

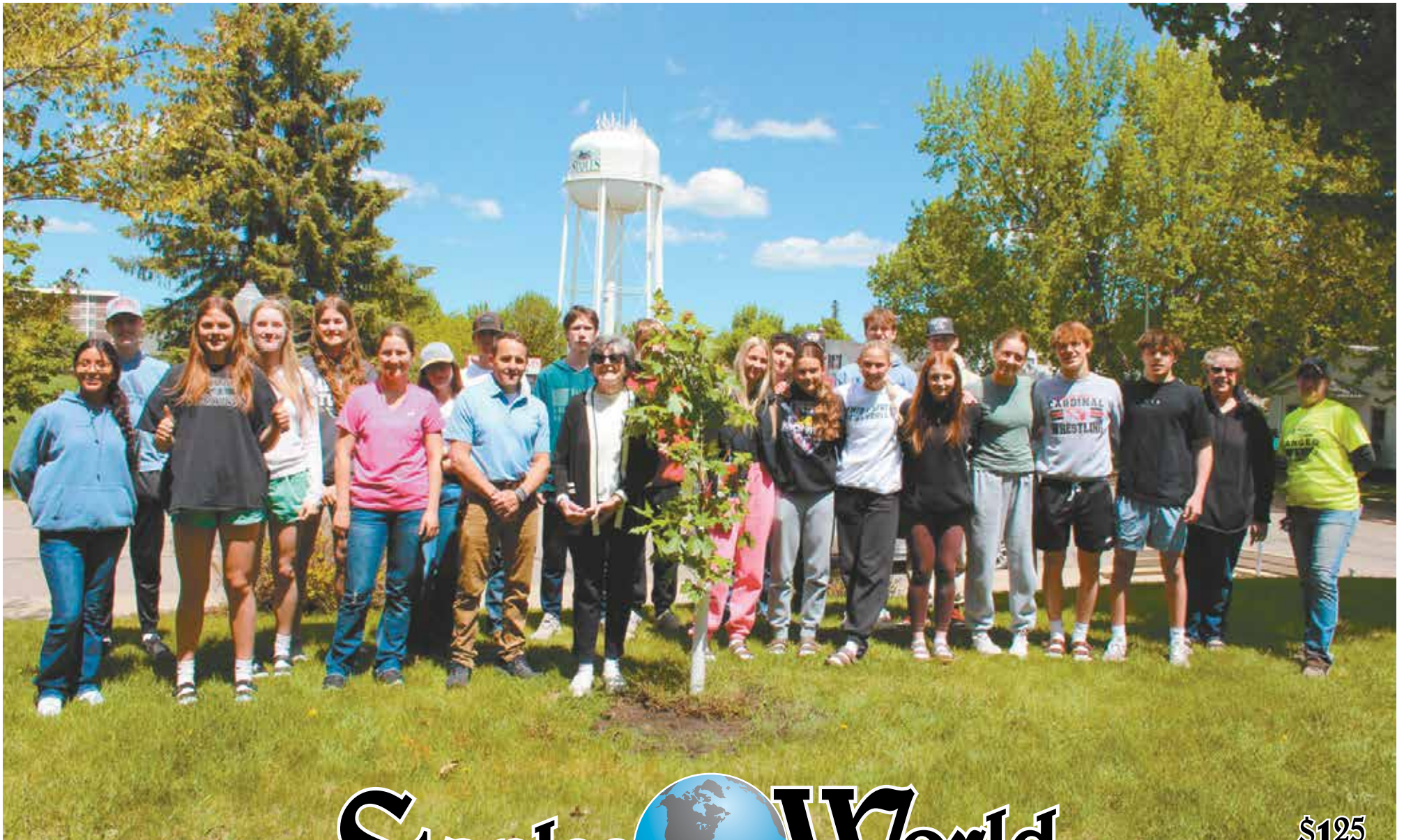
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Remembering tree supporter Dr. John Gorton on Arbor Day

An 'Autumn Blaze' maple was planted near the Staples Community Center May 22, in memory of Dr. John Gorton who passed away this past Jan. 25. A longtime Staples resident, Dr. Gorton was a big advocate of the 'Tree City' program, and over the years helped plant and maintain hundreds of trees throughout Staples. Gorton served on the city's Parks and Recreation board, and was a founding member of the Forestry and Beautification board. He was also a strong support-

er of the community center, swimming there most every day, so the tree's location seemed very fitting. Pictured above near the tree are Sally Gorton, John's wife of 60-plus years, and Staples Mayor Ron Murray. Others pictured include students in Dan Rowe's Plant Science class at Staples-Motley High School, Staples-Motley FFA members, City of Staples Parks & Rec Director Lacey Aguirre; and friends and neighbors of the Gortons. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

S-M schools changing communications system

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School District will be using the ParentSquare communications application, possibly starting in July.

At the May 5 Staples-Motley School Board meeting, Superintendent Shane Tappe and District Administrative Assistant Trisha Larson gave the school board an update on the school's communication progress, which now

includes a change to the ParentSquare communications application.

Larson said the school found that their previous system wasn't able to do all the communications the school wanted to do.

"We couldn't make it work for the things we needed, things we promised," said Larson.

Tappe said the old system was not user-friendly. People could not see who had viewed messages that were sent and they weren't

sure if everyone got the same messages at the same time.

Tappe said switching platforms will not hurt the school budget. "The company gave us full reimbursement for what we paid previously, they knew they weren't able to honor what we wanted," said Tappe.

Tappe gave examples of how ParentSquare will be an improvement. He said if a bus is running late, the

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Graduation coverage coming next week

Because of Memorial Day, this week's newspaper was printed on Friday, May 23, the same day as graduation. We will have full coverage of high school graduation and Memorial Day events in next week's newspaper.

Newspapers lost in mail

Many copies of the May 14 Staples World did not reach the mailboxes of our subscribers. The papers were printed and as far as we know, they were dropped off at the post office as usual. Calls to the post office have not been able to track down the missing bundles so far.

If you did not get a copy, stop at the Staples World office between 8 a.m. and noon on weekdays, we have extra copies we can give you. The office is open until 5 p.m., but staff may be out covering events so check before stopping.



Public Notices

ISD #2170 **9A**
Todd Planning **9A**
Motley Cemetery **9A**
Freshwater **9A**

Obituary

Roy Davey



Students help plant a maple tree

Staples-Motley students in Dan Rowe's Plant Science class helped plant an Autumn Blaze maple tree near the Staples Community Center May 22. Helping them hold the tree steady is Staples Parks & Rec Director Lacey Aguirre. The tree was planted in memory of Dr.

John Gorton, who was a longtime Staples resident and strong advocate of the Tree City program, helping plant and maintain hundreds of trees over the years. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Harold Griffiths scholarships winners

Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars gave away \$121,211 in scholarships to local seniors and one non-traditional student, at their awards night on May 7. Above are the largest scholarships given away, the Harold Griffiths Scholarships.

From left are Jessica Lundquist, \$4,000 two year Harold Griffiths Scholarship; Heidi Zimmerman, \$20,000 four year Harold Griffiths Scholarship; Jade Storry, \$12,000 four year Harold Griffiths Scholarship. (Submitted photo)

Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars awards \$121,211 in scholarships to local seniors

On May 7, 2025, the Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars (DFS) committee held its annual awards night at the Staples-Motley Centennial Auditorium. Thirty-six Staples-Motley High School seniors, and one non-traditional student, received scholarships, totaling \$121,211, the highest single-year amount given to date. The organization reached another milestone this year: since its inception in 1986, a total of \$2,344,957 has been given out to local students. Neither of these amaz-

ing milestones would be possible without the incredible support of the Staples and Motley communities and the generosity of our donors. The DFS committee is so grateful to everyone who has given of their time, talents and donations over the years. The DFS committee expressed gratitude to all the scholarship donors/contributors, and said they celebrate all the work and accomplishments of the Staples-Motley class of 2025 as they graduate and start the next phase of their lives. Congratulations!



Seniors receiving scholarships

Group photo of Staples-Motley seniors who received scholarships at the Dollars For Scholars awards night on May 7. Front row from left, Dylan Lawrence, Dustin Converse, Steven Petrich, Drake Dukowitz, Alex Schultz, Jack Carlson, Benet Robinson and Alexander Helstrom; row two, Jessica Lundquist, Clay Mertens, Grant Bestland, Jaden Johnson, Peyton Mithun, Kris-

tofer Taylor, Laken Hines, Dillan Robben and Marissa Heifort; row three, Oliviah Lorber, Kendra Shoup, Sophie Albie, Logan Robben, Jacob Becker, Ben Tyrrell and Sawyer Ferdon; back row, Ellen Lange, Miranda Schotzko, Lilly Tyrrell, Corinne Olson, Heidi Zimmerman, Olivia Opheim and Jade Storry. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley High School honor roll

Staples-Motley High School recently announced the Third Quarter honor roll for 2024-25.

A Honor Roll

Grade 12

Sophie Albie, Shannafaye Arthur, Grant Bestland, Tucker Braith, Jack Carlson, Gavin Chenoweth, Violet Dahlvang, Sawyer Ferdon, Laken Hines, Brooklynn Huwe, Jaden Johnson, Oliviah Lorber, Ivan Lozano, Jessica Lundquist, Naila Mikhaeil, Peyton Mithun, Corrine Olson, Olivia Opheim, Jaden Radermacher, Hayden Rutherford, Logan Samborski, Miranda Schotzko, Jade Storry, Trentan Zetah, Heidi Zimmerman.

Grade 11

Elliot Allen, Sadye Anderson, Katriane Beach, Abby Brichacek, Audrey Brownell, Natalia Burciaga Perez, Owen Carlson, Isabel Cole, Emmalee Dobson, Elijah Greenwaldt, Parker Hammer, Jameson Harvey, Avery Japke, Walker Johnson, Pamela Lawrence, Mason Michael, Raina Mikhaeil, Cecily Moe, Andrew Paklonsky, Lillian Parisien, Riley Reese, Torense Rodrigues, Eli Rutten, Annie Schlosser, Onna Schmitz, Michal Stastny, Colbe Tappe, Ruby Thoe, Livia Trief, Alaina White, Kyra Wolpert.

Grade 10

Isabelle Becker, Brooke Bendson, Emersen Bettis, Leighton Bettis, Josiah Burton, Hannah Cole,

Natasha Dause, Lily Davis, Mabel Haehnel, Jacob Hansen, Reece Headley, Conner Heifort, Bella Hines, Thomas Johnson, Madelyn Kist, Bali Minoletti, Ronnie Noska, Justin Olson, Madison Perius, Mia Pesta, Bryant Peterson, Tyler Pruitt, Tristan Rendon, Carter Sarbaum, Katelyn Schotzko, Evan Schultz, Logan Serich, Charles Simkins III, Chloe Trantina, Tyson Turner, Paige Warren, Kylie Wilson, Cloey Wingert, Gracie Wolpert.

Grade 9

Gage Bjerga, Andrew Black, Jacob Brandsma, Adalyne Brenny, Beau Carlson, Alexa Dolezal, Lauren Dolezal, Jada Ellingsen, Kain Erickson, Lexi Fishman, Leah Greenwaldt, Natalie Hanson, Ryan Heifort, Jasmyne Hove, Casey Kaehn, Sarah Kroll, Lyndon Laney, Chloe Larson, Karter Lynch, Clara Maros, Jadalynn McKenna, Keira Mevissen, Maci Mithun, Josiah Mumm, Nayomi Perez, Ally Pesola, Addison Potter, Brooke Reisenauer, Lydia Roelofs, Alyce Scheler, Paxton Sharpe, Scarlett Stracek, Anika Tureson, Brooklyn Winter, Kalee Winter.

B Honor Roll

Grade 12

Jacob Becker, Wyatt Berg, Josiah Critten, Cameron Deutsch, Tristen Drevlow, Drake Dukowitz, Ryan Gosch, Alexander Helstrom, Griffin Judd, Elizabeth Larimer, Brianna Mitchell, Anika Mollner, Arabella Moore, Blaine Plattner, Jeremia Reiter, Mateus Rincon, Israel Ritter, Benet Robinson, Giovanna Santos, Furio Secci, Skyler Self, Kendra Shoup, Kristofer Taylor, Benjamin Tyrrell, Lilly Tyrrell, Jamie Weinandt.

Grade 11

Mason Albertson, Ashton Anderson, Summer Anderson, Turner Beachy, Hunter Beedle, Brynn Bestland, Mason Birkholtz, Luke Bjerga, Avandre Brandt, Charles Dabbs, Kody Dause, Geoffrey DeCamp, Isabelle Dobson, Henry Dorothy, Addison Fonteyn, Gage Foss, Adrian Gomez, Alexander Harren, Alexander Holmberg, Peyton Jares, Reid Judd, Huntington Kleinschmidt, Gabriel Kroll, Conner Kuhns, Noah Larson, Natalie Miller, Cedrik Mills, Xander Moench, Ember Munger, Reed Olds, Alexis Opelia, Kiya Pope, Elizabeth Tangeman, Skyla Tepley, Teegan Vogel, Keila Zavala.

Grade 10

Corben Berg, Ayden Blue, Chase Blue, Adrian Caldwell, Marie Casillas, Joshua Cushing, Savanna Davis, Emmit Djuren, Atreyu Eagle Tail, Maddock Harvey, Minden Hoffman, Gabriel Hove, Jasmine Isley, Chase Koskiniemi, Caden Kramer, Loudon Krotzer, Suhaila Mikhaeil, Russell Milton, Jameson Morris, Samuel Olsen, Joseph Opelia, Wyatt Radueg, Philip Rapp, Kyleena Rudlang, Tipton Shegrud, Blake Smith, Gavin Stevens, Landon Thotland-Quenzer, Wade Tornow, Daniel Zimmerman.

Grade 9

Jayci Borash, Connor Buss, Kylee Chenoweth, Ruben Dahlvang, Charlotte Daniels, Andrew Dobson, Bryson Dumpprope, Roman Engebretson, Michael Falcon, Jesus Gallardo, Molly Hoemberg, Gauge Holst, Jaida Holst, Carolyn Hoppe, Carter Kist, Grace Lamke, Nathaniel Macheel, Landon Moench, River Munger, Kana Reese, Caleb Ritter, Elliot Stracek, Angelica Zavala.

Motley area law enforcement

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

May 14 - 20

May 19 - Motley Police located a stolen vehicle at the Country Terrace Apartments in Motley. The owner requested to have the vehicle towed.

May 20 - Motley Police spoke with a property owner at the 200 block of 3rd Ave. S., Motley, informing him that it was starting to look junky and he had two weeks to get the property cleaned up.

May 19 - Motley Police responded to a property line dispute at Beaulieu St. W., Motley.

May 19 - Motley Police issued Bryan Stevens, 40, a citation for his dog doing damage at another resident's property.

May 14 - Cass County requested assistance from Motley Police and Morrison County deputies (along with K9 support) in arresting Brian Prozinski at Bigwater Dr. SW, Pillager for 2nd degree assault. Prozinski was taken into custody.

May 20 - A Morrison County deputy issued a citation to an 18 year old in Motley for minor consumption.

May 17 - The MCSO received a report of a tree that was blocking both lanes of traffic at 33254 W Shamineau Dr., Motley.

Farm study: conservation pays off with higher profits

From Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Farmers enrolled in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) saw nearly double the profits of non-certified farms, according to recent data from the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence.

The 2025 "Influence of Intensified Environmental Practices on Farm Profitability" study examined financial and crop and livestock production information from farmers enrolled in the Minnesota State Farm Business Management education program. The 153 MAWQCP farms in the study saw more gross cash farm income and net farm income in 2024 than non-certified farms.

Looking at 2024 data, the average net cash income for MAWQCP farms was over \$134,800, nearly double the \$67,700 for non-MAWQCP farms. The median net income was also nearly double for certified farms compared to non-certified farms. Debt-to-asset ratios were also better for those enrolled in the MAWQCP.

This is the sixth year the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence has compared MAWQCP and non-MAWQCP farms. Every year has shown a positive return on invest-

ment for whole-farm conservation management that farmers implement to become certified.

"We've seen time and time again that the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program provides better economic outcomes on top of the benefits to our water and soil resources," said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "Farmers that make conservation investments continue to turn a profit, even in an uncertain farm economy. I encourage all farmers and landowners to contact their local Soil and Water Conservation District to get more information about certifying their land."

"2024 brought economic challenges for farmers, especially for those in the cropping sectors," said Keith Olander, Executive Director of AgCentric and Agricultural Partnerships. "The MAWQCP farmers continued to show strong financial resilience during this recent period compared to their peers. The six-year history of strong economic performance indicates that MAWQCP farmers mitigate risk at a greater level than their peers. The water quality parameters have farmers focus on environmental risks, but those management skills transfer to/ from their finances, weather adversity, and market strategies to avert economic devastation."

To find details on the economic study, visit: <https://www.agcentric.org/farm-business-management/annual-fbm-reports/>.

The MAWQCP puts farmers in touch with local conservation district experts to identify and mitigate any risks their farm poses to water quality on a field-by-field basis. Producers going through the certification process have priority access to financial assistance. After being certified, each farm is deemed in compliance with new water quality laws and regulations for 10 years.

Since the program's statewide launch in 2016, nearly 1.2 million acres have been enrolled in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program. The 1,600-plus certified farms have added more than 7,700 new conservation practices that protect Minnesota's waters. Those new practices have kept over 68,800 tons of sediment out of Minnesota rivers while saving over 89,800 pounds of phosphorous on farms each year. The conservation practices have also reduced nitrogen loss up to 45%.

Farmers and landowners interested in becoming water quality certified can contact their local Soil and Water Conservation District or visit MyLandMyLegacy.com.

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Court report May 21

Long Prairie Police Department

David Olguin Corona, Long Prairie. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Yerferson Martinez Villamizar, Hollywood, FL. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Ulises Orozco Ambriz, Melrose. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Jose Rivera-Sevilla, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Devon Rein Ryan, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Kimorah Laulul Yobech, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Earl Everett Clews, Staples. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Todd Roland Kimber, Hewitt. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Isaac Scott Long, Browerville. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Daniel John Tucker, Wadena. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Nathaniel Brian Vander Weyst, Foley. Driver fails to stop for STOP sign. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Owen Richard Winter, Staples. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Cristal Marine Botello, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Cordero Javier Cloud, Fergus Falls. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100.

Edward James Cmiel, Woodbury. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Brian James Galloway, Woodbury. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kurt Marty Jenkins, Long Prairie. Hands Free Law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Courtney Kay Koffler, West Fargo, ND. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Maryanne Agnes Kortuem, Long Prairie. Hands Free Law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Daniel Lamah, St. Michael. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Richard Joseph Lindberg, Sauk Rapids. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

John Allen McGraw, Eagle Bend. Speed 81/55. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Angela Teresa Morton, Aberdeen, MD. Speed 101/70. Fine \$150. Fee \$225.

Bruce Vernon Oppegard, Osakis. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Rebecca Dolores Padillazambrano, Nipomo, CA. Speed 70/60. Fee \$40. Fine \$85.

Peter Roman Primus, Long Prairie. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Cole Douglas Reinhardt, Irricana, AB. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Teianna Lee Schneider, Alexandria. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older.) Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jesse Lee Schroeder, Minot, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Derek Ira Schuck, Bloomington.

Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Heidi Lynn Swedburg, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Logan Jade Vanderlin, Blaine. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Angel Miguel Vasquez Arana, St. Paul. No MN drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Omar Jamal Williams, Grand Forks, ND. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Todd County

Bryan John Anderson, Long Prairie. Stray animals-running at large of domestic animals prohibited. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Sherie Marie Gangl, Grey Eagle. Forestry-open burning-garbage-by a person. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Open burning-violate ban. Fine \$100.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County May 14, 2025.

Stewart Edward Weekley, Staples. Depositing garbage/refuse. Dismissed. Inoperable motor vehicle. Dismissed. Parking & storage created clutter/unsightly areas. Dismissed. Accumulated machinery/appliances/other. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0, 0 mo 90 days for 1 yr). Unsupervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Barry John Hartman, Bertha. Posses ammo/any firearm-conviction or adjudicated delinquent for crime of violence. Dismissed. Possess ammo/any firearm-Previous felony conviction. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 360 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 4 days) Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$100. Fee \$75. Obstruct legal process-interfere w/Peace Officer. Dismissed.

Jee Hyung Kim, Lawrenceville, GA. Theft-legal interest-permanent deprive another. Unsupervised probation, 6 mo. Fine \$50. Restitution \$4,400. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Dismissed.

Roland Charles Thomas, Deer Creek. Drugs-5th Degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual. Not Cannabis/hemp. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections-Adult (MN Correctional Facility-St. Cloud, 13 mo, stay for 5 yr). Local confinement (33 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 3 days). Supervised probation, 5 yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Traffic-DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 87 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Supervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$400. Fee \$100.

Paige Ann Yanish, Little Falls. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County May 13, 2025.

Joseph Oreiviy Capellan De Jesus, Long Prairie. School bus violation. Unsupervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$100. Fee \$75.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from 1975. 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.

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

• June 1, 1950 - A record has possibly been established in the Staples public schools for the total number of years which four instructors have put in the school system in this city.

A grand total of 112 years of service has been put in by four of the instructors in Staples. Their record is as follows: Miss Bertha Sperley, 32 years; Supt. P. M. Atwood, 29 years; Miss Alice Hotchkiss, 26 years; Miss Esther Bottemiller, 25 years.

• June 1, 1950 - A revival meeting will start on the Free Methodist Camp Grounds May 31 and will continue through June 11. Rev. Wesley Edwards of Los Angeles will be the speaker and will show pictures to illustrate his sermons each evening

Services will start at 8 o’clock. If you are interested in prophesy you will want to hear this unusual speaker, reports Rev. A. M. Ramey, pastor.

• June 1, 1950 - Remodeling work on the Congregational Church of Staples is slated to start sometime about the middle of June, according to the present plans of Laurence Odden, who has the contract for the work.

• June 1, 1950 - Seeding is in full swing in the Staples area, and according to some of the farmers, they have high hopes that there will be the usual good crop in this area this fall.

Although extremely late, due to the lateness of the spring, farmers are planting their crops with the hope of a good return. Some fields have taken on the greenish tint of the crops coming up.

• June 1, 1950 - Leatrice Tyrrell and Robert Kurpius, seniors at Staples High school are the winners of the Ivan V. Sarff Post of the Ameri-

can Legion citizenship awards. Miss Tyrrell, one of this year’s valedictorians and member of the National Honor Society, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tyrrell of Staples. Robert Kurpius, a member of the National Honor Society, is the son of Mrs. Mable Kurpius of Staples.

• June 1, 1950 - Parallel parking is now in force in the business section of the city of Staples, with but very few exceptions, and at the same time there will be a limit to the parking so there will not be so much congestion, thus giving people an opportunity to park in the business sections to do their necessary shopping.

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

• May 29, 1975 - An ordination service for Pastor L. Arnold Hustad will be held at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Staples, Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m.

Rev. Leo Berreth will be the moderator and Rev. Melvin Hall will give charge to the congregation. Rev. David Hustad, father of Pastor L. Arnold Hustad, will deliver the ordination sermon.

• May 29, 1975 - Gores Company Real Estate Offers: Ma & Pa Business for Sale - You can be very independent and be your own boss as owner and operator of Staples Dairy Dip. This property is in excellent shape with like new equipment. The N. 4th St., location is tops. See us for details!

• May 29, 1975 - Kelly Boldan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Budd Boldan of Leader, will be included in the 1975 Prep All-America Basketball Yearbook, as announced today by Coach and Athlete Magazine and Coach Patrick Held, Motley Public School.

Boldan, nominated in March, is a representative of the most outstand-

ing basketball players in their school and community.

• May 29, 1975 - Mike Matanich and Paul Flack, both of Coach Rollie Penfield’s Cardinal golf squad, will be among the nine golfers from District 24 entering the Region Six Golf Tournament at Fergus Falls Friday morning at 9:30 a.m.

In the District 24 meet, Flack finished with a 79, having rounds of 41 and 38, while Matanich had rounds of 37 and 43 for an 80, winning in a playoff.

• May 29, 1975 - Patrick Quance of Staples and a student at Brainerd Community College recently was named one of 13 sophomores at BCC elected to “Who’s Who in American Junior College.

Patrick is the son of Glen and Edith Quance of Staples and was graduated from Staples High School with the Class of 1973. He plans to transfer to St. Olaf College for completion of his education.

• May 29, 1975 - Astronaut Jim Irwin has been signed to be the parade marshal for the Appreciation Days parade, to be held in Staples Wednesday, July 2. Irwin is also expected to speak at an ecumenical gathering in Staples some time during the day of the parade.

The Staples Chamber of Commerce are sponsors for the annual Community Appreciation Days. Gary Schimpp is chairman of the event, with Mrs. Joy Lester in charge of the parade. Lynn Thornton, Bruce Nelsen and Edwin Perry are other committee members.

25 YEARS Ago - 2000

• June 1, 2000 - A Staples native was one of two men named to fill vacant judicial positions early last week by Governor Jesse Ventura.

David Mennis, a 1975 graduate of Staples High School and son of Bill and Helen Mennis of Staples, was picked by the governor to assume the judge’s vacancy in Benson. Ventura made the announcement May 22 in Benson.

Mennis, a 1985 graduate of the William Mitchell College of Law, has served the past ten years as Swift County Attorney. He moved to Benson immediately after graduating from law school and was an attorney and partner in a Benson law firm prior to his election as county attorney.

• June 1, 2000 - Sports page headlines: “Cardinal girls track team second at Sub Section meet,” “Boys repeat as Sub Section champs in track at Pequot meet,” “Girls to defend state golf championship again.”

• June 1, 2000 - State Senator Dallas Sams announced he will run for re-election in Senate District 11. Senator Sams represents residents in all or parts of Otter Tail, Todd, Wadena, Douglas, Becker and Stearns counties including the cities of Staples, Wadena, Perham, Detroit Lakes and Long Prairie.

Senator Sams was first elected in 1990 and was re-elected in 1992 and 1996.

“Serving in the Minnesota Senate has been one of the greatest opportunities of my life,” Senator Sams said. “It has been an honor to serve the residents of District II for the past 10 years.”

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

• May 28, 2015 - Lakewood Health System’s Choose Health program, along with Mary Theurer, Lakewood Board member, were honored by the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) at its 31st annual awards ceremony on April 24.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the May 20, 2004 edition of the Staples World featured Dominique Bogema, left, and Carly Farber, seniors at Staples Motley High School, who recently completed silk screening 100 T-shirts for “Seeking the Sun,” a summer solstice pageant to be presented that coming June. At center is Pam Collins, the artist who designed the logo. This was a project for the girls’ senior seminar class at SMHS.



Quote of the week

“Without a sign his sword the brave man draws and asks no omen but his country’s cause.”— Homer

Big omnibus bills are coercion

By Mike Wiener
State Representative

This week, I stood on the House floor and raised my voice about something that strikes at the heart of what it means to govern with integrity: the abuse of omnibus bills in our legislative process.

Let me be clear this isn’t just a procedural issue. It’s about transparency, trust, and the responsibility we owe to every Minnesotan.

Omnibus bills, which pack hundreds of unrelated provisions into a single vote, are being used as political tools—tools to bury controversial policies that would never pass on their own. This practice undermines honest debate and forces legislators into impossible choices.

This week, I took issue with one specific example: the public funding of abortion, hidden within a massive health care bill. I believe strongly that this issue deserves its own debate, its own bill, and its own vote. Instead, it was quietly inserted into a package that includes everything from hospital funding to unrelated health care reforms.

Here’s the moral dilemma I and many others are facing: Do we vote for a bill because it includes crucial funding for hospitals in our districts, even if it also forces taxpayers to fund something many find ethically and morally wrong? Or do we vote against it, knowing that rejecting the entire bill could hurt our communi-

ties?

That’s not democracy. That’s coercion.

And that’s why I spoke out.

I’ve heard from people across my district—nurses, small business owners, pastors, teachers, parents—who are appalled that their hard-earned tax dollars are going toward something they fundamentally oppose. They feel shut out of the process. And they’re right to feel that way.

This isn’t just about abortion. It’s about how we govern. When we hide controversial provisions in complex bills, we avoid hard conversations and silence the people we serve. When we force taxpayers to fund procedures that violate their conscience, we erode their trust. And when we forget that every dollar we spend comes from someone’s sacrifice, we lose sight of why we’re here.

So I say: Enough.

We need to return to single-subject bills. We need separate votes on major, divisive issues. And above all, we need to lead with transparency and accountability.

Minnesotans deserve a government that reflects their values, respects their freedoms, and spends their money with purpose and care.

That’s why I voted no on this bill. And that’s why I’ll keep fighting to fix this broken system.

Thank you for standing with me and for holding all of us in this chamber accountable.

Cardinal Showcase

Resurgence in Staples-Motley activities

By Josh Lee
Staples-Motley Activities Director/
Community Education

Over the past five years, the Staples-Motley Cardinals have been quietly building a new legacy—one rooted in growth, grit, and a renewed sense of pride in all things Staples-Motley.

While the community has long supported its student-athletes, recent years have brought an unmistakable momentum to the Staples-Motley activities programs. From increased student participation to rising success on the field, court and stage, the district’s commitment to excellence in activities is now producing results that are both measurable and meaningful.

Much of the credit for this upward trajectory goes to a deliberate shift in culture within the district’s activities programs. Coaches/advisors, administrators, staff, students and community members have all rallied around a shared mission: building not just competitive athletes, but strong, disciplined leaders.

plined leaders.

The focus has been on creating a culture of hard work, accountability, and taking pride in what it means to be a Cardinal. Wins are great, but what matters most is the growth of our student-participants as people who will go on beyond our walls and have profound impact on the communities they are a part of.

One of the most encouraging signs of growth has been the increase in student involvement across multiple sports. Participation in all of the many opportunities Staples-Motley has to offer has steadily climbed, with many students choosing to participate in multiple activities including athletics, theater, music, speech, FFA and many more.

The energy in the stands has also reflected the resurgence. Game nights now draw larger crowds, with community members, alumni, and families filling the bleachers to support the Cardinals. Booster Club efforts, local sponsorships, and school spirit events have further fueled enthusiasm and

resources for programs at every level.

That commitment has translated into success on the scoreboard. Over the past few years, multiple teams and individuals have seen success at the highest levels, with several making deep playoff runs and even finishing seasons with State Championships. The football, cross country and wrestling programs, in particular, have garnered attention at the regional and even state level.

Student participants have also achieved individual milestones, with numerous all-conference selections, personal records, and academic honors earned across sports.

The district isn’t resting on its recent gains. Plans are in place to continue investing in facilities, coaching staff, and student support. The goal? Sustained success that benefits students for years to come.

As the Staples-Motley Cardinals continue their climb, one thing is clear: the pride is back, the future is bright, and the best may still be yet to come.

CLC looking ahead with pride

By Dr. Hara Charlier
President of Central Lakes
College

As spring semester came to a close at Central Lakes College, our campuses were alive with excitement and pride. Over the course of three unforgettable days, 520 graduates walked across the stage in five commencement ceremonies, cheered on by more than 3,500 friends and family members. It was a powerful celebration of hard work, perseverance and new beginnings.

This season always brings reflection, and we have much to be proud of this year. It’s been a year of transformation—new facilities, growing academic programs, and inspiring community impact.

We’ve made big strides on campus. In Brainerd, our Student Services and Academic Support areas are being renovated to create a better space for students to access resources and succeed.

In Staples, our new Meat Cutting & Butchery facility is up and running and truly state-of-the-art. Built

from repurposed shipping containers, this innovative space includes refrigerated carcass storage and a professional-grade environment for hands-on training.

We’re also expanding in healthcare. Our dental lab is growing to accommodate the new Dental Hygiene program and provide even more space for Dental Assistants, helping us meet critical workforce needs. And in our Heavy Equipment program, we’ve completed a new mezzanine to enhance learning.

But CLC is about more than buildings—it’s about people making a difference. This year, we again saw our students and faculty connect with the community in meaningful ways.

At our annual 5K for Mental Health Awareness, 263 participants raised funds for the CLC Food Pantry and Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen. Events like this highlight the importance of mental health and our students’ leadership in addressing it.

We hosted over 40 high schoolers for our Annual Welding Competition, helping young people explore in-demand career paths.

And at the CLC Foundation’s annual event, Hats Off, the community came out to support our Random Acts of Kindness fund during a showcase of exciting programs, creativity and humbling generosity.

The entrepreneurial spirit it was displayed at the Raider Cup Pitch Competition, where students presented business ideas to a panel of judges. And thanks to Local 49, dozens of high schoolers had a hands-on introduction to heavy equipment careers.

Our faculty colleagues continue to go above and beyond, visiting high schools to give students a hands-on glimpse into our programs. One recent example: Meat Cutting & Butchery instructor Jess Feierabend traveled to Kelliher High School to show students how to make snack sticks. Others hosted a local Scout troop and helped them earn their Welding Merit Badge. Our faculty and staff continue to build relationships with local high schools to ensure Minnesotans have many opportunities to pursue higher education through both College in the Schools and post-secondary enrollment options.

Student voices say it best.

In a recent WJYY Community Focus interview, CLC Music student Levi Trygstad put it beautifully: “This is where great music, great connections, and great community happen.”

Brainerd Student Senate President Elena Kahler-Sinotte, who discovered a passion for food rescue through our food pantry, shared that choosing CLC was her best financial decision when considering her next steps. She began her journey here by earning her A.A. degree—and made a lasting impact along the way.

After celebrating the Class of 2025, I’m grateful for our students, our colleagues, and the community that surrounds and supports us.

To our graduates: Congratulations. Your hard work and dedication have made a lasting impact on CLC. We can’t wait to see what you do next.

And to everyone who contributes to the CLC story—thank you. Here’s to continued growth, meaningful connections, and shared success.

Minnesota ag bill hits funding priorities

From Minnesota Farmers
Union

The Minnesota House and the Minnesota Senate passed a new, two-year budget for agricultural programs on May 18. The bill cleared both chambers with broad bipartisan support – of 201 legislators, only 12 voted against the final package.

“This is in stark contrast to what we’re seeing in Washington, D.C., where we’re still waiting on a new Farm Bill,” said Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) President Gary Wertish. “In Minnesota, lawmakers came together on a bipartisan basis to get a bill done

and they did it on time. There’s still work to do on the state budget, but we’re grateful that farmers will have the certainty of knowing agricultural programs will be funded through the next two years.”

The package increases the general fund investment in agricultural programs by \$9 million over the next two years. It increases base funding for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI). Other highlights include:

- More than \$2 million for Farm to School and a new Local Food Purchasing As-

sistance (LFPA) program.

- More than \$2 million in new funding for zoonotic disease preparedness, including funding to prevent transmission of HP AI.

- \$1.5 million in additional state funding for meat inspections and increased support for grants to expand processing capacity.

- \$500,000 in additional funding for Farm Business Management (FBM).

- \$500,000 in additional funding for Down Payment Assistance Grants, along with a change that will allow up to \$20,000 per eligible farmer.

- \$350,000 in additional funding for wolf and elk depredation.

- \$200,000 in new funding for Farm Safety and Rural Mental Health to support MDA’s outreach and counseling services.

The bill also continues to invest in soil health, cooperative development, Farm Advocates, the Emerging Farmers Office, new crop development and county fairs. Beyond funding, it also updates cottage food laws, creates a new license for milk marketers, gradually increases fees for some grain buyers to fund the inspection program, and

boosts support for ‘limited land access farmers’ using the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit.

“When I look at this bill, it’s clear that lawmakers were listening to our members when they came to St. Paul,” said MFU Vice President Anne Schwagerl. “From building new markets through a first-in-the-nation LFPA program, to additional funding for meat processing, to expanded support for Farm Business Management, these investments are meaningful. In a tough budget year, our priority was a strong budget for agricultural programs and we’re glad that the legislature delivered during the regular session.”

Though agricultural programs saw an increase in spending, lawmakers made tough choices with limited resources. The budget cuts Green Fertilizer Grants by \$3 million to \$4 million, cuts biofuels infrastructure grants by \$500,000 to \$5.5 million, and cuts \$1 million from the previously appropriated DAIRI program, which is still awaiting an updated Farm Bill. Gov. Tim Walz is expected to sign the agricultural budget bill.

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Quote of the week

“Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country’s cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause.”

— Abraham Lincoln



New golf course owners join chamber of commerce

The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed the new owners of The Vintage golf course, Paul and Alison Augustinack, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 14, with chamber members, family, friends and

some golfers joining in. Following the ribbon cutting, the golf course hosted a business after hours social event. Paul Augustinack has also joined the chamber as a board member. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Foster grandparents lauded

Catholic Charities hosted a Foster Grandparent appreciation event on May 6 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. They are celebrating 60 years of the AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program. Catholic Charities' Foster Grandparent program was one of the first programs in the United States starting in 1965. In 2024, they helped 166 foster grandparents serve over 80,000 hours across 89 sites in Central Minnesota. Foster grandparents worked with 8,427 children, 630 of those children were identified as having special/exceptional needs. The foster grandparent volunteers work with a range of children from infants up to high school students. At right, Mark Giese, area supervisor, speaks to the crowd. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Weed management starts with prevention

By Emilie Justen
Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Whether you have a small city lot or a large farm, managing unwanted plants and weeds requires commitment. Weeds move into new areas through many pathways: on animals, people, and equipment; or in contaminated soil, mulch, water, or even animal feed. Creating a weed management plan that works for a specific site and prevents spread can help you make the best use of your time, resources, and tools.

Prevent

Prevention is the first step in a weed management plan. Keeping weeds from establishing is the easiest and most cost-effective way to protect your land. Cleaning equipment after use or before moving it to a new location, cleaning wheel wells, boots, and clothing, buying seed from reputable vendors, and not purchasing and planting problematic plants reduce the risk of spreading weeds.

Identify

Identifying the weed species on your property is also extremely important and determines what management options are available. Photos can be emailed to reportapest@state.mn.us, and Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) staff can help with plant or insect identification. Apps such as Seek by iNaturalist can help you narrow down the plant species, though plant ID apps are not always 100% accurate. You can double-check the species by following up with an MDA staff person or searching the scientific name on an Internet search engine for more pictures and descriptions.

Once you have the plant identified, learning about its life cycle is the next step. The life cycle of the plant can be annual, biennial, or perennial. The life cycle helps determine what strategies might be most effective, as well as determine the timing for management. If the plant has already flowered and produced seed and is an annual or biennial, herbicide options may not be effective until later in the fall or the following spring when the seeds germinate. If a plant is seeding, mowing may not be the best option because mowing can spread the seed.

Manage

There are many tools available for weed management.

Herbicides are available for homeowners to use; always make sure to follow the directions on the label of the herbicide container.

Hand pulling and digging are commonly done with small infestations or single plants.

Mowing can be used for larger areas, if the plants are not in seed, and you clean your mower blade and deck afterwards.

The size of the area you plan to manage factors into your weed management plan. Break large areas down to smaller, more manageable areas and determine how much you can do in a week, a month, or a season.

Biocontrol insects may be available for appropriate sites with infestations, such as larger areas covered by species including spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, and purple loosestrife. These insects only feed on the target weed species. Biocontrol is effective at keeping targeted plant species at low populations over a long period of time and greatly reduces

the amount of herbicide or other management needed.

A few other non-herbicide management strategies are growing in popularity:

Smothering can be effective on small areas like backyards.

Grazing with goats is growing in popularity for a variety of weeds such as buckthorn and garlic mustard, with several goat grazing rental companies established.

Finally, restoring an area can help focus efforts on assisting the desired replacement plants. Consider these factors before starting restoration:

A variety of native seed mixes are available from reputable native seed vendors in Minnesota.

Lastly, don't forget to take pictures. Before and after photos can help track your progress and show the impact you've made.

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'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>

May 30

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 1

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

June 3

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 9

THE SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION scheduled for June 2, 2025 has been changed to June 9, 2025, 6 p.m. in the District Office.

Senior 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 served with bread, marj. and 1% milk.

May 26 - 30

MONDAY - CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

TUESDAY - Beef roast, brown gravy, mashed pota-

toes, sliced carrots, peanut butter cookie.

WEDNESDAY - Scalloped potatoes w/ham, broccoli florets, peach crisp.

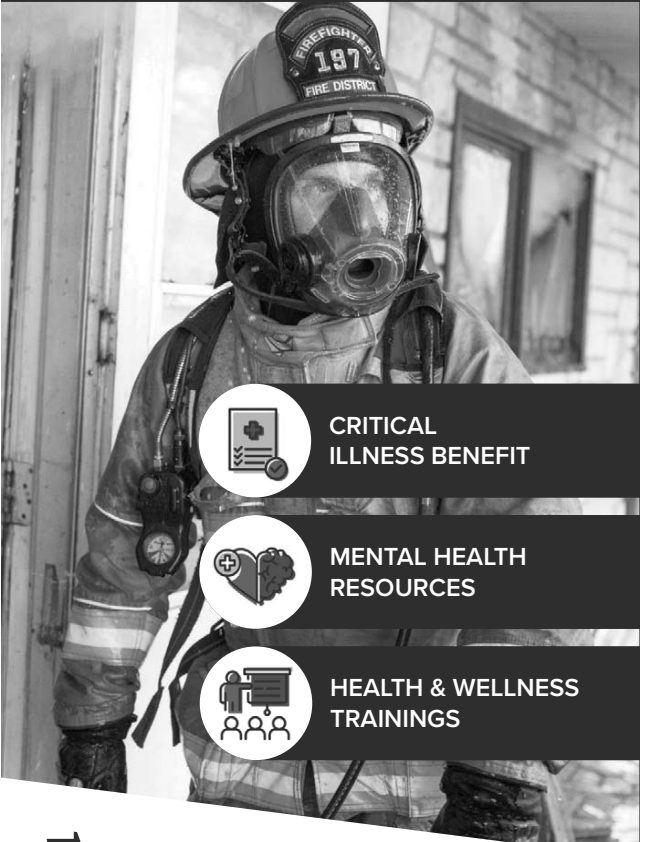
THURSDAY - Oven roasted turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, rice crispy treat bar.

FRIDAY - Breakfast burrito, seasoned diced potatoes, green beans, fresh orange, taco sauce.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Brandi Sarff and Austin Duncan of Clarissa, a baby girl, Taviya Joan weighing eight pounds, two ounces on May 19, 2025.

Born to Paige Hartwig and Jacob Cordova of Brainerd, a baby girl, Rose Marie weighing six pounds, six ounces on May 19, 2025.

Born to Mackenzie Ahrendt and Jordan Host of Browerville, a baby girl, Wynnie June weighing 10 pounds, four ounces on May 20, 2025.

Born to Jennah and Dayne Fox of Nisswa, a baby boy, Wayne Joseph weighing 10 pounds, eight ounces on May 20, 2025.

Obituary

Roy Davey

Roy Davey, Jr., 75, of Deer Creek, passed away May 16, 2025, at his home.

No services will be held. Visit www.karvonen-funeralhome.com to leave memorials and con-

lences on Roy's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements are by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena. w23x A00006B2025MY28

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance

1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891
Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting5 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 Service8:30 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 Worship9:30 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, Staples218-894-2372
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples218-894-2248
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.
Communion1st 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 Channel10:00 a.m.

Cushing Baptist

26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran

Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July9 a.m.
July - January11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran

Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School9:00 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
AWANA4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday4:00 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.)
Saturday4:00 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 School10:00 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 Sundays8:30 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 School9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY7:00 p.m.

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering10:00 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 School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER7:00 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 Classes11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups6:30 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance

18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

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

Verndale United Methodist

10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Central Community Church

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service9:00 a.m.
Bible Study10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church

20 Mason Avenue NW
Vermda,e.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday6:00 p.m

St. Hubert Catholic Church

Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.

Wadena

St. Helen's Episcopal Church

22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

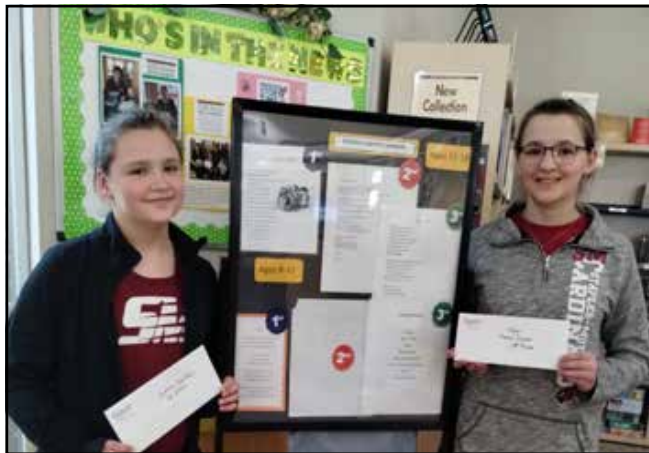


Addy Brenny - 2nd Place Teen, "It Did Happen"

Poetry winners at Staples Library

Congratulations to the Poetry Winners of the Staples Public Library Poetry Contest held during National Poetry Month in April. There were 61 preteen and 16 teen submissions. All participants received a DQ gift card. Winners received Staples-Motley Area Chamber bucks: \$25 for first, \$15/ second, \$10/ third. The contest was held by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Not pictured: Zara Vogel - 2nd place Preteen winner. (Submitted photos)



Sierra Decker - 1st Place Preteen, "Sunsets"; Renae Decker - 1st Place Teen, "Sealing a Moment"



Everest Kleinschmidt - 3rd Place Teen, "Hunting Seasons"



Russell Adams - 3rd Place Preteen, "Turkey Hunting"

"Eveyday Miracles"

By Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

Over the past several months at Faith Lutheran, we've been using the Bible Study, "Searching for the Historical Jesus".

Each week about 15 members of Faith join together to watch a video on the life of Jesus and then we take time after the video for discussion. This coming week, we will be considering "The Mystery of the Miracles" and will gain an insight into the many miracles shared in the four Gospels.

But while preparing for this coming week's study, I came across a reflection that I thought worthy enough to share. It

comes by way of Thich Nhat Hahn, a Buddhist teacher, who wrote that once he reflected that for many, they think walking on the water or in thin air are true miracles. But maybe the real miracle, according to Thich, "is not to walk on either water or thin air, but to walk on the earth."

He then continued, "every day, we're engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the curious eyes of a child, our own two eyes. All are miracles."

I think that he's on to something.

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Improved team, improved field

Staples-Motley softball players cheer from their new dugout. The softball fields were also changed so that there is now an alley between the varsity and junior varsity fields. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinal softball still building despite playoff loss

The Staples-Motley softball team lost in the first round of the Section 6AA tournament, ending their season with a 7-0 loss at Pequot Lakes.

The team ended the season with a record of 8-13. They were competitive throughout the season and were a much improved team over the past several years. They achieved their most wins since the 2016 season, when the team also had eight wins. That came two

years after their last state tournament team in 2014.

“As a whole program we took great strides,” said Head Coach Darren Holst. “Our JV team only lost three games all season and the varsity won eight games with four or five games that could have gone either way.”

“I am very proud as we keep building in the right direction. Summer ball starts first week of June and we have a 10u team with 19 players, a 12u team with

14 players, a 14 U with 14 and a varsity level with 14,” said Holst.

Not only was it a building year on the field, the softball complex itself also had some major improvements.

“I want to thank anyone that has helped reform the softball field, it’s been a big under taking,” said Holst. He said there is more to come, including new batting cages and new pitching areas to warm up.

Cardinal golfers moving up

The Staples-Motley girls golf team continued their season progression, gaining on their rivals with different players stepping up in three meets last week.

The Cardinals were sixth at a Heart O Lakes Conference meet on May 13, then placed fifth against the same teams on May 15 at Wadena-Deer Creek. They finished sixth out of six teams at a meet in Fergus Falls on May 16, but were within striking distance of some good teams.

Walker Johnson continues to lead the team in scoring. She was extremely consistent at the WDC meet with only two holes scoring

higher than a bogey.

Katelyn Schotzko, Molly Hoemberg and Mara Uselman all came through at different meets to help the team score improve.

Team results

HOL meet at Moorhead Barnesville 385, Hawley 393, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 396, Park Rapids 409, Perham 419, Staples-Motley 435, Pelican Rapids 456, Frazier 467, Breckinridge 474, Wadena-Deer Creek inc.

Walker Johnson 97, 23. Katelyn Schotzko 108, 23. Molly Hoemberg 108, 39. Mara Uselman 122, 47. Brooklyn Winter 135, 50. Meredith Hoemberg 141

HOL meet at Wadena-Deer

Creek

Barnesville 357, Hawley 358, Perham 368, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 387, Staples-Motley 387, Park Rapids 388, Frazee 404, Pelican Rapids 421, Breckenridge 423, Wadena-Deer Creek inc.

11. Johnson 89, 15. Mo. Hoemberg 95, 22. Uselman 100, 29. Schotzko 103, 34. Sarah Kroll 105, 36. Winter 109, 54. Macy Mithun 129

Otter Invite at Fergus Falls Bemidji 335, Crookston 345, Fergus Falls 360, Moorhead 360, Melrose 368, Staples-Motley 397

18. Johnson 93, 22. Schotzko 95, 28. Uselman 103, 29. Kroll 106, 34. Me. Hoemberg 118

Golfers make a statement

The Staples-Motley boys golf team established themselves as one of the top section teams, winning the Section 6AA Pre-Section meet on May 12. This meet gives the section teams a chance to preview the course where the section meet will be played, Black-Berry Ridge in Sartell. They won by two strokes, setting up a section meet with several high level teams.

Carter White placed second and Jackson White was third, but they had very different rounds. Carter had six birdies but also had two double bogeys. Jackson had one birdie but was steady with zero double bogeys.

Peyton Mithun had a good round to finish in the top ten, at seventh place.

The Cardinals also had a narrow victory at another Heart O Lakes Conference meet at Perham. Carter White scorched the course with a three under par 69, scoring five birdies and just two bogeys. Mithun shot nine pars in 18 holes.

Team results

Section 6AA Pre-Section Staples-Motley 315, St. Cloud Cathedral 317, Pequot Lakes 331, Little Falls 341, Melrose 348, Pierz 350, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 353, Milaca 355, Foley 366, Royalton 366, Sauk Centre 378, Long Prai-



Peyton Mithun

rie-Grey Eagle/Browerville 389, Osakis 400, Wadena-Deer Creek inc.

2. Carter White 75, 3. Jackson White 76, 7. Peyton Mithun 81, 12. Grant Bestland 83, 39. Thomas Johnson 91, 54. Jaden Johnson 96

HOL at Perham

Staples-Motley 307, Perham 308, Hawley 319, Frazee 336, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 345, Barnesville 349, Park Rapids 351, Breckenridge 361, Pelican Rapids 391

1. C. White 69, 4. J. White 75, 10. Mithun 81, 14. Bestland 82; 50. J. Johnson 99, 57. Oscar Doll 107

Baseball team still winning

The Staples-Motley baseball team extended their winning streak to nine games with a 8-5 win over

left in the regular season, a make-up game against Pillager on May 23. The game was played after this news-

gives the Cardinals a chance to host a home game when they start the playoffs on Tuesday, May 27.

Track and field starts postseason action

The Staples-Motley track and field teams had numerous athletes advance to the Section 6A track and field meet by qualifying at the Subsection 22 meet at Wadena-Deer Creek on May 22. The section meet is Thursday, May 29, at Pelican Rapids, starting at 2 p.m.

For the subsection meet, the top six in each event qualify for the section meet, plus a few who qualify by time. The top four relay teams also advance.

In the girls meet, Audrey Brownell won the 1,600 and 3,200 (mile and two mile) in quick times with little competition. Other notable performances were Abby Brichacek in the 100 hurdles and Corinne Olson in the 100 meter dash, both advancing to the section meet. Field event performers advancing include Annie Schlosser in the discus and Chadia Schultz in the pole vault.

In the boys meet, the Cardinals swept the first three spots in the long jump, with Avandre Brandt, Sawyer Ferdon and Jesus Gallardo all advancing to the section meet. Ferdon won the triple jump and Brandt was second in the 200 meter dash. Other first place finishes were Noah Larson in the 110 hurdles and Turner Beachy in the pole vault. Logan Robben was fourth in the 800 and 1,600 while Dillan Robben advanced in the 400.

Boys results

Subsection 22 (Section 6A)

100 - 9. Gavin Chenoweth 12.14

200 - 2. Avandre Brandt 22.94, 24. Gauge Holst 28.27

400 - 5. Dillan Robben 54.92, 6. Brandt 55.06

800 - 4. Logan Robben 2:10, 10. Blaine Plattner 2:20, 13. Israel Ritter 2:24

1,600 - 4. L. Robben 5:00, 6. Plattner 5:08, 9. Ivan Lozano 5:27

3,200 - 7. Andrew Dobson 11:21, 12. Lozano 12:23

110 hurdles - 1. Noah Larson 15.81

4x100 4. SM (Chenoweth, Jesus Gallardo, Luke Bjerga, enet Robinson) 48.06

4x200 - 5. SM (Robinson, Gallardo, Josiah Critten, Larson) 1:40

4x400 - 4. SM (D. Robben, Sawyer Ferdon, Gallardo, L. Robben) 3:46

Discus - 3. Adrian Gomez 122'5", 4. Drake Dukowitz 122'4", 15. Dustin Converse 86'5"

High jump - 6. Brandt 5'10", 9. Larson 5'8"

Long jump - 1. Brandt 20'7.75", 2. Ferdon 20'4", 3. Gallardo 18'10.5"

Pole vault - 1. Turner Beachy 13'0", 4. Conner Kuhns 11'0"

Shot put - 4. Gomez 43'3", 6. Dukowitz 39'5.5", 7. Converse 37'3"

Triple jump - 1. Ferdon 40'5.5", 6. Alexander Helstrom 37'1", 11. Chenoweth 34'3"



Alexander Helstrom gets the baton from Jesus Gallardo.



Abby Brichacek

Girls results

Subsection 22 (Section 6A)

100 - 6. Corinne Olson 13.62, 13. Chadia Schultz 14.07, 24. Iva Hinson 14.92

200 - 8. Lucille Maros 28.59, 9. Sophia Luna 28.64

400 - 10. Olson 1:08

800 - 18. Naila Mikhaeil 2:51, 21. Maddie Kist 3:02

1,600 - 1. Audrey Brownell 5:09, 5. N. Mikhaeil 6:04, 14. Elise Trif 6:23

3,200 - 1. Brownell 11:00, 10. Suhaila Mikhaeil 13:11

100 hurdles - 4. Abby Brichacek 18.41

300 hurdles - 16. Brichacek 1:02

4x100 - 7. SM (Aubrey Vogle,

Schultz, Luna, Kylee Chenoweth) 55.48

4x200 - 8. SM (Vogle, Kana Reese, Maros, Chenoweth) 2:00

4x400 - 9. SM (N. Mikhaeil, Maros, Luna, Vogle) 5:08

Discus - 6. Annie Schlosser 89'6", 11. Marissa Heifort 76'4", 27. Gemma Fairbanks 49'5"

High jump - 16. Avery Japke 4'2", 18. Maros 4'2"

Long jump - 9. Arianna Grant 13'6.5", 12. Lily Davis 12'8.75", 16. Onna Schmitz 12'1.75"

Pole vault - 5. Schultz 7'5"

Shot put - 12. Schlosser 28'2", 19. Heifort 25'0.5", 26. Fairbanks 18'9"

Triple jump - 10. Grant 28'6.75", 13. Ronnie Noska 27'11.75", 18. Brichacek 26'5"

Boys golf finishes on top of HOL Conference

Staples-Motley boys golf team were the Heart O Lakes Conference champions in their first season in the league. The Cardinals won the final HOL meet on May 9, at Balmoral golf course in Battle Lake.

Carter White chalked up another win by shooting three birdies and ending up two over par. Peyton Mithun and Jackson White were in the top ten, each shooting

nine pars and one birdie.

The Cardinals also played a fun meet at the Gravel Pit golf course in Brainerd on May 22. The teams played 13 par-3 holes. Grant Bestland had a remarkable round, recording a score of three on each hole to finish even par.

Jaden Johnson scored two birdies. Oskar Doll and Zachary Tabatt each had five pars in the 13 holes.

Team results

HOL final at Balmoral, Battle Lake

Staples-Motley 323, Hawley 326, Perham 337, Frazee 337, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 353, Barnesville 355, Breckenridge 357, Park Rapids 358, Pelican Rapids 370, Wadena-Deer Creek inc.

1. Carter White 74, 4. Peyton Mithun 81, 7. Jackson White 82, 15. Grant Bestland 86, 23. Thomas Johnson 88

Schotzko comes through at conference final

The Staples-Motley girls golf team slipped a little at the final Heart O Lakes Conference meet on May 19, played at Wildflower at Fair Hills, Detroit Lakes.

Katelyn Schotzko was the top golfer for the Cardinals, recording two pars in her round. Molly Hoemberg had two pars and a birdie. Walker Johnson did not have her normal good round

After finishing in the middle of the pack for most of their HOL meets, the Cardinals were eighth out of eight teams at this final conference meet.

The team will have one more regular season meet on May 28, to prepare for the Section 6AA tournament on Monday, June 2, at Blackberry Ridge Golf Club in Sartell. The Cardinal girls

8 a.m.

Team results

HOL Final at Wildflower at Fair Hills, Detroit Lakes

Barnesville 379, Hawley 380, Perham 397, Park Rapids 411, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 416, Frazee 421, Breckenridge 427, Staples-Motley 431

16. Katelyn Schotzko 100, 19. Walker Johnson 103, 27. Molly Hoemberg 110, 41. Mara Uselman 118, 51. Meredith Hoem-





Freshwater Education District

MINUTES
REGULAR
BOARD MEETING
FRESHWATER ED.
DISTRICT #6004
4/23/25
Wadena, MN

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Huttunen. Bd. Members present: R. Huttunen-Sebeka; C. Wolf-LP-GE; B. Tumberg-WDC; S. Veronen-Verndale; J. Hillmer-Browerville; R. VanDenheuvel-BH; R. Thalmann-Henning; K. Howard-Menahga; R. Wright-SM. Supt. present: S. Vedbraaten-Browerville. FED Admin: E. Weber, Supt. and J. Wothe, SpEd Dir. Others: A. Wahlin.

MOVED BY VanDenheuvel and 2ND BY Thalmann to approve the agenda as modified. VOTE- U/C

A. Wahlin and J. Wothe gave an informational presentation on special education monitoring and its process.

Consent Agenda

MOVED BY Tumberg and& 2ND BY Hillmer to approve the consent agenda as presented: 3/12/25, Bd. Mtg.

Minutes. 3/12/25 Supt. Adv. Minutes. FY25 Qtr. Claim payments #65324-65754, 1/25-3/25 Mileage Claims, Renewal of the following Agrmt.: 25/26 SY Tech Serv. w/ Henning ISD 545, 25/26 SY ECSR w/SM ISD 2170 and Menahga ISD 821, FY25 and FY26 Audit Engagement Agrmt. w/ Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C., 25/26 SY Interquest Detection Canines Agrmt, 25/26 SY Service Agrmt. w/ Northland Fire Protection, 25/26 SY School Nutrition Prog. Joint Agrmt w/SM ISD 2170 and FED SALC, and the 25/26 SY Calendar for ALC/Academy. Personnel Agenda: Decrease in hrs. M. Olson; Reassignment of B. Larson, L. Peterson; Lane Change of M. Baymler; Voluntary request for Leave of Absence of K. Becker; Voluntary reduction of days for K. Marstein; Resignation of T. Aho; Resignation of R. Nyhus; Advertise and Hire for the following positions: Para LP ALC, Prog. Spec., Occ. Therapist, DAPE Teacher, Academies EBD Teacher; Hiring

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), Budgett'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:

for the 25/26 SY: N. Christ-offerson-Weston, A. Truax, K. Berg; Request of Lane Change for N. Schmidt; Addendum to J. Wothe, SpEd Dir.

Supt. Rpt. Update on Negotiations, Sourcewell Retreat update - June 17-18, first Reading of Policy #704, first Reading of Policy #400.14L. Facilities: Bus. Office summer hrs. ALC/TS: Preparing for summer programming and 25/26 SY. Tech: SM is withdrawing from the WAN and Internet. AE Prog.: AE completed its 6th Prof. Community Interpreter training class.

SpEd Dir. Rpt. Update on SpEd Parents Awareness Mtgs.; Working on a brochure to promote this opportunity and increase awareness. Trainings: 4/10 - Don Parker - Building Bridges, 5/2 - Spring Fling in NYM.

Finance Rpt. Reviewed FY25 Q3 Finance Rpt. & working on 24/25 Revision III Budget.

New Business

MOTIONED BY Tumberg and 2ND BY Howard to introduce the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the FED School Board of Independent District #6004, as follows:

It is proposed that J. Rach, a continuing contract/tenured teacher of said District, be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, at the end of the 24/25 SY, effective 6/20/25. Said action is taken in accordance with the District master agreement and pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 10. upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows:

A. Financial limitations- therefore, discontinuance of the Career Pathways Teacher position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice proposing placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution, be forwarded to said teacher, and that an affidavit of the same be placed in the teacher's personnel file with a copy of the notice and resolution. Voting on this resolution:

The following voted in

favor thereof: Huttunen, Wolf, Tumberg, Veronen, Hillmer, VanDenheuvel, Thalmann, Howard, Wright.

The following voted against the same: None

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on 4/23/25.

MOVED BY VanDenheuvel and 2ND BY Veronen to introduce the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, R. Beard, Probationary Teacher; C. Jares, K. Lehman are TIER 1 Teachers; L. Truax, K. Januszewski, C. Perala, B. Faust, M. Wolhowe, and M. Schmidt are teachers working under an Out of Field Permission (OFP) in FED No. 6004.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the FED School Board of ISD 6004, that the teaching contract for the teachers below, who are all teachers in FED ISD 6004, shall be non-renewed at the end of the 24/25 SY, effective 6/30/25;

R. Beard, Probationary ALC Teacher, C. Jares, EBD SpEd Teacher, TIER 1

K. Lehman, EBD SpEd Teacher, TIER 1 L. Truax, EBD SpEd Teacher, OFP

K. Januszewski, EBD SpEd Teacher, OFP C. Perala, D/APE Teacher, OFP

B. Faust, Parent & Family Ed, OFP M. Wolhowe, Parent & Family Ed, OFP

M. Schmidt, Parent and Family Education, OFP

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher(s) regarding the non-renewal of the teacher's teaching contract. Voting on this resolution:

The following voted in favor thereof: Huttunen, Wolf, Tumberg, Veronen, Hillmer, VanDenheuvel,

Thalmann, Howard, Wright. The following voted against the same: None. WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on 4/23/25.

MOVED BY Tumberg and 2ND BY Wright to accept the following donations:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of FED #6004 gratefully accepts the following donations as identified

below: Wadena 2386 BPO Elks Game Fund, Wadena, MN - \$250; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN - \$200; Community First Bank, Menahga, MN - \$150; Mid-Central National Bank, Wadena, MN - \$50; Anderson Homes, Sebeka, MN - \$50; United Community Bank, Perham, MN \$100; 1st National Bank, Henning, MN - \$50; Wadena State Bank, Wadena, MN - \$100; Frazee Lions Club, Frazee, MN - \$250; Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative, Wadena, MN - \$50; VFW Post 6206, Menahga, MN - \$250; Arvig Enterprise, Inc., Perham, MN - \$150; Perham Area Community Lions Club, Dent, MN \$100; Wadena Rotary Club, Wadena, MN - \$100. VOTE on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: Huttunen, Wolf, Tumberg, Veronen, Hillmer, VanDenheuvel, Thalmann, Howard and Wright. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. WHEREUPON, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

MOVED BY Hillmer and 2ND BY Wright to approve the Tech Serv. Agrmt. w/ Verndale ISD 818, effective 3/17/25 - 5/31/25, as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOVED BY Thalmann and 2ND BY VanDenheuvel to accept and approve the 25/26 SY Menu Option as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOVED BY Wolf and 2ND BY Howard to approve the 25/26 SY CTC Contract as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOVED BY Veronen and 2ND BY Wright to approve the 25/26 SY WCTA Contract for Internet Bandwidth & Dark Fiber Lease as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOVED BY Wright and 2ND BY VanDenheuvel to approve the 25/26 SY Arvig Dark Fiber Contract as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOVED BY Thalmann and 2ND BY Howard to approve the Summer 2025 TS/CR Extended Time Serv. Agrmt. as presented. VOTE- U/C

Adjournment-

MOVED BY Wolf and 2ND BY Howard to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Barb Tumberg, , Clerk

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Public Notices

NOTICE
MOTLEY PUBLIC
CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION

The Motley Public Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Brick's Restaurant, Motley.

Lana Hansen, Treasurer
22-23pnc

NOTICE
STAPLES – MOTLEY
ISD #2170
Staples, Minnesota

INVITATION FOR BIDS
MILK AND RELATED
DAIRY PRODUCTS

1. Notice is hereby given, that Staples-Motley Independent School District No. 2170, Staples, MN, will receive sealed bids for Milk and Related Dairy Products for the 2025-2026 school year according to the specification and conditions which may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Staples - Motley Schools, ISD No. 2170, 905

4th Street NE, Staples, Minnesota. Bids shall be submitted in the form and manner contained in the specifications and the conditions.

2. Sealed bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent no later than June 11, 2025 at 4:00 o'clock p.m. at which time the bids will be opened and tabulated.

3. On June 23, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., the school board will meet to evaluate all bids and act thereon. The school district reserves the right to accept, reject or negotiate any bid and to make an award which is deemed most favorable and advantageous to the school district. If further information is desired, interested persons should contact the district office, phone 218-894-5400.

Dated this
22nd day of May, 2025.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 2170
Staples, Minnesota

Sherry Frisk, Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, and 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? Phone 320-732-4420 or Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Planning Committee Members and process review
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of May 1, 2025 Planning Commission meeting minutes
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request

resents the request

- Correspondence
- Site Visit Review
- Public Comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. **Mark Johnson:** Section 06, Round Prairie Township

Site Address: 23576 200th Street, Long Prairie, MN 56347

PID: 21-0007702

1. Request for CUP to berm and operate a functional shooting range in Commercial Zoning District.

2. **William and Dawn Vowles:** Section 20, Grey Eagle Township, Big Birch Lake

Site Address: 11734 Co. Rd. 47, Grey Eagle, MN 56336

PID: 11-0027400

1. Request for Seasonal Campground with hook-ups, 40' X 40' office building and 17 sites in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

3. **Angelo and Marjorie Smieje:** Section 18 of Round Prairie Township
Site Addresses: 23465 Ellis Court and 23468 Ellis Court, Long Prairie, MN 56347

PID: 21-0018900, 21-0018909 and 21-0018908

1. Request Rezone from R-2 to AF-1 Zoning District for agricultural use.

4. **Daniel Tomsche DVM:** Section 23, Birchdale Township
Site Address: 27246 State 28, Grey Eagle, MN 56336

PID: 03-0018600 &

03-0018602

1. Request for CUP to construct a 276' X 128' total confinement barn for 350 head of dairy cows >1000 lbs. and add a 5.2M gallon, HDPE lined earthen basin for manure storage. Animal Units will increase from 960 AU to 992 AU in AF-1 and RT Zoning Districts

5. **Emanuel J. Yoder:** Section 11, Bartlett Township

Site Address: 49475 Thorn Apple Road, Aldrich, MN 56434

PID: 01-0011100

1. Request to Operate a Wood Working Business in AF-2 Zoning District.

6. **Jodi Marohn:** Section 25, Hartford Township

Site Address: 28333 284th St., Long Prairie, MN 56347

PID: 12-0030200

1. Request to open an indoor riding arena with up to four RV campsites in AF-1 Zoning District.

Adjournment.

Next meeting:
July 3, 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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Welcoming nurses into the profession

Central Lakes College held a pinning ceremony for graduates of the nursing program in Staples on May 14. Graduates gave speeches and invited family or friends to put on their nurses pin. Afterwards, all the graduates repeated Florence Nightingale Pledge, welcoming them into the honored profession. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



SCHOOL continued from page 1a

All school news on one app

driver can radio it to the bus garage and they can send the message right to the parent’s phones. The old system could send an email in that situation, but people don’t always check their emails frequently.

“We don’t want parents to miss a communication that is important,” said Tappe. “This will help get everybody onto one platform. People won’t need seven different apps on their phone.”

ParentsSquare also recently purchased the Remind application, which some school coaches are using to organize their teams.

Tappe said there were some good things on the old system, such as having the grade book available. He said working with a system that didn’t meet their needs helped them determine what they wanted.

“It helped us get through the rough waters to get to the calm waters,” said Tappe.

School image

Larson said the school is converting all their communications into one unified format. She said they have worked on a style guide for employees, with school logos and color palates to use, so teachers sending out information to parents will have a standardized format for newsletters or other communications.

“It’s for consistency across the district,” said Larson.

The school web site has also been updated with the unified colors and logos.

Tappe said the school has been offered partnerships with the Wadena radio stations, potentially to do video broadcasts of activities and other events. He said they may also ask the school to do a podcast.

“I’m kind of excited about the opportunity to tell our story and showcase what our staff members are doing,” said Tappe.

He said the radio station is adding video equipment

to put content online and they are asking Staples-Motley to be a trailblazer in that, said Tappe.

“A lot of people listen to the radio and that is where they collect their information,” said Tappe.

Communications plan

“If communication is a priority, we have to use all those mediums,” said Tappe.

He talked about monthly updates in the Staples World newspaper, and the community education brochure that gets put out three times a year.

“We have created a robust communication plan, I feel as a district we have improved night and day compared to three years ago,” said Tappe.

School board member Ryan Wright said he would like to see the school share more about the state of rural school districts and the challenges they face. Tappe said his Cardinal Showcase article about the Minnesota Legislative session was one item that talked about that.

“We have a lot to say and a lot to share, the question is how do we continue to grow,” said Tappe. “We are unique, we should be happy and recognized. We are one of the few districts around not making massive cuts this year, hopefully there is more than one listener who hears that.”

In other news, the board

- Approved resignation of Kelsey Tyrrell, Girls Basketball Coach.
- Approved contract with Interquest Canines.
- Approved hire of Nancy Sandeen, FACS teacher; Taylor Jordan, middle/high school physical education and health; Ashton Bellefeuille, 2nd grade teacher; Emily Creelman, special education.
- Approved utility easement agreement with City of Staples for vacated alley on school property.





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LILLIE PAYNE

**CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT/
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