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Groundbreaking for new meat processing facility

Breaking ground for Farmers Union Processing + Meats in Staples, from left, Thom Petersen, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Senator, Carrie Ruud, former Minnesota State Senator, Carol Anderson, Farmers Union and CLC Board, David Endicott, Farmers Union President Gary Wertich, Minnesota Farmers Union President, Jerel Nelsen, Staples City Administrator, Cory Detloff, CLC, Dustin Wiese, Headwaters Beef Coop, and Jim Chamberlin, Happy Dancing Turtle and Headwaters Beef Cooperative.



Who are these people?

Derek Wiese looks up at the dignitaries attending the groundbreaking ceremony in Staples while posing for a photo with his older brother Owen and father Dustin. Left is U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar and right is Minnesota Farmers Union President Gary Wertich. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Meat processing facility has many partners

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

After three years of planning, many partners and hundreds of hurdles to overcome, the Minnesota Farmers Union has broken ground on a new facility at the Staples Industrial Park, named Farmers Union Processing + Meats.

Three processing trailers have been delivered to the site and will be put into place after infrastructure and a foundation are put in place. The facility will include other buildings, including a retail section. It will amount to an 8,000 square foot facility. The facility is expected to employ up to 15 people.

The Farmers Union held a ceremony on June 6 to commemorate the event, with representatives from many different organizations who were crucial to the project.

Carol Anderson, who is on both the Minnesota Farmers Union board and the Central Lakes College board, was one of the leaders pushing the project from the beginning. She talked about the many different agencies who contributed as being “silos” on their own, but how they all worked together to make sure this project kept moving forward. She said any time they needed another requirement, someone was able to step up to fill the need.

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar said she once asked



Carol Anderson

Minnesota chef Andrew Zimmern what separates Minnesota in the food category, and he answered “meat.” She also said in her book “Antitrust” that she recommended that industry be competitive at the local level. Klobuchar helped bring those two ideals to Staples by promoting federal funding for the project.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said meat processing has been a statewide priority since 2018, when there was a six month wait period at some Minnesota plants. That trend took off during Covid, but it also opened funding

for meat processing and training.

CLC Ag and Energy Center Director Cory Detloff talked about how the college’s meat cutting program will work with this new plant. He said they received a grant from Region Five and are also creating meat cutting pathways for high school students.

MFU President Wertich added that the new Farmers Union facility will be able to slaughter the animals on their site and bring the carcass to CLC for their

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Weather

2025

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
June 11	76	52	M. Sunny
June 12	72	51	Cloudy
June 13	63	50	Showers
June 14	70	55	M. Cloudy
June 15	74	56	M. Cloudy
June 16	79	59	Rain
June 17	77	58	Cloudy

Last Year, 2024

	High	Low	Cond.
June 11	84°	60	Sunny
June 12	87	61	Sunny
June 13	83	66	Sunny
June 14	80	52	Sunny
June 15	71	65	M. Sunny
June 16	70	64	Sunny
June 17	63	57	M. Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 77° Low = 55°

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

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Diane Budke

Joretta Jasmer

Lawrence Weyer

Yvonne (Bunner) Wilson



Pickleball courts officially opened

A crowd gathered for the official opening of three new pickleball courts in Staples on June 5, as Staples Mayor Ron Murray cuts a ribbon to celebrate the new recreation spot in town. Murray said the courts are “an example of people taking it upon themselves to improve the community.”

Roger Houselog, one of the volunteers to raise funds and volunteer to help build and paint the court, said many people were involved in putting the project together. “It was a community effort,” said Houselog.

Pictured at the groundbreaking, from left, Ann Dibb, Mary Theurer, Mary Kobliska, Dave Johnson, Brad Anderson, Bob Ingle, Jerel Nelsen, Tom Honek, Mike Gedde, Ron Murray, David Jeremiason, Luke Bates, Loudon Krotzer, Roger Houselog, Brian Bates, Lacey Aguirre, Sarah Fritsch and Mavis Johnson. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples-Motley teachers share reflections upon retirement

The Staples World invited retiring staff at Staples-Motley School District to share some thoughts about their careers. Below are their responses to our questions:

Cathi Dumpprope
Cathi worked for District #2170 for 30 years as a Para for Special Ed. “I worked in all three school buildings!” she shared, adding that she retired in December of 2024.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I got into education because I wanted to be with kids and help them. I enjoyed being with the younger students. Also to know what my own kids were doing in school! Be informed of what was going on in school. To be able to get to all of my own kids’ activities.

WHAT ARE SOME FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR YEARS AT STAPLES-MOTLEY?

I’ll miss the kids and the darndest things they say! I remember being a little apprehensive of a few of the teachers and having to go into their classrooms. But then finding out that they were such great teachers that I loved being in their classrooms. In some of those classrooms, the year went by too fast! I worked with a few teachers who didn’t like to do arts or crafts, so I got to do arts and crafts with the students. So much fun! And some teachers didn’t like glitter, can you believe that? One great teacher couldn’t stand dealing with puke. So, I stepped in and helped. I remember surprising another great teacher on her birthday. I worked on Mickey Mouse things for two months!

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES AND CHALLENGES YOU’VE SEEN IN EDUCATION?
The biggest change I have seen is that the students and families have changed. They don’t value education. I used to know everybody, not so much now that my kids aren’t in school anymore. Also, the standard testing doesn’t let the teachers have much wiggle room for extra stuff. There’s a lot of subjects and material to cover in a year. Less respect from the students, some kids swear now in school. A lot of students don’t have much responsibility, or care to get things done, or take care of things.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?
I’ve learned things from each of the students! A lot of the kids want so much attention now. They crave it. But the hugs are great! When the kids are having fun, smiling and enjoying their time in school it’s fun to watch, and be a part of it. Learning how they can do things on their own, and feel the pride from it, is great too.

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?
I miss the potlucks. The staff and all the fun we had! The field trips. I miss the connections with people and what’s going on with them and their families. Lunch duty, NOT!

WHAT ARE YOUR POST-RETIREMENT PLANS?
Now that I’m retired, I’m waiting for my husband to also retire and then travel! I have more time for our 10 grandkids, and family. I can put my garden in when I want to. Be my own boss and do what I want. No



And that’s a wrap!

Six retiring employees at Staples-Motley School District #2170 were recognized at the End of Year staff breakfast May 30, at the Middle/High School cafeteria. Pictured above, from left, are Robin Kautto, Pete Kautto, Cathi Dumpprope, LaDeanna Simek, Chris Trout. At right (submitted photo) is Phyl Runzel. May 30 happened to be Cathi Dumpprope’s birthday, and the staff sang an enthusiastic “Happy Birthday” to her during the program. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

alarm clock. Make my own schedule. Not have to figure out what I want for lunch the night before, or at 7 a.m. Sleeping in...I love it!

Robin Kautto
Robin is retiring after 35 years teaching 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades and Title 1 - all in ISD #2170.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I came from a family with NO teachers but I always looked up to the teachers I had. One special teacher was my Phy Ed teacher/cheer coach, Ms. Stulc. She was a mentor to me. Like Ms. Stulc, I wanted to make a difference in students’ lives.

WHAT ARE SOME FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR YEARS AT STAPLES-MOTLEY?

I really enjoyed the years that our kids were students here. It kept us more involved in all activities, especially sports and music. I also remember that we used to let kids sign up for activities after school. The teachers volunteered to teach different things and I taught a tumbling/gymnastics class in my kindergarten classroom.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES AND CHALLENGES YOU’VE SEEN IN EDUCATION?
Thirty-five years is a long time in teaching so I have seen many changes. Probably the biggest change is technology. This has brought out its own challenges in and out of the classroom.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?

I have learned that my students often teach ME things. Every child is unique with their own strengths and weaknesses. I’ve always said that I treat my students as if they were my own. I’ve tried to do that...even on the tough days.

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?
I will miss the students telling me that they’ll

miss me over the weekend. If I had to be gone for an appointment or illness, they would hug me upon my return...as if I was gone for a month! Mary Freeman once said at a “Back to School” meeting for teachers, “We just need to love the kids when they walk through the door.” I always appreciated hearing that. I will also miss my colleagues who have always been there through happy times and tough times...weddings, babies, graduations and funerals.

WHAT ARE YOUR POST-RETIREMENT PLANS?
I am looking forward to getting to be with our grandkids more and attending more of their activities. My parents still live in Wadena so I can spend more time with them. I look forward to having fun with Mr. Kautto as well. And of course, NOT having to get up at 4:45 a.m. to work out!

Pete Kautto

Pete, like his wife, Robin, taught at the district from 1990 - 2025. “I taught 35 years in the same building,” Pete shared, adding that he taught grades 3, 4, 5, and multi-age 4 - 5.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? My mother was an elementary school teacher and finished her career as a high school Spanish teacher. She was my inspiration to follow the path into teaching. I love you, Mom!

WHAT ARE SOME FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR YEARS AT STAPLES-MOTLEY?
My favorite memories are all of the students, staff, and parents that I have been able to get to know. I’ve enjoyed all of the good times that go with those interactions.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES AND CHALLENGES YOU’VE SEEN IN EDUCATION?

I’ve tried to be as good of a teacher as my wife. She’s awesome!

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?

Remember, we were all young once and needed someone to guide us. We appreciated having someone strong in our lives and didn’t even realize it. It is often many years later that you realize how important and impactful you are in young people’s lives.

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?
I will miss the kids of course! You just never know what the day will bring.

WHAT ARE YOUR POST-RETIREMENT PLANS?
Family, Friends, Fun!

Phyl Runzel
I’ve taught all grades K-12 throughout my 30 years of teaching. I began teaching in Staples-Motley in school year 2013-14 at the elementary school. I switched to the high school



to teach the Care and Treatment Educational Program the fall of 2016. As those programs began to close, I helped start the Level 3EBD Program during the winter of 2019-20 for students in 5-12 grades.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I was a non-traditional student getting my teaching degree later in life. The first time I observed in an EBD classroom, I knew that was where I was meant to teach. I loved the challenge of teaching students who often had very little school success. My goal was to teach them the skills needed so they could be more successful, and believe they were capable.

WHAT ARE SOME FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR YEARS AT STAPLES-MOTLEY?

I have so many amazing memories with my students, I often describe as “a little rough around the edges,” as they would make small gains, especially as they began to demonstrate kindness toward others struggling with similar fears of failure, who have built high walls of protection.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES AND CHALLENGES YOU’VE SEEN IN EDUCATION?

The biggest challenge for any special educator has to be the constantly growing paperwork we’re required to keep up with, while also teaching. There’s never enough time in the day with case loads that only seem to grow larger, so much of that work is done outside of the school day. I know most teachers spend a lot of time outside of their duty day to provide the best for their students.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE? WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB? WHAT ARE YOUR POST-RETIRE-

MENT PLANS?
I will miss the energy I feel when I’m inside the walls of our school, the smiles and high 5’s, the fun of “dabbing up” a student that towers over me. Coming back to do a long-term sub job these last six weeks of school, have brought back all that energy that I missed the 2.5 months after my retirement on Jan. 17.

Deciding to retire was a very difficult decision for me. I knew I would miss the challenges, the kids, and those moments of success. I’ve adjusted and now look forward to traveling to see my 10 grandkids, and by this July, a great-granddaughter.

I love to read, especially historical fiction that makes different times and places come alive. I look forward to doing some volunteering. I have my eye on a couple of adult programs where I can help others who struggle to trust others and believe in themselves.

LaDeanna Simek
I taught English Language Art. During my years I experienced teaching grades 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12. Most of my years were teaching grade 7, but my last years were with juniors and seniors. I taught in this district for 33 years.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I remember watching my teachers and seeing how much they enjoyed teaching. My English teachers really inspired me to become an English teacher. Of course, when I went to college, I didn’t plan on being a teacher but that changed. Mrs. Heth, a business education teacher of mine at college, was the one who really made me think that this was for me. She’s the reason I have an English and business education license.

WHAT ARE SOME FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR YEARS AT STAPLES-MOTLEY?

This is a difficult question to answer because I have many favorite memories. One favorite memory was taking the middle school student council students for an overnight at Camp Confidence. We went and helped get the camp ready for its summer activities. Another favorite memory was playing games with my students. It was awesome to see them have fun. I loved that they would smile, laugh and encourage each other. Going to workshops or conferences with the other teachers always created memories as well. And, when students would tell me that they liked something we read or did during class, those moments became part of my favorite memories.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES AND CHALLENGES YOU’VE SEEN IN EDUCATION?

The biggest change in education is the standardized testing we do every year. (I remember it being a paper test and now it’s all on the computer.) Another big change is having standards. When I looked at what was written for ELA standards, I knew that the majority of the time teachers meet the standards. Phones and students using AI to complete work are now challenges in

the classroom. The biggest challenge used to be if a student had a pencil to complete the work.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?

In the last five years, I learned from my juniors and seniors that everything I planned did not have to be perfect. They still learned. During all my years, I learned that being available to listen is very important to young people. Finally, I learned about the current fads, slang, and what songs were important to them. I tried to stay current, so I had examples they could relate to during a lesson. (Sometimes it did not work, and they would roll their eyes at me or laugh.)

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I will miss seeing my students and laughing with them. Finding a new story, writing assignment, or activities to share with my students will be missed. (I always got excited when I knew I was trying something new in my classes.) I will miss all the people who work in the district because they were ready to help and just have fun. (We were not always serious.) Finally, the unexpected snow days will be missed!

WHAT ARE YOUR POST-RETIREMENT PLANS?

I don’t have anything set in stone because it is retirement. I plan to spend more time with family and friends. I’ll be able to go and watch my nephews and nieces participating in their chosen sports. I do know that I want to keep on learning.

Chris Trout
Chris Trout worked for the Staples-Motley School District as a teacher for 11 years, and before that, was a paraprofessional.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I remember playing “school” as a youngster, and my mom was a teacher, so this is a profession that was always in front of me. I remember telling Pat Held, my high school history teacher, that I wanted to be a teacher just like him.

WHAT ARE SOME FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR YEARS AT STAPLES-MOTLEY?

The Connections Project Based School was particularly sweet. It was a small group of students, and we became like a second family.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES AND CHALLENGES YOU’VE SEEN IN EDUCATION?

The biggest change has been technology. I can’t imagine teaching without internet access! But also, technology is a huge distraction for everyone.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?

Basic kindness goes a long way.

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

People! Students and co-workers.

WHAT ARE YOUR POST-RETIREMENT PLANS?

Grandkids and gardening. We have a small farm that will keep me busy. There are also many community volunteer opportunities. I won’t be bored!



Saying ‘Goodbye’ to Josh Lee

During the school’s End of Year staff breakfast/recognition event May 30, Staples-Motley School Superintendent Shane Tappe, far left, thanked Josh Lee for his five years of service with the school district, most recently as its Athletic Director/Community Ed. Director. Tappe noted

the countless hours Lee worked each week, and the excellent job he has done. Lee has accepted a job as the K-8 Principal at a school in Kalispell, Mont. At right, fellow staff members applauded Lee. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept:

May 25, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Nebraska Ave. and McKinley St. SW, provoking residents. Driver/passengers were described as teenagers. Officers didn't locate vehicle, which was described as a light blue/grey Honda.

May 26, Staples Police were called to a domestic dispute over property that resulted in a physical assault. One party involved was arrested for an outstanding warrant out of

Morrison County.

May 28, Staples Police received a call of children riding motor bikes on Dakota Ave. SE. Caller stated they're going through stop signs and not following traffic laws.

May 30, Staples Police received a report of two men harassing a young girl walking along the street, saying inappropriate things.

May 30, Staples Police received a call of a male having seizure activity on the snowmobile trail near Michigan and 12th St NE. Ambulance was requested.

Todd County Sheriff's report

Recent report(s) from the Todd County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) included:

May 16, 2025 at approximately 1:45 a.m., TCSO received a report of a 90-year-old missing adult female with dementia in Section 19 of Grey Eagle Township, rural Grey Eagle. Todd County Deputies responded to the area immediately to gather information and began search efforts. While gathering information, deputies learned the missing female was last seen around 10:30 p.m. May 15.

During the search, Grey Eagle Fire Dept. and Melrose Ambulance were requested to assist in the search as Sauk Centre Police Dept. K-9, Melrose Police Dept. and a TCSO drone equipped with thermal imaging was deployed.

After a thorough ground search of the area in inclement weather conditions, a Melrose Police Officer located the adult female in a field nearby around 3:43 a.m. She was quickly tended to by medical personnel and was in stable condition.

Sauk Centre Police Dept,

Melrose Police Dept, Melrose Ambulance Service, Grey Eagle Fire Dept. and vigilant citizens assisted in the search.

May 8, at 6:49 p.m, TSCO received a report of a two vehicle crash at the intersection of Cty Rd 22 and Cty Rd 11, Clarissa.

A vehicle driven by Audrey Hansen of Wadena, was westbound on Cty 22. A vehicle driven by Michelle Hillmer of Elk River, was northbound on Cty 11. The two vehicles collided at the intersection, coming to a rest in the northwest ditch. Hansen was transported to Centra-Care Hospital in Long Prairie with serious injuries. Hansen was later airlifted to the St. Cloud hospital for further treatment. Hillmer was transported to Lakewood Health System, Staples, where she succumbed to her injuries. Hillmer was wearing her seatbelt. The MN State Patrol is assisting TCSO with the crash investigation. TCSO was assisted on scene by the Clarissa Fire Dept, Browerville Ambulance, Staples Ambulance and Petrie's Towing.

Court report June 11

Long Prairie Police Department

Adam Paul Hillerud, Long Prairie. Window restrictions-tint too dark. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Shanelle Riane Monreal, St. Cloud. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Wesley Michael Percey Long Prairie. Careless driving. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Priscilla Sarah Perez, Long Prairie. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Kaylin Marie Beach, Hewitt. Speed 85/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Karlynn L. Beil, Port Ludlow, WA. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Roderick John Beller, Staples. Fail to Yield Right of way Stop signs blinking. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Alissa Rae Hageman, Staples. Speed 90/65. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Joshua Ryan Jordan, New Orleans, LA. Speed 80/65. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Mason John Kadlec, Buffalo. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Patience Mercedes Peterson, Hewitt. Speed 86/65. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Alexis Lee Chojnacki, St. Louis Park. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tye Terrance Davison, Henning. Seat belt. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

James Robert Fearing, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Marlee Jo Finley, Bismark, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Yeimarie Garcia Garcia, Long Prairie. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older). Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Bennie E. Gingerich, Browerville. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Window tint. Fine \$50. Tires extending beyond fenders. Fine \$50.

Faith Betty Juntunen, Long Prairie. Speed 74.60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Diego Baltazar Martinez Vazquez, Sauk Centre. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Kolin Anthony Messer, Little Sauk. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Daryl Ray Miller, Grove City. Unsafe lane usage. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Brandon Saint Monnier, Little Falls. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Aidan Scott Orcutt, Stacy. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Michael Lielen Rethlake, Minneapolis. Speed 106/70. Fine \$150. Fee \$235.

Tyce Javier Roehrich, Bismark. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Eric Overby Sandberg, Long Prairie. Seat belt required-Driver & passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Sydney Ann Schmidt, Plymouth. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Marco Vinicio Zhispón Loja, Alexandria. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Osakis Police Dept.

Levi Atworth Walter, Villard. Traffic regulation-automobile fenders. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Obscured plate violation. Fine \$30. Windows tint too dark.

Fine \$50.

Todd County

Daniel Lee Bachner, Browerville. Speed 87/60. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Adolfo Cantu, III, Eagle Bend. Uninsured vehicle-driver violation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200.

Julio Saul Escolastico Santos, Browerville. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Thomas John Gjerstad, Osakis. Open burning-violate ban. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Jose Gutierrez Martinez, Royalton. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Amanda Rae Johnston, Deer Creek. Child passenger restraint system-age 4 or older/booster seat/safety belt. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Child restraint. Fine \$50.

Robert William Lange, Staples. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Cristian Daniel Sosa Ruiz, Cushing. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Colby Roy Swanson, Eagle Bend. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Dismissed.

Reba Ann Twa, Bertha. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30.

Nancy Vasquez Aquino, Browerville. 3rd degree DWI. Dismissed. 3rd degree DWI. Sentenced. Local confinement (3 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo days credit for time served: 3 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$505.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County June 3, 2025.

Jessica Ann French, Alexandria. Speed 70/60. Sentenced. Fine \$40. Fee \$75.

Joshua Ryan Kieffer, Staples. Open bottle. Sentenced. Unsupervised probation, 1 yr. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 90 days for 1 yr. Fine \$75. Fee \$75.

Vanessa Raven Rodriguez, Hewitt. Possess ammo/any firearm-previous felony conviction. Continued for dismissal. Unsupervised probation, 1 yr.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County May 30, 2025.

Ricky Dean Grunwald, Hewitt. DWI. Operate vehicle under influence of alcohol. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 364 days for 1 yr). Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$200. Fee \$505.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County May 29, 2025.

Kendilove Charles, Browerville. Kidnapping-to facilitate felony or flight. Dismissed. Commit great bodily harm/terrorize. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 83 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 7 days. Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$125.

James Ruben Hatter, Aldrich.

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

• June 15, 1950 - A game that was expected to be a close affair turned into a rout Sunday when Motley defeated Leader by a score of 25 to 8, on the Motley diamond.

Local fans turned out in fine numbers to enjoy the game which was greatly appreciated by the manager and players alike.

Jack Sklenicka again started on the mound for the locals and allowed only one hit in three and one third innings replaced at this point by Wes Lollie, who finished the game on the mound for Motley.

Leader scored their

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8 runs in the first four innings but after that were held scoreless.

• June 15, 1950 - Fishermen, and especially the kids of Staples and the community, are glad to learn that the state conservation department planted 4,000 perch and 3,000 crappies in Dower Lake, just southwest of Staples last weekend.

The fish are all fishable size and were taken from nearby lakes and planted in Dower Lake.

Game Warden Bill Henry stated that there is plenty of room in Dower Lake for more fish, in spite of the fact that bullheads already have been stocked in the lake.

• June 15, 1950 - An ad for Batcher's Federated Store in Staples: "Father's Day is June 18. Remember Him Royally with Gifts. Popular white dress shirts, \$2.98; Gabardine sport shirt, \$3.98; Leather belts, 98 cents; Give Dad hankies, 25 cents; Comfy coat style broadcloth pajamas, \$3.49; Smart new patterns in men's ties, 98 cents."

• June 15, 1950 - The first band concert by the Staples Municipal band for the summer season of 1950 was heard at the Northern Pacific Band Shell on First Avenue Thursday evening of this week.

The band, under the direction of Erling I. Lian, has been practicing for the past several weeks, and regular rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening prior to the concert on Thursday night.

The band numbers about 40 members at the present time.

• June 15, 1950 - The Leader Cooperative Creamery will hold their annual Meeting and Picnic at the Leader Town Hall on Saturday, June 17.

There will be sports and a ball game, with the Annual Meeting held after the noon picnic lunch.

Mr. Hinds, Extension Economist in Marketing from University Farm, will be the principal speaker for the afternoon. His topic will be, "Changes in The Dairy Industry." His discussion will cover the increasing margarine competition, a new threat to the dairy industry, when the federal tax is taken off on colored margarine on July 1.

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

• June 12, 1975 - A full page ad: "Gordon and Ruth Anglin welcome you to...Sunshine Warehouse Market. Open Thursday, June 12, at 10 a.m. The store that's bringing lower food prices to Staples, Minnesota! Remember...You help keep your food costs down at Sunshine Warehouse Market...You mark prices on your order; You bag or box your order; You carry out your order; You save your own money!"

• June 12, 1975 - Three first place awards were pre-

Possess ammo/any firearm-previous felony conviction. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 348 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 16 days). Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$200. Fee 85. Drive without a valid drivers license Dismissed. Possess ammo/any firearm-conviction or adjudicated delinquent for crime of violence. Dismissed. Domestic assault. Dismissed. Interfere with 911 call. Dismissed.

Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1992. 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

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.

berg and Becky Schornack. The girls were coached by Glen Hasselberg.

• June 15, 2000 - The 1954 red Ford convertible owned by Joyce Thiel of Staples won the People's Choice award at the (Back to the 50's) day at the Spot Cafe in Staples Saturday. Guests were treated to the sight of vintage cars from local and area collector clubs. Inside the cafe they were greeted by a life-size drawing of Elvis Presley done by Tom Lucy of Staples.

• June 15, 2000 - Area hospital administrators met recently with Senator Dallas Sams to discuss rural health care access and successful work done during the past few legislative sessions.

"All Minnesotans need access to quality health

care, no matter how far they may be from a major metropolitan area," Senator Sams said.

"Senator Sams is among a handful of Minnesota legislators who have made access to health care in Greater Minnesota a top priority," said Tim Rice, President of Lakewood Health Systems, Staples.

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

• June 11, 2015 - After nearly four decades serving as secretary for the Motley Public Cemetery Association, Patricia (Pat) Crawford has resigned. "During these 37 years, I have enjoyed helping to make sure that the cemetery is cared for," Pat wrote in her resignation letter.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 7, 1981 edition of the Staples World featured cast members in the Staples High School production of "The Fantasticks," a parable about love. Deb Finn (left) had the female lead, playing the part of Luisa. The male leads in the production were Darrel Adams (center) who played the role of El Gallo, and Randy Neumann played the role of Matt.

Darrel Lieze-Adams, a Motley native now of Fort Myers, Fla., remembered well being a part of this production. Adams, a 1982 SHS grad, emailed the Staples World to say, "This photo made me smile—I recognize those three! That's Deb Finn, Darrel Adams, and Randy Neumann. Deb and Randy were seniors at the time, and Darrel was a junior. This was the publicity shot for the Staples High School production of "The Fantasticks." I know where I am - :) love to know what happened to Deb and Randy. Frank Odell directed the show and Stan Carlson was our vocal coach. There were a few others I remember being involved in the show, including Pat Lynch, Randy Card, Dave Anderson, Deb Marte and Kristin Kajer. Eric Nefstead played piano for the show. Seems like yesterday. :)

Arlan Mack of Browerville, a SHS graduate, correctly identified all. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

I forgot....
“Can I still get an ad in..... ???”

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Letter to the Editor

Peatlands in danger

With embers from Minnesota’s wildfires still smoldering and Canadian smoke darkening our skies, it’s worth remembering that fires burn more than trees—they consume peatlands, a living foundation beneath our forests that has protected us for centuries. Once lost, these carbon-rich wetlands cannot be replaced.

Peatlands are waterlogged wetlands filled with thousands of years of accumulated peat moss. Amazingly, they store 40% of the state’s terrestrial carbon, prevent floods and droughts, filter drinking water, and sustain vulnerable wildlife. But when they burn, their benefits vanish—and the carbon they release rivals the state’s largest polluters.

I’m proud to call the Arrowhead region my home, and over the years, I’ve seen how peatlands anchor this truly special part of our state. Minnesota is second only to Alaska in peatland acreage, with over 6 million acres supporting rare orchids, butterflies, and songbirds. Globally, peatlands cover just 3% of Earth’s land but store 30% of its land-based carbon— double

the carbon stored in all the world’s forests combined!

Yet peatlands face growing threats, from historic drainage to modern disruptions like severe drought, mining, and logging. We must be smart about land management—protecting healthy peatlands and restoring degraded ones.

Given their outsized importance, peatlands deserve greater prioritization. A few solutions: policies that help northern counties access state restoration funds, updating the Wetland Conservation Act rules to account for existing peatland carbon stores and not just their potential for future carbon storage, and designating ecosystem service benefits for peatlands on state managed land to maximize their long-term value.

By acting now, Minnesota can safeguard its natural heritage while reducing catastrophic wildfire risks. Peatlands are our frontline defense—buffering floods, mitigating droughts, and shielding communities from deadly fires. If we delay, these critical ecosystems could vanish in smoke, taking their protections with them.

LeeAnn Geshick
Ely, Minn.

Do we have more million dollar projects?

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

When I was working in a different town years ago, a local lawyer came out and told us that in the past year she had sent something like \$8 million out of the community. She was following the wills left by local people who decided to donate their wealth to good causes. So they picked things like cancer research or the universities they attended. They were all good causes, but it meant that many millions of dollars were leaving the community on a regular basis.

These benefactors were all local-minded people who regularly supported local causes, but they didn’t know how to include those local causes for larger donations in their wills.

So the lawyer created a list of local non-profits and community organizations that could handle a larger donation and gave that list to area lawyers who helped people write wills.

The University of Minnesota’s study on the transfer of wealth in rural counties reminded me of that episode. It made me wonder how our local landscape is handling this possible situation, to make it easy for people who want to help their local community.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation was set up with help from the Initiative Foundation more than 20 years ago and has sent out more than \$250,000 in grants. Most of their

grants are one to five thousand dollars, but they do larger ones on occasion.

The LEAP Board has also recently set up a community fund that will be taking donations.

There are several service organizations in the area that can also take larger donations because they often take on large projects. Lions Clubs in Staples and Motley, plus Rotary in Staples are among the bigger service groups. Local education institutions, local government and hospital foundations can also use larger donations for local benefit projects.

Could any of them handle a million dollar donation? I assume most of them could set up something like the Staples-Motley School District did when Lakewood added a walking track to their gymnasium project, now called The Nest. Dollars For Scholars also set up a special fund for the Howard Griffiths scholarships donation.

There is a current project that could be that large, the Centennial Auditorium project that is in the process of being updated and converted into the Cardinal Performing Arts Center. Maybe someone would want to add their name to the big blank wall outside the auditorium.

What would a new million dollar project look like in this community? What would we use it for?

Send in your ideas of what you think the next big project in the area could be, and give reasons why someone might want to make a large donation to it.



Wealth changing hands is an opportunity for local investment

University of Minnesota
Extension

Minnesota’s baby boomers are preparing to hand down their collective wealth and assets, a whopping \$61 billion (that’s billion with a B) during the next 10 years.

University of Minnesota Extension educator and rural sociologist Ben Winchester believes that where those billions go could make a huge difference to communities for generations to come.

“Most communities have no idea how much wealth resides in their midst,” Winchester says. “Philanthropic giving represents the greatest underdeveloped financial resource a community can mobilize and now is the time for communities to start talking about it.”

This massive transfer of wealth is expected to peak in Minnesota by 2040, which is why Winchester and colleagues in Extension’s Community Development department have analyzed and compiled wealth data for every county in the state so that communities can set themselves up for success.

The Transfer of Wealth Opportunity Analysis (PDF) for Pine County, for example, shows current household net worth at a collective \$6.56 billion, with an estimated \$275 million to be handed down in 10 years. Capturing just five (5) percent of that 10-year number would create more than \$13.7 million in new endowments for grant-making, totaling more than \$16.4 million, which could be invested and used to support local housing, business incubators and nonprofit capital projects.

“A hundred years ago, small-town kids would stick around town or continue to farm or live on the lake,” Winchester says. “Today, many kids no longer continue to live in rural communities. So how do we ensure there’s a thriving community left for those who stay and for those who move to town?”

Winchester says creating community infrastructure is important for addressing the phenomenon known as brain gain newcomers in their 30s and 40s who are relocating to rural Minnesota communities in search of a lower cost of living, easier access to natural lands, a slower pace of life and a stronger sense of community.

“Those are the people who are moving into the homes of baby boomers in many cases bumping up the households from one to two people, to three to five people,” Winchester says. “As a new generation arrives in these communities, they’ll need investments in schools, recreation, housing, streets, businesses, hospitals and more. We have to get past this myth that small towns are dying.”

Capturing five (5)

percent

Before boomers pass on billions of dollars in assets, Winchester and others are urging communities to capture just a fraction of that wealth, with a recommended goal of five (5) percent, to keep rural communities healthy and vibrant.

“Traditional sources of funding from local, state and federal entities are never guaranteed,” Winchester says. “If communities, urban and rural, retained five (5) percent of \$61 billion, that’s \$3 billion.”

Capturing this transfer or wealth isn’t just a rural Minnesota issue. In Hennepin County (PDF), \$16 billion will change hands in the next decade, according to Extension’s analysis. Meanwhile, organizers in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas have already developed strategies for keeping their wealth local, with similar efforts focusing on capturing five(5) percent of residents’ wealth for future community improvements.

Where would the money go?

The winner of a signage campaign in Hackensack includes a logo that features Paul Bunyan’s sweetheart, Lucette.

One of the first projects by the Game Changers group in Hackensack was hosting a logo contest, which ended in the winning design being used throughout the town.

Of course, not every city or county offers easy ways for baby boomers to donate five (5) percent of their wealth, Winchester says. To get the conversation going, Winchester and his team at Extension are urging communities to check out their counties’ transfer of wealth reports, regional reports are also available and to start talking about the future.

Wealth-capturing opportunities might include partnerships with nonprofits or community foundations.

“If your community doesn’t have a foundation, you could discuss establishing one or partnering with one in your region,” Winchester says. Extension educators are available to assist communities in these kinds of conversations, he says.

In Minnesota, many communities have already established structures for rural charitable giving, such as the Game Changers nonprofit organization in Hackensack, which works to enhance city life with projects focused on housing, clean energy, community spaces, beautification and more.

Game Changers Treasurer Kris Biessener says volunteers with the organization join various teams to fundraise for specific causes, often writing requests for privately funded grants. A sports court team recently raised \$68,000 to add new tennis and pickleball courts. A housing team raised \$150,000 to go toward

Wealth in area counties

The UMN Extension report indicates that Todd County will have an average of \$16,300 per household being transferred in the next 10 years. They estimate a total of nearly \$159 million that will transfer from one generation to the next by 2030. A goal of getting five percent of that for grantmaking would caputre \$7.9 million for local projects in the county.

Wadena County estimates show an average of \$21,600 per household being transferred within 10 years. The study estimates more than \$122 million will transfer by 2030. Five percent of that would be \$6.1 million.

Morrison County shows an average of \$20,400 being transferred per household for a total of \$280 million by 2030. Five percent would equal \$14 million.

Cass County shows \$27,100 per household being transferred to the next generation, equaling \$388 million, with five percent of that being \$19.4 million.

the purchase of land for a new development.

“Over the past five years, our teams have fundraised and implemented over \$245,000 in infrastructure improvements for our community,” says Biessener, who works as a real estate agent. “I’m proud to be a part of that.”

The power of endowments

“In 10 years, we could be giving out up to \$10 million a year, forever through endowed funds.”

Game Changers raises funds as a 501(c)3 and accepts grants from the Hackensack Lakes Area Community Foundation (HLACF) one of many funds with the 14-county Central Minnesota Initiative Foundation. For a small fee, the group manages an endowment for HLACF. Five other foundations serve the remainder of rural Minnesota.

“They take care of all the hard stuff, including the 501(c)3 donation receipts and managing the investments,” Biessener says. “They do the taxes.”

Biessener says local donors can give to the HLACF endowment, knowing their money will support a growing base of investment profits that can be used to grant money to new projects every year.

Endowment funds are an important part of charitable giving at the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation, which started in 1998, says Executive Director Terri Foster.

“Founders of our foundation wondered: How can we make giving easier? How can we make sure our community is thriving for a long time?” Foster says. “Our baby boomers and residents of rural Minnesota are generous and want to give, but they’re unaware that an easy vehicle exists. Donating all or a portion of non-cash assets, which are many times more tax advantageous to give than cash, is a great way for donors to receive some potential tax benefits.”

Since its early days, the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation’s reach and endowment have grown. For the past three years, the foundation, along with fund partners, has been able to grant more than \$1 million a year. The foundation is a partner of St. Cloud-based CommunityGiving, which supports community foundations around the state, including assisting with tax-smart charitable giving for people who want to give stock, invested funds, real estate or even business assets such as farm equipment.

Donor support and the partnership with CommunityGiving have boosted the local foundation’s success, Foster says: “In 10 years, we could be giving out up to \$10 million a year - forever - through endowed funds.”

Though those numbers may sound impossibly large for smaller communi-

ties, Winchester says starting the conversation about charitable giving in local communities is a first step. Small donations over time can make a big difference.

“If your community has a spaghetti feed, you want to get to the point where you’re not fundraising annually for the feed, but instead asking for funds for an endowment, so that the spaghetti feed can last 100 years,” Winchester says. “But to capture the baby boomer legacy, you have to create awareness and structures for giving now.”

Removing barriers for individuals

Hackensack watertower logo features Paul Bunyan’s girlfriend, Lucette.

Hackensack’s new logo features Paul Bunyan’s sweetheart, Lucette.

Foster says individuals who want to get involved in charitable giving may underestimate their ability to give.

“For most people, 93 percent of wealth is held in non-cash assets,” she says. “What we’re seeing now is a lot of folks selling real estate or businesses and donating a portion of the asset, prior to selling, to a charitable fund or directly to a community foundation.”

Foster says donors can simplify a will or a trust, and instead have some of their estate gifts flow directly to a donor-advised fund, an increasingly popular option in recent years to allow more flexibility and typically no fees to make changes to which charities receive support.

Foster says donors should look beyond a will or a trust and instead explore donor-advised funds (DAFs), which have become more popular in recent years.

“A donor-advised fund is a way for you to have a mini foundation that can carry on after you pass,” says Foster.

Charitable giving is also a way for individuals to take strategic steps to maximize tax breaks for themselves and their heirs, such as exploring gifting options from annuities or minimizing capital gains tax when a home or business is sold.

Because most people aren’t experts in estate planning and charitable giving, many community foundations in the state partner with attorneys and accounting advisors to offer free estate planning ideas and workshops for individuals.

“Anyone can support their favorite charities, and gifts can be as unique and personal as the donors themselves,” Foster says. “If a community were to capture just five (5) percent of the transfer of wealth, they can go beyond fundraising to meet immediate needs and really dream and invest in creating a community that can thrive for generations.”

Learn more about this topic and how to contact Ben Winchester on Extension’s transfer of wealth page.

Quote of the week

“We are the hero of our own story.”
— Mary McCarthy

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Mark Your Calendar

June 12

‘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>

‘LAMP CAMP 2025’ ROCK AND TROLLS Free public performance, Thursday, June 12, 6 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Lamplighter Community Theatre.

June 13

WOMEN’S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

June 15

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

June 17, 24

ENJOY TWO FREE EVENINGS OF SQUARE DANCE FOR BEGINNERS with Wadena Whirlaways dancers and caller, Phil Miller, at Lakewood Care Center dining room, 401 Prairie Ave. NE, Staples, on Tuesdays June 17 and 24, from 7 - 9 p.m. Couples, families, and solo dancers ages 8 - 88-plus welcome. For more info., call Linda, 218-296-1641 or Denise, 218-296-1642.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

June 18

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m., at Lakewood Health System’s main campus in Staples, lower level. The public is invited. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

Menu

Senior Nutrition Program

Call on mornings the Friday before to reserve next week’s meal. Call for current suggested donation info. LSS Meal; traditional older adult menu. Menu is subject to change.

Staples 894-2556
Meals include bread (specific kind snoted), marg, and 1% milk.

June 11 -13
WEDNESDAY - Pork roast, pork gravy, candied yams, green beans, wheat bread,

M&M chocolate chip cookie.

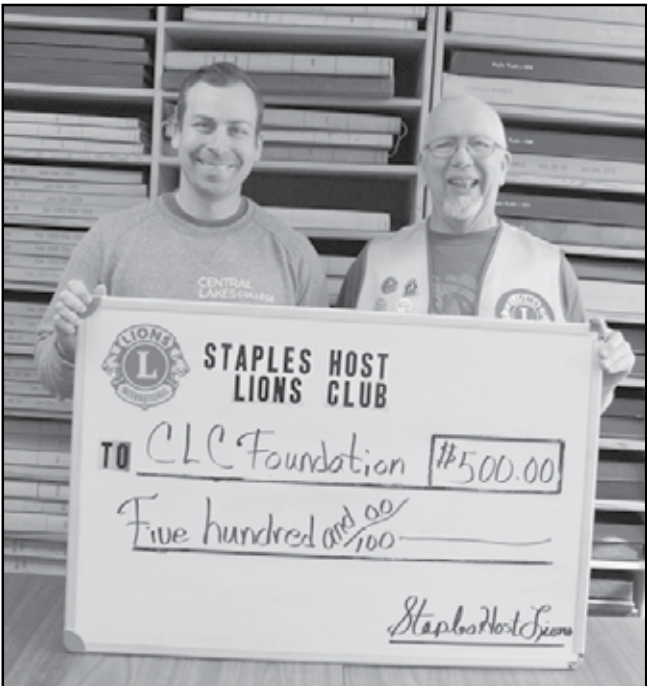
THURSDAY - Turkey tetrazzini, peas/carrots, whole kernel corn, dinner roll, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY -Cheese omelet, turkey sausage, Rosemary diced potatoes, cinnamon apples, blueberry muffin, ketchup.



Lions donate

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to Lakewood Health System Foundation for their ‘Give Orange’ event. Pictured, from left, are David Jeremiason, Lakewood Health System Foundation Development Officer; and Lion President Dan Shaw. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Received Lions donation

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to Central Lakes College Foundation, to be used at the Staples campus. Pictured, from left, are Erich Heppner, Director of Student Life at CLC; and Lion President Dan Shaw. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Free Methodist Church
Vacation Bible School



Date: June 16-20, 2025
Time: 4:30-7:30 pm
Ages: 3 years through going into 7th grade!
For Questions or to Register:
Contact Jess at 218-296-2441
www.motleyfreemethodistchurch.com/vbs.html



Todd County Fair June 26-29

GRANDSTAND EVENTS
TRIPLE B RODEO Friday • 7 pm
2 DEMO DERBIES Saturday • 1 & 6:30 pm
TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL-KIDS DAY
Sunday • 1 pm

ARM BAND EVENTS
Good for One Event
Thurs. 6-10 pm • Fri. 1-5/6-10 pm
Sat./Sun. 1-5
\$30 Advance • \$35 ea. at Fair

GET YOUR TICKETS


Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Ray 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.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

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

Trinity Lutheran
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.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Janet Eckman SMA.....218-837-5831
jre227@yahoo.com
Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
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
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
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
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone.....218-746-3839
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.

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

Hewitt Community Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Youth Pastor Joe Ward
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagon, Kid’s & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.

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“Words”

Submitted by Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Those five letters. Do we give much thought about the gift of words that God entrusts to us; those letters that make up so much of our communication with one another and God?

James 3:2 (NIV) says, “We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.” That means that a whole lot is at stake in what comes out of our mouth.

We are bombarded all around us with the misuse of words and language. In Michael Medved’s ground breaking book, “Hollywood VS. America (Harper Collins, 1992, p. 176) he observes, “A well-publicized 1989 poll by Associated Press/Media General asked its respondents: ‘Overall, do most movies that come out nowadays have too much profanity in them, or not?’ An astonishing 80 percent cited ‘too much profanity;’ not one of the 1,084 survey participants endorsed the idea that movies today contained, ‘Not enough harsh language.’” Would you agree that it has only become worse in the last 36 years? We need to be so careful though to not succumb to being the old story of “the frog in the beaker” that doesn’t realize the changing water temperature from the burner underneath until it’s too late.

But it’s always easier to talk about someone else when it’s good for us to look in the mirror. What comes out of our mouths? In Matthew 12:34 Jesus reminds us that “the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” Jesus goes on in verse 36 with these sobering words when He says, “But I tell you that everyone will have to give an account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.”

The greatest picture of what “words” are about and where they ultimately need to come from is our reminder that Jesus is described as “The Word.” We know from John 1:14 that He is being described when we hear in John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God and the Word was God.” It’s rather lofty to understand for me, but God is Father Son (Word) and Holy Spirit. God is in perfect, life-giving communication among Himself. When God calls us to care about how we use words, He is reflecting His own nature of communication. It’s good for us to then think about God before we say anything.

We close with these thoughts from an unknown source. “A careless word may kindle strife. A cruel word may wreck a life. A bitter word may hate instill. A brutal ward my smite and kill. A gracious word may smooth the way. A joyous word may light the day. A timely word may lessen stress. A loving word may heal and bless.”

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Yvonne “Bunner” Wilson

Yvonne “Bunny/Bunner” Marie (Mertens) Wilson, 88, of Staples, passed away peacefully June 1, 2025, at Lakewood Health System Care Center; Staples.

Funeral services were held June 7, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

Bunny was born October 16, 1936, to Edward and Lena (Robinson) Mertens in Wadena. She graduated from Staples High School in 1954. On August 21, 1954, she married Walter Wilson and together they made their home in the Staples area, where they raised their four children. While Walt worked on the railroad, Bunny was dedicated to being involved in their children’s activities throughout their years.

As a child, her dad started calling her “Bunny,” and the nickname stuck with her for life - along with her love of collecting little bunny figurines. Over the years, Bunny did a bit of everything - working as a cafe waitress, handling office work, including preparing income taxes. As a



proud Staples graduate, she helped organize the class reunions enjoying catching up with her classmates. She found joy in volunteering as a “den mother” for Cub Scouts. When their kids were young, summers often meant a day at Dower Lake with the neighborhood kids.

As they grew older, Bunny and Walt spent many summers at the Akeley campground, often joined by their kids and grandkids. If you stopped by their home, chances were you would end up in a game of Yahtzee, Cribbage or Hand-and-Foot - which she

enjoyed. If you were lucky, you would be treated to one of her delicious home-made rolls. For many years, their mornings began with a visit to The Spot Cafe, a daily tradition she looked forward to.

Bunny’s greatest joy came from being surrounded by the people she loved, whether family or friends she cherished every moment spent together.

A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she is survived by her husband of 70 years, Walt; three sons, Steve (Rose) Wilson of Iowa Falls, IA, Wayne (Anita) Wilson of Staples and Larry (Patty) Wilson of Waxhaw, NC; one daughter, Kathy Wilson of Staples; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and one sister-in-law, Marilynn Wilson.

Bunny was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Art Meinhardt; one sister, Jeanie; one niece, Doreen; and brother-in-law Dick.

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Members of two families recently received their 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten certificates at the Staples Library.

Above: Angie Johnson, library assistant, left, with the May family, Mackenzie holding Karter and Kagen holding Mad-dyn.

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Obituaries

Diane Budke



Diane Marie Budke, 77, formerly of Motley, passed away peacefully at home in Forney, Texas on June 1, 2025 and is now with her Lord and Savior.

Services were held June 8 at the First Baptist Church in Baxter.

Diane was born February 26, 1948, to Wilmar and Margaret (Peterson) Henrickson in Minneapolis. She married Wesley Budke on May 24, 1968. They moved all over the country due to job relocations, but returned to Motley in 2020. After Diane's cancer progressed, they decided to move to Texas in 2024 to be near their daughter.

Diane held various jobs through the years, but raising her two children was

by far her most rewarding accomplishment. Diane loved her Lord and spoke often about her faith. She was a faithful church member throughout her life, sang in the church choir and volunteered wherever there was a need. She loved her grandchildren and spoke proudly of them. She was an avid gardener and could often be found reading her flower garden books or tending to her flowers, until she was no longer able.

Diane is survived by her husband, Wesley; one daughter, Dana (Todd) Gilbert; daughter-in-law Heather Budke; four grandchildren, Tyler Budke (Haylee), Allison Gilbert, Austin Gilbert, Sydney Budke (Mitchell Grunder); three great-grandchildren, Mila Gilbert, Reese Budke, Emerson Budke; two brothers, Dr. Gerald Henrickson (Debby) and Gregg Henrickson (Peggy) and one sister, Denise Gono (Glenn).

She is preceded in death by her parents and one son, Marc Budke.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter.

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Joretta Jasmer

Joretta (Jerry) Jasmer, 85, of Staples, passed away June 4, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, June 16, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Joretta, daughter of Willis and Lisabelle (Colombo) Arries, was born on May 31, 1940, in Grand Rapids.

Jerry grew up in Marble. The family moved to Aurora, where she graduated high school.

Jerry married Roger Jasmer on July 2, 1960, in Minneapolis and they settled in North Saint Paul.

They moved to Aldrich in 1974. In 2003, Jerry moved into Staples.

Jerry worked at Palmer's Accounting Service, then opened her own book-keeping service, JJ Book-keeping.

She was the bookkeeper for the St. Fredericks Catholic Church in Verndale; St. Michael's Church in Motley and then the auditor. She belonged to several circle groups and was president



for awhile of a Circle.

She enjoyed playing cards, dice and being with family whenever she could.

Jerry is survived by two sons, Dan (Sara) Jasmer of Glenwood and Craig (Diane) Jasmer of Aldrich; two daughters, Cathi (Lonny) Dumpprope of Motley and Ruth (Donn) Stolhanske of Eagan; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mitzi (Mike) Morris of Makinin and one brother, Jim Arries of Aurora.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Roger and her parents.

Arrangements are by Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

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Lawrence Weyer

Lawrence (“Larry”) Bernard Weyer, 85, of Mission, TX and previously of Staples, passed away May 25, 2025, in Long Grove, IA, surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 23, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the church followed by a luncheon at 12:00 p.m.

Interment will be at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

Larry was born July 18, 1939 the son of Edward and Mary (Ahrendt) Weyer, in Olivia. He married the love of his life, Sharon Koll, on November 25, 1961, in Olivia.

Larry was in the U.S. Navy from 1957 to 1975, serving primarily on submarines, and achieved the rank of Sr. Chief Petty Officer (E8). After retiring from the Navy, the family moved to Staples, where Larry farmed and worked as the Wadena County Veteran Service Officer from 1979 to 1991. Larry and Sharon then traveled full-time in their fifth-wheel trailer before settling in Mission.

Those left to honor his memory include his loving wife, Sharon, of 63 years; two sons, Michael (Joy) of Staples and Steven of Mission; three daughters, Ellen (Jeffrey) Jones of The Colony, Texas, Janis (Chuck) Fagin of Deer



River, MN and Brenda (Stephen) Sorensen of Long Grove, Iowa; ten grandchildren, Jason (Laura) Weyer, Megan (Alex) Wohl, Tera (Jesse) Kohn, Renee Paskewitz, Cameron Jones, Kelsey Jones, Erin (Adrian) Pop, Callum Fagin, David Sorensen and Rachel Sorensen; six great-grandchildren, Grace, Ava and Ruby Paskewitz, Abigail and Ian Weyer and Isaiah Wohl; three sisters, Elaine Mahoney, Lorraine Harrell and Mary Ann Woelfel.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Nicholas, Francis, Louis and James and his infant daughter, Eileen Weyer.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting Larry's obituary at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com>. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Children.

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Jeanne Brown

Jeanne Lois (Smith) Brown, 82, of Staples, passed away peacefully June 7, 2025, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center. She was surrounded by her loving family in her final moments.

Funeral services will be held Weds., June 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church. Burial will follow.

Jeanne was born February 4, 1943, to Edward Alan Smith and Lois Eleanor Smith in Philbrook. She was one of 12 children: Eleanor, Jim (Eileen), Jack (Dixie), Mary, Pete, Boone, LeRoy (Shirley), Sandy (Kenny), Hank (Cindy) and many beloved nieces and nephews. Jeanne cherished her large family deeply.

On October 7, 1961, Jeanne married, Ernest Brown and together they had four children: Jody (Jon) Speckeen, Rock (Todd) Brown, Tami (Michael) Lingor and Robb (Amanda) Brown.

In 1977, Jeanne was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She faced her journey with courage, grace and a resilient spirit. She continued to give back to others by volunteering with her special friend, Julie Hoemberg at the Lakewood Health System Care Center, where she later became a resident herself 21 years ago.

Jeanne had a passion for collecting jewelry and knick knacks, always finding joy in life's little treasures. While at the Care Center, she was known for her vibrant presence and enthusiasm - there wasn't an activity or church service she would miss. Her dedication to staying engaged and connected brought joy to many around her.

Jeanne was the proud grandmother of 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, all of whom brought immense joy to her life and carry forward her legacy of love, strength and faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one infant sister, Edna Mae; one brother, Larry Kutler; three brothers-in-law, George Webster, Duane Dukowitz and Dewy Kilian; one sister-in-law, Susie Smith and three beloved grandchildren, Dackery Brown, Hope Brown and Duff Brown.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Editor's note: last week's newspaper mistakenly reprinted the section track story from the previous year. This is the correct story for this year.

Six Cardinals qualify for state

Brownell, Ferdon, Brandt, Gomez, Larson, Beachy shine at section

Six athletes on the Staples-Motley track and field team are headed to the state meet in nine events.

In the boys meet, Sawyer Ferdon qualified in the long jump and triple jump, Avandre Brandt in the high jump and 200 meter dash, Adrian Gomez in the shot put, Noah Larson in the 110 hurdles and Turner Beachy in the pole vault.

In the girls meet, Audrey Brownell qualified in the 1,600 and 3,200 meter runs.

Cardinal athletes set Section 6A records, had many personal bests, a few surprise performances and several new top-ten results in school history. The meet was held May 29 at Pelican Rapids. The top two in each event qualify for state, plus more who meet the qualifying standard that is determined by top five state placing in previous years.

Brownell set section records in the 1,600 and 3,200 to win each race by a wide margin. In the 1,600, she pulled four other opponent runners along to qualify for state by time, showing how fast the race was. In the 3,200, Brownell led from the beginning and ran a relaxed 11:12 to set the section record.

Ferdon qualified for the state triple jump for his third straight year and earned his first section title. After fouling on his first attempt, Ferdon unleashed his personal best ever, 43 feet, 8.5 inches to launch into first place. He didn't need another jump and ended up winning by eight inches.

In the long jump, Section 6A showed they have some of the best jumpers in the state. Ferdon passed the state qualifying standard and only finished fifth. Brandt was suffering from a leg injury and ended up a foot short of his personal best, but was still only two inches away from the state qualifying standard.

In the 200 meter dash, Brandt was in third place coming off the turn, but he gutted out the final 100 meters, pushing his way between the two leaders until he caught them so it appeared to be a three way tie for first place. In

a photo finish, Brandt missed the victory by two thousandths of a second. The preliminary results showed the top two at 22.51, but they gave his opponent 22.506 and Brandt 22.508. Third place was three hundredths of a second behind those two, all three qualifying for state by time. Brandt's time moved him up to fourth on the all time school rankings.

Brandt equalled his personal high jump best of 6'2" to reach the state qualifying standard.

Gomez surpassed his personal best on his first throw of the shot put competition, then improved it again on his second. His third throw was spectacular, going three feet, eight inches farther than his best coming in. It landed at 46 feet, 11.5 inches, putting him in second place in the section. To prove it wasn't a fluke, he threw 45 feet on his fourth throw. All five of his throws were farther than his previous personal best and he stayed in second place to qualify for state. His top throw moved him to number seven in school shot put history.

Beachy set the section pole vault record, clearing 14'7". The previous record had been held by his father, Arden Beachy. He had already won the section title after clearing his first height at 13'2". He then cleared 13'8" and moved it up to 14'7" since he was all alone in the competition. He cleared it on his first attempt to set the section record but missed when going after a new personal record at 15'6".

Larson lowered his personal best in the 110 meter hurdles, dipping down to 15.62, very close to the school's top ten list. The race had two competitors neck and neck, but Larson emerged two tenths of a second ahead for his first section title and second trip to state in this event.

Other notable performances included some personal bests by individuals and relay teams. Logan Robben ran 4:48 to finish third in the 1,600, one spot out of going to state. Drake Dukowitz threw 127 feet in the discus, well past his previous best. The boys 4x400 relay team kept low-

ering their times this year and ended up in sixth. Dillan Robben Ramiro Gallardo, Carson DeWald and Logan Robben combined for a 3:45 1,600 to finish the season.

The Staples-Motley boys finished third as a team, behind Sauk Centre and Osakis. The girls were 14th out of 22 teams.

The Class A State Track and Field meet is Tuesday and Wednesday, June 10-11, both meets starting at 3:30 p.m. Cardinal athletes will be competing each day, with boys triple jump, pole vault and shot put on Tuesday, long jump and high jump on Wednesday. Running events include 110 hurdles, 200 prelims and 3,200 on Tuesday, 1,600 on Wednesday.

Girls results

Section 6A track and field
100 - 12. Corinne Olson 13.60
200 - 14. Lucille Maros 28.12
1,600 - 1. Audrey Brownell 5:03, 11. Naila Mikhaeil 5:56
3,200 - 1. Brownell 11:12.97
100 hurdles - 13. Abby Brichacek 19.06
Pole vault - 15. Chadia Schultz 6'8"
Discus - 13. Annie Schlosser 87'4"

Boys results

Section 6A track and field
100 - 15. Gavin Chenoweth 12.31
200 - 2. Avandre Brandt 22.508
400 - 7. Brandt 52.55, 10. Dillan Robben 54.07
800 - 5. Logan Robben 2:10
1,600 - 3. L. Robben 4:48.79, 8. Blaine Platner 5:02.80
3,200 - 11. Andrew Dobson 11:25
110 hurdles - 1. Noah Larson 15.62
4x100 relay - 8. SM (Chenoweth, Jesus Gallardo, Adrian Gomez, Owen Frisk) 48.15
4x200 relay - 6. SM (Larson, Gallardo, Chenoweth, Frisk) 1:43
4x400 relay - 6. SM (D.Robben, Gallardo, Carson DeWald, L. Robben) 3:45
High jump - 3. Brandt 6'2", 13. Larson 5'4"
Pole vault - 1. Turner Beachy 14'7", 6. Conner Kuhns 11'8"
Long jump - 5. Sawyer Ferdon 20'11.25", 7. Brandt 20'8.75", 9. Gallardo 19'7.75"
Triple jump - 1. Ferdon 43'8.5", x. Alexander Helstrom (no distance)
Discus - 6. Drake Dukowitz 127'1", 11. Gomez 113'8"
Shot put - 2. Gomez 46'11.5", 14. Dukowitz 37'11.5"



State golf qualifiers

Walker Johnson and Carter White will be playing at the state golf meet this week. Johnson was sixth in the Section 6AA girls meet and White was third in the boys meet. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Johnson qualifies for state golf

The Staples-Motley girls golf team played well in their section meet, finishing sixth as a team and sending one individual to the state golf tournament.

Walker Johnson led the team with a score of 132 for 27 holes, including a 41 on her last nine holes that moved her up to qualify for state.

Mara Uselman shot 99 for 18 holes, Katelyn Schotzko had 102 and Molly Hoemberg scored 108 to complete the team scoring. The Cardinals were 20 shots away from reaching the top four teams, so they did not advance to the second day of competition.

The section meet was June 2-3 at Blackberry Ridge in Sartell.

After the first 18 holes, Johnson was in ninth place with 91 and was the only Cardinal golfer to advance to day two.

"I had some rough holes on the first day," said Johnson.

The top five golfers who are not on the winning team are the individual qualifiers for state. After the first 18 holes, Johnson was four strokes away from state qualifying, with two competitors ahead of her and one tied with the same score.

Because the boys meet was rained out on day one, the girls were also only playing nine holes on day two, giving Johnson less time to make up the difference.



Alex Schultz came back from injury to help the Staples-Motley baseball team in the playoffs.

Furious comeback falls short at section golf

The Staples-Motley boys golf team was the best team on the course on the second day of competition, but a poor start on the first day left them four strokes short of their goal of winning the section championship. Because the first day was shortened by rain, the teams only played 27 holes for the section title instead of the scheduled 36.

Carter White placed third individually to advance to the state meet. Grant Bestland tied for eighth place, but lost in a playoff for the final individual qualifier spot, just missing out on going to the state tournament.

The section meet was June 2-3 at Blackberry Ridge in Sartell.

On the first day of the tournament, most golfers got in seven or eight holes before it was called off because of weather conditions. Most of the Staples-Motley golfers started slow and the team was in fifth place at that juncture, with only four teams able to advance to the second round.

The Cardinals may have needed the break because they came out firing the next day when the teams completed their 18 holes.

and scored one over par on his round. Grant Bestland had two double bogeys the first day but came back strong with three birdies. Peyton Mithun strung together nine straight pars on day two, finishing two over par on his back nine. Jackson White had eight pars and a birdie over a 10-hole stretch. Thomas Johnson and Jaden Johnson started strong but had a few double bogeys on midway through their rounds.

When the first 18 holes had cleared, the Cardinals had moved back into third place with a score of 310, but were still seven strokes away from first place.

Because of the rain the previous day, the teams were only given nine more holes for their second round. Again, the team gained ground but they did not have enough holes to make up their deficit and placed third at 459, four strokes out of qualifying for state. Thomas Johnson scorched the second day, with one over par for nine holes.

In the individual competition, Carter White only had four holes where he did not score a par or birdie. He finished at one over for 27 holes, in third place but just two strokes from first.

After starting with a double bogey, she strung together three straight pars and then scored a birdie 3 on the 283 yard par-4 14th hole. This run moved her up the leaderboard, but Johnson said she wasn't aware of her rise in the standings.

"It makes me nervous when I'm watching the scores," she said. "I just concentrate on my round."

She finished with a par and two bogeys to end up with a score of 41 for nine holes. She was sitting in sixth place and was in the final state qualifying spot.

"When I got done, my coach said unless one girl beats me by four strokes on her last holes, I'm going to state," said Johnson. "It was surprising. I knew I could do it. This was a good birthday present."

Johnson will be playing at state golf Tuesday and Wednesday, June 10-11, at Sand Creek in Jordan.

Team results

(Top 4 teams played 27 holes, the rest 18 holes)

Pequot Lakes 533, Pierz 542, Albany 545, Melrose 553, Milaca 397, Staples-Motley 400, St. Cloud Cathedral 401, Pillager 423, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 445, Foley 463, Sauk Centre 471, Osakis 484, Little Falls inc., Wadena-Deer Creek inc., Roy-alton inc.

6. Walker Johnson 132 (27 holes), 25. Mara Uselman 99, 33. Katelyn Schotzko 102, 42. Molly Hoemberg 108, 51. Brooklyn Winter 116, 66. Meredith Hoemberg 137







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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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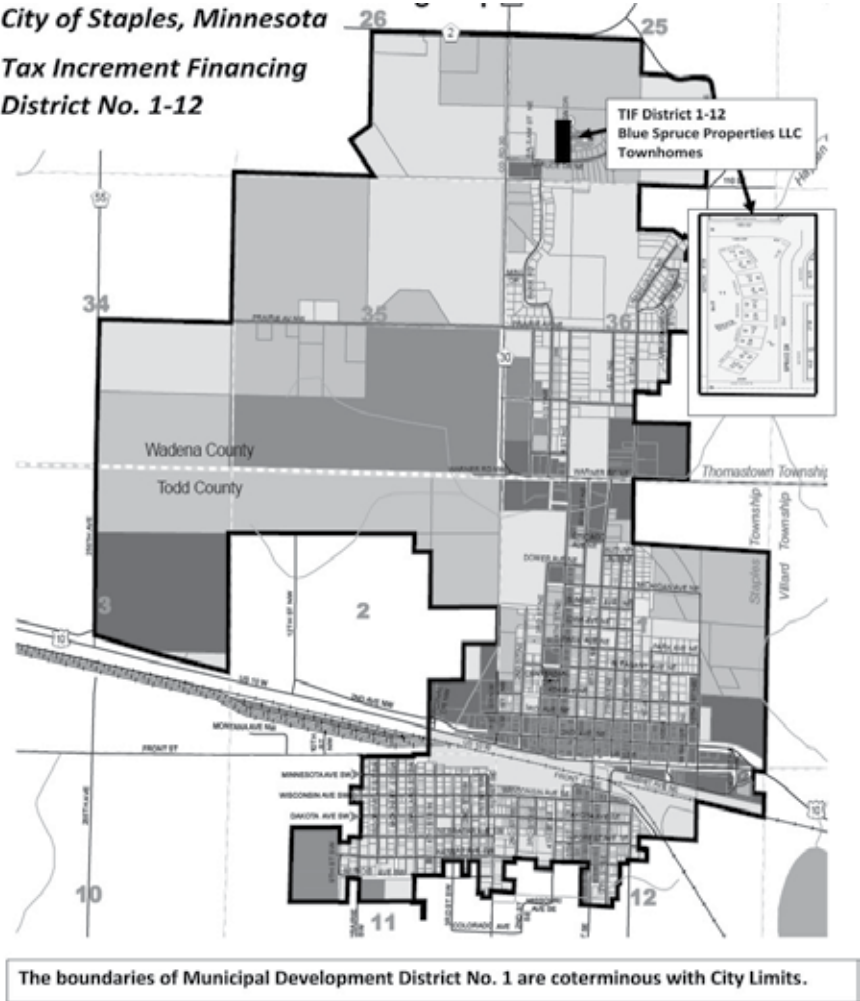
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(a) the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No.1-12 within Municipal Development District No. 1, and

(b) the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 469.1794, inclusive, as amended (the “Act”).

Copies of the Tax Increment Financing Plan as proposed to be adopted will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator at City Hall.

The property included in Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-12 is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the City Administrator. A map of the proposed Tax Increment Financing District is set forth below:



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DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 6, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$195,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Kevin J. Bednar, and Penny K. Bednar, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MILA, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 9, 2006 as Document Number 443619 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-BC2 by assignment recorded on January 6, 2010 as Document Number 466298 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded on September 5, 2023 as Document Number A537950 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded on November 12, 2013 as Document Number 487120 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-BC2 by assignment recorded on October 29, 2014 as Document Number

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TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: MILA, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 22-0017500

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1001752-0000289060-9

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 07, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed

by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 9, 2026.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 02, 2025

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC2 Mortgagee

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
Minnesota Statutes Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:
Farmers Processing + Meats

2. Principal Place of Business:
901 Prairie Avenue NE
Staples, MN 56479

3. List a Mailing Address if you cannot receive mail at the principal place of business address:
305 Roselawn Ave E., Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55117

List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:
Farmers Union Foundation
305 Roselawn Ave E., Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55117

5. This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number:
1561431600026

Originally filed on: 05/19/2025

6. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature:

Jennifer B. Klecker

Date: 05/22/2025

Name and title:
Jennifer Klecker,
Attorney

Email address for Official Notices:
gary@mfu.org

List a name and day-time phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form:
Jennifer Klecker
310-763-6561

Entities that own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land of land capable of being farmed must register with the MN Dept. of Agriculture's Corporate Farm Program.
Does this entity own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed?
No

Work Item
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TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

Questions? Call or email 320-732-4420 or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 31, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$92,857.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joel Ambriz Carrillo, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 3, 2015 as Document Number 495310 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on September 10, 2019 as Document Number A515937 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East One Hundred Sixty-Five (165) feet of the South Seventy-six (76) feet of the North Eighty (80) feet of Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Budget's First Addition to the Village of Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 215 6TH ST SE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$80,064.88

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0077000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100312-0001250034-1

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of May 22, 2025 Board of Adjustment's meeting minutes
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Site Visit Review
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. Theresa and Tom Petermeier: Section 11, Birchdale Township, Sauk Lake

Site Address: 12918 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

PID: 03-0030300

1. Request to reduce the lake setback from 100' to 80' for construction of dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

2. Request to increase the height of a structure within the setback from 18' to 25' for dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

2. Joe and Anne Williams: Section 03, Grey Eagle Township, Mound Lake

Site Address: 14505 Cottonwood Dr., Burtrum, MN 56318

PID: 11-0048200 and 11-0053000

1. Request to reduce the Road Right of Way setback from 35' to 26' for proposed shed placement in Recreational Development Shoreland District.

Adjournment.

Next meeting: July 24, 2025

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Russell Vandenheuvel,
Chair

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Dated: May 05, 2025

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

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program. He said the offal from the animals will be brought to the Long Prairie rendering plant.

Dustin Wiese and Jim Chamberlin of the Headwaters Beef Cooperative said their organization will help provide the animals to come through the facility, which is expected to be able process 15 cattle or 30 hogs in a single day.

The facility will have a partnership with the Central Lakes College meat program and the processing trailers will have a mobile option where they will be sent to Ridgewater College in Hutchinson for their program to use. Future goals include expanding operations to encompass cooking, smoking, and additional value-added products.

Farmers Union Processing + Meats will get their animals from area producers and will be able to help them with retail and wholesale markets. Producers will still be able to sell directly to consumers.

Other project partners include Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence, Region 5 Development Commission, United States Economic Development Administration, United States Depart-



Thom Petersen

ment of Agriculture, Ag. Marketing Service, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, Happy Dancing Turtle, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Farmers Union Enterprises, Farmers Union Industries, Central Telephone Company and The Small Business Development Center.

In a press release from the Farmers Union, Wertsch said:

“This project beautifully illustrates the power

of grassroots membership driving action at the state and national level. MFU members raised the issue of a lack of meat processing infrastructure in 2019 and COVID-19 elevated the issue. MFU members called for more investment in meat processing at the state and federal level. Lawmakers responded and both levels of government made investments in this vital part of local processing infrastructure.”



Dustin Wiese, left, and Jim Chamberlin, right, tell about the Headwaters Beef Cooperative at the groundbreaking ceremony with MFU President Gary Wertsch.



High usage for new pickleball courts

Following the opening of the new pickleball courts on June 5, a couple of games broke out. But this wasn't the first use of the courts. Just the night before, a large contingent of school-age players were playing on the courts in a drone photo, below. There has been high usage on other evenings as well, with teams playing on all three courts.



Golf excitement

A huge crowd watches Grant Bestland (red shirt, far right) hit an approach shot in the Section 6AA golf tournament, part of a playoff to reach the state tournament. See story, page 7a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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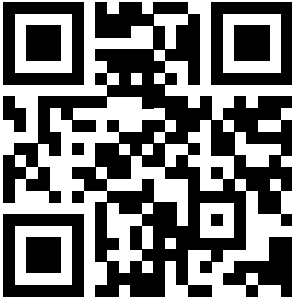
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