakewood Health System housing alternatives.

Bill Henrickson and Clarence Koehler, both 88 years old, live at the Lakewood Manor apartments.

Arlyn Welling, 89, is at Lakewood Pines, Vern Whistler, perhaps the longest resident of Staples of these four men, is at the LHS Care Center.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

• Nov. 5, 2009 - 'Pearl Harbor survivors share stories,' was the top headline.

On this Veterans Day, Staples has a distinction that few cities many times larger can claim. This little city on the Minnesota prairie, far from any major ocean, today can claim to be the home of not one or two survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack nearly 68 years ago, but the home of four men who were there.

The local men get together on occasion, such as Veterans Day and on that day very special to

All were young U.S. Navy men in 1941, assigned to ships that were moored that Sunday morning to docks or tied up at drydock at the U.S. Navy's largest base in the Pacific, Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands.

• Nov. 5, 2009 - The results of the Nov. 3 elections:

City of Staples - Mayor: Chris Etzler, Council: Roy Miles, Joel Quance, Rob Schmieg (unofficial results).

Staples Motley Schools - School Board: Brad Anderson, Mary Freeman, Barb Schmitt (official results).



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Aug. 23, 1979 edition of the Staples World featured Staples Elementary School personnel at a health curriculum workshop at St. Cloud State University. Pictured, from left, are fourth grade teacher Karen Holmberg, principal Jack Nelson, and fourth grade teacher Ellen Twaddle.

Karen Holmberg of Motley knew all three, as she was in the photo. Kyra Ladd of Staples correctly identified all. Ruth Voeltz, Lani Klose and Judy Wolak, all of Staples and all employed with the Staples School District at that time, also identified the three in the photo. Wolak shared that she taught with both Holmberg and Twaddle at Staples Elementary School and that Nelson was the one who hired her to teach third grade at the school. All are now retired.

Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Give Thanks

Sunday, November 24, 7 p.m.

Staples Church of Christ

27343 490th St.

Main speaker is Pastor Donald Reigstad, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

Event sponsored by Staples/Motley Area Ministerial

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Public, school board need to come together to get the full picture

The community needs to decide whether to save the old high school gym in Staples. The walls are in need of repair, so the choice is to save the gym or build a new one. The cost will be about the same for either option.

The school board will make the final decision, but community input has to be a large part of it or there is a greater chance that the public will not vote for a referendum that will be needed to pay for it.

The advantages of saving the gym include tradition and the massive amount of concrete inside the gym. On the other hand, the old gym is too small for basketball games and players will keep crashing into the padded walls. The school board will have to decide if a new gym is more valuable.

Watching the school board operate, there are six people with many different areas of expertise. Sometimes that works great to have multiple viewpoints, at other times it seems like they are speaking six different languages, even if they agree on something. But most of the time, I would compare it to the fable of the group of blind people trying to describe an elephant after touching just one portion of the elephant. They all have their own experience that they think is the most impor-

tant aspect, but it is not always the best way to get to the overall picture.

That is why input is needed to help the board learn what is most important to the community.

In the process of giving input for the school building issues, the community also needs to stop their strange obsession with criticizing the entire school just because they found one aspect they didn't like. The public also acts like the blind people who touched just one part of the elephant. It should not overshadow the great opportunities the students have here and the great work the school is doing to further education.

As we saw in the last referendum vote, negativity wins out when people get their information from social media or from uninformed sources. The legitimate concerns that come with any building proposal were amplified by the negativity and were never resolved for some people.

The old way of putting out an honest proposal and allowing the public to vote on it no longer works if people get their primary information from the negative faction, because there are too many ways to throw wrenches into the process.

The only method left is to get overwhelming participation from the community, so the negative people feel their voice is heard and they are a part of the project. There were dozens of opportunities to give input into the last proposal, but too often the public didn't show up in great enough numbers or the people who did show up were already sold on the project.

The question of whether to save the gym is actually

more about the big picture of whether the school plans to continue with two buildings or go to a different model. The question needs to go out to the entire community, including to the negative faction and the answers will have to be assembled into a big picture. It will be a lot harder than describing an elephant, but the work needs to be done or we could be left with nothing but crumbling walls.

Memories of Staples brought by Veterans Day

By: Mike Holst

I have some memories in the back of my meandering mind that have never left me and even as I age they seem to be as vivid as ever. Growing up in Staples, a booming railroad town in those days, I would often go to the depot in the evenings and sit on the baggage carts that stayed stored under a sheltered corner of the building and wait for the trains to come in. There was something so mesmerizing about the power and might of those big steam engines in those days and I never tired of it.

The year was 1952 or 1953 and we were in the middle of the Korean War. Several times a week freight trains came through town, loaded down with artillery, jeeps and tanks. But all of that wasn't on my mind that day. I had only come to see the evening passenger train arriving. When the train shrieked into view with a blast of that whistle, clouds of steam, hissing brakes and those steel wheels sliding to a squealing stop on those steel rails; I jumped down off the cart to watch the passengers disembark. Right in front of me was the mail car and the bag-

gage car. The door suddenly slid open and there stood two U.S. Marines in their red, white and blue uniforms. I froze in place because between them was a flag draped casket. I was only twelve that year but I knew what was happening. I turned and looked around the corner of the building and there was a waiting hearse.

Those Marines were so focused, so stoic, they didn't even look real but as the funeral director came with the casket carrier they got off and followed their comrade to the vehicle. I was unable to move and I stood and cried. I knew about the war and I knew about what could happen but reading about it and seeing it, was something I wasn't ready for. This wasn't G.I. Joe; this was the real thing. The Marines paid their final respects, got back on the train and the train immediately left. The engineer had been waiting for them to reboard. The hearse left down Fourth Street and I watched until it turned the corner and was out of sight. I never found out whom that soldier was even though I looked in the papers. I wished I

knew so I could have paid my respects in person. The depot served more destinations than just Staples and he may have lived a long way off. All I knew was that somewhere that night a grieving family had their son back and their lives were forever and immeasurably changed.

My life has been filled with many veterans; most of them thankfully came back riding in the train and not like that. But every time one of them dies and is honored with a military funeral I think of that day and what it meant to me, as a kid, to see the respect and honor that had been afforded that soldier on his long way back home. Also it brought front and center to me, in a startling way, that the wage of war is often death. I don't like war movies. It's not entertaining to me; to see people killed, even if we won the war.

So on this Veterans Day I salute all of you. I once bought a home and the loan officer told me they gave out points if you were a veteran. Somehow I think heaven gives out those same points to veterans. If not, I think they should.

Letter to the Editor

He will be missed

A bright light has been dimmed in the Staples Motley communities and the halls and wrestling rooms in its schools. With the passing of Coach Don Dravis, we have lost a coach loved and respected

by many throughout Minnesota and beyond its border. Though Don's light has been dimmed, it will again gain its brightness through those who followed in Don's footsteps into coaching and those who teach young wrestlers the "cradle."

As a fellow coach during my years of coaching

SMHS, I am forever thankful for Don's mentorship and encouragement.

May the peace of Christ bring the entire Dravis family the love and comfort that can only come from Christ alone.

Mei Nefstead
Retired SMHS swimming and diving coach

Minnesota student survey shows mental health changes

Results of the 2019 Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) show that fewer students feel engaged in school, believe their school provides a supportive place for learning, report good health, or feel safe.

The new data also shows more Minnesota students than ever report having long-term mental health, behavioral or emotional problems. This number is up from 18 percent of students surveyed in 2016 to 23 percent in 2019. Eleventh-grade female students who report having long-term mental health, behavioral or emotional problems has more than doubled from 2013 to 2019. In the 2019 survey, of the 11th-grade female students who reported missing a full or partial day of school in the last 30 days, 24 percent reported that they missed school because they felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed or angry.

"Our students are talking

to us and we must listen," said Minnesota Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker. "The results of the Minnesota Student Survey show a number of concerning pieces of data, including student vaping and declines in mental health. No matter what is happening in students' lives outside of school, we must make sure that they feel supported, safe, and welcomed when they're in the classroom so they can succeed academically. My fellow commissioners and I will be working with our school communities so we can better meet the needs of all of our students."

"Research tells us sleep, exercise, nutrition, mindfulness, a safe, nurturing environment, and caring adults can help youth thrive, avoid risky behaviors like vaping, and recover from toxic stress," said Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "We must focus on

helping Minnesota's kids in and outside of schools by strengthening the ability of families and communities to give our children the connections, supports, stable environments, and opportunities they need for a sense of well-being about their lives and futures."

"Girls deserve to grow up seeing the boundless possibilities that lie before them—that so many are instead buried in stress and anxiety is unacceptable," said Minnesota Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead. "This survey shows that we need to continue to support efforts to bring mental health services to students at school, like the school-linked mental health program."

Notably, data show a strong correlation between students' beliefs that others care about them and whether or not they have ever considered suicide. For example, ninth-graders who reported having long-term mental health problems are nearly five times as likely as others

to seriously consider suicide. However, of those who reported that their teachers or other adults at school care very much about them, 35 percent reported they've considered suicide. In comparison, of those students who reported that their teachers do not care at all about them, 72 percent of them have considered suicide.

For the first time ever, the survey not only asked students if they have missed school in the last 30 days, but also asked for them to report on their reasons why they missed school. Of the students who report missing a full or partial day of school in the last 30 days, some notable findings show that black and Hispanic students are nearly three times as likely to miss school because they missed their ride or didn't have a way to get to school as their white peers. American Indian and Alaskan Native students were more likely than their peers to miss school because they felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, or angry.

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Kresha calls for disaster declaration

Representative Ron Kresha recently sent a letter to Governor Walz requesting an emergency declaration due to extreme flooding at Lake Shamaineau in Morrison County. Residents in the area are experiencing historically high water levels, with a DNR high water measurement of three feet higher than the ordinary high water mark.

"With freezing temperatures on the way, the situation around Lake Shamaineau is sure to cause devastation for homeowners in the area," said Kresha. "The high water levels are already displacing homeowners, and many more are living with dam-

aged and flooded homes, cabins and businesses. We need an emergency declaration so that our community can access additional resources to deal with this crisis."

Rep. Kresha is currently working with Lake Shamaineau's Lake Improvement District to find funding solutions for the High Water Project, which aims to remove water from the lake and bring the lake back to a manageable water level.

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Performing ‘Just as I am’ program

The internationally acclaimed African Children’s Choir will perform their ‘Just as I Am’ program at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples on Friday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. (Submitted photo)

The African Children’s Choir performing at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples Nov. 22

In celebration of our 50th choir to tour from Africa our new program, Just As I Am, will be performed Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

The African Children’s Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances.

The program features well-loved children’s songs, traditional Spirituals and Gospel favorites. Concerts are free but a free-will offering will be taken. The offering supports African Children’s Choir programs, in education, care and relief and development programs.

Music for Life (MFL) the parent organization for The African Children’s Choir works in the African countries: Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda and South Africa. MFL has educated over 52,000 children and impacted the lives of over 100,000 people through its relief and development programs during its history. The purpose of MFL is to help create new leadership for tomorrow’s Africa, by focusing on education.

The African Children’s Choir has performed before presidents, heads of state and most recently the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II, for her Diamond Jubilee. The choir has also sung alongside artists such as Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox, Keith Urban, Mariah Carey, Michael W. Smith and other inspirational performers.

The African Children’s Choir is a nonprofit humanitarian and relief organization dedicated to helping Africa’s most vulnerable children today so they can help Africa tomorrow.

For more online information about this group, visit www.africanchildrenschoir.com.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 430 12th St. NE in Staples. For more information, call 218-894-1546.



Rotary District Governor visits Staples

Rotary District Governor Rick Bricker visited the Staples Rotary Club Oct. 30 bringing a message that included highlights of new initiatives in the district. One of these is to end human trafficking and share information about how to recognize it, what to do if you see it and how to access resources for help.

The district and two neighboring districts originated the initiative which has now spread statewide and into North Dakota, Wisconsin and parts of Ontario. From left are Donn Peterson, Assistant District Governor; Rick Bricker, District Governor; and Marv Rothstein, Staples Club President. (Submitted photo)

Petro, escaped inmate, apprehended in Wadena

According to a press release from the Wadena County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO), 34-year-old Ryan Petro apprehended in the city of Wadena Oct. 29.

Petro, considered “dangerous,” escaped custody while he was being taken to court on Oct. 28. He had been in custody since Sept. 28 for multiple charges, including obstructing the legal process, disorderly conduct, and a felony burglary charge.

According to the WCSO, Petro and another inmate were not in a secure area of the jail when he escaped. Officials say there is no other route to the court that allows the inmates to stay in a secure area.

Deputies say Petro kicked off his jail-issued shoes and ran out of the courthouse; he had been handcuffed near his waist with a transportation belt.

A search of the immediate area was conducted and tips from the public were followed up with immediately. In addition, authorities issued a CodeRED and IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert Warning System) alert were sent within the first hour of Petro’s escape. All schools in Wadena were notified within the first 10 minutes of the escape.

The press release went on to note that over the next 24 hours, multiple tips came in from the public, including one at approximately 2:35 p.m. and fled from deputies on foot again, the report said. A deputy deployed his Taser after Petro repeatedly ignored commands to stop. Several more squads arrived in the area and Petro was taken into custody without further incident.



Ryan Paul Petro

Oct. 29, from a person who saw Petro in Wadena near the area of 1st Street NW and Hemlock Avenue. Petro fled the area before law enforcement arrived on the scene, but was seen again a short time later in the same area.

A perimeter was set with multiple squad cars to allow the WCSO K9 to search the area.

At approximately 4:53 p.m., a deputy located Petro hiding between the building formerly occupied by Super One Foods and the Dollar Tree store. Petro ignored commands to stop

Tri-County Ambulance was paged to the scene to evaluate Petro before he was transported to the Wadena County Jail. The Wadena County Attorney’s Office obtained a complaint warrant for Petro, charging him with felony escape from custody.

Sheriff Michael D. Carr expressed his thanks to everyone involved in the search for Petro. This includes many tips from citizens, along with the Wadena, Verndale, Sebeka and Perham Police Departments, Todd and Ottertail County Sheriff’s Offices, Perham Fire Department (drone), Minnesota State Patrol, and the West Central MN Drug and Violent Offender Task Force.



Veterans’ wives remember

Rita Stone (left) and Rose Hoernberg donate to the Veterans Park. (submitted photo)

Local ladies honor their late husbands

Two patriotic women honored the memories of their late husbands with donations to the Staples All Veterans Park.

Rose Hoernberg donated \$1,000 to the WWII Honor Wall and \$500 to the Flag Fund. Above right, Rose is holding a picture of her late husband Fritz, who entered the Army during WWII and served as a Sergeant with a Combat & Engineering Division in the European Theater. Rose and Fritz were married in 1947.

Rita Stone donated \$500 to the WWII Honor Wall and \$500 to the Flag Fund. She buys a large U.S. flag for the Veterans Park every year. Above left, she is holding a picture of her late husband Phil who served as a Staff Sergeant during WWII and then again in the Korean War. Rita and Phil were married in 1949.

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Thurs., Nov. 14, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Jim Lizakowski, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

November 18
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Caden Mrazek,
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Dillan Robben,
Logan Robben, Connor Judd,
Dustin Converse.

Back: Head Coach Bruce Fuhrman,

Colton Converse, Jacob Schmitz,
Levi Danilyuk, Grant Johnson,
Hunter Klimek, Tanner Robben,
Sam Jennissen, Gabe Misner,
Emmet Anderson, Jack Tyrrell,
Assistant Coach Steve Jennissen.

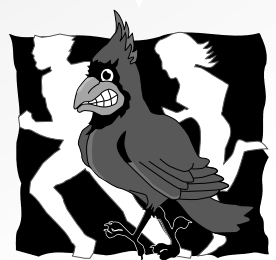


Emmet Anderson
Individual
2nd Place



Hunter Klimek
Individual
5th Place

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Back: Head Coach Bruce Fuhrman,
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Kyanna Burton
Individual
6th Place

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Staples-Motley runners take off from the starting line at the state cross country meet. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals run near the top at state CC meet; Anderson, Klimek and Burton earn medals

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley cross country teams finished fifth in both the boys and girls races at the state meet on Nov. 2 at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

Emmet Anderson was second and Hunter Klimek fifth in the boys race, and in the girls race, Kyanna Burton ran to a sixth place medal.

The girls team race was extremely close, with the top nine teams battling for position throughout the race. Staples-Motley was in the top position as a team after the first mile and were still in second place after mile two. In the last mile, the Cardinals mostly held their pace, but a few other teams moved up to push them to fifth.

"Our girls ran very well, we had good splits throughout the race," said Coach Bruce Fuhrman. "We seemed to be in control at the mile marker and then had a couple other teams join us in the mix. It became a battle, which created some gaps and those gaps began to fill with other team runners. We may have lacked a couple powerful surges during the race at certain stages, but the girls made up for it with their competitive focus in the final 1,000 meters."

Most of the Cardinal runners finished faster than their section race the week before, including Burton, who became the first Staples-Motley runner to break 19:00 in a 5K race,

setting the school record at 18:47.

"Kyanna was going to go to the front of the race and compete from there," said Fuhrman. "An early burst by Morgan Gehl of Murray County-Fulda surprised the field and the front-runners allowed her build a sizable lead. Kyanna was in the next tier of six runners who built their own sizable gap in front of the rest of the field."

Burton was in ninth after a fast first mile of 5:39, then took off with a couple of chasers to go after the very fast top runners. Burton ran between fourth and fifth place in the final two miles but was passed in the final stretch to finish sixth.

"As a team in the state tournament, we wanted a high finish," said Fuhrman. "I am proud of our team and individual accomplishments this season. We performed at our best, and to have a top five team finish and an all-state runner on the team is a great ending to what has been a season to remember."

Boys state meet

In the boys race, the Cardinal team was flipping positions with the fourth, fifth and sixth place teams throughout the race. They ended up in fifth, but were just two points away from fourth and 30 points away from a third place medal.

"All eyes seemed to be focused on four runners as the top individuals for this race," said Fuhrman. "Our duo of Emmet Anderson and Hunter Klimek,

along with Geno Uhrbom of GNK, and Jacob Bright of West Central were all thought to be in the mix. Perhaps these Class A runners represent the best in the state in 2019."

"Emmet and Hunter were going to get to the front of the field at the first turn, which they accomplished and they were soon joined by a host of other runners including Uhrbom and Bright," said Fuhrman.

"Both were poised to stay with the pack up until right before the mile marker, and then would look for an opportunity to leave the pack to take control of the race. We were surprised to see Uhrbom leave the pack early, before the 1,000 meter marker, and then stretch the lead to 14 seconds before the two mile," said Fuhrman.

That lead was enough to hold off Anderson, who had the hard work of leading the chase pack the entire way.

Anderson ran a fast 4:47 first mile, and was under 10:00 at his two mile split. Klimek was right behind him at the mile and was still within a few seconds when he passed the two mile mark at 10:03. Both runners kept their position over the final mile despite some fast finishes by other runners. Anderson finished in second and Klimek in fifth.

"We are very proud of our two all-state runners and their accomplishments this CC season," said Fuhrman.

The other Cardinal run-



Crowded racing at state

Tanner Robben (867), Luke Brownell (862) and Isaac Christoffersen (863) race ahead of a pack.

ners also met the challenge of the state competition.

"Our pack runners ran very well in attempting to reach the podium," said Fuhrman, "They scored well and we are pleased with the results. Isaac Christoffersen led the charge for this group."

After running a 5:22 first mile, Christoffersen passed 19 runners in the last two. The other Cardinal finishers all cut their time from the section meet the week before.

Fuhrman said the successful state race was a result of experienced runners teaching how to approach the state meet.

"We had a very good week of preparation and

our kids were focused and ready to compete," said Fuhrman. "We had some runners in their first state meet and we hoped to calm their nerves. There are a lot of people at this event and in certain areas, things get pretty loud."

Team results

State cross country meet

Girls results

Perham 103, Luverne 138, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winstad 154, Murray County Central 165, Staples-Motley 171, Lake City 180, Albany 190, Pequot Lakes 197, Stewartville 205, Mesabi East 243, Fairmont 258, Providence Academy 261, Hawley 279, Belle Plaine 280, Blake 312, St. Paul Academy 321

6. Kyanna Burton 18:47, 64. Aften Robinson 20:04, 66.

Ashley Robben 20:14, 102. Addison Cichos 20:41, 109. Addison Lorber 20:52, 147. Elizabeth Danilyuk 21:53, 153. Naila Mikhaeil 22:00

Boys results

Perham 75, West Central Area 83, St. James 154, Lac Qui Parle/Dawson-Boyd 182, Staples-Motley 184, Nova Academy 200, Minnehaha Academy 220, Lake City 228, Greenway/Nashauk/Keewatin 235, East Grand Forks 239, St. Cloud Cathedral 264, Ely 271, Mankato Loyola/Cleveland 282, Heritage Christian 286, Lewiston-Altura/Rushford-Peterson 321, Redwood Valley 352

2. Emmet Anderson 15:42, 5. Hunter Klimek 15:49, 103. Isaac Christoffersen 17:32, 111. Tanner Robben 17:35, 114. Luke Brownell 17:38, 119. Issiah Tabatt 17:46, 136. Jack Tyrrell 18:05



Ashley Robben (697) and Aften Robinson (698) stay ahead of a huge pack of runners.



Jack Tyrrell hears the cheers of his former teammates, Bently and Brayden Christensen.



Addison Lorber in the final sprint.



Emmet Anderson leads the chase pack mid way through the race, including Hunter Klimek (865).



Cruella and crew

Staples MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union employees dressed as 101 Dalmations, led by Cruella Deville for their Halloween costumes Oct. 31. Left to right, Mary Greenwaldt, Terri Kobliska, Shari Fellman, Mariah Breitenfeldt, Karen Dauer, Roberta Boyer, Angela Ziegler. (Submitted photo)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Ashley and Eldon Roberts of Brainerd, a baby girl, Elizabeth Rae weighing five pounds, 11 ounces on October 25, 2019.
Born to Annie Hulett and Jeremiah Schmidt-bauer of Little Falls, a baby boy, Atticus Amos Zephyr weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on October 27, 2019.
Born to Shelby Kropu-enske and Kevin Dump-prope of Pillager, a baby boy, Ryker Larry weighing

seven pounds, four ounces on October 27, 2019.
Born to Karlee Poynter and Matt Smith of Motley, a baby girl, Kennedi Rae-Lynn weighing seven pounds, one ounce on October 29, 2019.
Born to Britta and Robb Kolodziej of Pillager, a baby boy, Aldo Charles weighing eight pounds, 13.5 ounces on October 31, 2019.
Born to Liz and Ryan Wright of Staples, a baby boy, Micah Harrison weighing eight pounds, 1.5 ounces on October 31, 2019.

John Odden

John B. Odden, 93, of Staples, passed away November 3, 2019, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 9 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

John was born August 24, 1926 in Staples to Lawrence and Roselena Odden. He attended school through the eighth grade. John joined the U.S. Navy on August 23, 1944 at the age of 17 and was honorably discharged on August 16, 1947. He served in the Pacific Theater and was very proud of his service. John worked as a carpenter for the family business. He was united in marriage to Norma Siers on October 8, 1948 in Staples. In his retirement he enjoyed making birdhouses, fishing, carving birds and airplanes.

John is survived by his



wife; children, Dan (Cynthia) Odden, David (Sandy) Odden, Larry (Jeanne) Odden, Ron (Sandy Moon) Odden, Ed (Darcy) Odden, Karen (Steve) Adamek; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gerald Odden and Troy Odden; one sister, Marlene Brevig and one daughter, Kathy Odden.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

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Donald Dravis

Donald Jerome Dravis, 82, of Staples passed away November 3, 2019, peacefully surrounded by family. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Nov. 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Visitation will be held Thurs., Nov. 7 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 4 to 8 p.m. with prayer service at 7:45 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Don was born November 2, 1937 in Minneapolis to William and Pearl (Gundersen) Dravis. Don graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1955. He married Mary Sedivy in Glencoe in 1960. Don attended college in Mankato where he wrestled, earning the title of All American Wrestler at Mankato State. He finished his degree at St. Cloud State. He worked as an Industrial Arts teacher for 32 years in Staples until his retirement. Don coached wrestling and achieved seven state titles. He was a Staples volunteer firefighter for 22 years and a member of the Staples Lions Club. He was a Lions member for 43 years and earned the Helen Keller Award, as well as the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He was a past president of the MN Coaches Association. Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, wrestling and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Don's numerous achievements included the Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement, Wrestling Career of 401 Match Wins, seven state team championship titles, 14 individual state championships, 1976 MN Coach



of The Year, 1987 MN Wrestling Coach of The Year, 1980 USA Wrestling Coach of The Year, 1980 Sports Illustrated recognition, 1981 National Wrestling Coach of The Year, 1996 USA State Man of The Year, 2001 MSHSL Distinguished Service Award, 2003 MSHSL Hall of Fame Award, 2003 MN Chapter of National Wrestling Hall of Fame, 1993 Firefighter of the Year, and 2018 Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Mary of 59 years; daughter, Paula (Mark) Redemska and their children, Alyssa, Brian and Cal; son, Greg (Traci) Dravis and their children, Derek and Casey; son, Blaine (Dana) Dravis and their children, Jake, Matt and Sarah; son, Jeff (Tara) Dravis and their children, Justin, Cody, Taylor, Kate; daughter, Mary Jo (Jim) Otteson and their children, Garrett and Trevor; and one brother, Brian.

Don is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Roger.

Arrangements are with Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Classes..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 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
firstcongaucstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church..... 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons..... 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday..... 8:00 a.m.
Saturday..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples..... 218-894-3923
Sunday School..... 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY..... 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

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast..... 11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing..... 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer..... 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club..... 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group..... 6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist

26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Don 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
The Old Country Church**
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 .. Open by arrangement

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466..... 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday 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 Hoffert
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer..... 7:00 p.m.

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

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self..... 218-371-7189
Childrens' 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.

Ronald Houle

Ronald "Ron" Lawrence Houle, 64, of Merrifield, passed away at home on November 2, 2019.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7:00 p.m. at Nelson-Doran Funeral Home, on Tues., Nov. 5, 2019 in Brainerd with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Weds., Nov. 6at St. Francis Catholic Church with Father Tony Wroblewski officiating. A second visitation will be held prior to the funeral at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Francis.

Burial will follow the funeral at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Ron was born in Little Falls on October 6, 1955, the second of seven children. He graduated from Little Falls High School and furthered his education with a master's degree from College of St. Scholastica.

Ron married Darlene Houle (Vogel) on September 3, 1994. They were happily married for 25 years.

Ron worked as a District Sales Manager with the Star Tribune for 17 years before becoming an IT Instructor at Central Lakes College for the next 25 years of his life. Ron was also actively involved in volunteering as a baseball coach and BMX track



director in the Brainerd Lakes Area for many years.

Ron was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed spending his free time in the outdoors. He could be found hunting and fishing with his seven children and 12 grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Darlene; seven children, Benjamin (Kassandra) Houle, Sarah (Joshua) Oehrlein, Zachary (Jolene) Houle, Brady (Kassandra) Houle, Tylor Bendson, Kyle (Brenda) Bendson, and Kayla (Chris) Bendson; 12 grandchildren and six siblings.

His father, Lawrence Houle, and mother, Dolores Houle (Colombe), precede Ron in death.

Arrangements are by Nelson-Doran Funeral Home, Brainerd.

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Bonnette Thompson

In the obituary for Bonnette Doris Thompson, 99, of Staples the preceded in death should have read: parents; husbands, Lloyd and James; four sisters, Bernice (Ray) Bryce, Valda (Dale) VanWey, Ruby (Ross) Dickey, Wilma (David) Bergquist; two brothers, Marian (Dorothy) Coleman and John Coleman; an infant sister and one grand-daughter, Kim (Kurth) Stenberg.

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“Lessons From Our Trees”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

It has been an autumn of double enjoyment with the magnificent colors of the changing leaves again this year. A person first experiences the vibrant multiple colors through our own eyes. Then, we get to experience the colored leaves through other people's descriptions or pictures. I've often wondered if the inventor of fireworks got their idea through viewing God's colorful trees.

As with many of you, I have wonderful boyhood memories of experiencing trees from climbing on them, including our two front boulevard Maple trees and one in the backyard; to our large backyard Walnut tree that provided our tire swing; to the two large evergreens in our front yard that we would bring blankets and clothespins to so we could make a fort around the lowest boughs. Interestingly enough, due to their roots messing up our sewer system which ran into the street, they had to come down. But, they became large church Christmas trees.

More toward the present, our yard brings life object lessons from the tree with a large crack in a big branch, yet life was still at the end of the branch. It re-

minded me of how even in our broken life and relationships, people are depending upon us at the end of our life-branch. A Blue Spruce, which was transplanted into our yard, reminded me of a struggling relationship of mine, where its future was uncertain as was the struggling tree for a while. But, as with the relationship, persistent new life continued to burst forth with hope. A set of evergreens across the street continue to grow together as an inseparable pair, reminding me of our marriage.

How many of us have had the opportunity and privilege to have the 360 degree panoramic view from the top of the Itasca fire tower in the fall when the colors are at their peak? They remind me of colored marshmallows.

I so enjoy seeing God's design of the boughs of trees that have an upward orientation as to constantly give praise to their Creator. Let's join the chorus as in Isaiah 55:12 "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst forth into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." (See also Psalm 96:12).

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

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Staples World DEADLINES Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays



Todd County Commissioners

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

215 1st Ave. South,
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday November 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

AGENDA

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

1. **Barb Hess:** E 25 FT of Govt Lot 2 & W 90 FT of Govt Lot 1 S of RD in Ward Township
Site Address: 25643 County Road 62.
PID: 26-0026200

1. Request to build 14' x 14' Deck as Water-Oriented Accessory Structure 40' from the OHWL instead of the required 75' from the OHWL.

2. **Rodney Erickson:** SW4 NE4 E of Hwy 71 in Round Prairie Township
Site Address: 20572 US 71. PID: 21-0007200

1. Request to create a lot that is less than the two acre minimum size in Commercial Zoning
2. Request to create a new property line less than the 10 foot minimum setback requirement from existing structures.

Adjournment.

Next meeting: **December 19, 2019**

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair
45pnc

NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY

The Evergreen Hill Cemetery Board will meet Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck, Sec./Treas.
45-46pnc

NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the hall to discuss the kitchen.

Mark Strom, Secretary
45pnc

NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., at the Eagle Bend City Hall, 108 Main Street West, Eagle Bend, MN 56446.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant
45pnc

NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., at the Eagle Bend City Hall, 108 Main Street West, Eagle Bend, MN 56446.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant
45pnc

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 1, 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 1st day of October, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 15.2 Appoint Interim Coordinator to Full Time Coordinator.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2019 as presented.

To approve Trista Boyer to fill the open Care Coordinator position.

To approve Tasha Twardowski to fill the open Social Worker position.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400374 through 400389 in the amount of \$7,084.17 and (Regular) 52250 through 52322 in the amount of \$226,986.76 for a total of \$234,070.93.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800132 through 800140 and (Regular) 705798 through 705853 for a total amount of \$62,814.24.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600042 through 600049 and (Regular) 515411 through 515435 in the amount of \$66,402.34.

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

COUNTY DITCH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2020

WHEREAS, the Auditor-Treasurer's office along with the County Ditch Inspector have been proactively working on improving the cash flow balances within Fund-40 County Ditches on a yearly basis to maintain positive cash flow, and;

WHEREAS, per County Board suggestion, recommendations for the July 2018 through June 2019 assessment cycle were discussed at the County Board Work Session on September 17, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute allows for the Ditch Authority to approve maintenance fund assessments on a yearly basis without incurring the expense of a public hearing if statute requirement criteria have been met, and;

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the County Board to transition from the past practice of *collecting after spending* to maintaining a *revolving collection* comparative to expense trends and to keep assessments occurring as close to real time as possible for the potential property owners affected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners in their capacity as the Todd County Ditch Authority hereby approves the Maintenance Fund/Ditch

Assessments for the 2020 Tax Payable Year as a one year repayment period without interest applied per the attached list.

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF DUANE GREWE TO THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF TODD COUNTY

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

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

WHEREAS, the current term for Duane Grewe on the Todd County HRA Board is set to expire on September 18, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Housing and Redevelopment Act of the State of Minnesota, the County Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota, hereby reappoint the one person hereinafter named to serve as Commissioner of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Todd County, Minnesota, and to serve for a period of five years as hereinafter stipulated:

Duane Grewe - renewal September 19, 2019 through September 18, 2024

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

AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF THE MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY (MHFA) BANK ACCOUNT & FUND-13 REGISTER

WHEREAS, Todd County Health & Human Services contracted with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to administer home improvement loans through their revolving and deferred loan programs, and;

WHEREAS, administrative funds were provided to the County and kept in a separate bank account and Fund Register within the County's Financial System, and;

WHEREAS, the volume of clients serviced utilizing this loan method was steadily decreasing, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County HHS ceased the processing of MHFA loans in July 2014 due to the retirement of the qualified staff, the expense to maintain qualified staff and the value of loan processing fees earned by the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer to perform any required actions to close the separate Bank Account and Fund-13 Register categorized as the MHFA account and redirect any remaining monies in this said account to Fund-11 Human Services.

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

2019 PARKS AND TRAILS APPROPRIATION FUNDS TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the 2019 budget for Todd County's allocation of funds to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board has been approved at \$9,000; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Parks and Trails Board requesting for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund for 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby

approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$9,000 from the General Fund to the Parks and Trails Fund.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

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

2019 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION FOR TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is a basic human right to live free of fear and violence. Our homes certainly should be that place. A place where we feel love, safety and security from the violence in our everyday world. A place of retreat and comfort; and

WHEREAS, scars of domestic violence cast a long lasting shadow on families and communities for generations without regard to race, gender, religion, income, age or occupation; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence strips individuals of their human dignity, self-esteem, security and safety by the use of systematic physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic abuse and control; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a crime, not just a family matter, it costs this nation billions of dollars every year in court and law enforcement costs, medical bills, lost time at work, shelters, foster care and loss of human lives; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Hands of Hope Resource Center has provided assistance to 69 new individuals, male and female, as well as many secondary and child victims of domestic violence, and 40 repeat clients from previous years, families that live and work in your respective districts in Todd County. Families living in violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, this recurring crime needs the attention of all residents, judicial and law enforcement entities, faith communities, schools and employers. "See something, say something", don't be a "bystander". Let's join forces and cooperate to bring safety back to homes and to hold offenders accountable for their actions; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, In recognition of the efforts of Hands of Hope Resource Center in addressing domestic violence, we the Todd County Board of Commissioners, do declare October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Todd County and urge our court and law enforcement system, and our communities to cooperate in a county-wide effort to address this crime and bring safety to all homes.

Environmental Health Ordinance 2nd 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 2nd Reading of the Ordinance proposal.

Great River Regional Library

An update of Great River Regional Library activities was provided by Karen Pundsack, Executive Director and Aron Murphy, Distribution Supervisor to the County Board.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Linn Smith, to clean part of County Ditch 15 on parcel 02-0023100, Bertha Twp Section 28.

South Country Health Alliance

An update of 2019 SCHa activities was provided by Leota Lind to the County

Board for review.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the bid from Farm Rite for the purchase of a Bobcat for \$33,333.68 less \$14,500 for trade-in for a total of \$18,833.68 for replacement.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING Market Price for the Solid Waste Management Tax

WHEREAS, the solid waste management tax requires political subdivisions to identify by resolution a market price if the political subdivision: Subsidizes the cost of service at a facility.

WHEREAS, the political subdivision will be liable for the solid waste management tax based only on the market price amount identified through this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the market price is identified in the state statutes as the "lowest price available in the area", and

WHEREAS, Todd County has performed research to identify the lowest price available in the area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Todd declares a market price of \$75 per ton at the Morrison County Landfill.

Planning & Zoning

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

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINNESOTA WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act of 1991 (WCA) requires local government units (LGUs) to implement the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) pertaining to wetland draining, filling and excavation; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules chapter 8420 have been adopted by BWSR in accordance with the rule-making provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, for the purpose of implementing WCA; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules 8420.0200, Subpart 1, Item E allows a county, city, or town to delegate implementation of chapter 8420 and the act to another governmental entity by the passage of resolutions by both parties; and

WHEREAS, both parties must provide notice to BWSR, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Soil and Water Conservation District of the delegation, including a copy of the resolution and a description of the applicable geographic area, within 15 business days of adoption of the resolution; and

WHEREAS, City of Grey Eagle has passed Resolution #2018-10 delegating the implementation of Minnesota Rules Chapter 8420 to Todd County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Todd County hereby accepts the authority and administrative responsibility to implement WCA as the LGU within the legal boundaries of the City of Grey Eagle as of May 1, 2018 in accordance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8420.

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

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WHEREAS, both parties must provide notice to BWSR, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Soil and Water Conservation District of the delegation, including a copy of the resolution and a description of the applicable geographic area, within 15 business days of adoption of the resolution; and

WHEREAS, City of Long Prairie has passed Resolution #19-09-16-02 delegating the implementation of Minnesota Rules Chapter 8420 to Todd County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Todd County hereby accepts the authority and administrative responsibility to implement WCA as the LGU within the legal boundaries of the City of Long Prairie as of September 16, 2019 in accordance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8420.

Motion by Kircher to table Item 12.3 Violation Assessment: Blake & Noelle Elliott to be brought forward yet this fall.

Motion by Kircher to rescind the table of Item 12.3 Violation Assessment: Blake & Noelle Elliott.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation and place a \$1,000 assessment on the property #11-0043800 for the 2020 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 30, 2019 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation and place a \$1,000 assessment on the property #15-0079700 for the 2020 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 30, 2019 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To place a \$1,000 assessment on this property #08-0036300 for the 2020 tax year for failure to correct the violations.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge that a violation existed on this property #21-0030300 that has been resolved.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation and place a \$1,000 assessment on the property #03-0038000 for the 2020 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 30, 2019 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was



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611 Business
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GARAGE SALES

701 Garage Sales
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Notices

St. Jude's Novena:
May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. On the eighth day your prayer will be answered. Publication must be promised. Thank you. Sacred Heart and St. Jude
PJG 45p

SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

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303

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309

Miscellaneous
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REAL ESTATE

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Apartments for Rent

STAPLES: Downtown, 1 - 2 bdrm., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking, 218-894-3108. 6tfc

Eastwood Inn - MOTLEY/WADENA: Monthly rooms available. Inquire at: 218-352-6386. 45c

STAPLES: 2 bdrm. apt. in duplex on SE side. Remodeled, laundry, off street parking. \$600/mo. plus utilities. 218-894-2000. 45-46c

GARAGE SALES

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GARAGE SALE:
Fri., Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 1430 8th St., NE, Staples. In heated shop. cl45c

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Volunteer Firefighters

The Staples Fire Department is accepting applications for volunteer firefighter positions.

Applicants must be a minimum of 18-years-old, have a valid Class D driver's license, reside within 10 minutes of downtown Staples (2nd Ave & 4th St), have not been convicted of any drug, alcohol or reckless driving offenses in the last three (3) years and be able to pass a physical exam. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Applications forms may be picked up at City Hall, located at 122 6th St. NE

Applications must be received
by 4:00 p.m. on Fri., November 15,
2019 at City Hall.
EOE

Full-time Employment
Todd-Wadena Community Corrections

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections seeks one **full-time Corrections Agent**. This position includes assessment, investigative services, and supervision of individuals referred and/or directed through the Court and/or Criminal Justice System. Minimum qualifications include Bachelor's Degree in Corrections, Criminal Justice, Criminology, Counseling Psychology, Education, Law, Law Enforcement, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology or a Human Services related field; successful completion of a 400 hour internship or commensurate volunteer/paid experience as a Corrections Agent/ Security Caseworker; valid MN driver's license and auto insurance; and reliable transportation.

Excellent communication and organizational skills are essential, as well as the ability to establish and maintain working relationships with a variety of people. Must pass agency background check requirements and be able to meet physical requirements as specified in the job description. Convictions, continuances or stays for crimes other than minor traffic offenses may disqualify the applicant from being hired.

Starting salary range is \$20.91 - \$31.41 per hour. This position is contingent on grant funding.

Contact Katherine Langer, Director, at 320-732-6165 or kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us for an application packet.

Submit cover letter, resumé and completed application to Katherine Langer, Director, Todd-Wadena Community Corrections,

221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Position will remain open until filled.

First round of application reviews scheduled for November 19, 2019. cl45-46c

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and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

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introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation and place a \$1,000 assessment on the property #03-0036200 for the 2020 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 30, 2019 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation and place a \$1,000 assessment on the property #20-0015100 for the 2020 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 30, 2019 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation and place a \$1,000 assessment on the property #22-0007500 for the 2020 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 30, 2019 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation and place a \$1,000 assess-

ment on the property #27-0007201 for the 2020 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 30, 2019 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation and place a \$1,000 assessment on the property #19-0076400 for the 2020 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 30, 2019 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

County Sheriff

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

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2020-2021 MFIP Biennial Service Agreement for program administration by Todd County.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the letter of support for the USDA Commu-

nity Facilities grant.

Administration

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the attached County Coordinator job description.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced: To appoint Interim Coordinator Chris Pelzer as the full-time County Coordinator.

Motion by Becker to table item 15.2.

During discussion, Sara Ogren, HR Manager advised the County Board that the open motion regarding appointment was not following procedure.

Due to lack of vote taken, the active motion was dismissed by the Chairperson.

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.

Recess

Chairperson Kneisl recessed the meeting until October 15, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BRAATEN SAND & GRAVEL.....	\$26,900.40
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION.....	6,751.33
CONTECH CONSTRUCT. PRODUCTS.....	50,782.27
IDEAL CONSTRUCTION LLC.....	10,057.50
JL TRUCKING.....	20,051.50
MORRISON CO PUBLIC	

HEALTH SERV.....	4,761.69
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	
CREDIT CO LLC.....	57,330.30
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP.....	3,058.35
RANGER CHEVROLET.....	30,569.54
ROGGE/RICKEY J.....	2,000.00
79 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	21,808.05
Total.....	\$234,070.93

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BRAZA HOME INC.....	4,859.46
CENTRAL MN MENTAL HEALTH CTR.....	3,920.00
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROG.....	6,091.50
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472..	9,982.00
LUTHERAL SOCIAL SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL.....	4,846.85
#15891.....	3,123.56
MID MN DRUG TESTING INC.....	3,794.00
NEXUS INC - MILLE LACS ACADEMY.....	12,495.17
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR.....	5,431.00
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	11,858.80
Total.....	66,402.34

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT.....	18,113.96
PERISH/ALAN.....	3,553.40
ROY-HETLAND FUNERAL HOME - OSAKIS.....	4,145.00
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	15,222.88
SOURCEWELL.....	9,561.24
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	12,217.76
Total.....	\$62,814.24

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 1, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 15, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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Friday, November 8,
2019 9:30 a.m.
Keynote Speaker
Lt. Col. Rhonda Reichel



Staples-Motley ISD2170
Tribute to Veterans

Monday, November 11, 2019

Staples-Motley Elementary School, Staples-Motley High School, Motley-Staples Middle School



Veteran's Breakfast hosted by Staples-Motley Elementary students and staff. All local Veterans and their families are invited!

Where: Staples-Motley Elementary School
Time: 8:30-9:30 am, with songs and sharing
by students beginning at 9am

***VETERANS please RSVP to Tonia at the Elementary School office if you get a chance so staff can plan for food!
218-894-5400 ext. 3301

Honoring Our Veterans hosted by Staples-Motley High School grades 9-12 students and staff. All local Veterans and Community Members are welcome!

Where: Staples-Motley High School
Main Gym in Staples
Time: 10:00am

Tribute to Veterans hosted by Motley-Staples Middle School grades 5-8 students and staff. All local Veterans and Community members are welcome!

Where: ISD2170 Motley School Building
Main Gym in Motley
Time: 1:00pm

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Athletic HOF display to open in December

The Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame has a new logo, a plan for a display to open in December, and a timeline for the next Hall of Fame ceremony.

The grand opening of the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame library is tentatively planned for December. The display is to be located in entry of the high school. The event is being planned in parallel to a home basketball or wrestling contest.

Nominations for the second class of the Hall of Fame will open after the first of the year. For updates go the S-M Hall of Fame facebook page.

A fund raising campaign to support the program and related development costs is underway at this time. Tax deductible contributions can sent to P.O. 192 Staples MN. Checks are payable to LEAP in care of the SM Athletic Hall of Fame. For questions and inquiries, contact Mike Hajek at 218-894-2442.



Symbol of excellence

A new logo for the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame was recently released. The leaf in the emblem represents a symbol of legacy and the torch is a symbol of transferring tradition and igniting a desire within the next generation of athletes and coaches to reach for higher levels of achievement based on the examples from the past.

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Halloween pranksters

sters who liked to “raise heck.”

“We were fast...the cops, couldn’t keep up with us,” he laughed, adding that they were all about 12 or 13 years old at that time. There was one younger cop, Gary Rosco, who did attempt to run after them, but usually to no avail.

Sometimes the gangs shared information with each other, like, “Hey, the cops are up on 3rd Street!” Denny recalled. “Oh, it was fun.”

The next day, Nov. 1, you could go downtown Staples and see what happened the night before.

Of course tipping out-houses was one of their favorite Halloween shenanigans. Every once in awhile, you might even hear a voice from an unsuspecting victim yelling, “Whoaaaaaaa!” as the wooden structure fell over.

Occasionally, his gang would dismantle corn shocks from a neighboring farm and reassemble them along the Long Prai-

rie Road. And, there was the time they tipped over a plow that belonged to a guy they didn’t much like. That thing was so heavy, it took six of them to get the job done. It stayed that way all year, without so much as a reaction from the man, so the next Halloween they just pushed it upright again.

Oh, those were the days, Denny said.

A few years down the line, the gang members heard about a thing called, “Trick or Treat.” At first, people responding to this statement would demand a trick before handing over a treat. Usually, these treats were apples or cookies. Later on, handing out loose candy became popular. Sadly, by 1948 or 1949, there were no more tricks, Denny said.

He enjoys seeing the children of today, dressed in costumes, going door to door on Halloween. But, he wonders if they know what this holiday was like in Staples before, “Trick or

Treat” came around.

Probably not, and most likely the cops are just fine with that.



Royal flush

Bennett Sonenstahl had a bowl full of treats when he came trick or treating at the Staples World.



Forty years ago

A photo of the Tu family taken shortly after their arrival from Vietnam was featured in the Nov. 15, 1979 edition of the Staples World. Pictured, front row from left, are Huong, Phung, Huan and Lan.

Back row: Mai, Nguyen, Ngoc, Duy and Tai. Their parents have since passed, but the seven siblings recently returned for a visit to Staples, their first home in the United States of America.

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at that time, as well as the house on 6th St. NE they called ‘home’ for two years.

Their family trip to Minnesota had been prompted after a telephone conversation that Lan (one of the Tu sisters) had had with longtime Faith Lutheran Church member Alice Sather.

Alice, whom the siblings affectionately referred to as ‘mother’ had lived across the street from the Tu family when they first moved to town. She and her husband Henry Sather (whom the children called ‘father’) had been very kind to them and a bond between the two families developed early on.

When Lan learned that ‘Mother Alice’ had celebrated her 100th birthday this past May, she knew she wanted to help celebrate this milestone occasion with Alice in person. She shared the idea with her siblings, wondering if this was a pilgrimage they could make together.

The wheels were put in motion and the Tu family began making plans to visit Staples...not only to celebrate ‘Mother Alice’s’ birthday, but to have a reunion at their first American home. A few of them had visited over the years, but they had never all been there at the same time. They were all in agreement that this would be the year they would make this happen.

And so, in mid-October,



Longtime friends

Pictured from left: Alice Sather, 100, and Arvilla Dyer, 91, are both longtime members at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, where they have served in a variety of ways over the years, including making special occasion cards with their Circle group. The friends also share a bond through their mutual love of the Tu family, a Vietnamese family that Faith Lutheran sponsored in 1979. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

they flew from California to Minnesota as they had four decades earlier. This time, however, there were no feelings of apprehension or fear of the unknown. Only joy, love and gratitude for the people of Faith Lutheran Church who embraced them years ago.

A gathering took place at the church on Oct. 15, a time for the Tu siblings to visit with some of the parishioners. Of course, this was a different building than the one they had known in 1979, but they recognized many of the faces, and were met by the same loving spirit as in decades past.

As they shared memories in the church’s fellowship hall, the Tus recalled that their first meal in Staples was the church’s lute-fisk supper. And, ‘Mother Alice’ provided the family’s first breakfast.

“I noticed they weren’t eating,” Alice said, adding that she wondered if perhaps she had made something they didn’t like. She learned later that in the Vietnamese culture, people do not eat in front of their hosts. “They waited until I left,” she said.

Other memories that came to mind that day included their first snowfall in Staples. “It was sparkling so much, I thought it was diamonds,” Lan said, adding, “I thought we must be rich.” Other siblings remembered the bright lime green jackets the church had given them to wear. “Those must have been from Carter Ringer,” parishioner Bev Nelsen chimed in, referencing a Staples garment factory from the past.

I addition to helping pro-

vide physical necessities until they could get their feet on the ground, the people at Faith Lutheran offered emotional help along the way. The sibling shared how their father had suffered a stroke just five months after their arrival. He died in April of 1980 at a hospital in Fargo.

Bev Nelsen recalled that the medical staff honored the Tus’ religious traditions during that tragic time. “It brings tears to my eyes,” she said. Fellow parishioner Mary Sperley remembers making a burial shroud for Huan from materials purchased at Batchers’ Department Store in Staples.

They will never forget the kindness of the people at Faith Lutheran, the siblings said, adding that it extended beyond the walls of the church building. Duy noted that Ron Storbakken, a counselor at the Staples High School, was very helpful, as was Joanne Folkert, who taught at Lincoln Model School, where some of the siblings attended. Joanne was also one of the women in the church who helped prepare the house on 6th Street for their arrival. “I remember it was so neat and homey,” Lan said. Years later, Duy would name his daughter ‘Joanne,’ in honor of the woman in Staples who meant so much to the Tu family.

During their recent trip to Staples, the Tu siblings made a sizeable donation to the church, noting how grateful they are for the support they received when they first arrived in America. “You built a foundation for us,” Lan said during the afternoon gathering.

The feeling of gratitude goes both ways. Mother Alice expressed her appreciation for the Tus. “You are so special...you added so much to our congregation,” she said. Alice went on to recall that the day the Tu family moved away from Staples, “a lot of tears were shed.”

Over the past 40 years, the Tu siblings have gone on to have successful careers and raise families of their own. Sadly, their mother passed away a few years ago, “but she would have loved to have been here today,” Mai said.

Although they are now at home in California, the Tus said they will never forget Staples, Faith Lutheran Church, and the kindness shown to them all those years ago.

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Left to right: Jeff Redning, Laurel Buchanan, Melissa Fink, Amy Sofie

Jeff Redning RN, Radiology

Nominated by Lee Current, Head CT Tech, “Jeff is an amazing team player, extremely knowledgeable on nursing, able to build relationships with patients and make them feel comfortable and relaxed during procedures. Jeff’s strong character is demonstrated by what he does for his coworkers; on the hottest day of the year, not knowing just how much this would impact them, Jeff went to their place and push mowed nearly 1.5 acres of lawn. Thank you Jeff for everything you do for Radiology and LHS.”

Laurel Buchanan Clinical Data Analyst, IT

Nominated by Helen Miller LPN and Gloria Drayna RN, Supervisor EH/ OH/Education, “Laurel is our go-to-person in IT for our Employee Health documentation platform. Our Employee Health Database crashed and Laurel immediately started investigating what was wrong and fixed the issue. Laurel also helps us with the reporting side of the database, ensuring the reports are complete and accurate. She is always accommodating, concerned and efficient; we truly don’t know what we would do without her services.”

Melissa Fink RN, Hospital Services

Nominated by a patient, “I would like to say some good things about Nurse Melissa. Melissa is a natural on making anyone feel good about life; themselves and making the future look positive. I had some recent health issues taken care of by LHS. Melissa is truly a caring person and it shows. Melissa suggested the vitals be taken when I am up instead of waking me up, I LOVED that. In my mind Melissa is a great asset for Lakewood.”

Amy Sofie LPN, Clinic Services

Nominated by Renae Buhl (Patient), “I came to see Dr. Schleichert and his nurse, Amy. Amy consistently kept me informed of the doctor’s schedule. She asked if she could get me anything, water, coffee, tea? My appointment was like a 5-Star restaurant. What medical office does that? LHS that’s who. Amy relieved all my concerns and fears, creating a better healing environment. Amy’s care and “GET-R-DONE,” attitude makes all the difference.”



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