



Run for fun Staples-Motley second and third graders take off on their cross country fun run. See pages 8a and 11 a. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 20	47°	31°	Showers
Oct. 21	50	28	M. Sunny
Oct. 22	45	30	M. Cloudy
Oct. 23	50	32	P. Cloudy
Oct. 24	52	39	Cloudy
Oct. 25	55	46	Showers
Oct. 26	61	45	Cloudy

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 20	33°	31°	Snow
Oct. 21	32	27	Cloudy
Oct. 22	31	28	Snow
Oct. 23	30	28	M. Sunny
Oct. 24	28	18	Cloudy
Oct. 25	26	22	Snow
Oct. 26	25	16	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 53° Low = 33°
Rain for Week: .25"

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

New chicken ordinance for City of Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved the first reading of a new ordinance regulating raising chickens within city limits. The ordinance includes limiting the number of egg-laying hens to 10 birds. Roosters, Guinea fowl, ducks or turkeys are not allowed. The ordinance also specifies proper coops, pens, food and bedding.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said there is a grandfather provision in which properties that currently have more than 10 chickens can get a permit to continue with those numbers of chickens.

The council plans to vote

on the second reading of the ordinance at their Oct. 26 meeting. If approved, it would take effect soon there after.

Public works

Public Works Director Scott Grabe said Arvig is planning a large project to dig cable to various parts of the city. The areas are being marked with white flags. The city along with Arvig will provide infrastructure that should be available next year.

Grabe said the city is out of the drought warning, a drought watch, which still has restrictions on water use. The city was under the usage goal for September

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Jaw bone found in river determined to be ancient

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A human mandible (lower jaw bone) found in the Crow Wing River has been determined to be of ancient origin, according to the Wadena County Sheriff's Office.

The bone was found in the river adjacent to property owned by Jennifer Barg and her brothers, in Thomastown Township. Barg said the jawbone was found by her cousin, Alex Lewis, while they were recreating in the river during a family gathering.

"This property has been in my family since way before my time and was owned by my paternal grandparents, Alice and Monroe Marsh," said Barg. They call the property "Marshland" after her family name.

"The river was super low, probably the lowest I have ever seen it in all my 48 years," said Barg. "We spend a lot of time in the river swimming, tubing and this year it was low enough to beach a chair in the middle and just lounge."

On the day the jawbone was found, Barg said they were hosting a large gathering for a family reunion. The jaw bone was discovered by Barg's cousin in about calf deep water not too far off of the end of the dock.

"Imagine what finding that did for the conversation at our gathering," she said, "I don't think anyone will forget any time soon."

Barg said a lot of children in the group had questions about the bone.

"As a registered nurse I was sure that this was indeed a human jaw bone," said Barg. "Law enforce-



The Marshland mandible

This human jawbone found in the Crow Wing River north of Staples was determined to be of ancient origin. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office said the bone will undergo archaeological evaluation and then be properly interned. Jennifer Barg said her cousin found the bone near the family property they call "Marshland". The property was originally owned by Alice and Monroe Marsh and is now owned by Barg and her brothers. The bone was found July 31. (Submitted photo)

ment (Wadena County Sheriff) were called immediately and they were awesome to work with."

Ten weeks later, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office submitted the following press release:

On July 31, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office was notified of several items

found in the Crow Wing River in Thomastown Township. A deputy responded to the scene and was informed that four different bones were found in the river by individuals recreating in the area. The bones were

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Todd County Board declines DNR review

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

"It is a formality," said Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida to the board of commissioners as they considered a resolution to allow the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to review and approve properties for public sale.

According to Minnesota Statute, certain classifications of tax-forfeited properties are subject to the approval of the DNR before releasing for public sale.

Of the 35 parcels that forfeited for non-payment of taxes on July 9, 2021, there was one parcel identified as requiring the DNR's specific approval.

After three calls for a motion, the action failed.

"These will have to be resubmitted [at the next board meeting] or none of them will be saleable," said Gaida.

The specific property that needs DNR review is Lots 3 and 4 Block 1 of Thom's River Acres.

In other board business

- Approved the hire of Kellen Pulliam as a full-time correctional officer with a pending start date.
- Approved the hire of Emmitt Winkels as a part-time correctional officer, start date pending.
- Approved the hires of Emily Berscheit and Tammy Fosse as part-time dispatchers with a pending start date.

The commissioners would like to see the hire dates listed on the board actions.

- Background: On May

7, 2019, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved a Joint Powers Agreement with the Port Authority of St. Paul Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE). PACE loans are a means for most industries to invest in solar panels, HVAC systems, and more. The loan payments are repaid through property tax assessments that are imposed by the county proposed by the Port Authority's application review.

An application for PACE funding has been made by Rock Tavern & Pepper Stars, LLC for two Todd County parcels which was approved by the board beginning with Tax Payable Year 2022.

Commissioner David Kircher expressed concerns about where they would put the solar panels.

Proper permits must be obtained before the panels can be installed.

- Background: The city of Bertha has submitted a Resolution for Acquisition of Tax Forfeited Property with the physical address of 43368 County 23 to the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer for review.

The city wishes to acquire the three acre parcel for the purpose of public service facilities. The board of commissioners approved the city's request.

- Adopted a resolution of the Todd County 2021 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation (October).
- Held a public hearing on the 2022 county fee schedule. No one gave any comments.
- Approved the Big Swan

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CLC trap shooting team starts out as conference leaders

By Jessie Perrine
CLC Communications Coordinator

Central Lakes College's Trap Shooting Club is off to a strong start, with its 15-member co-ed team shooting exceptionally well. Now in week three of the USA College Clay Target League's six-week season, team members are determined to win their first conference championship.

CLC currently has a True Team Score of 417, followed by Wilmington College, Ohio, with 255. Wilmington is followed closely by Paul Smith College, New York, which has a score of 230. McPherson College, Kansas is 4th place with 153 points.

CLC team members are from all corners of Minnesota, and each member brings a lot to the team. Coach Erich Heppner and several volunteer coaches have been guiding the team since its inception in 2017.

"Trap shooting is a sport that necessitates a strong focus and lots of repetition before athletes can begin to league top scores," he said. "The majority of our team members have been honing their skills since they were quite young, and when you combine those years of practice with the instruction of our volunteer coaches, each teammate tends to improve upon their average score."

This team's success is

not just a product of this season's efforts but is the culmination of many years of passion for the sport.

"We owe a lot thanks to the good shooting habits that were instilled in these students by their high school coaches when they were shooting at that level," said Heppner. "We are also thankful for the support provided to us by Lakeshore Conservation Club and area businesses and service groups, as their donations and sponsorships have almost entirely funded our team."

Current team members include: Grant Albers, Dundas, Grace Caouette

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Obituaries

*Patricia Baustian
Rev. Alvin Jeske
Barney McCoy*

Thank you for subscribing!

Everyday heroes recognized by the Todd County SWCD

Greg Frisk of Motley, and Todd County farmers Jim and Lynette Waldorf were honored recently by the Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for their conservation efforts in Todd County.

Frisk received the 2021 Land Stewardship Award; and the Waldorfs received the 2021 Conservationist of the Year Award at a luncheon Oct. 14, at Timbers Event Center in Staples.

Deja Anton, Todd County SWCD District Manager, said that this annual event is a time to recognize people who are doing great things behind the scenes...they are often our neighbors, people we might meet on the streets. Often, their work goes unnoticed. Anton, along with Todd County SWCD Board Chair Dale Katterhagen, presented the awards to Frisk and the Waldorfs. It's one of his favorite parts of being on the SWCD board, Katterhagen said.

Land Stewardship Award

Frisk, Secretary of the Motley Public Cemetery, helped spearhead a project to rescue the southwest portion of the cemetery which was in danger of being washed away by the Long Prairie River.

The project was funded by the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) 319 grant funds, the Veterans' Administration, Villard Township, and Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Collaborators included Sourcewell in Staples (who helped seek grant dollars for the project), the DNR, contractor Tony Zetah with Mid-Minnesota Excavation in Motley; and Ross Reiffenberger, Project Engineer with West Central Technical Service Area (WCTSA).

Conservationist Award

Jim Waldorf, a resident farmer in Todd County, was awarded the title of Conservation Farmer of the Year by the Todd County SWCD Board of Supervisors.

According to a press release, Waldorf enrolled two parcels of land into the Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement program (MNCREP). The two parcels total 74 acres of land.

The land will be permanently protected through a perpetual easement with the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) easement program. The program will restore up to five wetland basins that were previously drained and farmed. The remaining land will be returned back to native grasses and wildflowers.



Todd County SWCD holds awards banquet

The Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors held their annual awards banquet Oct. 14, at Timbers Event Center in Staples. Above: Deja Anton, Todd County SWCD District Manager, presents the 2021 Land Stewardship Award to Greg

Frisk of Motley. Below, from left, Lynette and Jim Waldorf, farmers in Todd County, received the 2021 Conservationist of the Year award from Dale Katterhagen, Todd County SWCD Board Chair. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Motley supports efforts of Hillside Regional Kitchen

Increased demand for meals in MN

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The City of Motley will once again donate \$610 to the Hilltop Regional Kitchen in Eagle Bend, a non-profit organization that serves Meals on Wheels, frozen bundled meals and congregate dining in Todd and Wadena counties, and the surrounding area.

It was a decision made at the city council's regular meeting Oct. 11. The vote was unanimous, with Mayor Al Yoder, and council members Jace Carlson and Pat O'Regan voting 'aye.' Council members Amy Hutchison and Steve Johnson were absent.

The donation request had been on the previous month's agenda, but the council had asked to be given more information before making a decision. Were there people in the Motley area that were recipients of this meals-on-wheels program?

During that time, City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski had been given more information from Richard Hest, Hilltop Regional Kitchen President.

In his letter to the council, Hest noted that in 2020, the Hilltop Regional Kitchen produced 103,916 meals, an increase of 40,000 meals

compared to 2019.

The increased meal demand had been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Hest said. The Hilltop Regional Kitchen, along with Lutheran Social Service, responded to this increase by adding a second shift for meal production, increasing staffing, adding storage and additional freezer space and serving meals to residents in crisis across the state of Minnesota.

As they looked toward their 2022 budget season, Hilltop Regional Kitchen said they were asking each city to assist in the amount equal to \$1 per resident, which is \$610 for the City of Motley.

In speaking with Hest, Bryniarski learned that on average, Hilltop Regional Kitchen delivers 60 meals a month to residents within the city limits of Motley. That's 720 meals a year, Bryniarski said.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD monthly department reports from Brad Olson, Motley Fire Chief; Jason Borash, Motley Police Chief; Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director; and Curt Bryniarski, City Clerk/Treasurer.
- APPROVED the Motley Fire Department (MFD) spending the \$5,000 DNR

grant monies received. Chief Olson said it has already been earmarked for use within the MFD.

- APPROVED a vacation request from Police Chief Borash.
- APPROVED an amendment to the 2021 budget. City Clerk/Treasurer Bryniarski noted that the four amendments are all carry-over funds from last year and would not affect the 2022 levy.
- ACCEPTED the donation of a barn quilt from Barn Quilts of MN. The barn quilt will be placed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. After some discussion, the council and Public Works Director Brotherton decided they would like the Spinning Wheel design. In addition to blue (representing water) they would like to have bright colors used in the design.
- HEARD from Mayor Al Yoder in the council forum, thanking the media for covering Motley's news in their newspapers (Morrison County Record and Staples World).
- SET next budget meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 26, 5 p.m., prior to the planning and zoning meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m.



Recognizing the collaborators

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the collaborators who helped with the restoration project at Motley Public Cemetery. These collaborators included Sourcewell in Staples, Veterans Services, West Central Technical Service Area (WCTSA) and Tony Zetah, with Mid-Minnesota Excavating. Pictured, from left, are Deja Anton, Todd County Soil

and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Manager; Ross Reiffenberger, WCTSA Project Engineer; Sourcewell representatives Chad Coauette, Executive Director/CEO, and Sharon Thiel, Sub-Region board member; and Dale Katterhagen, Todd County SWCD Board Chair. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Police Department, Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports

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

Oct. 7 - 13

Oct. 13 - The MPD issued a citation to Anthony Dykes, 22, for driving after revoca-

tion, no proof of insurance, expired registration and speeding.

Oct. 12 - The MPD was dispatched to the report of a theft at the Holiday gas station in Motley. Upon arriving, the MPD was informed by staff that the subject had taken a warm

sandwich, bag of chips, freezie and gas and tried to leave without paying for the items because her charge card wasn't working. The MPD spoke with the subject who admitted to eating the items without paying for them. She stated she was on lunch break and her boss

would be down to pay the bill later. Per the manager's request, the subject was issued a trespass notice.

Oct. 12 - The MPD received a request by Minnesota Energy Resources to stand by them while they shut off the natural gas to a Motley resident at the 400

block of Beaulieu St. W. The gas was shut off without incident.

Oct. 11 - The MPD received a report of a strong odor of marijuana coming from an apartment at the 400 block of Pine Ave. in Motley. The MPD responded and could immediately smell a strong odor of marijuana upon entering the building, with the strongest odor in front of two apartments.

Oct. 7 - 8 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Daniel Burdick, 24; Brooks Gullixon, 32.

Oct. 8 - The MPD assisted state patrol after the officer radioed out a pursuit near Lincoln. The pursuit ended before the MPD arrived. A white male wearing a black sweatshirt was the driver and he fled on foot into the wooded area near 340th St., Cushing. The MPD checked the nearby residences and no one had seen the subject. The MPD later assisted state patrol with a search of the vehicle in which a felony amount of marijuana was located inside,

along with other paraphernalia, a scale and hypodermic needles.

Oct. 8 - The MPD issued a citation to Eli Cerkenik, 30, for a theft of fuel in the amount of \$37.12 at Holiday in Motley.

Oct. 7 - The MPD issued citations to the following Motley residents, for unlicensed animals within city limits: John Fure, 23; Christina Holmberg, 38; Kathy Cyrus, 50.

Oct. 10 - The MCSO received a 911 call regarding a power line that was down at the 7000 block of Bear Rd., Cushing. The caller stated she had heard a loud pop and smelled some burning. Scandia Valley Fire Department and Crow Wing Power responded.

Oct. 10 - While on patrol, the MCSO came across a suspicious vehicle parked at the Cushing Park. The deputy made contact with the occupants of the vehicle and the odor of marijuana was present. After searching the vehicle, the deputy located a small amount of marijuana, issued a verbal warning to the driver and destroyed the marijuana.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• Oct. 17, 1946 - The retail price of butter went up to 93 cents per pound in Staples this week, to top any previous price in the history of the Staples Creamery, according to Ray Hayenga, manager of the creamery in Staples.

It is higher by over 10 cents than the price of butter following World War I, but at 93 cents it is teetering on the unstable market, local creamery men said.

Butter is a rarity on the tables of most of the people of Staples, and it is expected that if it goes any higher in price, there will be a decided

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lack of it in all homes and restaurants within the city.

• Oct. 17, 1946 - After being closed for the summer months, the Morey Fish Company will reopen this week. Assisting Edward Morey will be Ray Jones, Fred Hanson, George Turnbom and Vern Jenkins. Mrs. Marilla Rice will resume her duties as bookkeeper.

• Oct. 17, 1946 - Mrs. Melvin Haney entertained some friends of her son Frank, a week ago, Oct. 8, when he observed his 11th birthday. His guests included: Bud Welle, Ronald and Duane Starke, Norval and Wade Van Diest, Richard Thomson, Gene Holub, Marvin Brening and James Allen. The boys played football after school and then Mrs. Haney served them ice cream, cake and cookies.

• Oct. 17, 1946 - "Cradled in Thunder" a 352-page novel written by Matthea Thorseth, formerly of Staples, has been recommended by the Book of the Month Club, and is now on sale on the shelves of book stores throughout the west, according to information received in Staples the first of this week.

The Superior Publishing company of Seattle, Washington, published the book, and has the following to say about it: "Vigorous, earthy, poetic, the first great novel came out of the post-war west. The violent powerful story of Gunner, with the fierce blood of the legendary Norse Cods surging through him, and of Martina, his wife, brought up on the gentler Old World traditions. Their experiences and adjustments to a new life in America make exciting, unforgettable reading. Written with humor and deep understanding by a brilliant new author who knows and loves America."

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• Oct. 21, 1971 - Listen to...Koffee with Kay...a mid-morning housewife break with Kay King. Featuring such things as, fashion tips, women in the news, and items of local interest. Tune to KEYL Radio, 1400 on your dial every morning at 10:15 a.m., Monday thru Friday. Sponsored by Harts Dept. Store, Long Prairie.

• Oct. 21, 1971 - A band of Indians from Wadena high school will invade the gridiron of Coach Frank Leidenfrost's Cardinals at 7:30 tonight (Thursday) to renew a long standing rivalry and a Mid-State Conference football encounter. The Indians, like the Cardinals, are

hungry for victory.

• Oct. 21, 1971 - Bridge club met Monday evening, Oct. 11, at the home of Mrs. Ron Beachy. Mrs. Rollie Penfield was co-hostess. Mrs. Morris Lundgren, Mrs. Norm Card and Mrs. Al Lauer were prize winners.

• Oct. 21, 1971 - Neal Zappe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Zappe, was chosen by the 137-member Senior Class at Staples high school to serve as their class president. Debbie Kupitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kupitz, was selected vice-president, and Emily Shake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Shake, is the secretary-treasurer. Advisor for the Class of 1972 is William Uhrich, high school principal.

• Oct. 21, 1971 - A series of classes and meetings are being offered this fall at the Poplar School as a part of the Leader-Poplar educational project, which is under the direction of the Staples Area Vocational-Technical School. Classes include Advanced First Aid, Mel Nefstead, instructor; Making snowmobile suits and mittens, Olga Shake, instructor; Lingerie sewing, Mrs. Ilene Naley, instructor; Archery, Ron Peet, instructor; Farm business file system, Lennen Naley, instructor; Cake decorating, Mrs. Marie Adamietz, instructor.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• Oct. 17, 1996 - The Staples Fire Department responded to a call Sunday evening to a house in the 500 block of Wisconsin Ave. in Staples, near the Southside Mini-Mart.

The family who owns the home, Dan Landers and Cheri Charter, were not home at the time the fire started.

• Oct. 17, 1996 - Requests for early graduation for three students were approved at the regular Staples Motley school board meeting Tuesday night, but not for the usual reasons.

Andrea and Katie Broughten, twin daughters of Mary Broughten, and Julie Bestland, daughter of



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Oct. 7, 1971 edition. Do you know who this person is and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? 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.

Donna and Thomas Bestland, requested that the second quarter would be their last at Staples Motley High School.

Usually these requests are made so a student can enter a college or vocational school early, or because they have been accepted into the military.

These girls, however, have different plans. Bestland and Andrea Broughten plan to go to the Philippines in February to volunteer at a children's shelter. Katie Broughten also wants a career involving children, but in another capacity. She plans to work for a woman who is expecting triplets in December.

• Oct. 17, 1996 - Kenny Ahern, a former clown with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey, brings his special brand of humor and antics to Centennial Auditorium in Staples at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24.

• Oct. 17, 1996 - The Staples Motley Cardinal boys cross country team has been named All-Conference Team. Members include Eric Klingaman, Derek Mattila, Scott Brever, Cory Frisk, Shannon Webster, Kurt Detloff and Jeff Brever.

• Oct. 17, 1996 - Senator Dallas Sams of Sta-

ples recently received the "Guardian of Small Business" award for 1995-96 from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• Oct. 20, 2011 - Both joining the fire department in the 70s, Jim Sadusky and LeRoy Hamberg shared a few fire experiences with students during a presentation at the Staples Fire Hall during the student tours Oct. 14. The pair explained the progress of equipment such as fire extinguishers, firefighter's masks, oxygen tanks, fire hats and coats. Together, they have served the Staples Fire Dept. for 45-plus years.

• Oct. 20, 2011 - Kelsey Zetah and Maggie O'Keefe will represent Staples Motley at the state tennis tournament after they won the section 8A doubles championship.

• Oct. 20, 2011 - Two Staples Motley cross country runners earned all conference when they hosted the Mid State Conference Meet on Oct. 13. Haley Christofersen placed sixth in the girls race and Brandon Sterriker was 14th for the boys team.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Oct. 7, 1971 edition of the Staples World, featured six teachers from Staples who attended a fall planning workshop for central Minnesota teachers. Pictured from left: Jack Nelson, Jim Hofer, Mark Evans, Lucille Miller, Bernice Eggert and Connie Olson. The cutline stated that at the workshop, they were brought up to date on recently-passed and pending legislation and its effect on teachers.

Bob Sorenson of Staples correctly identified all, mentioning that he had graduated from Staples High School in 1971 and knew everyone in the photo.

Fellow 1971 SHS grad Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified all except Jack Nelson and Bernice Eggert. Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified all except for Bernice Eggert, whom she guessed as being Kim Nelson.

Of those who responded, it was determined that Hofer taught agriculture; Nelson was the principal at Staples Elementary at that time; Miller and Olson taught English at Staples High School; Evans was the high school band director; and Eggert was a school social worker. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

LP shooting incident update

The Long Prairie Police Department and Todd County Sheriff's Office continue to ask people with any information regarding the September 12 shooting at a residence in the 500 block of 2nd Ave. SE in Long Prairie to contact us.

Antonio Francis Rodriguez Fortes, 33, of Perham, died during the incident. Two other individuals injured during the incident have been released from the hospital.

No one has been arrested for the shooting. Based on the information obtained thus far, investigators believe this was a targeted incident and do not have any reason to believe there is an ongoing threat to public safety.

Anyone with information about the Sept. 12 shooting is urged to contact the Long Prairie Police Department, 320-732-2156 or the Todd County Sheriff's Office, 320-732-2158

Staples Police report

On Oct. 5, Staples Police received a report of a student that doing property damage at the Staples-Motley High School. Police arrived and the student's parent took custody.

On Oct. 6, Staples Police responded to a report of a hit and run crash at the Family Dollar store. Police learned that a subject was attempting to repossess a vehicle and the driver of the vehicle had gotten into the vehicle, drove over the curb near the west side of the

building, struck a parked vehicle, and then left scene. The parked vehicle sustained minor damage. The incident is under investigation.

On Oct. 9, Staples Police arrested Larry Land, 64, for 3rd degree DWI and failing to move over for a stopped emergency vehicle.

On Oct. 9, Staples Police arrested Dustin Carpenter, 30, for driving after revocation, citing habitual violations.

Tri-County dealing with COVID surge

From Tri-County Health Care

Tri-County Health Care of Wadena continues to see a high volume of patients and calls. Healthcare systems throughout the state are similarly experiencing a high volume of patient traffic due to the spike in COVID-19 positivity.

As a reminder, ReadyCare patients should be entering the building through the north emergency room entrance. This change has been in place for over a year and helps clinic staff more safely care for patients.

Currently, appointments for third doses of the Pfizer vaccine are being scheduled. Guidance has not been received for subsequent doses of any other vaccine. It is anticipated that instructions for pediatric doses will be received soon.

The COVID hotline has been inundated with calls about testing and results. To facilitate efficient communication, medical staff are instructing parents to wait for two days after the first signs of COVID-19 symptoms before testing. Doing this will prevent false-negative results. It is also strongly recommended to use MyChart to access results faster.

To schedule an appointment, call 218-631-3510. For more information, visit TCHC.org and follow Tri-County Health Care on social media.

COVID-19 numbers up in area towns

COVID-19 is reaching large numbers in communities that had seen relatively low numbers throughout the pandemic.

Browerville had 56 people test positive during the week of Oct. 8-14, the most that community has recorded in one week since numbers by zip code have been released. Wadena had 78 new cases, the largest weekly total in that community. Motley also had an increase with 25 new cases.

Long Prairie nearly doubled their new cases to 56, while Staples reduced their number to 25 after recording 35 the previous week. Verndale had 15 new cases, about the same as the past two weeks.

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Safe Routes to School plan ready for 2022

and now seems to be out of the worst of the drought.

Nelsen said an updated Safe Routes to School plan will be reviewed by the council at the Oct. 26 meeting. The plan includes new sidewalks and trails to connect to the schools in Staples, including connections to the Legacy Trail. Nelsen said Todd County will be a sponsor of the plan, which could get funded to begin next summer.

In other news, the council approved Sunday liquor license for Local Legends bar.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Wadena County

Winter driving puts more emphasis on safety

By Tom Burch
Cass County Sheriff

As our days continue to get shorter and we move into the fall and winter season, we are commuting and driving more in the dark.

The National Safety Council estimates that over 42,000 people were killed nationwide in motor vehicle crashes in 2020, an 8% increase over 2019. The first half of 2021 is shaping up similarly. Our roadways continue to pose some of the biggest risks we face each day, whether we are driving, riding or simply walking across the street. This increase is a deadly trend that started last year during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. These stats are trending high both nationally and locally in Cass County. We have seen an increase in motor vehicle crashes, both with and without injury since the pandemic started. While we are still working to understand these numbers, it trends away from the work that was being done to successfully decrease injury and fatal accidents through partnerships such as the Toward Zero Deaths campaign. So far this year we have responded to 6 fatal traffic crashes, 69 motor vehicle crashes with injury and 159 motor vehicle crashes without injury. These numbers are much higher than we have seen in recent years.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office and National Safety Council would like to remind all drivers of some basic safety tips that can reduce or eliminate motor vehicle crashes, allow your trips to be safe and guarantee that you reach your destination.

1. Prepare before you go: Before hitting the road, make sure your car is safe for driving. Vehicle owners should check the oil, put air in the tires, and check for and repair open recalls.
2. Drive distraction-free: Thousands have died in crashes involving cell phone use. Put your phones away and just drive without distraction.
3. Slow down: Speeding is a factor in more than a quarter of all traffic fatalities. Drive the speed limit and do not exceed it. Be sure to pay attention to those walking and biking in order to keep all road users safe. More and more users are on the road-

way in a variety of modes of transportation and we all need to share the roadway safely. Bicyclists, motorcyclists, pedestrians and other road users may be more common. Respect all road users and give everyone around you space to be safe.

4. Designate a sober driver or arrange alternate transportation: Alcohol is only one cause of impaired driving. Drugs, including opioids, marijuana and some over-the-counter medicines, can cause drowsiness, alter visual functions and affect mental judgment and motor skills.
5. Avoid fatigued driving: Getting behind the wheel while tired can be deadly. Ensure you are well-rested before you get on the road.
6. Buckle up: Seat belts are estimated to have saved 374,276 lives. Every occupant should buckle up appropriately. Teens have the lowest rates of seat belt use among all age groups. Talk with teens in your household about speed and safety belt use.
7. Protect vulnerable passengers: Child safety seats significantly reduce the risk of infant and toddler deaths. Make sure you read the manufacturer's instructions before installing a car seat. If you need help, visit the National Child Passenger Safety Board at cpsboard.org to find a certified technician near you.
8. Look before you lock: With temperatures rising across the country and when special occasions break routine, make it a priority to ensure you don't leave the car without your child passengers. The temperature in your vehicle can increase up to 19 degrees Fahrenheit in the first 10 minutes after parking and turning off the engine. This is also very important for pets.
9. Understand your vehicle's on-board safety systems: Hundreds of millions of cars on the roads have safety technologies – new and old – that help reduce the risk of crashes and deaths. But even the most advanced safety feature cannot replace a safe, focused driver in the car. Visit MyCar-DoesWhat.org to learn more about these features and how to use them.
10. Take an alternate path: For shorter trips, consider leaving the car at home and finding a safe biking or walking route to get when you're headed.

Museum of Failure to open in Minnesota

The Museum of Failure is set to open Friday, Nov. 5 at Mall of America. Presented by SEE Global Entertainment (SEE®), Mall of America is the first stop on their six-city US tour. Additional tour stops include Chicago, Atlanta, West Palm Beach, San Antonio, and Seattle.

"It only seems right to kick off this North American Tour - which highlights some of the biggest corporate missteps and failures - in what is known as one of America's largest and most successful venues, Mall of America," added Martin Biallas, Founder and CEO of SEE.

Not your conventional Instagram pop-up, the Museum of Failure shines a light on some of history's epic fails by some of the world's best-known companies, like Colgate's frozen beef lasagna TV dinner. First displayed in Sweden, the collection of more than 100 failures was originally conceived by psychologist and innovation researcher, Dr. Samuel West. He believes seeing these larger-than-life corporate imperfections will inspire visitors to innovate and not be afraid to fail.

"I'm excited to bring this spectacular exhibit around North America," says

West. "We need to be better at learning from failure. I want visitors to recognize that failure is an essential aspect of progress and innovation."

The experience is geared towards visitors of all ages, making it a great activity for the whole family. Guests can look forward to classic catastrophes like the marketing disappointment that was New Coke or Life Saver Holes along with artifacts spanning from the 17th century right up to the present day. The Museum culminates with a Failure Confessional where visitors can add their own personal stories of failures to the collection.

"We love being able to bring in rotating exhibits for our guests so there is always something new to experience at Mall of America," said Jill Renslow, EVP of Business Development at Mall of America. "The Museum of Failure exhibit is sure to be a one-of-a-kind offering for those visiting Mall of America – especially as we enter into the holiday season."

The Museum of Failure will be on exhibit at Mall of American between November 5, 2021 through January 19, 2022 on level two of the North Atrium. Tickets be-

gin at \$18 and are on-sale now at www.thefailuremuseum.com. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. A smart phone audio guide is included in the ticket price, and features interactive virtual tour elements, including video trivia and unlockable content.

The Museum provides a hands-free experience and will have plenty of space to maintain social distancing. Safety measures by the Center for Disease Control, the Minnesota Department of Health and Mall of America will be followed to promote the safety of all guests.

Dr. Samuel West is a licensed clinical psychologist and PhD in organizational psychology with a focus on innovation. Along with his research at Lund University, West has worked as a consultant helping organizations improve their climate for innovation, through which he founded the Museum of Failure. These days West is focused on his work with the museum, touring exhibit, and related talks, as well as consulting for companies interested in kick starting their own innovation by learning about failures. Before getting into innovation, West worked as a clinical psychologist. West lives in Sweden.

Deadly boating season drawing to an end

In midst of deadliest boating season in 16 years, DNR asks late-season boaters to play it safe.

Minnesota's waterways were unusually deadly this year, with 17 people losing their lives in boating-related drownings and crashes—the highest number since 2005. And with weeks of open water left this year, there's a chance that total could climb higher.

"Any life lost on the water is one too many, and we hope we've seen the last of these terrible tragedies," said Lisa Dugan, DNR recreation safety outreach coordinator. "Too many families have had their lives immeasurably altered while their loved ones were taking part in what should be a fun and memorable activity."

Of the 17 people who died, 16 were not known to be wearing life jackets when they went into the water. Some of them fell unexpectedly into the water, while

others jumped in and experienced some sort of trouble that prevented them from getting back to their boat. The DNR recommends people always wear a life jacket when they're on the water, but it's especially important during the cold-water season, when expected falls in can incapacitate even the strongest swimmers in a matter of minutes.

While air temperatures have been above normal for much of the fall, the water temperature has dropped below 70 degrees, which is the threshold for classifying water as cold. Each year, about 30 percent of boating-related fatalities happen during the cold-water periods of spring and fall.

Anglers and hunters tend to be the primary people on the water at this time of year, but paddlers and others also venture onto the water to enjoy the relative solitude of the water after the summer crowds have

parked their boats.

Following are other safety reminders as people head out onto cold water:

- Wear a life jacket (foam life jackets are more effective than inflatable life jackets during the cold-water season).
- Distribute weight in the boat evenly and abide by manufacturer's weight limits to reduce the likelihood of falling overboard.
- Have a means of communication. Boaters also should let other people know where they're going and when they plan to return.
- Watch the weather to avoid shifting winds or storms.
- Wear an engine cut-off device if the boat is equipped with one.

For more information on staying safe on or around cold water, see the DNR's cold water webpage.

By Lee H. Hamilton
Hamilton Lugar School
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Studies

Here in the United States, we have grown accustomed to thinking we will always have access to plentiful, clean water. We just assume we can turn on the tap and get all the water we need.

But in much of the world, water for drinking, cooking, and cleaning isn't something to take for granted. Even in the U.S. and other developed countries, climate change and surging consumption could put our water security at risk. This is an issue we need to take seriously.

The World Meteorological Organization, an agency of the United Nations, warned in a recent report of a "looming water crisis" in which more frequent and extreme weather events will put a serious strain on the world's water supplies and systems.

The numbers in the report are staggering. Two billion people live in "water-stressed countries" that can't provide basic water and sanitation services. Some 3.6 billion people lacked reliable access to water at least one month in 2018; the figure could rise to 5 billion by 2050, more than half the world's population. Over 11,000 weather- and

climate-related disasters have taken place in the past 50 years, causing more than 2 million deaths and \$3.6 trillion in damages. Since 2000, flood disasters have increased by 134%, with their heaviest impact in Asia; drought has increased by 29%, causing the most deaths and economic losses in Africa.

A lack of clean water prevents proper sanitation, and contaminated water causes cholera, diarrhea, dysentery, typhoid fever, and other deadly diseases. More than 800,000 people, including nearly 300,000 children under age 5, die each year from diarrhea that could be prevented by good hygiene, according to the World Health Organization.

It's tempting for us to think these problems are confined to the developing world. But climate change doesn't spare those of us who live in developed nations. In Europe, record flooding this year killed hundreds of people and shocked climate scientists. Increasingly powerful storms have ravaged U.S. coastal cities from New Orleans to New York. Drought in the American West brought another season of devastating wildfires and hamstringing the region's agricultural and recreation industries. Western North America, in fact, was labeled a "global water crisis hotspot" in the World

Meteorological Organization report.

Water shortages often lead to conflict, as nations and groups compete for scarce resources. Wars, flooding, and drought displace millions of people, creating new crises as nations struggle to accommodate refugees and migrants.

It's also tempting to think it's someone else's job to fix water problems in other regions. But, as the world's most powerful and wealthiest country, we Americans have an obligation to lead. As a major producer of greenhouse gases that cause climate change, we contributed to the problem.

What can we do? The problem isn't simply a matter of too much or too little water; it's that we're not managing our resources effectively. Water management systems are "fragmented and inadequate," in the words of the World Meteorological Organization. It calls for more investment in integrated water management systems to better conserve and manage water.

Too often we waste water and fail to develop the infrastructure to manage it.

As part of that effort, we must do more individually and as a nation to stem climate change, which is bringing the water to a head.

We can and must step up to the challenge. If we do not, disaster awaits.

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Quote of the week

“We have to be the check on their power. If we don’t hold them accountable, then, my God, who will?”

— Tom Hanks as Ben Bradlee, “The Post” (2017)

Quote of the week

“Technique and ability alone do not get you to the top; it is the willpower that is the most important.”

— Junko Tabei, the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest



Bremer raises funds for local baseball

The book signing by Staples High School graduate and Minnesota Twins broadcaster Dick Bremer brought in more than \$2,000 for the Staples-Motley Diamond Club, which will be used purchase a new digital scoreboard for the varsity baseball field. The event included a silent auction of Twins memorabilia and other

donated items. Bremer donated five dollars from each of his "Game Used" books sold, with more than 100 books purchased at the event. Hundreds of people came to the event and Bremer enjoyed chatting with everyone who got their book personally signed. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Preventing shoreland erosion

By Kevin Brown
Todd County SWCD

Did you know that Minnesota has more shoreline than Hawaii, California, and Florida combined? With that amount of shoreline, it is not a shocker that we are dealing with shoreland erosion issues. Whether it is recreational lakes caused by wave action from your slalom skiing days or our lush green yards going down to the waters edge. We are all responsible for taking care of these precious resources. Most properties

have a gradual slope towards the lake. You may ask yourself what the best prevention of erosion may be. Guess what? Leave it alone. Leave it alone you say? Yes, by leaving the natural shoreland undisturbed you are allowing native vegetation to naturally armor the shoreland preventing erosion from occurring. You could increase that armor by planting woody plants to help increase root mass and depth. This would be a natural filter strip that causes the soil to bind together and reduce soil loss that you normally see caused by

waves and surface runoff.

In today's world, landscaping and a beautiful yard down to the water is preferred. It looks great and makes lake access easier than ever. However, those positives tend to cause more negatives and can produce negative consequences for your shoreland and the quality of the lake.

At Todd Soil and Water we are more than happy to discuss any shoreland issues and help you through the process to bring your shoreland back to life and help improve the quality of your lake.

Mark Your Calendar

October 20

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples at 5:30 p.m. To attend via zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139. Because of Covid numbers increasing in our area, it is suggested that you bring a mask if desired and maintain social distancing. The public is invited to the meeting.

October 24

DINNER/BAZAAR AT SACRED HEART CHURCH Staples. Chicken/Beef dinner, 10:30

a.m. - 1 p.m.; bazaar/bake sale, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Raffle prize drawing, 1 p.m.

October 25

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

October 26

WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICANS meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Pizza Ranch in Wadena. Dinner and visiting at 6 p.m. with speakers and a business meeting at 7 p.m. for more info., 218-894-1899.

October 28

BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MTG Thursday, Oct. 28, 3 - 5 p.m., Timbers Restaurant in Staples, St. Charles room. For info., 218-894-2627.

Madhatters one act play showcase

The Madhatters One Act Play Showcase will be held Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Wadena Memorial Auditorium.

Performing groups from Wadena, Staples, Perham and Fergus Falls will perform a wide variety of shows. Audience members will be able to vote for their favorite show. Categories include Best Show, Best Actor, Best Actress and more with the winner of Best Show receiving a top prize of \$500.

Tickets are available at Weber's Hardware, Greiman's Silk Screen & Sign, Glamour Salon and Aunt Lora's Sewing in Wadena, from your local performing group or at the door.

For information contact Michelle Curtis, 218-640-3268 or Bronwynn Touchette, 218-820-8740.

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

October

- **No School - MEA** Oct. 21 - 22
- **MS/HS CHOIR CONCERT** Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
- **MS DANCE** Oct. 29, 3:05 - 5:30 p.m.

November

- **MS/HS BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Nov. 9
- **VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS** Nov. 11
- **HS FALL PLAY, "THE MAD TEA PARTY"** Nov. 12-13
- **SADIE HAWKINS DANCE** Nov. 19

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

Energy assistance offering more benefits

More Minnesotans than ever qualify for the Energy Assistance Program. In 2021, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, which operates the Energy Assistance Program, has over \$130 million in federal funding, with more expected this fall, to help more Minnesota households. The Energy Assistance Program helps Minnesota households pay for current and past-due bills for electricity, gas, oil, bio-fuel and propane, emergency fuel delivery, and repair/replacement of homeowners' broken heating systems, and could also cover water and sewer bills.

Commerce raised the income eligibility limit to 60% of Minnesota's median income levels (\$67,765 per year for a family of four) and is significantly increasing benefit amounts to reduce energy burdens more than ever, including up to \$2,000 for energy bills, plus up to \$1,200 for past-due energy bills.

Water bill assistance is newly available and households can also qualify for weatherization. By submitting one application through the Energy Assistance Program, households

could qualify for payments to cover both water and energy bills, and qualify them for the Minnesota Weatherization Program, also operated by Commerce. Weatherization helps households with home improvements to conserve energy and lower their energy costs permanently. Water bill assistance

time federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

To apply, call Todd County Energy Assistance 888-838-4066 or 320-732-4516.

Search online for "Minnesota energy assistance" or go to mn.gov/energyassistance for a printable application.

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Born to Krystal Bender and Matt Heidinger of Hawley, a baby boy, Matthew Jaymesong weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on October 9, 2021.

Born to Jennessa and Jayme Steele of Pillager, a baby girl, Hayslee Jayne weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on October 9, 2021.

Born to Lindsay and Brandon Fuller of Pillager, a baby girl, Hadlee Jean weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on October 10, 2021.

Born to Callie Armstrong and Josh Weizenegger of Baxter, a baby girl, Kinsley Rae weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on October 12, 2021.

Born to Marisa and Jordan Ashbaugh of

Bertha, a baby boy, Theodore Wallace weighing nine pounds, one ounce on October 12, 2021.

Born to Christina Johnson and Travis Wiberg of Emily, a baby boy, Hunter Keith weighing six pounds, two ounces on October 12, 2021.

Born to Michaela Hart and Cedric Ford of Baxter, a baby boy, Benjamin Lawrence Dwayne weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on October 12, 2021.

Born to Rebecca and Cody Shackle of Backus, a baby boy, Theo James weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on October 13, 2021.

Born to Lynn and Scott Keskitalo of New York Mills, a baby girl, Ainsley Sue weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on October 15, 2021.

Patricia Baustian

Patricia Baustian, 93, died October 7, 2021, at Knute Nelson in Alexandria.

A Celebration of Life Service was held October 16 at the United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

Patricia Ann was born January 1, 1928, to Isaac and Celia (Klein) Bergen in Minot, ND. She graduated from Stillwater High School and attended Macalester College where she earned a teaching degree in English.

Pat was united in marriage to Donald Baustian on August 6, 1949, at the Presbyterian Church in Stillwater. The couple was blessed with five children and lived in southern Minnesota until moving to Staples in February of 1958. Pat cared for the children until they were older before starting her career as an English, Literature, and Spanish teacher in Staples, where she worked for 25 years. After retiring, the couple worked at the Christmas Store in Yellowstone National Park and later at Mount Rushmore in the gift shop. They enjoyed wintering in Rockport, TX for a number of years.

Pat enjoyed music, reading and family. She was active in the Staples Community Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, Staples United Methodist Choir and loved playing the piano at home. She was very involved with education and the Staples community. Pat and Don enjoyed camping trips and taking the children across the United States. They enjoyed volunteering at Knute Nelson and visiting with the residents. Pat will be remembered for her kindness, unconditional love and finding the best in everyone.

She is survived by her husband, Donald of Alexandria; two sons, Brian (Patti) Baustian and Brent Baustian, both of Alexandria; one daughter, Barbara (Donald) Swenson of Oakdale; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Connie Weiss of Pittsburg, PA; one sister-in-law, Linda Bergen of Venice, FL and many nieces and nephews.

Pat is preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Bradley and Bruce Baustian and one brother, Bruce Bergen.

The family requests that you consider making a donation to the Knute Nelson Foundation.

Arrangements were with the Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory. www.andersonfuneral.net.



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Obituaries

Rev. Alvin Jeske

Rev. Alvin Jeske, 91, of Sumner, Iowa, died October 11, 2021, at his home, surrounded by loving family.

Funeral services were held Oct. 16 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sumner with Rev. Tanner Post and Rev. Ronnie Koch officiating.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at Lutheran Cemetery of Sumner Township, rural Sumner. Military rites will be provided by Thomas E. Woods Post #223, American Legion of Sumner.

"You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy." --Psalm 30:11

Alvin, son of Erich and Olga (Bauch) Jeske was born January 14, 1930, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was baptized in March of 1930 by Rev. Carl Otto, Sr. and confirmed April 2, 1944, by Rev. J.C. Miller at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Alvin graduated from Kewaskum High School in 1948, enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving aboard submarines USS Bugara and USS Caiman from December 9, 1948 to December 11, 1952 when he was honorably discharged. Upon discharge from the military, he enrolled in college under the GI Bill, graduating with Honors and a B.S. in electrical engineering from San Jose State. On June 29, 1957, he was united in marriage with Linda Karen Stein at First Immanuel Lutheran Church in San Jose, CA with Rev. Arthur Brommer officiating. To this union four children were born, Ruth, Carol, Bert and Sara.

Alvin worked as an electrical engineer at P.E.K. Labs in Mountain View, CA and at Varian Associates in Palo Alto, CA. In 1968, Alvin and his family were living in Sunnyvale, CA, when he answered God's call to the ministry. The family moved to Springfield, IL where Alvin began Pastoral training at Concordia Theological Seminary. He served his Vicarage year at St. John Lutheran Church, Wellsburg, IA and graduated with a Master of Divinity in May of 1972. He was Ordained to the ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cupertino, CA and began his active ministry at St. John Lutheran Church in Kimball, NB. His next call was to Sumner, IA, where he served the dual parish of St. John's and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches from 1976 until 1989. He then served St. John Lutheran Church in Motley until retirement in 1995. Even though he was officially "retired", he never stopped serving the Lord. He continued to answer God's call to ministry by serving many churches in the Brainerd Lakes area including Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples, Mission of the Cross Church in Crosslake, Zion Lutheran Church in Crosby, Emanuel Lutheran Church in Iron Hub, Redeemer Lutheran in Verndale and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township.

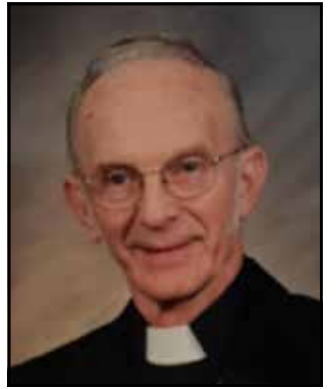
Alvin was a member of the American Legion of Sumner, a member of the American Legion, where he was appointed as Chaplain, England Prairie Pioneer Club in Verndale and Northeast Iowa Antique Engine Group in Fredricksburg, IA. While participating in the later clubs, he realized that he could combine his love of engineering, modeling and creating with his fond memories of growing up in the farm country of Wisconsin and began creating a legacy of 1:16 scale working replicas of antique farm equipment and buildings.

Rev. Jeske is survived by his wife, Linda of Sumner; four children and their spouses, Ruth (Gary) Hoeger of Hawkeye, Carol (Bill) Armbrecht of Itasca, IL, Bert (Erin) Jeske of Bloomington and Sara (Kenny) O'Dell of Aquone, NC; 18 grandchildren, Nichole (Kyle) Adams of Waverly, Jennifer (Beau) Parker of Elgin, SC, Brandon (Stacie) Hoeger of Alpha, Brooke (Blake) Brockhohn of Fairfax, Erich (Abby) Priebe of Sumner, Blake Hoeger of New Hampton, Louis Armbrecht of Chesterfield, MI, James Armbrecht of Wood Dale, IL, Emily Armbrecht of Pleasant Prairie, WI, Sidney (Troy) Delepene of Iowa City, Bryson Jeske and Calvin Jeske of Idaho, Joshua Jeske of Bloomington, MN, Elizabeth Adamovich of Murphy, NC, Hansen (Madison) Adamovich of Andrews, NC, Parker Adamovich of Murphy, NC, Savannah (Braylen) Gray of Blairsville, GA and Caylin Adamovich of Aquone, NC; 19 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and one brother, Kenneth Jeske of Kenosha, WI.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings, Lawrence, Robert, Frank and Harvey Jeske, Betty Scherzer and Ruth Bunkelmann.

Memorials may be made in Rev. Jeske's name to Concordia Theological Seminary, 6600 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825 or St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sumner, 612 W. 3rd St., Sumner, Iowa 50674.

Arrangments were by Becker & Son Funeral Home in Sumner. Online condolences may be left at www.beckermilnesretting.com.



Linda retired once again to Sumner, IA to be near family. While many knew him as Pastor, his family knew him as Dad, Grampa, Papa and Gramps. He was a man who we believed could fix anything, even broken hearts. He was a skilled electrician, plumber, woodworker, enjoyed model railroading, fishing, hunting and camping. He was a member of the American Legion, where he was appointed as Chaplain, England Prairie Pioneer Club in Verndale and Northeast Iowa Antique Engine Group in Fredricksburg, IA. While participating in the later clubs, he realized that he could combine his love of engineering, modeling and creating with his fond memories of growing up in the farm country of Wisconsin and began creating a legacy of 1:16 scale working replicas of antique farm equipment and buildings.

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He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings, Lawrence, Robert, Frank and Harvey Jeske, Betty Scherzer and Ruth Bunkelmann.

Memorials may be made in Rev. Jeske's name to Concordia Theological Seminary, 6600 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825 or St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sumner, 612 W. 3rd St., Sumner, Iowa 50674.

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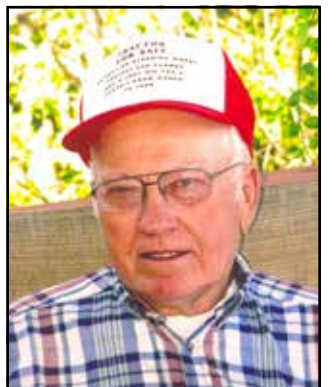
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Barney McCoy

Barney Marion McCoy, 87, of Motley, passed away October 10, 2021.

Barney was born to Charles and Esther (Davidson) McCoy on October 14, 1933, in Warroad. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1956 when he was honorably discharged. He worked as a farmer, truck driver and was a fire warden for many years. Barney married Helma (Scheid) Peet in 1995 in Leader. He enjoyed hunting, feeding the deer and spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Barney is survived by five step-children, Sue Peet of Staples, Gene (Beth) Peet of Ham Lake, Brenda (Jim) Alexander of Staples, Kim (Pat) Cunningham of Motley and Shelley (Greg) Benson of Verndale; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one



brother, Harry McCoy and one sister, Shirley Feakes.

Barney was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Charles McCoy, Douglas McCoy and Max McCoy; one infant baby sister and wife, Helma McCoy.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
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"Fall 2021"

By Pastor Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

Hello, Fall. I am a fan of Fall: the autumnal equinox, children at school, crimson and gold tipped leaves, campfires on cool evenings and an annual trek for Mississippi River Valley apples. Change is in the air which can be a bit melancholy. Not so much gloominess as it is pensiveness for me. Change makes me pause a minute to reflect on the past as well as to wonder about the future.

This year I reflect back on my family's first year in Staples. What a ride. This community...ROCKS. Small town but wonderfully welcoming, small town but loads of adventure, small town but the "Staples" are here, small town but extremely supportive, small town but now HOME. Whenever one looks back there are things we would have done differently...things one didn't do but would like to have done...things done but regrettable. I believe the God of creation has given us memory and history for a reason. We are able to look back and learn from what has happened. And not only in our own lives, or in the past year, but throughout history. These beautiful minds He has created were designed for retaining past information and historical data so that it can impact our future. The past reveals lessons for the road ahead. And that future road, in turn, will provide gems of opportunity and learning for the road beyond that. "Progressive revelation" is the concept that God has revealed Himself to humanity over time; in different aspects and through different people. We are built to retain what has been revealed in the past. And it leads to God's revelation to us individually as expressed in the "If I only had known THEN what I know now" sentiment. God has revealed Himself progressively throughout history and continues to reveal Himself to us as time marches on. It is a good, although melancholy, thing to look

back, reflect and learn.

Fall provides not only these pensive moments of reflection but also provides us with times to wonder about the future. My wife and I are now first time grandparents. Now THERE is a future to consider. But we also have some other new things in our life...a river in the backyard to explore, square dancing, new friends and oh yeah, that church stuff we got going on. There is an old Christian comedian team called Isaac Airfreight and they put it this way, "You got to get something ETERNAL going here!" See, our future isn't just about next year and the year after that. Our future is eternal. I believe we have an assurance of what that future with God looks like, but that assurance is dependent on what we do today. Have you got something eternal going on?

Change can be a wondrous thing. It provides a time to look back on the past, learn from it and then hope and wonder about the future. The river, dancing and friendships are great things...I hope to see you on the river, on the dance floor or enjoying a meal together. But even greater than this is our future with the God who created us. How about checking out a small group at your church or the church down the block? If music is your thing I know there are some pretty awesome churches making music in the area. How about sharing your gift? If helping others is a passion there are plenty of needs here in "potato land" that are being served by local congregations. And if you have some questions about what you've got going on eternally, I KNOW there are some awesome study and support groups as well. Let us make a change this Fall so that our paths may cross not just tomorrow somewhere on 2nd Street but let us make some eternal changes so that our paths may cross for all eternity.

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Tabatt, SM Girls CC team Mid State champs

The Staples-Motley cross country teams had the individual champion in the boys race and the girls team ran to first place at the Mid State Conference meet on Oct. 14, at Detroit Lakes.

Issiah Tabatt raced to the individual win in 16:54. The rest of the team ran well but were edged out in the team score by three points.

In the girls race, the Cardinals had four runners in the top ten, Kyanna Burton, Aften Robinson, Audrey Brownell and Bella Hines, with Naila Mikhaeil coming in right behind in 12th place. Ashley Robben and Sophie Schlosser were

the other two Cardinal varsity runners.

Team results

Boys Mid State Conference results:

Park Rapids 39, Staples-Motley 42, Pequot Lakes 45, Detroit Lakes 114, Crosby-Ironton 148, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 164

1. Issiah Tabatt 16:54, 6. Luke Brownell 17:43, 8. Lyle Brownell 17:56, 11. Logan Robben 18:08, 16. Grant Johnson 18:35, 23. Will Dolezal 19:48, 25. Dillan Robben 19:50

Junior varsity: 1. Odin Trif 19:50, 8. Elijah Greenwaldt 22:11, 18. Ivan Lozano 23:29, 20. Daniel Ortiz 25:55, 21. Evan Allen 26:32

Middle school (3,200 meters): 3. Gage Bjerga 12:33, 13. Justin Olson 14:16, 19. Reid Judd 14:59

Girls Mid State Conference results:

Staples-Motley 34, Detroit Lakes 73, Park Rapids 79, Pequot Lakes 91, Crosby-Ironton 115, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 121

3. Kyanna Burton 19:34, 4. Aften Robinson 19:45, 5. Audrey Brownell 20:00, 10. Bella Hines 21:16, 12. Naila Mikhaeil 21:30, 15. Ashley Robben 22:01, 19. Sophie Schlosser 22:23

Junior varsity: 1. Suhaila Mikhaeil 22:31, 2. Addisyn Cichos 22:45, 9. Brooke Bendson 26:00, 16. CJ Koval 29:39

Middle school (3,200 meters): 9. Leah Greenwaldt 16:03, 11. Arabella Moore 16:09, 12. Chloe Larson 16:13, 18. Molly Hoemberg 17:09, 21. Madelyn Kist 18:03



Singles competitors

Lauren Rutten, left, and Allison Knosalla hit shots in the section tournament. Both players won their first match in

the section individual singles tournament. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Rutten advances in Section 8A tennis play

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team lost their semifinal game in the Section 8A playoffs on Oct. 12, falling to Crookston 2-5.

Two singles players and two doubles teams competed in the individual section tournament on Oct. 14. Lauren Rutten advanced to the semifinals of the singles tournament, which was played, Oct. 19.

In the team semifinals, Rutten and Ronnie Noska won their singles matches for the only team points. Amy Rollins and Corinne Olsen took their doubles match to three sets but lost the close match.

In the individual tournament,

Rutten had a bye in the first round then played Park Rapids in the quarterfinals, winning 6-1, 6-0. She played Oct. 19, at Fargo Courts Plus, with the championship game to follow.

Allison Knosalla was the other Cardinal singles player in the tournament. She won against Parkers Prairie but lost in the second round to a Wadena-Deer Creek player.

In doubles, both Staples-Motley teams won their first round match but lost in the second round. Georgia Kruchten and Kenzie Erickson won 6-3, 6-4 against Parkers Prairie then lost 1-6, 3-6 to Wadena-Deer Creek.

Elizabeth DiGiovanni and Ronnie Noska won their first match 6-1, 6-1 against Parkers Prairie. In round two they lost 2-6, 3-6 to Park Rapids.

Team results

Section 8A semifinals SM 2, Crookston 5

Singles: Lauren Rutten W 4-6, 6-2, (10-5); Allison Knosalla L 1-6, 2-6; Ronnie Noska W 6-4, 6-4; Elizabeth DiGiovanni L 2-6, 4-6

Doubles: Georgia Kruchten/Kenzie Erickson L 1-6, 3-6; Amy Rollins/Corinne Olson L 6-4, 0-6, 3-6; Maddison Perius/Heidi Zimmerman; L 2-6, 0-6



Cardinal speed

Issiah Tabatt, left, and Kyanna Burton run in races earlier this season. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

SM Volleyball team sweeps two matches

The Staples-Motley volleyball team won two matches in straight sets, against Verndale 3-0, on Oct. 12 and Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 3-0, on Oct. 14.

The wins put the Cardinals record at 21-6, on the season with one regular season game to play. Section 6AA playoffs begins Thursday, Oct. 28. The Cardinals are ranked fifth, in the 14 team section, which should give them a home game in the first round of the playoffs.

Team results

SM 3, Verndale 0; 25-13, 25-21, 25-19

Leah Bestland: Ace-1, Assists-25, Kill-1, Digs-12

Maggie Claussen: Kill-1, Digs-23

Morgan Becker: Aces-4, Kills-18, Digs-10, Block-1

Bo Erholtz: Kills-4, Block-1

Jayce Kobliska: Ace-1, Assists-3, Kill-1, Digs-13

Klaire Storry: Kills-8, Blocks-2, Dig-1

Steffany Sullivan: Ace-1, Digs-6

Grace Jennissen: Kills-5, Blocks-3

SM 3, Long Prairie-Grey

Eagle 0; 25-14, 25-9, 25-7

Bestland: Ace-1, Assists-21, Kill-1, Digs-11

Claussen: Ace-1, Digs-17

Kobliska: Ace-1, Assists-4, Digs-12

Becker: Aces-3, Kills-9, Block-1, Digs-9

Sullivan: Aces-2, Digs-9

Storry: Ace-1, Kills-4, Blocks-3, Digs-3

Erholtz: Kills-8, Blocks-3, Digs-2

Jennissen: Kills-5, Blocks-2

Emily Case: Digs-2

Federal duck stamp is a legacy for conservation and a Minnesota family

Big state wildlife news this week was the announcement that Minnesotan Jim Hautman has won this year's "duck stamp" contest, for an unprecedented sixth time, no less. His artwork will appear on the 2022-23 stamp, which more officially is known as the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. It must be purchased and in the possession of those age 16 or older who go afield to hunt migratory birds, chiefly ducks and geese. It has been this way since 1934, when hunter-conservationists conceived the idea as a means to raise much needed funds for acquisition and enhancement of the wetlands that are vital to the production and survival of waterfowl.

The backstory of course, is that Jim Hautman is one of a trio of brother-artists who together have won this prestigious annual contest a total of 14 times since 1989. Brother Joe has won the contest five times, brother Bob three times. The only

other artist in this elevated position is Iowan Maynard Reece, also a five-time winner, who died in 2020 at age 100. For any artist to win the contest more than once is an accomplishment. But there is no other legacy that comes close to that of the Hautmans.

For the record, the painting that won this year's contest features drake and hen redhead ducks, riding wind-driven swells on a large lake. The sky is awash in dark, billowy clouds, the kind that spell "storm" and—in the minds of waterfowl hunters—convey migratory urgency, and perhaps the prospect of a productive hunt. In the distance, barely visible in the margin of the painting, can be seen a boat with a pair of hunters as passengers. The redhead is one of the most handsome and prized ducks to many avid waterfowl hunters, and a bird—like the wood duck, canvasback, pintail, and hen mallard—that is restricted in its harvest.

The hunters as a barely seen element in the painting reflect some debate over recent contest rules. It is not the first time that images specific to the hunt have been part of a winning duck stamp design. Over the 87 years that there have been duck stamps there have been such non-bird elements as decoys and dogs, to name a couple. For most

of the stamp contest's history the only real requirement for an entry has been that it feature one of a specified species of waterfowl. This year's contest required that the bird or birds featured be a blue-winged teal, king eider, Ross's goose (a small version of the Canada goose), white-fronted goose, or redhead.

But during the administration of President Donald Trump, a requirement was added that the artist include a hunting element of some kind. As noted above, Jim Hautman's contest winning design features a boat and hunters. Not everyone agreed with the requirement, described as intended to recognize the contributions that hunters have made to wildlife conservation. Some felt that this might discourage purchases by non-hunters, some of whom also buy it to support wetland conservation.

Even some of the artists who hope to win the prestigious contest, and who avidly hunt themselves, were not sold on the requirement. This year's winner Jim Hautman was quoted by Minnesota Outdoor News' writer Tim Spielman as preferring that hunting elements be optional, not required. Hautman elaborated, noting that the requirement put artists who do not hunt at a disadvantage,

and may have run counter to efforts to market the stamp to a wider audience than just hunters.

The counter argument for inclusion of a hunting element would be that it is chiefly hunters who buy the stamp to support wetland conservation, and who support non-government organizations—like Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, and state and local boots-on-the-ground clubs—that aid and advocate for migratory birds. Then there's the stamp-creating legislation itself. It was signed in 1934 by President Franklin Roosevelt as the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act. It was clear from the start that it would be hunters in the main who would "pay the freight" for the government-coordinated conservation efforts that were to come. The stamp itself is today known as the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, a title that is more inclusive than the name of the bill that created it.

There is no prize money, per se, for winning the federal duck stamp contest. No taxpayer-funded purse for the winner. But there is a definite payoff, in the artist's rights to publish and sell limited-edition prints of the artwork, for which there has always been a ready market. The wildlife art market as a whole is but

a shadow of what it was in its heyday more than four decades ago. But winning this contest—there were 137 entries this year—is always lucrative for the winner.

The duck stamp program is widely regarded as "one of the most popular and successful conservation programs ever initiated," in the words of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS). About 1.5 million stamps are sold annually, and a recent estimate places the proceeds at some \$1 billion raised during the life of the program, which is said by the USFWS to have helped preserve some 6 million acres of waterfowl habitat in the U.S.

USFWS notes that the benefits go to many creatures other than just ducks, geese, and other waterfowl and migratory birds. Migratory bird habitat preservation benefits songbirds, small mammals, fish, reptiles and amphibians, including some threatened or endangered species. Apart from direct benefits to wildlife of many kinds, wetland protection purifies water supplies, and reduces flooding and soil erosion from storm runoff.

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4-5th grade race

Staples-Motley Elementary students race in their fall fun run with the help of the Staples-Motley cross country team. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





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205

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TRUCK DRIVER: with some milling, mostly driving, CDL helpful, \$20-\$25 per hour. Bjerga Feeds, Motley, Mn. 800-982-5337. 36tfc

TODD COUNTY HHS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Todd County HHS is looking for a reliable, service oriented individual to serve the citizens of Todd County in a full-time capacity for the following position: ****Relative Search Child Services Specialist****. To learn more about this opening and how to apply visit the official Todd County website at www.co.todd.mn.us Questions can be directed to Todd County Administration 320-732-6155. EOE 43c

DEADLINE
for all classified
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208
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209
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601

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PASTURE TO RENT: Pasture for beef cows for 2022 and beyond. Russell Johnson, 218-837-5505. 44-46p

602

Apartments for Rent

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GARAGE SALES

701

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ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE: Pillager Fairgrounds Community Center. Fri., Oct. 29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Numerous families; clothing, household goods, furniture, books, antiques, baby items, craft items, fabric, tools, guy's stuff, more. You never know what you might find. 43-44c

ANNUAL 285TH AVE. HUGE SALE: Fri., Oct 22 - Sat., Oct. 23, 9 a.m. - ?? Tires, trikes, coolers, Harley exhaust, mowers, vacuums, fence material, tools (trade, mechanic, carpenter and power), hand made boxes and antiques. 285th Ave. E., Staples. 1/4 mi. off Warner Rd. or 3/4 mi. off Hwy 10. Watch for signs or 285th Ave. East. 43p

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NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER MEETING

The regular monthly meeting for November has been changed and will be held on Monday, November 1 at 7 p.m. at the town hall. Questions, please call the clerk at 218-531-0287

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
43pnc

NOTICE
LAKE SHORE
AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around

the edges on the south shore of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 15, 2021 and into the early months of 2022. For inquiries call 763-535-1079.

42-43pnp
PUBLIC NOTICE
AERATION WARNING

NOTICE - Lake Shore AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU: Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the southwest shore of Lake Shamineau Lots 2142 and 2174. Starting December 1, 2021 into the early months of 2022. For inquiries call 952-975-9078.

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NOTICE
LAKE SHORE
AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the South shores of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 2021 and early months of 2022. For inquiries call 651-698-8246.

42-44pnp
PUBLIC NOTICE
AERATION WARNING

NOTICE: An aeration system creating thin ice will be in operation on the southeast shoreline on Lake Shamineau, 33203 and 33211, during ice conditions fall of 2021 and continuing

through Spring 2022. The purpose is to protect the shoreline from ice expansion.

Please be aware of
open water and thin ice.
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NOTICE
LAKE SHORE
AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU

Beware open water and thin ice. Aeration to occur on south shore along Lake-shore Drive beginning November 1, 2021 until April, 2022. For inquiries call 763-516-2514.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

An aeration system will be operating after Nov. 15, 2021 until ice out on Lake Shamineau on the South shore about 1-1/2 miles East of West end of the lake, which will result in thin ice and open water.

42-43pnp

NOTICE
BID FOR PRECISION
IRRIGATION SYSTEM
CENTRAL LAKES
COLLEGE

Central Lakes College is soliciting bids for a Precision Irrigation System. Detail specifications may be obtained by contacting Keith Olander at 218-894-

5163. Bids will be accepted at the Staples Campus until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

All bids must be sealed and marked "BID FOR PRECISION IRRIGATION SYSTEM".

Submit bids to:
Central Lakes College
ATTN: Debbie Sterriker
1830 Airport Road
Staples, MN 56479

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

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COMMISSION**
215 1st Ave. South,
Suite 103
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
Phone 320-732-4420
Fax 320-732-4803
Email: toddplan.zoneco.
todd.mn.us

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the east side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the North Doors, near the American Flag and monument.

Questions? Phone 320-732-4420 or Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us.

Agenda
•Call to Order.
•Introduction of Planning Commission Members.

•Approval of the October 7, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes.
1. Moses D. Borntreger: Section 3, Reynolds Township

Site Address: 19785 270th Street, Long Prairie. PID: 20-0001700

1) Request for Conditional Use Permit for temporary family housing in AF-1 Zoning.

2. Alysa Thompson: Scenic Valley Big Sauk Lake Third Addition, Section 23, Long Prairie Township

Site Address: 21366 110th Street, Sauk Centre. PID: 03-0089000

1) Request for Conditional Use Permit for an in-home daycare in Shoreland - RD Zoning (Sauk Lake).

3. Change to Section 6.04C of Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance

1) Addition to commercial uses to include Wedding/Event Centers

Adjournment

**Next meeting:
December 2, 2021**

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

Michael Wiener,
Chairperson
Todd County Planning
Commission

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MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
September 7, 2021

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissior's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 7th day of September, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2021 as presented.

To accept the resignation of Jaden Evenson, Public Works Summer Help effective 08/19/2021.

To accept the resignation of Travis Moller, Public Works Summer Help effective 08/12/2021.

To approve Megan Benning's Clerical Intern completion, effective 08/12/21.

To approve the hiring of Mr. Dillon Peterson to fill the vacant Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator position at Grade 7, Step 1.

To approve the hiring of internal applicant Mikayla Johnson to fill the Team Lead Social Worker position effective September 12, 2021.

To approve the hire of Beau Herzig, FT Correctional Officer, effective 09/20/2021.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the August 2021 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 901692 through 901744 in the amount of \$3,457,887.68, (Manual) 648 through 653 in the amount of \$110,166.49 and (Regular) 237995 through 238153 in the amount of \$547,750.68 for a total of \$4,115,804.85.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401426 through 401460 in the amount of \$59,362.75 and (Regular) 55138 through 55190 in the amount of \$50,788.58 for a total of \$110,151.33.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 801950 through 801969 and (Regular) 708132 through 708157 for a total amount of \$115,493.03.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600457 through 600463 and

(Regular) 516498 through 516521 for a total amount of \$51,047.80.

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

COUNTY DITCH
MAINTENANCE
ASSESSMENTS FOR
TAXES PAYABLE 2022

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 an annual basis to maintain positive cash flow, and;

WHEREAS, per County Board suggestion, recommendations for the July 2020 through June 2021 assessment cycle were discussed at the County Board Worksession on August 17, 2021, 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 2022 Tax Payable Year as a one year repayment period without interest applied per the attached list.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the County Fee Schedule Public Hearing for October 5, 2021 to begin at 9:15 a.m. in the County Commissioners Board Room and instruct all appropriate legal notices be generated and published accordingly.

Finance Committee

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

A RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE 2022
PRELIMINARY LEVY

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the 2022 Preliminary Levy for Todd County, for property taxes payable in 2022 per table below, with the authority to reduce this levy before the final levy deadline of December 30 2021.

	Certified Levy	Program Aid	Local Levy
General Revenue	11,417,144.00	1,561,707.00	9,855,437.00
Road & Bridge	2,705,630.00		2,705,630.00
Human Services	3,323,195.00		3,323,195.00
Public Health	542,066.00		542,066.00
Comp Water	5,360.00		5,360.00
Regional Library	335,373.00		335,373.00
Bonded Indebtedness	413,889.00		413,889.00
County Fair	20,000.00		20,000.00
Parks & Trails	20,000.00		20,000.00
Total	18,782,657.00	1,561,707.00	17,220,950.00

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for Wednesday, December 1, 2021 to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Todd County Commissioner's Boardroom.

County Ditch/Ag
Inspector

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Richard Zunker, to clean part of County Ditch 33 on parcel 20-0036800, Reynolds Twp Section 33.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Prairie Lakes Farm LLC/Amthor Cattle, to clean part of County Ditch 19 on parcel 26-0022100, Ward Twp Section 24.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, approve a Minor Maintenance project on CD15 to clean approximately 3,036 feet of ditch that is on parcels 02-0023100 and 02-0023501. Corbin Pickar Excavating, Inc. will do the project at a cost not to exceed \$6,831.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, approves a Brush Spraying project to treat approximately 2.48 miles of brush on County Ditch 8. Central Applicators of Foley will do the project at a cost not to exceed \$3,792.16.

Soil & Water

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the County/SWCD Agreement as presented.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2020 Federal Boat Equipment Grant Amendment.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of a FT Road Deputy with the use of ARPA Funds.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To purchase the 2023 Freightliner Truck and PUP Trailer from Northland Truck Sales and trade in the 2004 Sterling.

Health & Human
Services

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To formally accept the donation and allow HHS to expend the donations on items necessary to improve the experience of families and children in our Child Protection system.

County
Commissioners

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met with State Representative Ron Kresha and State Representative John Poston for discussion regarding legislative priorities. Dialogue of topics including Corrections Funding, Public Safety, Mental Health, Broadband Initiatives, and Covid were put forward by the County Board and County Department Heads.

Closed Session

Chair Becker closed the session at 11:09 a.m. pursuant to MN Statute §13D.03 to consider strategies for labor negotiations.

Chair Becker reopened the session at 12:04 p.m.

County Auditor-
Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that there are Special Elections upcoming on November 2, 2021 for ISD 213 Osakis Public School, ISD 487 Upsala Public School, ISD 743 Sauk Centre Public School and ISD 2753 Long Prairie Grey Eagle Pubic School and absentee voting will open September 17, 2021 for these elections. Voters should reach out to the school district to request absentee ballots.

County Coordinator's
Report

The County Coordinator had nothing to report.

County
Commissioner's
Report

The Commissioners expressed their gratitude to State Representative Kresha and State Representative Poston for taking part in today's legislative discussion.

Recess

Chairperson Becker recessed the meeting until September 21, 2021.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
MN DEPT OF REVENUE ..	\$97,373.73
US BANK	6,803.94
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	4,617.00
3 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	1,371.82
ANOKA CO GOV'T	
CENTER	8,375.00
EBSO INC	221,582.25
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL	5,383.72
KNIFE RIVER CORP	2,441,881.92
LONG PRAIRIE LUMBER,	
LLC	3,706.04
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	4,350.44
VERIZON	5,031.69
26 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	9,380.31
COUNTIES PROVIDING	
TECHNOLOGY	5,403.00
DOHERTY STAFFING	
SOLUTIONS	3,637.77
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	5,818.80
MN DEPARTMENT	
OF HEALTH	2,391.00
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	9,340.00
MORRISON COUNTY.....	52,858.66
PRAIRIE LAKES	
MUNICIPAL SOLID	

WASTE AUTH.....	82,386.00
SHIRLEY'S GAS &	
GROCERIES INC	2,994.24
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,681.50
44 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	15,692.00
AMERICAN COMMS INC	3,750.00
CARD SERVICES	
COBORN'S.....	2,302.11
CENTRA CARE	10,983.33
COUNTRYSIDE	
RESTAURANT	4,950.10
DAN'S PRIZE INC.....	58,795.00
FLEET SERVICES/	
WEX BANK	7,911.29
FRESHWATER ED.	
DISTRICT #6004.....	13,453.00
LONG PRAIRIE	
SANITATION INC	3,462.75
MINNESOTA POWER	
& LIGHT.....	15,023.27
NORTHERN STAR COOP	2,254.49
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	4,320.00
STEP	11,516.00
SUNDERMANN/ ADAM	3,001.88
VOYANT COMMS, LLC.....	3,384.97
WATERGUARDS, LLC	24,930.35
WENCK ASSOCIATES, INC.	4,346.25
WEST CENTRAL	
TECH SERVICE AREA	4,720.70
38 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	14,369.28
CLIFTON LARSON	
ALLEN, LLP	3,150.00
GALLAGHER BENEFIT	
SERVICES INC	2,000.00
KNIFE RIVER CORP	5,705.65
MINNESOTA POWER	
& LIGHT.....	2,677.27
MN DEPT OF	
TRANSPORTATION	4,500.66
STEARNS COUNTY	
HWY DEPT	218,960.32
TOLSON/DIAN	4,480.61
WARNER LAW, LLC	5,624.78
36 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	12,941.45
EBSO INC.....	227,265.28
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL	5,680.98
KNIFE RIVER CORP	410,117.93
STEP	11,758.50
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	4,350.44
22 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	10,055.38
Total	\$4,115,804.85

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
ARC ELECTRIC SERVICE.....	\$2,729.97
BOSL/GREG	2,693.69
BROWERVILLE	
TRUCKWASH/BIG BOYZ	2,061.06
FRIEDRICH'S TIRE &	
OIL CO.....	7,546.13
H & L MESABI	11,320.00
H & R CONSTRUCTION CO	2,313.45
MORRISON CO	
PUBLIC HEALTH SERV	5,028.35
NOW MICRO INC.....	4,676.68
RAINBOW RIDER	8,583.34
RINKE-NOONAN	
CORP LTD	3,250.00
RJ CONTRACTING	
& REMODELING LLC.....	2,031.00
ROYAL TIRE	4,349.40
SAFE RESTRAINTS, INC.	3,064.24
SHI CORP	2,926.00
SUMMIT COMPANIES	2,075.25
TRUENORTH STEEL.....	20,114.20
WHEELCO TRUCK	
AND TRAILER PARTS	4,776.06
WORMS LUMBER &	
READY-MIX INC.....	2,066.54
70 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	18,545.97
Total	\$110,151.33

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
WARRANTS

Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT	\$101,925.71
PERISH/ALAN\$3,165.31	
TODD CTY. SHERIFF	\$2,388.34
43 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	8,013.67
Total	115,493.03

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held September 7, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting held on September 21, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

43pnc



Young racers

Staples-Motley kindergarten and first grade students take off on their fall

fun run, top and finish with smiles. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Racing to the finish line

Second and third grade students finish their fun run. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Todd County Board approves ditch cleaning, Sheriff's Department equipment

Lake Improvement District Taxes Payable 2022 through 2026 Special Assessment budget plan, being an assessment to 164 property owners in the amount of \$95 per property owner per year, totalling \$15,580 per year. This is not a part of the county's budget.

- Heard an update on the 4-H program from the University of Minnesota Extension Office 4-H Youth Development Educator Alyssa Scheve.

The commissioners also approved a proclamation for National 4-H Week being October 3-9.

- Acknowledged receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement (HHA) petition from Aaron Ekola, to clean part of County Ditch 34 and to replace a private crossing in Moran Township, Section 29.

- Acting as Ditch Authority, the commissioners approved a HHA petition from Chad Bosl, to clean approximately 954 feet of the main ditch and replace a private crossing on County Ditch 3 in Little Sauk Township, Section 3. This project will be done on his own property, at his own expense.

- Acting as the Ditch Authority, the board approved hiring Statema Backhoe Service LLC to excavate and level spoil on approximately 900 feet of County Ditch 19. Because of the width of the ditch, excavation will be done from both sides and spoil will be leveled on both sides of the ditch. The estimate for the project is for a total of \$3,100.

- Approved the request for new office space in the corrections and attorneys area from Arnzen Construction for a total of \$44,349.

- Approved Connie Spanwick's employment status change from full-time to part-time, effective October 2.

- Approved a request from Sheriff Steve Och to replace the dispatch consoles. The existing consoles were installed in 2007 and are in need of replacement.

After extensive research and a number of bids, it was decided that the dispatch console bid from Russ Bassett best fits the needs of the center.

The final quote from Russ Bassett for the dispatch consoles and installation is \$80,527.

To complete this project, a quote from Granite Electronics was obtained to remove the current radio equipment, set up a temporary dispatch workstation and reinstall the radio equipment into the new dispatch consoles. The quote from Granite Electronics to complete their work for this project is \$6994.50 for a combined cost of \$87,521.85 that will be funded through

911 funds.

- Todd County receives approximately \$70,000 per year from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for its recycling program. In 2020, the MPCA started requiring that each county sign a "SCORE AGREEMENT" before payment is made. The only noticeable change is that last year's agreement was for one year and the new agreement is for five years.

The board authorized Solid Waste Director Chris McConn to electronically sign the agreement via Docusign.

- Approved the final platting of "Greystone First Addition".

- Approved the final plat for "Dismas Acres".

- To acknowledge the third year violation and place a \$3000 assessment on the Timothy Forcier property for the 2022 tax year and further allow the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 28, 2021 at which time the county board may choose to rescind this official action. (The last part of this sentence is the same for all of the following.)

- To acknowledge the second year violation and place a \$2000 assessment on the August Langseth property for the 2022 tax year with the same resolve as above.

- The following are all second year violations with the same \$2,000 assessment and resolve:

- Georgann M. and David W. Larson

- Jeffrey J. and Kristine Kuhlman

- William J. and Marsha K. Owen

- Harold G. Harkcom

- Marianne Gerving

- Linda Jean Hansen

- Due to the coming retirement of the current person in this position, an opening in the Relative Search position will occur. This position performs comprehensive relative search of children in placement and performs a variety of tasks related to the placement of children in foster care. This position also monitors family visitations and assists with needed transports.

The position exists to meet Minnesota State Statute 260C.221 regarding relative search.

Commissioner Randy Neumann asked what had happened to the 60-day "cool down" period before hiring new employees.

Coordinator Chris Pelzer said that was not in place currently, but that filling vacant positions was still at the board's discretion. She added that there would be limited overlap.

Neumann clarified that he was not opposed to the position.

- Approved the hire of

another eligibility worker in the Health and Human Services Department (HHS).

The eligibility worker position performs a variety of tasks related to the determination of eligibility of clients for income maintenance programs and services; establishes initial and on-going eligibility for multiple income maintenance programs; communicates program requirements and assists program participants in understanding how to maintain eligibility.

This is an additional position in response to increased enrollment in health care, SNAP and family cash programs, an increase in applications, and additional work to update cases once the public health emergency ends. This position is not budgeted but is eligible for FFP and does qualify under ARPA.

It was reported that new applications have been steadily increasing. In July, HHS received 19 new applications. In August that number rose to 35. In September it again rose to 73 applications.

It was asked if the increase was because of "open borders?"

Manager of Financial Support Services Lisa Chapin said that the huge increase has come since the ending of unemployment benefits.

- As part of the technology rotation schedule, a host server is scheduled for replacement this year.

Quotes were received and funding sources have been secured for this purchase. The total cost of the server is \$10,404.81 with the lowest quote received from Dell, Inc.

The purchase was approved.

- Region Five Development Commission (R5DC), in collaboration with a regional coalition of partners is submitting a concept proposal to the United States Department of Commerce EDA FY2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge program.

Proposals seek to accelerate economic recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic and build local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks.

The coalition's comprehensive approach is to scale the construction industry cluster within rural Central Minnesota and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe communities.

A letter of support for R5DC to submit with their proposal to the BBBRC program was approved.

- The commissioners met briefly in a closed session to consider strategies for labor negotiations.



Central Lakes College trap team

CLC trap team top shooters from week three, front row from left, Jenna Lawin and Lainey Priglmeier; back row, Quinn Mathisen, Dustin Plotter and Caleb Nurnberger. (Submitted photo)

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College clay target league at CLC

– Elk River, Colton Guttenkauf – Baxter, Wyatt Herron – Brainerd, Tristan Johnson – Alexandria, Jenna Lawin – Holdingford, Isaac Malone – Willmar, Quinn Mathisen – Howard Lake, Caleb Nurnberger – Staples, Dustin

Piotter – Holloway, Lainey Priglmeier – Foley, Megan Tritz – Darwin, Adam Vis-kocil – Northfield, Edward Volk – Pillager, Kylie Wolkenhauer – Pequot Lakes.

Coaches are Mike

Hammer, Erich Heppner, Robb Kolodziej, Mark Robideaux, Nikki Shoutz, and Steven Weagel

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Forensic anthropologist studies bone

collected by the deputy and brought to the Sheriff's Office. After consultation with the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, the bones were delivered to their office for further examination.

In conjunction with a forensic anthropologist, the Medical Examiner's Office determined one of the four bones was of human origin and was a mandible. After forensic examination of the human mandible, it was determined to be ancient and of non-recent origin. The mandible will undergo further archaeological evaluation prior to proper interment.

At this time, no other information is available on the origin of the mandible. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office's investigation into this matter is concluded with a thank you to the Medical Examiner's Office for their diligence in their determination of the origins.



Preserved in the river

Another view of the ancient jawbone. (Submitted photo)

ATV crash in Cass County

On October 16, at 12:50 p.m., the Cass County Sheriff's Office received a report of an ATV crash with injuries on the Bull Moose Trail, in Bull Moose Township, rural Backus. Deputies and responders arrived and learned that a 2017 Honda ATV had left the trail, striking a tree. The driver of the machine, a juvenile female, age 14 of St. Cloud, was treated on scene and trans-

ported via helicopter to a St. Cloud Hospital with serious injuries. The passenger, a juvenile female, age 9 of St. Cloud, was treated on scene. The investigation indicated that helmets were not worn by either juvenile.

Assisting at the scene were Backus Responders & Fire, North Memorial Ambulance and North Memorial Air Care.



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