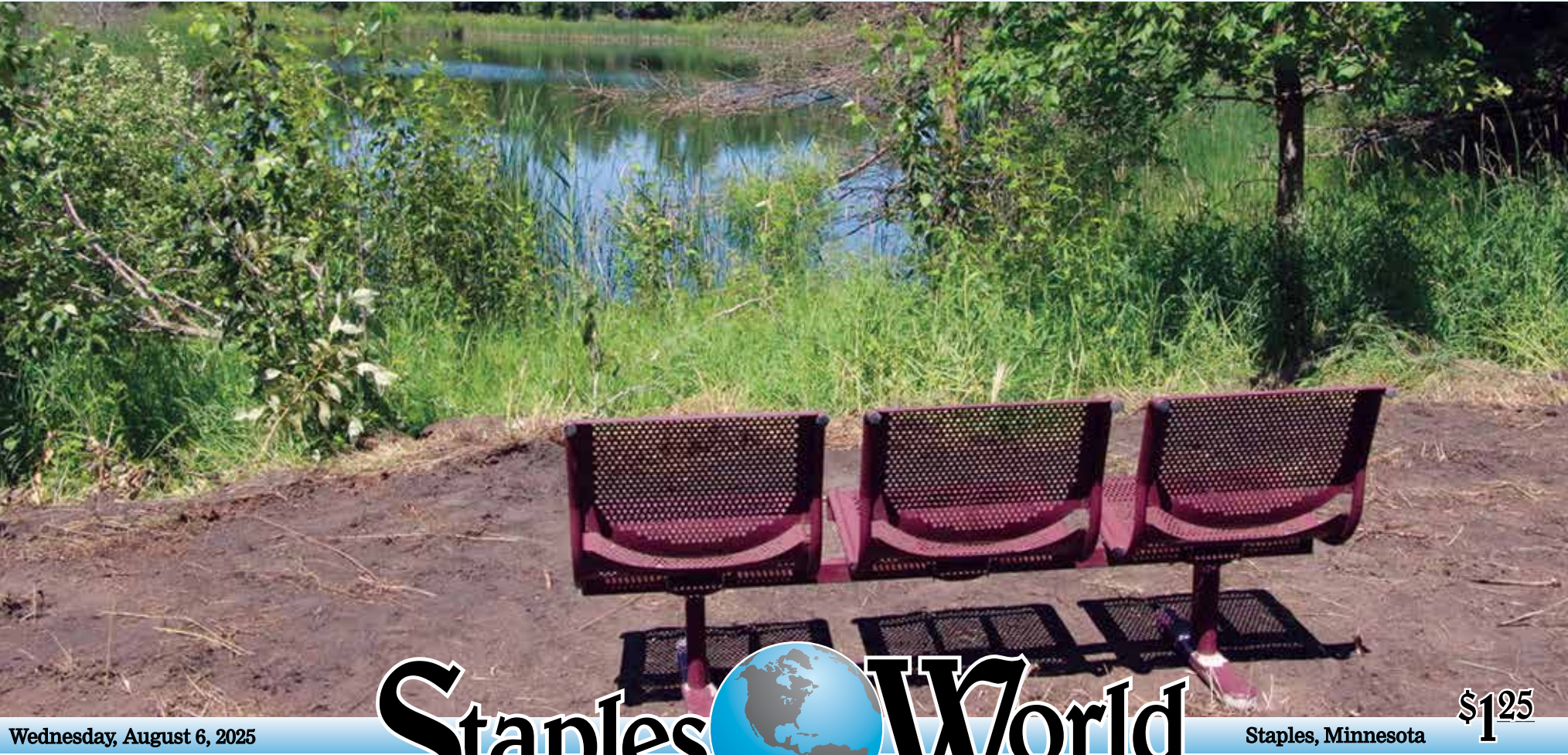


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Your pond awaits ... After clearing an overlook above the pond at the new Legacy Arboretum and Nature Trail, the CLC Heavy Equipment program found a bench at their shop and placed it along the trail. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Arboretum to hold grand opening Aug. 13

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A project to get new trails kickstarted in the Staples area has developed into an arboretum with much bigger plans. The Staples Trails Committee will host a grand opening of the new Legacy Arboretum and Nature Trail on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 5:30 p.m. "It's a beautiful nature area," said trails committee member Mark Anderson of the Staples World. "People can stroll through to observe wildlife and enjoy the peaceful setting." "It's a hidden gem right in our own backyard," said

Lisa Fontaine, a member of the trails committee. "It's a place to connect with nature in every season and discover the plants and wildlife that make it truly unique." "We live in a world where we can all use a mental reset that only nature can give," said John Jewison, Staples City Council member, avid hiker and member of the trails committee. "Now we all have that right here." The arboretum is located at the corner of Airport Road and Summit Avenue, across the road from the Staples-Motley JV baseball field. The arboretum sits on 40 acres owned by the Staples-Motley School District, which will use the area for

classes and projects, but it is also open to the public for hiking. There is a pond on the west side and the trails area is surrounded by drainage ditches. The arboretum committee has plans to expand amenities, including signage, benches and a picnic table. There will also be possibilities of building a gazebo and outdoor classroom spaces. The arboretum is being built with the help of the Staples-Motley School District, City of Staples and Central Lakes College. Donations have been made by Lakewood Health System Community Benefit Grant, See **ARBORETUM** on page 10a



Trailblazers

Arboretum committee members Teresa DiGiovanni and John Jewison look for possible trail routes during a meeting in May. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Ducks on the pond

Ducks swim on the pond at the arboretum in April.



Scouting the nature area

Arboretum committee member Lisa Fontaine looks over the pond at the arboretum during a site visit in April.

School technology upgrades making learning more efficient

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley Technology Director Joe Brandsma said the school district is getting back on track with computer replacement, backup and security. At the July 28 Staples-Motley School Board meeting, Brandsma told the board that all of their technology work is directed to improve learning in the classroom. He said district computers were between five to eight years old, which is outdated for most upgrades. Brandsma and IT support staff Ezra Johnson developed a computer replacement plan that will go into 2028. They also have a replacement schedule for chromebooks, the tablet computers that are given to students for their school work. Brandsma said the life span of those computers is generally five years. He said they

have brought their repair budget down from \$14,000 last summer to around \$7,000 this summer. "Over time we will see this go down," said Brandsma. Senior high students are able to bring their own device for PSEO online classes. Brandsma said the school is getting a new server that will improve processing speeds and will enable them to implement a new secure backup system and a new cyber-security system. Staples-Motley Superintendent Shane Tappe said the work that Brandsma and Johnson have put in the past two years has done a lot for the school. "The behind-the-scenes things we take for granted, none of that happens without the measures they work on every single day," said Tappe. He said that nearby school districts have experienced cyber attacks recently, one district had to restart all

their records from scratch, including financials and student information. "We put the money in on the front end to save that money on the back end," said Tappe. "Schools are the number one place to attack right now, many can't keep up." Tappe said there is also a change in the way technology is funded, with the school projected to receive \$200,000 from the E-rate program. He said they are now able to use the funds for internet. Tappe said they are dropping their internet contract with Freshwater and are going to use CTC. **American Indian Education Grant** Staples-Motley Elementary Principal Ryan Koenigs said a parent advisory committee has been meeting to determine how to use the American Indian Education Grant. He said there are two to four students in each grade

who are Native American. Last school year, they held graduation ceremonies for American Indian seniors, gave them star quilts and had a drum group come in and perform a ceremony. The Staples-Motley ProStart foods class made traditional American Indian food for the event. Koenigs said they have plans to use to funds for tutoring, speakers, school supplies, books, preschool scholarships and college/worksite visits. "We are happy with the progress we've made, but we know we have a long way to go," said Koenigs. **Elementary enrollment up** The board heard from Koenigs that the elementary school has 296 students scheduled to start the year, up from the 281 they had last year. Koenigs said they have a See **SCHOOL** on page 10a

Weather icons and forecast table with dates, high/low temps, and conditions. Includes 'This Week's Forecast' and 'Last Year, 2024' sections.

Public Notices and Obituaries section. Includes notices for ISD # 2170, City of Motley, and Swedish Baptist Church. Obituaries for Bonnie Flansburg and Jay Veronen.



Todd Judd will once again lead the Motley Fire Department

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

Todd Judd, an 18-year-veteran of the Motley Fire Dept., was recently elected as the Motley Fire Chief. Joining him in leadership roles are Nathan Thiede, 1st Asst. Chief, and Tim Holmberg, 2nd Asst. Chief.

These election results were noted at the Motley City Council's regular meeting July 14, with Fire Chief Judd presenting the monthly fire report for the first time in several years. He noted that they will wait to replace the Medical Officer position, currently held by Thiede.

Judd had previously served as Motley Fire Chief seven years ago and is looking forward to stepping into this role again, following the retirement of former Fire Chief Brad Olson.

"I enjoy being able to help people and serve the community," Judd said, adding that he appreciates the opportunity to lead the fire department.

A 1999 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, Judd said he was always interested in joining the fire department. He noted that his uncle, Mike Holst, was a career fire-fighter and a positive influence.

Now, the passion to serve has extended to the third generation. Chief Judd went on to share that his son Reid is part of the Fire Explorers program. "I joined the fire department about six months before he was born," Judd said about Reid, noting that his son, would "eat, sleep and dream" about the fire department starting at a very young age. Now 17, Reid plans to get a degree in Fire Science Administration at Lake Superior College in Duluth.

In addition to their son, Judd and his wife, Erin, have a 14-year-old daughter, Kennedy.

When he's not at the fire department, Chief Judd keeps busy at BNSF in Brainerd, where he is a full-time shop supervisor. He and his brother, Mark, also run Judd's Sandblasting.

Chief Judd said they are always looking to add more fire fighters/first responders to their roster. The Motley Fire Department meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information, call 218-352-6172.

Newly elected Motley Fire Chiefs

Todd Judd, left, is the new Motley Fire Chief. Also newly elected to the Motley Fire Department (MFD) are Nathan Thiede, center, 1st Asst. Chief; and Tim Holmberg, 2nd Asst. Chief. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



A Motley Lion?

Paula Johnson of Motley, a member of the Motley Lions, submitted this photo of 'Wendell the Lion' taken during the first performance of the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus July 19, at the Motley Fairgrounds. The circus, sponsored by the Motley Lions and the Morrison Co. Fair, featured a variety of acts under the Big Top Tent, as well as a midway with activities for children. Nearly 600 people attended the circus in Motley that day.

Motley area law enforcement

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

July 26 - Motley Police received a complaint of a suspicious person at a residence on Beaulieu St. W., Motley.

July 25 - Motley Police received a complaint from a Motley resident who reported that her fence was bent and that someone had possibly tried to steal her trailer.

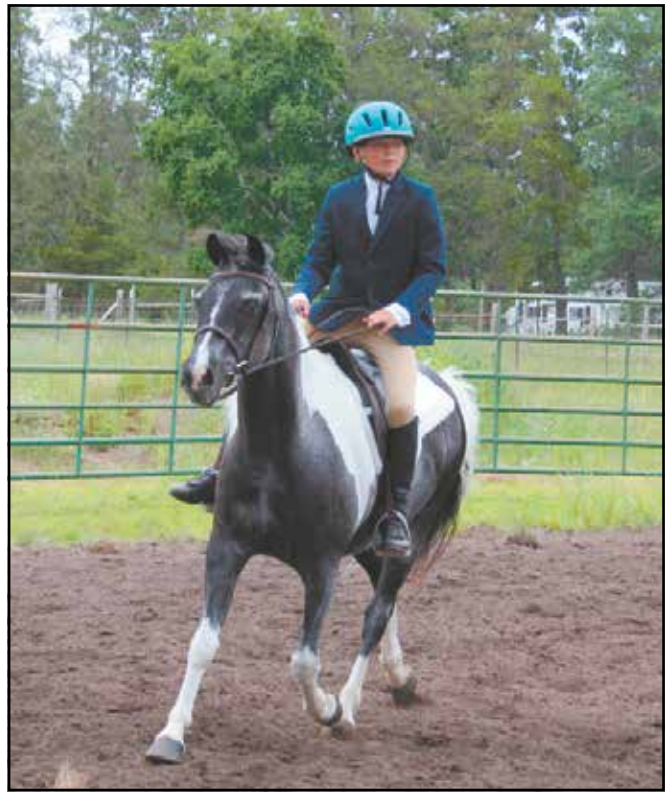
July 29 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity at the 3600 block of 270th St., Cushing.

July 28 - Morrison County deputies assisted MN State Patrol on a traffic stop at Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley, standing by as a cover officer.

July 26 - Morrison County deputies and Motley Police responded to an incident at the 300 block of 3rd Ave. S., Motley. Subsequently, Raymond Edward Russell, 41, was arrested for probation violation.

July 26 - Morrison County deputies responded to a call of suspicious activity at the 26000 block of Bear Rd., Cushing.

July 24 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of an assault at the 33000 block of Dogwood Ln., Motley, but were unable to locate the subject.



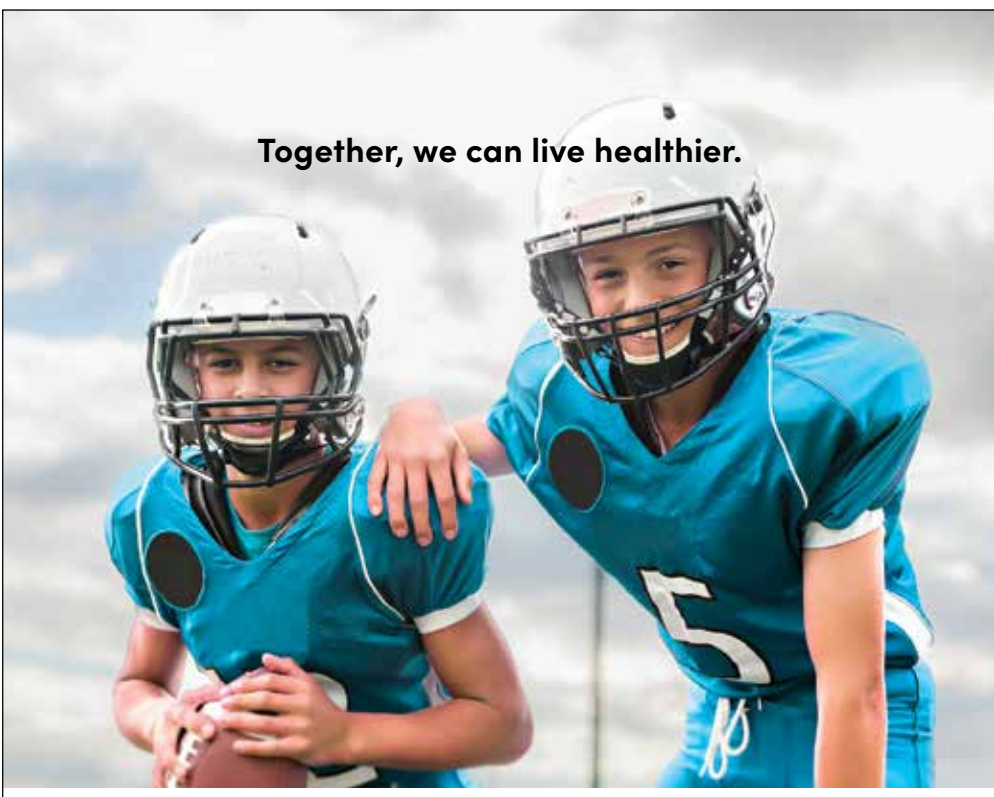
Correction

Eleven-year-old Talon Kavanaugh of Cushing, pictured on his pony Mattise, competed at the Pillager Fair Horse Show July 18, taking home several ribbons. Last week's paper misidentified Kavanaugh. The Staples World regrets the error. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Yummy cotton candy

Brothers Emmett, six, (left) and Jayce, three, Holmstrom of Makinen enjoyed eating cotton candy at the Pillager Fair July 18. The boys' mother, Lataya (Goedderz) Holmstrom, was working as a judge at the horse show that day. Lataya shared that she grew up in the Brainerd area and had been very involved in 4-H, horse shows and county fairs. The Pillager Fair always brings back great memories, she said.



WALK-IN SPORTS PHYSICALS

Thursday, August 7th

St. Joseph's–Staples Clinic
301 2nd Ave NW, Staples
8:30am–11:30am

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Kiddie tractor pull

Five-year-old Jonathan Jares of Pequot Lakes competed at the Pillager Fair's 'Kiddie Tractor Pull' July 18, taking home a second place ribbon for his age group.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

• Aug. 10, 1950 - Bud Williams and Jimmy Schmidt have started a new business in Staples which will be known as the Staples Electro Plating Shop.

The new venture is housed in the Hurd building on Sixth Street next to the creamery building. The building has been completely renovated and redecorated, and is an attractive place.

The owners will do the permanent bronzing and copperplating of baby shoes, for souvenirs, etc.

• Aug. 10, 1950 - Mr. and Mrs. Berg and their family moved to Motley from Oslo, Minnesota last Saturday and are living in the Ira

Compiled by
Dawn Timbs

Lamb house. Mr. Berg will be the new superintendent of the Motley school this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Force and family of Minneapolis moved to Motley last week and are living in the Floyd Briggs home. Mr. Force is athletic director.

• Aug. 10, 1950 - Mrs. Guy Irwin, Motley correspondent, returned home from her vacation spent with her three sisters in Oakland, Calif., on July 30. She visited many places of interest.

Your reporter experienced an earthquake tremor one Sunday morning at 2:30 a.m. It seemed as if someone just shook the bed and rattled the windows.

The highlight of the trip was making the trip out and return by plane, which was wonderful. The scenery between Denver and San Francisco was beautiful and beyond description. The return trip was made at night, moonlight enough



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the July 1, 1965 edition of the Staples World featured Stanley A. Carlson, who had been hired at Staples Public schools as the instructor of vocal music, according to a report from Dr. Duane Lund, superintendent of schools.

"Mr. Carlson is a graduate of North High School in North St. Paul. He attended Hamline University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in June of this year. He was president of the choir at Hamline University in his senior year. He is single.

"In assuming the position in the Staples schools, Mr. Carlson will have charge of the music instruction for grades five and six and the Junior High music classes, plus the directing of the Staples choirs. He fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lester Dehlin."

Bev Nelsen of Staples shared, "No mystery to me. That's Stan Carlson, new faculty member at Staples High School. We were both introduced at the faculty meeting as new staff in 1965...Stan as choral director, me as school nurse. Time flies; memories are precious."

Glenda Grunwald correctly identified Carlson, as did Sandy Carlson and Mike Koppes, all of Staples. Koppes recalled having Stan Carlson as his junior high choir teacher.

Roddy and Jan Sams of Staples recognized Stan and shared that, "Both



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1984. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

to still see the snow capped mountains until after leaving Denver.

About an hour out of Minneapolis, we flew above clouds which looked like gobs of suds or whipped cream below us. The trip was seven ours flying time which didn't seem possible, after having spent five days on a train coming back from there before.

• Aug. 10, 1950 - The Covenant Mission Church in Thomastown, which was organized over 50 years ago, had its first wedding Saturday, Aug. 5, when Miss Evelyn Mae Edin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Edin of Thomastown, became the bride of Lewis Christopherson, son of Charles Christopherson also of Thomastown.

Rev. C. H. B. Peterson of Ogdon, Iowa, former Covenant Mission pastor, read the double ring ceremony at high noon.

• Aug. 10, 1950 - Contractors, with the assistance of city street employees, have about completed the preliminary work for the resurfacing of 120 blocks of Staples city streets and avenues, and it is expected that the real work of resurfacing will start within a short time.

Howard Pattison, street commissioner stated: "It is going to be a dirty job, but when completed will give the city of Staples some of the best streets in the entire northwest."

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

• Aug. 7, 1975 - Craig "DJ" Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson, will be

of our children, Chanda and Brian, went to All State Choir due to his excellent teaching and extra effort."

Machel (Oldenburg) Marshall of Motley shared, "That picture is a picture of my favorite teacher, Stan Carlson, or Mr. C as we lovingly called him. I graduated in 1972 and have always thought the world of Mr. C. He is a very, very special person."

Linda Heier of Staples shared, "The picture is Stan Carlson when he first joined the staff at Staples High School. He had replaced long time and successful director Les Dehlin who moved to Alexandria. He took over the choir music department. I remember very well his arrival as I was one of many who was in choir. He later met and married his wife, Diane Carlson, who taught bookkeeping. Her maiden name was Krumwiede (sp?). They were married July 1, 1967, I believe. He posted the date in the choir room one day before we had rehearsals."

Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

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

25 YEARS Ago - 2000

• Aug. 10, 2000 - Norm Krause and Shirley Judd posed with the blueprints for the Living Legacy Gardens, a botanical garden planned for development at the Central Lakes Ag Center.

An irrigation system has been installed and the initial plantings of bulbs and other perennials is expected to begin later this month. The majority of the gardens will be on the north edge to the ag center, just south of Wadena Country Road 2.

• Aug. 10, 2000 - Todd Lyscio has taken over the reins as the Staples Motley High School principal.

Lyscio, who until July 1 was a counselor at Franklin Junior High School in Brainerd, said his goal will be to "create a student centered school of excellence" in Staples-Motley.

• Aug. 10, 2000 - James Lenk of Staples and Dusty Barros of Motley have just completed their first four weeks of service as corpsmembers with the Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC) Summer Youth Residential work program, which provides Minnesota youth, ages 15 to 18, the opportunity to learn and earn money, while carrying out natural resource and conservation projects around the state.

When not working out in the field, James and Dusty and the 100 other MCC youth are stationed at a base camp in St. Croix State Park, near Hinckley.

• Aug. 10, 2000 - Cal's Family Barbering, 308 2nd Ave. NE, Staples, MN. Offering Hair Cuts: Men's, Ladies, Youngsters; Hot Towel Lather Shave; Hot Towel Facial Massage. No Appt. Needed, Only Walk-In Service.

• Aug. 10, 2000 - A new dentist has taken over the Ray Garland Dental practice, closing the appointment book on 39 years of practicing dentistry here. He has sold his practice to Zachary Bailey, a 2000 graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Bailey is a Bemidji area native.

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

• Aug. 6, 2015 - Local acoustic rock duo Lizzy Jergens & Jeremy Boxhorn will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. The series is made possible with a gift from the Staples Host Lions Club.

• Aug. 6, 2015 - Meghan Nordstrom, Samantha Simon and Rebecca Soukup returned from the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Camp held on the campus of University of Minnesota-Crookston, along with 148 other campers sponsored by 56 Rotary Clubs in District 5580.

Essentia offering free sports physicals in Staples and Brainerd

The start of the school year is right around the corner for many and now is a good time to make sure your child is prepared.

That's why Essentia Health is offering special opportunities for your child to complete their sports physicals.

Walk-in opportunities for sports physicals will be offered from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Orthopedics Clinic, at 301 Second Ave. NW. They will also be offered from 1 to 5 p.m. the same day at the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Orthopedics Clinic, at 2014 South Sixth St., Brainerd.

A sports physical, also known as a preparticipation

physical evaluation (PPE), helps determine whether it's safe for your child to participate in certain sports. It's recommended that it be completed at least six weeks before their sports season begins, so there is enough time to follow up on something if necessary. Most states, including Minnesota and Wisconsin, require that children and teens have a sports physical before they can start a new sport or begin a new competitive season.

Minnesota State High School League requires physicals after April 13, every three years.

There's no charge for these physicals. Students do not need to be Essentia patients.

Court report July 30

MN Dept. of Resources
Anthony James Herman Ninow, Long Prairie. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Norma Nicole Resendez, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Igene Sainvinus, Lauderdale, FL. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Peter Francis Schmitt, Browerville. Speed 39/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Dept. of Natural Resources
Rachel Cecilia Masters, Richfield. Game & Fish-must have license or property paperless in personal possession. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
State Patrol
Joyce Marlene Lake, Menahga. Fail to Yield right of way. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Calle Briena Maroney, Staples. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85
Blaec Richard Nelson, Elk River. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Bradley William Strelow, Osakis. Vehicle exceeds width restrictions. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Oliver James Twernbold, Deer Park, WI. Speed 75/65. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Amanda Marie Adams, Roseua. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Eliza Mary Bernards, Alexandria. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Eric Girard Christianson, Wayzata. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40 Fee \$75.
Sabrina Leigh Degaynor, Marinette, WI. Speed 80/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Peyton Mary Ellen Delozier, St. Cloud. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Scott A. Dvorak, Crystal Lake, IL. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Richard Ruben Gramberg, Barronett, WI. Hand free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Eva Marie Hernandez, Alexandria. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Cohen Michael Jahnke, Parkers Prairie. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Michael Ray Kuntz, Grand Forks, ND. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jackson Kiprotich Langat, Colorado Springs, CO. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Arien Zander Irene Lanyeine-Lagoon, Minnetonka. Hand free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Craig Steven Loveless, Jamestown, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Roberto Maria Perdomo, Sauk Centre. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Merle Dean Miller, Eden Valley. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Sarima Desikendra Nuthalapati, Round Rock, TX. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Gabiella Joy Olson, Long Prairie. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Christopher Allen Patrick, Chanhassen. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Ashley Dawn Patrie, Winnipeg, MB. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Christopher C.L. Rakow, Sleepy Hollow, IL. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Cindy Lou Sandgren, Long Prairie. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Lenny Santana, Long Prairie. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Noah Andrew Schnettler, Clarissa. Speed 69/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Dakota Steven Smieja, Long Prairie. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Madeline Marie Smith, Blaine. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Clayton Richard Spence, South Indian Lake, MB. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Drew Jay Henry Sykora, Beard-sley. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Corey Lee Thompson, Sauk Centre. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Andrew M. Vahey, Chicago, IL. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Natassha Marcelle Wilson, Fanwood, NJ. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Osakis Police
Reed James Nohre, Miltna. Driver fails to stop for STOP sign. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Staple Police
David Jr. Morales Aquino, Staples. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Susan Jane Peterson, Staples. Failure to yield to vehicle/pedestrian. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Parker Lee Rasmussen, Sebeka. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Todd County
Lobsang Yessid Collazo Rosario, Long Prairie. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fine \$85. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100.
Codie Jame Crowe, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Manuel Jr. Elizondo, Long Prairie. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Mykenna Lynn Jergenson, Starbuck. Liquor consumption by persons under 21. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Daniels Jose Naranjo Ayala, Long Prairie. Speed greater than reasonable. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Norma Nicole Resendez, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.
Elizabeth Kay Solberg, Litchfield. Must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 22, 2025.
Katy Lisseth Marin Martinez, Berwyn Heights, MD. 3rd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. 3rd degree driving while impaired-blood alcohol content greater than 08 within 2 hours. Sentenced Local confinement (364 days, stay 362 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Supervised probation. Fine \$600. Fee \$105. Open bottle, possession. Dismissed.
Gabriel Reyes Ocasio, Long Prairie. School bus, fail to stop. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 90 days for 1 yr). Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 21, 2025.
Disorderly conduct-brawling or fighting. Continued. Local confinement (4 days credit for time served: 4 days). Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$50. 7-15-25 Disorderly conduct. Dismissed. 7-19-25 Disorderly conduct. Dismissed.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 18, 2025.
Randy Dale Denny, Swanville. 1st degree DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. 1st degree DWI-Operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Dismissed. Traffic-DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration .08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 71 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 19 day). Supervised probation, 2 yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$100.



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Letter to the Editor

Meat processing doesn't cause odor problems in other cities

I would like to offer some input for the meat processing facility proposed for the Staples Industrial Park.

I sympathize with the concerns expressed about potential odors from the facility. While their fears may be real, I contend the danger is not. As part of my job, I travel daily to Long Prairie and am aware of the smell emanating from Central Bi-Products. But any comparison to Central Bi is irrelevant. That is not what is being proposed here. Meat processing goes on daily in Todd County without causing any problems. Eagle Bend and Clarissa each have meat processing facilities located on their main streets without causing

any problems. Long Prairie and Browerville each have plants operated by Dan's Prize, which supply jobs and tax revenue with no negative consequences I'm aware of.

With other plants in the area, the question of why this is needed can fairly be asked. The difference is that at this plant the animals are Federally Inspected which expands opportunities for farmers to directly market their products to the local area and must be healthy and able to walk into the facility in order to pass inspection.

It's fair and reasonable for citizens to ask questions and petition their government, but having accurate information is also a responsibility for helpful debate.

As a local producer, I'm excited at the possibilities this will bring to the area.

Bruce Paskewitz
Browerville, Minn.

Grant writing tips for rural leaders

Center For Rural Affairs
(CFRA)

Writing a successful grant application is about more than filling out forms; it's about telling your community's story in a way that resonates with funders. Whether you're new to grant writing or just looking to strengthen your next proposal, these tips can help you put your best foot forward.

1. Start with your story

When applying for a grant, don't just list what you need; explain why it matters to your community. Frame your need in terms of community impact, urgency and values. Share real stories, name the people or places impacted and help the funder see the heart behind your work.

2. Apply for right fit

Look for opportunities that align with your mission and values. Read the guidelines carefully, and tailor your application to reflect the funder's priorities. Use their language, echo their values and clearly show how your project supports their goals. If it doesn't align, don't apply, or if you're unsure, reach out to the program contact.

3. Show local support

Funders want to know you're not doing this alone. Even if your town is small, include letters of support, local partnerships or volunteers involved. Highlight any collaboration between

schools, churches, civic groups or other nonprofits. It shows commitment and community buy-in.

4. Build a budget that tells the whole story

Keep your budget simple but clear. Funders want to know that you'll spend the money wisely and realistically. Be honest about costs (even if small), include in-kind support if you have it (like donated space or volunteer time) and make sure the budget matches your mission.

5. Give yourself time and ask for help

Grant writing doesn't have to be perfect, but it does take time. Try not to write in a rush. Ask a trusted colleague to review your draft, preferably someone outside your project who can point out unclear parts. If there's technical language in the grant, ask for help translating it. You don't have to do it alone.

Grant writing goes beyond securing funding. When you take the time to craft a clear, compelling application, you build connections, tell your story and invest in your community's future.

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Signs of fall come in many dimensions in Minnesota

It might be an overstatement to say that "fall is in the air." Certainly not if we judged by meteorological standards. If you rely on an old-style glass thermometer rather than an app on your smartphone, the red fluid in the bulb at its bottom has been regularly rising to marks in the 80-degree range, and higher. Daily dew-points, said to be more reliable than humidity in predicting clammy discomfort, are still collaborating with high temperatures to give us "feels like" conditions worthy of Florida.

But there are signs — some in Nature, some man-made — confirming that fall is creeping up on us.

Mike Rahn
Inside the Outdoors



Last week we noted the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) release of its spring breeding count findings for ruffed grouse. In what clearly seems like an encore, this week the Minnesota DNR released findings from its 2025 Waterfowl Breeding Population Survey. This survey has been conducted annually since 1968. Its purpose is to estimate—based on low-level flight observations, and intensive ground counts on selected routes—the number of breeding ducks and geese that nest in Minnesota. Spring breeding waterfowl numbers don't always translate into fall migration numbers, but they are a general indicator of abundance; overall, and by species.

For decades, the Minnesota waterfowl hunting season began after ruffed grouse and certain other upland game birds. After edging forward into late

September—for the last dozen years now—its timing further accelerated in 2021 with an experimental early teal hunting season. This year it continues, with a five-day statewide early teal season September 6-10. Blue-winged, green-winged, and—uncommon in Minnesota—cinnamon teal will be fair game, with a six-bird limit.

The rationale for an early teal season—said to be supported by only about half of Minnesota's duck hunters—is that teal migrate through and from Minnesota earlier than most other ducks, and an early teal season was seen as expanding harvest opportunities for Minnesota waterfowl hunters.

This year's Waterfowl Breeding Population Survey found overall waterfowl numbers relatively unchanged from 2024, with some notable exceptions. While the overall number of breeding ducks was estimated at 8% above 2024, and breeding mallards were estimated to be about 16% higher than last year, blue-winged teal—typically the number two duck harvested by Minnesota hunters--were estimated to be down about 60% . The DNR attributes this to abnormally dry April conditions, and the possibility that many teal continued on to other states and provinces to nest.

There is more to be said on the subject of the 2025 DNR waterfowl survey and the Minnesota waterfowl outlook in general, to follow in an upcoming column.

Over the next two weekends, Minnesotans can get a full dose of hunting fever at Game Fair, now in its 44th year, at Armstrong Ranch, between Elk River and Anoka. Game Fair features educational clinics on clay target shooting—including clinics especially for women—upland and waterfowl dog training, big game and waterfowl hunting tactics, duck and goose calling demonstrations, with sever-

al fishing seminars thrown in for good measure. There are a host of outdoor sporting goods vendors; this year Game Fair will feature more than 100.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their dog, shotgun or bow (cased, of course), to participate in clay target shooting, archery, and dog training events. Game Fair dates are August 8, 9, and 10, and August 15, 16, and 17. More information can be had by calling 763-427-0944, or online at gamefair.com

Deer hunting licenses went on sale, and 2025 deer hunt regulations became available at the Minnesota DNR web site, on August 1st. For those who desire the option to harvest an antlerless deer, and who will hunt in a deer permit area (DPA) where that option is lottery-based, a license must be purchased by Thursday, September 4th.

Is it my imagination, or is the sugary water in my hummingbird feeder disappearing at an accelerated rate? I've found it virtually dry twice in the last 10 days, though I normally refill it every three to four days, to ensure that its contents do not become rancid and unhealthy.

It may be coincidence. Or could it be increased consumption in advance of migration? Ruby-throated hummingbirds are among the earliest migrants to leave Minnesota for southern destinations. Male hummers begin leaving in mid-August, with females and young following them several weeks later; in September, or perhaps even early October.

With the very territorial males generally leaving first, female and maturing young hummers face less competition for food. Early migration ensures that the hummingbird's chief sources of food—flower nectar and insects—will be available to sustain them as they travel distances that can be

measured in thousands of miles, to southern Mexico or Central America.

I've noticed a couple of inconspicuous harbingers of fall while on daily bike rides with my wife. More than once I've had to veer at the last second to avoid squashing a woolly bear caterpillar with my bike tires. Some say its two-tone coloration can predict the character of the coming winter. I doubt that, but I definitely associate them with the coming of fall.

Also seen now on the roadways we travel are acorns that have dropped from oaks along our route. For no particular reason—and the opposite of my woolly bear avoidance—I make a game of aiming for them with my bike tires. I consider it a win if I make contact and hear a satisfying "pop" as the acorn bursts. Perhaps one of these days my tire will hit an acorn just right, and the pop will mean a flat tire!

Within the past several days we've watched a restless gathering of several dozen Canada geese along our shore of the lake where the family cabin sits. Southward migration is a long way off, of course. More likely, this is an example of a northward migration made by some Canada geese that do not breed, including young sub-adults. This is a recognized phenomenon, these geese traveling northward to habitats where they can safely molt—a time when they're temporarily flightless—then returning southward, to eventually begin their real migratory journey.

These geese may travel northward several hundred miles, or more. An unmated or immature goose might fly from Minnesota all the way to Hudson's Bay, in Canada, then return here to eventually depart in fall migration.

Signs of fall of many dimensions, large and small, are one by one making their appearance.

Eat more beans for healthy life

By Tim Cebula
bluezones.com

Beans are a foundational ingredient in the world's blue zones, from garbanzo beans in Greek hummus to black beans in Costa Rican soup and soybean tofu in Japanese dishes.

Legumes are linked to longevity, and the reasons are clear: They're naturally low in fat, rich in both protein and complex carbohydrates for a steady energy supply, and deliver plenty of fiber that can lower blood pressure and "bad" cholesterol.

Blue zones residents eat about a cup of beans a day, roughly four times as much as the rest of us.

It can be easy and seamless to boost your daily bean intake. Here's how:

Start by stocking your pantry. If cooking dried beans takes longer than you like, canned beans are a great option. Buy a variety—black beans, chickpeas, cannellini, etc. Choose products without added salt, fat, or flavorings.

Don't forget lentils. They don't need soaking and cook in about 20 minutes.

Keep a block of extra-firm tofu (soybean curd) in the fridge for fast week-night stir-fries. Miso paste, made from fermented soybeans, is a nutrient-dense probiotic that amps up flavor in soups, sauces, marinades, and dressings. It's high in sodium, but a little goes a long way.

1. Use smart techniques for bean dishes that surprise and delight

Season and roast chick-

peas for a crunchy snack that can also stand in for salad croutons. Pureed beans and miso paste can both thicken and flavor soups and dressings, so you don't need to use cream or more oil. Our Caesar is a California-style salad that combines both of these techniques. It's a nutritional powerhouse and a great gateway dish for bean skeptics.

Recipes to try: Chickpea Caesar Salad; Savory Roasted Chickpeas.

2. For crowd-pleasing bean meals, think hearty comfort food

Long-simmered soup, stew, chili, and good ol' Southern red beans and rice all benefit from the soft, creamy texture and earthy flavors of legumes. The fast, five-ingredient lentil gnocchi have all the pillowy-softness of traditional Mediterranean potato dumplings, with more protein.

Recipes to try: Sardinian Pasta Fagioli; One-Hour, Crowd-Feeding Chili; Red Beans and Rice; Lentil Gnocchi

3. Broaden your bean palate

Try a different kind of bean to make an old dish feel fresh again, or to discover a new field of meal options. Dried or canned black-eyed peas (which are actually beans) add visual interest and mildly nutty flavor. Fresh mung bean sprouts are faintly sweet and lend crisp, crunchy texture to salads and Okinawan rice dishes.

Recipes to try: Ikarian Longevity Stew with Black Eyed Peas; Okinawan Rice and Bean Sprouts

4. Start early in the day

Blue zones residents enjoy beans for breakfast. Costa Ricans eat black beans baked into flavor-packed breakfast burritos, as well as the nation's traditional rice-and-beans dish, gallo pinto. Our miso soup recipe draws from the experience of Okinawan centenarian women who make it for breakfast.

Recipes to try: Black Bean Breakfast Burritos; Panchita's Gallo Pinto; Miso Soup with Vegetables

5. Don't skip dessert

Versatile beans are surprisingly effective in sweets. They can replace flour in baked goods like brownies—the subtle bean flavor disappears into the dish while they keep texture incredibly moist and add a hit of protein.

Recipe to try: Black Bean Chocolate Chunk Brownies

Adding a cup of beans to your daily diet is one of the cheapest, easiest and tastiest ways to lower cholesterol and blood sugar levels and boost good gut bacteria. Just follow these simple strategies, try our recipes or experiment on your own, then add your favorites to your go-to meal repertoire. This way, you'll discover bean-rich meals you absolutely love, which is key, since you may be eating them for many years to come.

Quote of the week

“Freedom of the press is not just important to democracy, it is democracy.”
— Walter Cronkite

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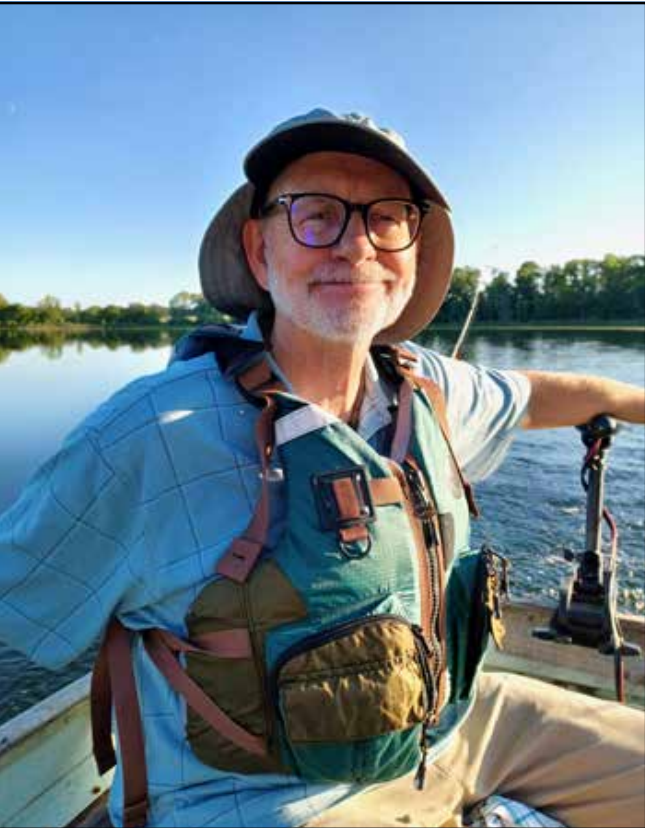
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Award winning author Steve Hoffbeck to speak at Campfire Bay Resort

His latest book, “Colvill Smiled,” is about Minnesota’s Civil War hero Col. William Colvill



Steve Hoffbeck

Minnesota Book Award winning author Steve Hoffbeck, a former teacher at Staples High School (SHS), will speak about his latest book, “Colvill Smiled.” The Legend of the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Regiment at Get-

tysburg, on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 3 p.m., at the main lodge of Campfire Bay Resort, 31504 Azure Rd, Cushing.

Why did Minnesotans love and admire Colonel William Colvill, Minnesota’s gigantic 6’5” Civil War hero? Likely because of his courage at the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863, where he was twice-wounded, yet recovered and returned home to Red Wing, where Colvill had a long career as an attorney and public servant.

Hoffbeck, a Minnesota-born and raised author, will explore these questions during his presentation in Cushing, followed by a question-and-answer

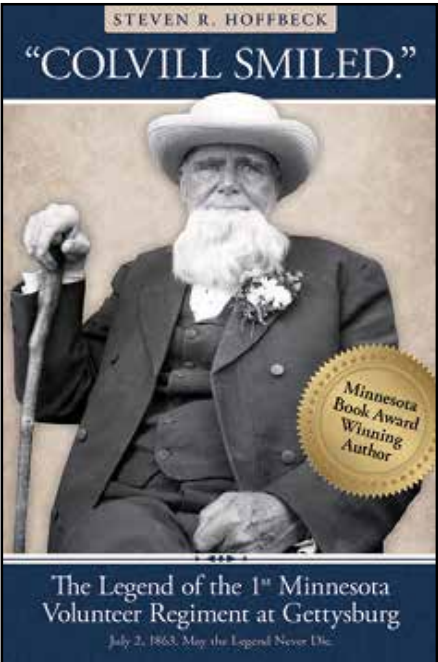
time, with book-sales/signing after.

People in our area may recall that Hoffbeck was a history teacher at SHS from 1980-1988. His wife, Dianne, taught third grade at Staples in the early 1980s.

Hoffbeck later earned graduate degrees and became a college history professor at Minot State (1992-1998) and at MSU Moorhead from 1998 until his retirement in 2022. He has presented illustrated history-programs for many years in every corner of Minnesota—including talks about baseball history, World War II, and legendary Minnesotans, at colleges, libraries, civic groups and historical-societies; including Mill City Museum and Minnesota History Center.

Hoffbeck grew up on a farm near Morgan. His first book, “The Haymakers: A Chronicle of Five Farm Families,” was a Minnesota Book Award winner. His books are available online from Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Walmart, and in stores. For more information, email stevehoffbeck@yahoo.com.

Steve and Dianne currently live in Barnesville. They have four adult children and six grandchildren.



Col. William Colvill

Mark Your Calendar

August 7

STAPLES AREA FARMERS MARKET Thursdays, 2 - 5 p.m., in the clinic patient parking lot at Lakewood Health System’s main campus in Staples.

‘WALK WITH A DOC’ Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System’s main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

August 10

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

August 12

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church

Menu

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THURSDAY - Tuna noodle casserole, peas/carrots, whole kernel corn, Gala apple, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY - Cheese omelet, turkey sausage, Rosemary diced potatoes, fresh clementine, blueberry muffin, ketchup.

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of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

August 15

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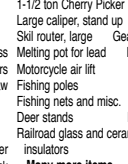
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**2 door Chevrolet, approx. year 1942 - 1944, project car**

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**1-1/2 ton Cherry Picker, Large caliper, stand up, Skill router, large, Motorcycle air lift, Fishing poles, Fishing nets and misc. Deer stands, Railroad glass and ceramic insulators, Many more items too numerous to mention**

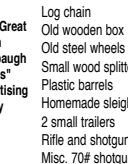
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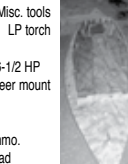
**Large amount of Muskie lures**

Barb Hasselberg, Staples

The following personal property will be sold at public Auction:

**"The Great Adam Forepaugh Shows" advertising buggy**

**Private**

**Chicken waterers and feeders, Log chain, Old wooden box, Old steel wheels, Small wood splitter, 6-1/2 HP, Plastic barrels, Deer mount, Homemade sleigh, 2 small trailers, Rifle and shotgun ammo, Misc. 70# shotgun lead, Some meat items, Fishing sleds**

**Misc. tools, LP torch**

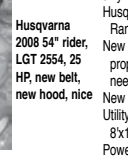
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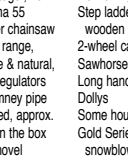
**Old wood duck boat, 11', two man, good shape**

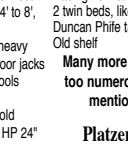
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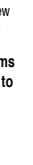
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**Husqvarna 2008 54" rider, LGT 2554, 25 HP, new belt, new hood, nice**

**Jiffy ice auger, 10" Husqvarna 55" Rancher chainsaw, New gas range, propane & natural, needs regulators, New chimney pipe, Utility shed, approx. 8x10', in the box, Power shovel**

**New dining room set: Step ladders, 4' to 8', wooden, 2-wheel cart, heavy Sawhorses, Floor jacks, Long handle tools, Dollies, Some household Gold Series 5 HP 24" snowblower**

**Racing helmet, 2 twin beds, like new Duncan Philie table, Old shelf**

**Many more items too numerous to mention**

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Obituaries

Bonnie Flansburg

Bonnie Flansburg, 62, of Motley, passed away July 25, 2025, at her home.

A Memorial Service will be held August 9, at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. The service will be live streamed on Facebook by the Motley Free Methodist Church and recorded for anytime viewing after.

Lunch will be held following the service at the church.



Bonnie was born October 12, 1962, to Richard and Patricia Flansburg in Wadena. She lived a life marked by compassion, dedication and unwavering faith.

After completing grade school, she pursued her calling in healthcare by earning her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Her career was spent caring for others in nursing homes and hospitals, where she touched countless lives with her kindness and professionalism.

Bonnie's nurturing spirit extended far beyond her professional life. She had a profound commitment to raising foster children and opened her heart and home to many over the years. Her love knew no bounds and was felt deeply by all who were fortunate to be part of her life.

Bonnie found joy in simple pleasures, crocheting afghans, doll clothes and many other things; crafting wood decorations, clocks with care and creativity; working at the sawmill; relaxing on the deck with Wayne and family; camping under the stars, fishing at a cherished spot in the Chippewa National Forest. These moments reflected the peace she found in nature and the deep connection she shared with those around her.

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A woman of strong faith, Bonnie gave her life to the Lord and remained devoted to Him throughout her journey. Her spirituality was a guiding light that shaped every aspect of her life - from how she loved her family to how she served others through both work and worship.

Bonnie was a devoted daughter, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, partner and friend. Her presence brought warmth to every room she entered. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is lovingly remembered by her parents; significant other, Wayne Barros; children, Christina (John) Nelson, Kit Barros, Dusty Barros and her "daughter" from Ukraine, Oksana Andreyeva; four grandchildren Brett Nelson, Jolie Nelson, Kitra Barros and Lydia Nelson; one brother, Kevin (Brenda) Flansburg; one great-granddaughter, Caroline and her many foster children whose lives she enriched.

May her memory bring comfort to those who carry her love in their hearts.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Jay Veronen

Jay Veronen, 81, of Staples, passed away peacefully at Lakewood Health System Care Center, in Staples on July 26, 2025.

Funeral services were held July 31 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. Jay was laid to rest at Montrose Cemetery, Staples.

Jay Charles Veronen was born December 3, 1943, to Raymond and Arlene (Mack) Veronen in Detroit Lakes. On December 28, 1963, he married the love of his life, Mavis Freitag, at Bartlett Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township. Together, they built a full and joyful life, raising four sons - Kevin, Scott, Jeff and Paul.

Jay had a deep love for restoring tractors and classic vehicles. He began his career at Stuntebeck Ford in Wadena and later found his long-term home at Mueller Motors in Staples, where he spent 42 years bringing old vehicles back to life. He was known for his generosity, often repairing cars for people in need and asking little to nothing in return.

Vacations with Jay weren't complete without wood splitting, hauling it and stacking it. Wherever the red pickup took the family, firewood was always somehow involved. He was a true master of the Weber smoker and his grilled turkeys were amazing.

Jay was a prankster to the core; his grandkids knew all too well how far he could take a joke and it only got more intense with time. He had the uncanny ability to fall asleep in any chair without ever tipping over - something of a family marvel.

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He was a longtime member and past president of the England Prairie Pioneer Club, where his passion for restoration and community continued to shine. However, Jay had an impressive knack for disappearing when housework needed to be done - a skill no one else in the family quite mastered.

Those left to honor his memory include his loving wife of 62 years, Mavis; four sons, Kevin (Elizabeth) Veronen of Huntersville, Scott (Jennifer) Veronen and Jeff (April) Veronen, both of Verndale and Paul Veronen (and his beloved cat, Garfield) of Fergus Falls; nine grandchildren, Autumn (Brady) Junes, Mysti (Ryual) Kindenhart, Jacky (Phil) Meyer, Emily (Robert) Ismil, Brianna (Stephon) Whitaker, Krista Kopp, Kaitlyn Hamer, David Veronen, and Walter Veronen; one sister-in-law, Barbara and several great-grandchildren who brought him so much joy.

Jay is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mary (Douglas) and one brother, Matthew.

Jay was a man of humor, grit and heart. He leaves behind a family who will miss his teasing, his turkey, and the way he made the ordinary feel special.

Visit www.karvonenfunealhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Jay's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena.

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WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
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Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
Father Greg Sauer
Mass: Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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Pastor Joshua Jersek
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

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15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

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1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.

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26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael

280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist

847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
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Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.

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524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Hewitt Community Church
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Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
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Youth Pastor Joe Ward
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VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
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Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
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Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
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Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance

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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist

10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Central Community Church

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Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.

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Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
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MASS: Saturday.....6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church

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St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
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Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

St. Ann's Catholic Church

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-Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles,
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Volleyball Mini Camp held at The Nest in July

Volleyball Mini Camp participants, kindergarten through third grade: front, Lexi Orr, Emersyn Pearson, Wyatt Twardowski, Elsie Dottenwhy, Kylie Pearson, Lucy Detloff, Evie Schultz, Amelia Wert; second row, Darcy Johnson, Quinn Brusewitz, Macklee Thompson, Nia Trierweiler, Abigail Heldman, Evelyn Kalash, Quinn Potter,

Annie Brenna, Maya Ferris; back, Ireland Liedl, Lydia Detloff, Jaymee Chenoweth, Emmerly Brenna, Alora Weber, Molly Koenigs, Kiley Peterson, Alessandra Stoks.

Missing: Espen Thorne, CJ Rogers (Submitted photos)



Volleyball Mini Camp participants, fourth through sixth grade: front, Amelia Hoemberg and Emily Bounds; second row, Lilah Dottenwhy, Lizzy Potter, Grace Fink, Addeleene Trierweiler, Frances Reese, Tia Mertens, Stella Kalash, Charlotte Kalash, Sylar Patterson; third row, Kallyn Stevens, Teigan Raddohl, Jaclyn Toepper, AnnaBeth Dottenwhy, Isabel Sturm-Hughes, Shay Sturm-Hughes, Rory Schultz, Ava Kroll, Piper Noska, Mallory

Gustafson, Hailey Johnson, Tamzin Sturm-Hughes, Riley Carter; back, Alexis Olander, Annalyse de Coup-Crank, DellaRae Kleinschmidt, Aundrea Olander, Charolette Grunewald, Kara Vejtas, Kaiya Brenna, Reese Thompson, Annika Weber, Charlee Dukowitz, Sydney Sovich, Mayzelle Hanson.

Missing: Emily Beard, Mara Pesta and Shelby Cavegn.



Appreciation shown for City of Motley

Bryan Stevens, right, Maintenance Assistant for the City of Motley, accepts a plaque from Coach Gary Trout prior to the start of the Staples-Motley U10 baseball game at Ernie Converse Park in Motley July 1, in appreciation for all of the maintenance done at the park over the past few years. Stevens also threw out the first pitch.

Photos of the game were featured in a previous edition of the Staples World, and Trout shared that "It was nice to see the pictures in the paper, but that game night was about much more than just a ball game. We put together an event to show our appreciation to those who keep the ball field ready to use on game nights. The city has done a great job."

Trout went on to say that they "tried to give the kids a big league feel." He noted that the National Anthem was sung that night by Olive Doll while Nora Nelson held the flag, and Tyler Grunwald announced the players and the play-by-play action during the game. "We had a great crowd and everybody seemed to have fun - fans, coaches, and most of all, youth." Trout expressed his appreciation to "all those who made this a special night of baseball, and the City of Motley for keeping the park a great place for the kids to enjoy." (Submitted photo)

Motley baseball action

Pictured at right, and above right, action photos from a U10 baseball game at Ernie Converse Park in Motley. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



First pitch

Bryan Stevens throws out the first pitch at the Staples-Motley U10 baseball game July 1. (Submitted photo)



Realignment affects football the most

High school fall sports have their first day of practice Monday, Aug. 11. This is a realignment year for the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), with new sections redrawn. The biggest change is for the Staples-Motley football team, with a new regular season schedule and two new teams in their section. The other fall sports are all in the same section as last year with primarily the same teams and will have minimal changes in their regular season schedules.

Football team has new schedule, section teams

Section 6AA just got tougher with the addition of Holdingford and Royalton to this year's playoffs.

The Cardinal's regular season schedule also got tougher as they were placed into a new division with only one team from last year's schedule.

For the regular season, SM is in the North division of the Mid Northwest District. Five division teams must be on their schedule for the next two years, including Barnesville, Dil-

worth-Glyndon-Felton, Hawley, Perham and Pillager. The Cards have also scheduled East Grand Forks, Roseau and Pelican Rapids to fill their regular eight game season. The first home game is Aug. 29, against East Grand Forks.

Playoffs for Section 6AA is the same as last year, with the addition of Holdingford and Royalton. Other section teams are, Menahga, Osakis, Pillager and Wadena-Deer Creek.

Volleyball schedule similar; first VB game at The Nest

Despite statewide redrawing of sections by the MSHSL, Section 6AA remains exactly the same teams as last year: Albany, Foley, Holdingford, Melrose, Milaca, Minnewaska, Osakis, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Pillager, Royalton, Sauk Centre, St. Cloud Cathedral and Staples-Motley.

The volleyball schedule is also similar to last year's, with an early tournament at Royalton on Aug. 22 and the

tough Heart O Lakes Conference schedule with one match against each team in the conference.

The first home game is Thursday, Aug. 28, against Foley at The Nest with varsity starting at 7:15 p.m. This will be the first official volleyball game played at The Nest. The new gym was officially opened after the volleyball season was over last season.

Cross country teams will run in big meets again this year

Staples-Motley cross country will face high level competition across the state this year, facing a schedule filled with big meets.

The Cardinals plan to run the Dragon Twilight at Minnesota State-Moorhead, the Roy Griak race at University of Minnesota, the Alexandria Meet of Cham-

pions and a new meet at St. Cloud State. That doesn't even include the tough Heart O Lakes Conference and Section 6A meet at the end of the season.

The only home cross country meet, an invitational is Monday, Aug. 25, with races starting at 9 a.m.

Tennis moves to three classes, but not much changes for Staples-Motley

The MSHSL now has three classes for tennis for the very first time, after years of two classes. But not many changes for the Staples-Motley girls.

The Cards are in Class A. The new Class AA and Class AAA are primarily schools that were in the larger school class in the past.

Staples-Motley will play in Section 8A for their postseason tournament, including; Crookston, East Grand Forks, Park Rapids, Parkers Prairie, Roseau/Greenbush-Middle River, Thief River Falls and Wadena-Deer Creek. This is the same as last year's section, with the exception of,

Perham/New York Mills, which moved up to Class AA.

That trend holds true statewide, for almost all of the same schools in Class A, including all but one of the top schools that have been near the top of the state rankings over the past few years.

Four of this year's section teams were ranked in the top ten by the Minnesota High School Coaches Association last year.

The first match for the girls tennis team is Tuesday Aug. 19, the Highway 10 tournament played at Staples-Motley and Wadena.

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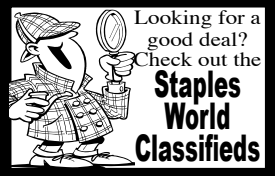
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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2025 6:00 p.m.
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Freeman at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call was taken, members Wright, Frisk, Reeck, Trout and Freeman were present, comprising a quorum. Member Reese was absent. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Business Manager Hill, Recording Clerk Larson, Principal Ferdon, Principal Koenigs, AD Ahrendt, SMEA representative Evans, staff and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Motion by Wright, second by Frisk, to approve the addition of items 10, 18, 24, 28, 29 and 30. **MC**
Motion by Trout, second by Reeck, to adopt the agenda. **MC**
Chair Freeman recognized the Public School/Community Forum
None
Consent Agenda
Approve Minutes from the June 9, 2025 Board Meeting
Approve lane change requests from:
Lisa Koenigs – MA+15 to MA+30
Dawn Weite – BA+15 to MA
Kasey Odden – MA to MA+15
Caitlyn Hacker – BA+30 to MA
Heather Wiegand – BA+30 to MA
Accept the resignations of:
Nancy Sandeen, FACS teacher
Jill Severin, Elementary Special Ed Teacher
Glen Hasselberg, Head Golf Coach
Approve the hire of:
Shelby Brusewitz, School Readiness (3's)
Jeff Sterriker, Part time Nest Assistant
Approve the FMLA request from Miranda Anderson, DO Receptionist
Approve the 2025-2026 MSBA Association Dues and Policy Service Renewal
Approve the 2025-2026 MASA/MASE Membership renewal
Approve the 2025-2026 MREA Membership renewal
Approve the 2025-2026 SRO agreement with City of Staples
Approve the 2025-2026 Agreement with Sacred Heart Area School

Motion by Wright, second by Freeman, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**
Donations and In-Kind Contributions
Motion by Frisk, second by Trout, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of \$2,035. **MC** *Thank you to Lakewood Health System and Staples-Motley Football Boosters for you generous donations.*
Finance Items
(Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 6-23-2025)
Financial Report by Business Manager Hill
a. 25-26 Proposed Original revenue and expenditure Budget was presented
Motion by Reeck, second by Frisk, to approve the May Disbursements. **MC**
General Fund: \$633,918.00
Food Service : \$91,232.98
Community Service: \$24,846.02
Construction Fund: \$478,065.11
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Fund 21 Student Activities: \$5,396.96
Fund 45: \$0.00
Motion by Trout, second by Wright, to approve the May receipts. **MC**
General Fund : \$1,992,303.11
Food Service: \$97,707.85
Community Service: \$59,554.10
Construction Fund: \$323,224.05
Debt Service Fund: \$1,313,040.93
Fund 21 Student Activities: \$7,110.69
Fund 45: \$0.00
Motion by Frisk, second by Reeck, to approve the Proposed Original 2025-2026 revenue and expenditure budget. **MC**
Motion by Reeck, second by Trout, to approve the adjustment to the cost structure from 10 percent (%) to 25 percent (%) for all Community Ed contracted services and fees. **MC**
Motion by Frisk, second by Wright, to award the Dairy Bid to Ten Finns Creamery for the 2025-26 school year. **MC**
Cabinet Presentation by Jenny Pantzke, Teaching & Learning
Presentation of the 2024-25 QCOMP Annual Report
Motion by Trout, second by Reeck, to approve the 2024-2025 Local Literacy Plan. **MC**
Policy
(Policy Committee Meeting Minutes 6-9-2025)
Motion by Freeman, second by Frisk, to approve the Elementary and Middle/High School grading policies. **MC**
Motion by Reeck, second by Wright, to approve the revised Elementary report

card. **MC**
Motion by Trout, second by Frisk, to approve the removal of policy form #527F. **MC**
Motion by Wright, second by Frisk, to approve the review of MSBA policies with no or minimal changes. **MC**
414 – Mandated reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
414F – Mandated reporting of CNPSA form
425 – Staff Development
506 – Student Discipline
506F – MS/HS Notice of Suspension Forms
506F – Elementary Notice of Suspension Forms
527 – Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles
704– Fixed Assets
806 – Crisis Management
Other
2025-2026 Activities Handbook available for Board review. *(No action at this time)*
2025-2026 Coaches Handbook available for Board review. *(No action at this time)*
Continuous Improvement Plan revision for Board review. *(No action)*
Motion by Frisk, second by Freeman, to approve the Cardinal Performing Arts Committee Fundraising efforts. **MC**
Motion by Reeck, second by Wright, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with ICS. **MC**
Motion by Frisk, second by Trout, to approve the Education Identity & Access Management Resolution identifying the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for Staples-Motley as Shane Tappe, with Trisha Larson as the IOwA Proxy for school year 2025-26. **MC**
Reports
School Board
FED - None
Sourcewell – *Minutes from 4-24-2025 & 5-20-2025*
Principals – Principal Ferdon and Koenigs presented reports
Activities/Community Ed – *CEAC Meeting Minutes*
SMEA – Representative Evans reported
Superintendent – Superintendent Tappe reported
Other
Motion by Wright, second by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. **MC**

Trisha Larson, Clerk
ISD #2170 33pnc

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors
State of Minnesota
District Court Todd County
Seventh Judicial District
Court File Number: 77-PR-25-658
Case Type: Informal Probate

In re the Estate of Larry Herbert Brustad, Deceased

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:
Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated January 13, 2011 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Eric Roy Brustad of 10019 Fremont Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55431 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

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Probate Registrar: Lea Hippe Date: 07-18-2025
Court Administrator: Kim Peterson Date: 07-18-2025

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
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Jennifer L. Urban, Esq.
Legal for Good PLLC
5353 Gamble Dr., Suite 320
St. Louis Park, MN 55416 33-36pnp

CITY OF MOTLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the Motley Planning Commission will convene on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 2 p.m. at City Hall, Highway 316 S, Motley, MN 56466, to conduct the following public hearing:
Ordinance Amendment 25-01 - To amend the land use and subdivision ordinance. This amendment is to add a section for the licensing and provisions for cannabis events.
All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing at Motley City Hall, located at 316 US-10 S, Motley, MN 56466, and be heard. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted to City Hall or via email at clerk@cityofmotley.com. The draft amendment will be available at City Hall one week before the meeting.

Tami Brotherton, Clerk
City of Motley 33pnc

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 77-PR-25-689

Estate of Joseph F. Lamusga, Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INSTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 8, 2025, at 10:14 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 221 1st Ave. S, Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Mary Lamusga, whose address is 28416 County Road 14 , Browerville, MN, 56438 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. This hearing will be held administrative in which no appearances are necessary. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to the

hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.
Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 7/22/2025

BY THE COURT
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Judge of District Court

Kim Peterson
Court Administrator

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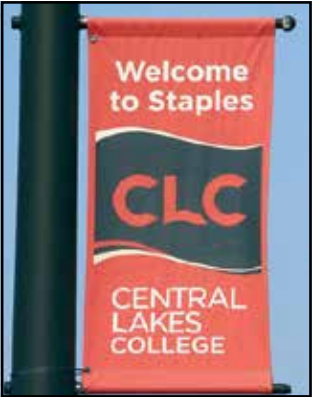
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Decorated highway

The new Discover Staples banners were installed along Highway 10 in Staples on July 30 by Public Works Director Scott Grabe, above. The new banners join Central Lakes College banners, below, and City of Staples railroad banners, bottom photo. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



ARBORETUM continued from page 1a

Wooded area for education, public hiking

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative and the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation. The City of Staples and Missouri River Energy have donated to start a fund to put in a flashing light and a crosswalk on Airport Road.

Arboretum origins

The Staples Trails Committee has been looking at ways to expand the bicycle trail in Staples, but any big project would take several years. They came up with ideas for projects to do quickly that shows they are looking to build trails, and this is the first of those to be completed.

A separate trail project scheduled to be built this year is at the CLC Ag and Energy Center, which plans to build walking trails through their farm project land to connect to the adjacent bike trail and Living Legacy Gardens.

The trails committee is calling this an arboretum to show that it is more than a nature area, it is an educational forest that shows the diversity of trees and plants in the area.

The Legacy Arboretum and Nature Trail committee has been planning since February of this year. The group came up with a trails plan and got stakeholders together to work on the project.

The Central Lakes College Heavy Equipment program cut and shaped the trails, fixed some drainage issues and built a parking lot. The City of Staples agreed to mow the trails and the Staples-Motley School District will continue to maintain the area.

Unique location

Staples-Motley science teacher Daren Blanck has been a part of the committee. He said that Staples is in

a unique location, directly on the border of the two major tree biomes in Minnesota, the coniferous forest of the northeast and the deciduous forest of the southeast. There is also a tail of the aspen tree biome coming down from northwestern Minnesota.

Blanck said the arboretum could eventually become a showcase of Minnesota's tree biomes meeting on this central spot, along with some native prairie grass areas.

Blanck will be teaching a class at Staples-Motley High School this fall that will participate in the planning and building of the arboretum. They would like to identify trees already in the arboretum and look at areas where other trees can be planted. Another project could be building an informational kiosk and putting benches in observational spots.



Heavy lifting for arboretum construction

The Central Lakes College Heavy Equipment program cut the trails for the arboretum, above, and build the parking lot, below.



SCHOOL continued from page 1a

Elem. conferences Aug. 27

bigger kindergarten class this year. He said they are starting to capture a greater percentage of the available students in the district.

He said they had a good response for the kindergarten roundup this year.

Tappe said this year Koenigs and his staff called every family with an eligible kindergarten age student in the district.

"It did make a big difference," said Tappe.

School Board Chair Mary Freeman said it was also helpful to open a third classroom of preschool last year.

"If you don't get them early, you don't get them," said Freeman.

Koenigs said the elementary school will have a different format for the first week of school, with School Readiness students and grades 2-4 starting on Tuesday, Sept. 2, while kindergarten and 1st grade will start on Wednesday, Sept. 3.

School readiness and grades 2-4 will hold "getting-to-know-you" conferences on Wednesday, Aug. 27, while kindergarten and 1st grade conferences will be on Aug. 27 and Tuesday, Sept. 2.

In other news, the board

- Approved ten-year plan for long term facility maintenance (LTFM) dollars.

- Approved PSEO contract for students taking college classes through Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Also approved contract with Central Lakes College.

- Approved hire of Zack Qual, part time community education programmer; Cy Bestland, Head Girls Basketball Coach; Blaine Platner, custodian.

- Approved memorandum of understanding with Tri-County Community Action Partnership/Head Start.

- Approved fundraiser requests from student council.

- Approved \$5,530 sponsorship for Todd-Wadena Community Concern for Youth.

- Heard from Activities Director Paige Ahrendt, who said the new Community Education brochure will be coming in early August. She said two adult programs were added this year, including strength and conditioning two nights a week. Adult basketball on Sunday nights was formalized into the program. Ahrendt said people can scan the QR code on the brochure and register for programs online.

- Heard from Tappe that the Parent-Teacher Connection has raised enough money to build a full sized outdoor basketball court and also a pickleball court on the school grounds. Both should be installed in August and be ready for school to start in September.

- Approved fall coaching list:

Volleyball: Head Coach Gretchen Bestland, assistants Cy Bestland and Erin Potter; junior high: Mackenna Bjerga, Katrina Fligge and Becky Thorn

Cross Country: Head Coach Bruce Fuhrman, assistants Marly Simmons and Allison Vangsness

Tennis: Head Coach Nicolette Paskewitz, assistant Katie Noska; junior high Staci Schultz

Football: Head Coach Drew Potter, assistants Paul Mithun and Cory Lawrence; 7th grade Holton Truax; 7/8, 9th grade positions still open.

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