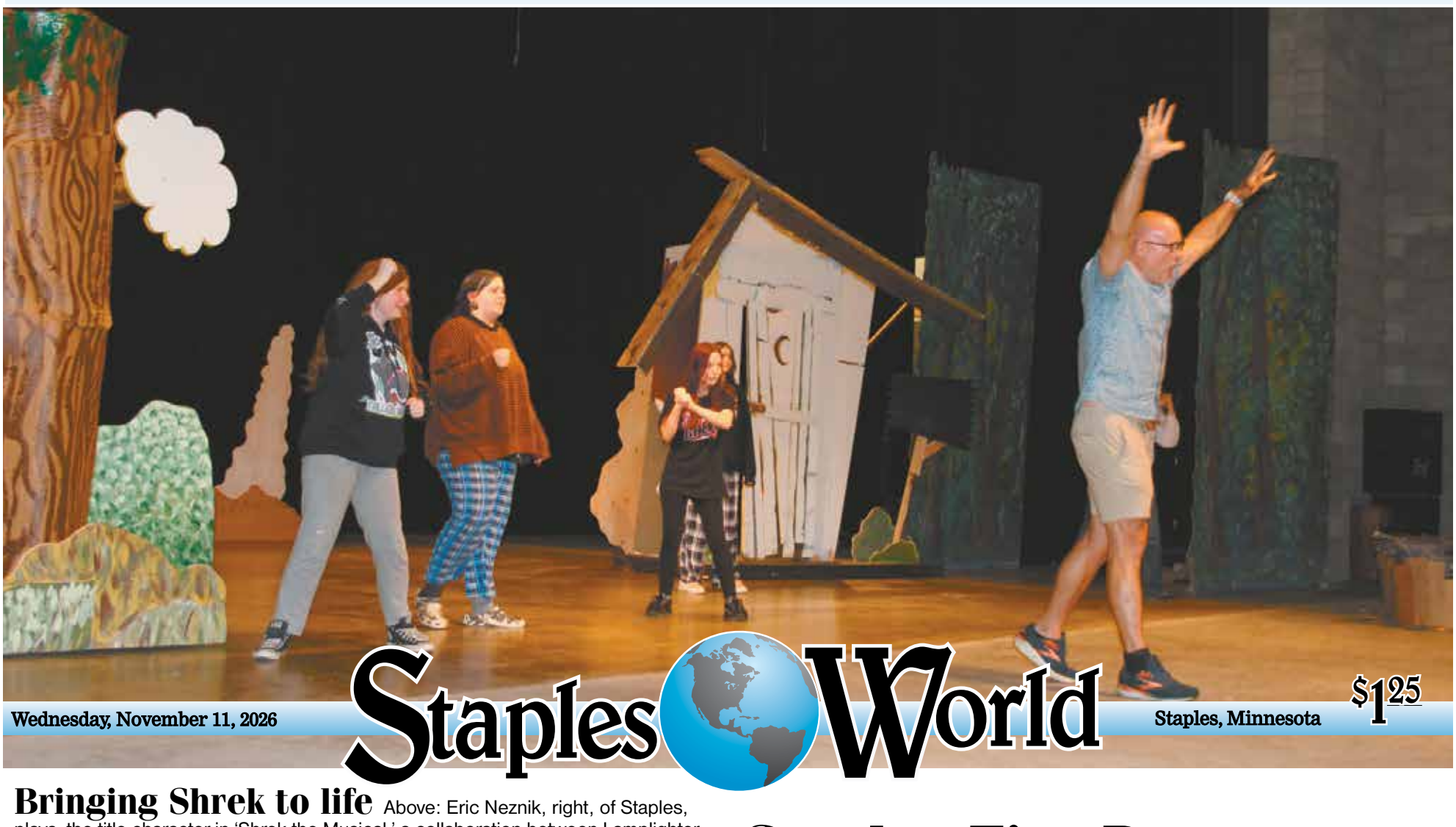
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Bringing Shrek to life Above: Eric Neznik, right, of Staples, plays the title character in 'Shrek the Musical,' a collaboration between Lamplighter Community Theatre and Staples-Motley High School. Also pictured, from left, are cast members Lydia Tkalcich, Teressa Crist, Jasmine Isley, Nadia Santos. For story, more photos, see pg. 5. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Savaloja, Jordan win contested elections

A few contested local political offices were decided in the Nov. 3, 2026 election, with many other seats having just one candidate for each seat. The two main contested elections resulted in Bryan Savaloja winning the Wadena County Sheriff race and Brittney Jordan winning for Todd County Auditor/Treasurer.

Following is a summary of local elections.

School Board

Three contestants filled three open seats for the Staples-Motley School Board race: Kyle Reese, Chandler Trout and Kevin Trierweiler.

Motley

Matthew Horstmann and Pat O'Regan won the two Motley City Council seats with 125 and 105 votes, respectively; Konrad Alexander fell short with 77 votes.

April Skeesick-Larson won the mayor's race with no opponent.

Staples

The Staples City Council race had three people going for three seats, with Mary Jo Goff, Roy Miles and Colleen Frost filling those seats.

Ron Murray won for mayor with no opposition.

Hospital Board

The Staples Area Hospital District elected two candidates, Mary Fitcher for Becker Township and Bev Hoemberg for Byron Township. Four other seats had no names on the ballot but all had write-in votes. They were Moran Township, Motley Township, Staples and Thomastown Township.

The hospital board meets this week to canvass the write-in votes.

Wadena County

Bryan Savaloja earned 62 percent of the vote for Wadena County Sheriff, defeating Milo Scott 3,885 to 2,349. Savaloja won all the precincts in the Wadena area and strongly carried

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Staples Fire Department looking to build new training facility

By Mark Anderson
Publisher

The Staples Fire Department is exploring purchasing five acres at the Staples Industrial Park in order to build a training facility for local firefighters. They brought their request to the Oct. 27 Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) board meeting. The project would be funded by the Fire Department Relief Association.

Blake Gerard, a firefighter, Staples City Council member and SEDA Board member, told the board about the concept to build a new training facility. He said they are looking for versatility and "more realistic-based trainings in a location closer to town."

The fire department currently travels 20 minutes or more for some training, which Gerard said cuts into their training time.

He said the department is moving away from hiring outside instructors for their training and now have four people on the squad who have passed the training to becomd nationally certified instructors. In addition, 12 more firefighters are looking to go through the course this winter to get certified.

After looking at many options in the area, the fire department said their preferred location for the project is on Prairie Ave. NW, across the street from the former SEDA industrial building that was recently sold to Olander Tooling. The training facility would be on the other side of a grove of trees on that property so it would mostly be obscured from the road. There's currently a fire hydrant installed in the area but the fire department would explore adding another one to the site. They are also looking at fencing off the facility.

Gerard said they would build a two story structure for training and would add metal container boxes on the site to use as a command post and for storage. He said they would have the ability to do live burns there for training, but their instructors are currently not licensed for live burns.

SEDA Board member Doug Case questioned whether this was the best use of the land and if it might interfere with possible future industries building in the area. The board also asked if the project would cut off the ability to build on SEDA-owned land north of that five acres. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said it is platted to be able to build a road to the back area if an industry would like to build there.

Case also brought up a training facility built by Minnesota Emergency Response Training that was used for training videos many years ago. Nelsen said that building is still in Staples but is not usable.

The industrial park land is currently leased as agricultural land by Central Lakes College. SEDA Board member Steve Gertken asked if the fire department could lease that land instead of purchase it. Gerard said they preferred to own it, but a lease might work. Case said the lease could be for as little as one dollar. Nelsen agreed, saying that would work because the SEDA and the fire department are both public entities.

Gerard said the fire

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Weather

2026
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 11	45	27	M. Cloudy
Nov. 12	35	23	P. Cloudy
Nov. 13	37	25	Sunny
Nov. 14	40	30	P. Cloudy
Nov. 15	48	35	P. Cloudy
Nov. 16	52	42	M. Sunny
Nov. 17	53	45	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2025

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 11	51°	28	M. Sunny
Nov. 12	50	32	Sunny
Nov. 13	56	27	P. Sunny
Nov. 14	64	34	M. Sunny
Nov. 15	40	25	Sunny
Nov. 16	42	23	Sunny
Nov. 17	37	30	M. Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 37 ° Low = 30°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Council member Theurer dies

Staples City Council member Mary Theurer, 79, passed away on Nov. 3, which happened to be Election Day, although Theurer was not on the ballot this year.

Theurer was also on the District Board for Lakewood Health System. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, took part in the Piecemakers Quilt Club and participated in other local organizations.

"She was Miss Community of Staples," said Mary Sperley, a community member who knew Theurer for many years. "She did a lot of work with the church, the community and everything else."

Brenny Family Funeral Chapel has scheduled Theurer's funeral for Saturday, Nov. 21, at noon at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation is Friday, Nov. 20 from 4-6 p.m. and also an hour before the church service. A full obituary will be coming at a later date.



Mary Theurer

The City of Staples will appoint someone to fill Theurer's council seat. They plan to declare a vacancy at their Nov. 10 meeting and will take applications to fill the vacancy until the seat is up for election in 2028.

"She was well-versed in what was happening here and made sure that Staples always had the best of whatever it was," said Sperley. "She will be missed greatly."

Brisk's murder remains unsolved after 10 years

Nov.7, 2026, marks 10 years since the tragic homicide of Terrence "Terry" Brisk, who was killed while deer hunting on his parents' property in Morrison County.

A decade has passed, and the Morrison County Sheriff's Office remains committed to finding the person responsible for Terry's death and bringing that individual to justice.

Sheriff Shawn Larsen announced that the reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for Terry Brisk's murder has increased from $30,000 to $50,000.

"We're grateful for the continued support and generosity that have made this increased reward possible. Our hope is that this additional incentive will encourage someone with information to come forward. Even the smallest piece of information could be critical in helping us solve this case. Ten years have passed, but our commitment to finding answers and bringing justice to Terry and his family remains as strong as ever," Sheriff Larsen stated.



Terry Brisk

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Anchor North restaurant sets up at CLC in Staples

Mark Anderson
Publisher

Anchor North, the restaurant on the shore of Lake Alexander in the Lincoln Lakes area, is now operating a branch at the Central Lakes College campus in Staples.

The CLC restaurant is open to the public for breakfast and lunch on school days. They also are doing catering for college events and for other area gatherings.

Anchor North owner Devan Leger said when CLC put out a call to area restaurants to run their food service, it seemed to fit their operation. While Anchor North is still open every day year-round, their business slows down from September to May because lake traffic decreases in the winter.

"It was an opportunity to keep our staff employed," said Leger.

Just like CLC is an industrial hub for local machine shops and large employers, Leger said they would like the food to be another way to bring people together.

"Our Staples Campus is more than classrooms, shops and hallways. It's a place where people come together, share a meal, swap a few stories and feel like they belong," said Erich Heppner, Interim Director of CLC's Staples Campus. "That's what we're building with Anchor North. Good food, good people, and one more reason for the community to walk through our doors."

In the first couple of months of this arrangement, the people of Staples are starting to catch on.

"It's growing, getting busier," said Leger.

One challenge is learning what college students like for their breakfasts and lunch.

"We'll go by the numbers and see what's selling," said Leger. "We'll have some seasonal items also."

Another advantage for college students is the ability to order online. The onsite menu has a QR code that brings smart phone users to their ordering site.

Students or staff in class can punch in their order, then when they're done with class they can just walk over and the food is ready for them.

"The kids prefer to order on their phone," said Leger. "Then they're not spending time waiting for their order."

Leger said that can work for the public as well. If they have a lunch meeting, it could be faster to order it online and have it ready when they arrive, and CLC has plenty of open spaces to hold the meeting.

"CLC has these great spaces and they want the public to use those spaces," said Leger.

Even though it's restaurant quality food, Leger said they're selling it at cafeteria prices.

Restaurant hours are generally Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30-10:30 a.m.



Stylish Nerds

Three friends, dressed as 'Nerds,' had fun at the 'Trunk or Treat' event Oct. 31, at Staples Alliance Church. From left, Frances Reese, Mara Pesta, Corlynn Tappe, all of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Restaurant food at CLC in Staples

Anchor North cook Tony Praska prepares some chicken sandwiches at the Central Lakes College cafeteria in Staples. He said they have made some adjustments to the layout of the kitchen to accommodate both short order meals and cater large gatherings. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



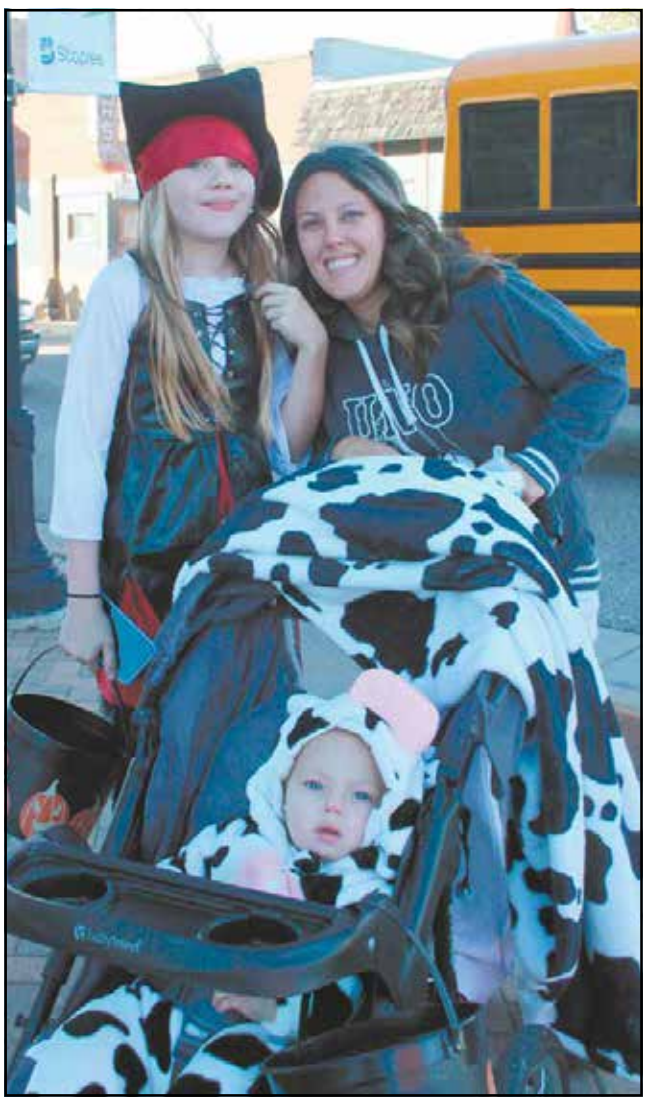
Basic training fun

A young boy, dressed as a soldier, tests his strength at a 'Trunk or Treat' game at Staples Alliance Church. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Enjoying a meal, fellowship

At least 150 people enjoyed a free meal and fellowship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples Oct. 27, a monthly event sponsored by CARE Ministry. The meal was prepared and served by members of Trinity Lutheran and St. John Lutheran in Motley, and included scalloped potatoes and ham, green beans, bread and desserts. November's Care Ministry Thanksgiving Meal will be held at Timbers Event Center in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Trick-or-Treating with mom

Ashley Lisson of Staples had fun with her daughter Mazie and son Brooks during the Treats in the Streets event in downtown Staples Oct. 30. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley area law enforcement

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

Oct. 30 - The MCSO paged Motley Fire and Rescue for a three vehicle crash at 12415 State Hwy 64, Motley, in Cass County. According to the MN State Patrol, a 2021 Ford F150 driven by Dayton Charles Anderson, 22, of Motley, was traveling northbound and stopped to turn. A 2024 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Brian Thomas Hanson, 53, of Centerville, stopped behind the Ford. A third vehicle, a 2001 Dodge Ram driven by Christopher Robert Malcolm, 54, of Motley hit the Chevy and pushed it into the Ford. The driver of the Chevy was transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples with non-life threatening injuries. All three drivers were wearing seat belts and alcohol was not a factor.

Staples Police report

Oct. 25, Staples Police observed a vehicle in Browerville without functioning tail lights. Police found an underage driver with alcohol in his system. Police cited driver for underage drinking and driving and open container of alcohol.

Oct. 25, Staples Police stopped a vehicle for missing mirror and driver with canceled driving status. Driver was arrested and released under the advisement of Drug and Crime Task Force.

Oct. 26, Staples Police stopped a vehicle for expired registration and speeding. A search of the vehicle found a plastic bag of methamphetamine residue. The driver was release and information was passed to Drug and Crime Task Force.

Oct. 26, Staples Police investigated report of a stop arm violation on Pleasant Ave. and 5th Street NE in Staples. Police identified a younger female driver as the suspect. Police received a call stating that a girlfriend's son was driving the vehicle.

Oct. 27, Staples Police reviewed video of stop arm violation. Driver description matches reported driver.

Oct. 27, Staples Police received a call about a male party who got a shiny metal object out of their trunk on Michigan Ave. NE, and walked down the trail. Reporting party was concerned for neighbors.

Oct. 29, Staples Police took a report from a resident on 6th Street NE who said there was a large heel print in their back yard. Reporting party feared a former spouse has put a hit out on her. Police were unable to determine if the mark was made by a boot. Police will do extra patrol in the area.

Oct. 29, Staples Police took a report of a young male in a black sports car lighting off cherry bombs and throwing them out. Reporting party thought it was dangerous.

Oct. 30, Staples Police investigated caller who said they struck a pheasant on Highway 10. The bird is stuck in the grill of the vehicle and is still alive.

Todd County court report

NOV. 4, 2026

Long Prairie Police

Swameli Ojeda a Ambert, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license. Fine $100. Fee $85. Driver Who Is Not Owner Must Later Produce Proof of Insurance If Require. Fine $200.

Edwin Reyes Ocasio, Long Prairie. Duty to Drive with Due Care Speed Greater than Reasonable. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Todd County Sheriff

Jason Joseph Caldwell, Motley. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Khristian Campos Mangual, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Wyatt Richard Determan, Long Prairie. Speed 75/55. Fine $70. Fee $155.

Paul Gerad Gottwalt, Pierz. Fail to signal for turn. Fine $50. Fee $85. Careless Driving. Fine $100.

Frederick Lamont Hardy, Dallas,TX. Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance. Fine $200. Fee $85. Driving without valid license. Fine $100.

Brian Mejia, Long Prairie. riving without valid license. Fine $100.Fee $85.

Eward James Nielsen , Dassel. Speed 85/60. Fine $70. Fee $215.

Koryn Michelle Senn, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Kiahna Taini Truman, Bertha. Hold wireless communications device with one or both hands. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Jenna Jane Vikse, Spicer. Speed 65/55. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Sauk Centre Police

Angel Manuel Martinez Rosario, Long Prairie. Speed 80/60. Fine 70. Fee $155.

Staples Police

Dalton Andrew Emerson, Verndale. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Alexander James Miller, Staples. riving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Grant Thomas Heid, Cushing. ATV - Prohibitions on Youthful Operators /Passengers - Under 18 - Helmet Required. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Taggart Marco Reitmeyer, Perham. Liquor-Consumption by persons under 21. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Jessica Marie Rowley,Kanas City, KS. Fish and Game - Take fish without angling license. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Gerhard Paul Schyma, Browerville. All-Terrain Vehicle - Fail to make application for transfer of ownership within 15 days of transfer. Fine $25. Fee $85.

MN State Patrol

Kevin Aaron O'Keefe, Staples. Speed 69/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Karay Mohamed Ali, Syracuse, NY. Speed 83/70. Fine $5. Fee $85.

Lloyd George Bailey, Melrose. Speed 73/55. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Copper Daniel Christopher, Dassel. Speed 85/70. Fine $60. Fee $85.

John Lous Dorn, Cushing. Speed 65/55. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Eric Channing Dunn, Bloomington. Speed 65/55. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Mark Allen Fischer, Rochester. Seat Belt Required. Fine $25. Fee $85.

William James Friedrichs, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/55. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Jake Lewis Gross, Middleton, WI. Speed 80/70. Fee $40. Fee $85.

Trey Andrew Lancaster, Clarissa. Fail to yield right of way stop signs/ blinking. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Kathleen Mary Morris, Glenwood. Speed 65/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Ulises Pacheco Vasquez, Sauk Centre. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Melvin Dario Perez Rodriguez, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Joniel Hernandez Ramos, Clarissa. Speed 84/60. Fine $701. Fee $145. No MN Driver's License (after 60 days residency/30days CDL. Fine $100.

Valeria Maria Rivera Dalmau, Long Prairie. Speed 79/60. Fine $60. Fee $85.No MN Driver's License. Fine $100.

Brianna Noelle Schneider, Cold Springs. Speed 74/55. Fine $60. Fee $85.

The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County October 27, 2026.

Gabriel Douglas Pesta, Long Prairie. Hunting - Deer Without a License. Dismissed. Fish and Game - Take deer with invalid license. Sentenced. Fine $100. Fee $175.

Joseph Lee Pesta, Long Prairie. unting - Deer Without a License. Dismissed. Fish and Game - Take deer with invalid license. Sentenced. Fine $100. Fee $175.

The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County October 26, 2026.

Kodeiy Benjamin Wayne Lind, Cushing. Driving Without Ignition Interlock. Continued. Supervised probation, 1 Yr. Fine $200. Fee $200.

The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County October 28, 2026.

Cal James Marcyes, Eagle Bend. Driving after Cancellation-Inimical to Public Safety. Sentenced. Local Confinement 180 Days, Stay 175 Days For 2 Yr Credit for time served: 5 Days. Unsupervised probation, 2 Yr. Fine $200. Fee $275. .

–Court reports received from the Long Prairie Leader.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1951

• Nov. 8, 1951 - Word has been received that Cpl. Birten D. Herman, who was injure in Korea, is now at the United States Army hospital at Camp Carson, Colorado. He arrived there about a week ago from a hospital in Tokyo, where he was taken following his accident.

Cpl. Herman suffered a broken leg while on duty with military forces in Korea, several weeks ago. It is expected that he will have to remain in the hospital in Colorado for several weeks.

• Nov. 8, 1951 - Lutefisk and Ham Supper, sponsored by Lutheran Men's Club, will be held Thursday, Nov. 15, at First English Lutheran Church dining room. Serving at 5:00. All you can eat! Adults $1.25; Children up to 13, 60 cents. Lefse, mashed potatoes, gravy, rutabagas, cranberries, salad, pickles, jelly, buns, bread, cake, coffee and milk.

• Nov. 8, 1951 - Nov. 7 to 11 is national beauty salon week, and in keeping with the observance in Staples, members of the staffs of four beauty shops gave hair do's to patients in Staples Municipal hospital who had been here for many months. The work was done Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Miss Donna Markfelder of Staples is chairman of the Wadena district and she completed the arrangements for the work at the hospital here.

Beauty shops participating in the work included Betty's, Powder Puff, Twy's and Evelyn's. All are members of the Minnesota Hair Dressers and Cosmetologist Association. Every town is doing something unusual during the week to promote good will among all people.

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50 Years Ago - 1976

• Oct. 28, 1976 - Mrs. Verva Kirstenson will be the hostess for the Motley Study Club on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 6, and Kathy Morey will have the topic.

• Oct. 28, 1976 - Jim Zetah placed fourth and Joe Zetah seventh to earn all-conference honors at the fourth annual Lake Region conference cross country meet.

The Zetah brothers led the Motley Rocket Runners to a second place finish in the five team meet held Oct. 19 on the Morey Fish company airstrip. Matt Swecker placed 11th, Gary Wehrenberg 13th, Harold Huff 26th, Kevin Kristenson 31st and Brian Raustadt 38th out of 40 participating runners.

• Oct. 28, 1976 - A painting of birch trees by Rose Edin of Staples is one of 24 original works of art chosen to be on this year's Courage Cards. The artists lend the use of their work for the project, which helps make Courage Services available to handicapped people in Minnesota and neighboring stats. These services include Camp Courage, and many other services in rehabilitation, education and recreation.

• Oct. 28, 1976 - A 16-year old Staples youth was killed and three other teenagers from Staples were injured in a one car accident late Saturday afternoon, Oct. 23, near Hutchinson.

Killed at the scene of the accident was Brian Chaffee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Chaffee of this city, who was the driver of the vehicle.

Injured in the mishap were Lori L. Pluth, 15; Sue Chaffee, 15; and Eric Chaffee, 14, all of Staples, passengers in the auto. All three were taken to the Hutchinson hospital for treatment of injuries and it was later reported that Eric Chaffee was transferred to Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park.

The McLeod County Sheriff's office reported to The World that the accident happened about 4:25 p.m. Saturday on McLeod County Road 58, about three miles west of Hutchinson. The vehicle was southbound on the gravel road and apparently went out of control on an S-curve and rolled over in the east ditch.

• Oct. 28, 1976 - The Staples High school Drama Club is again sponsoring the annual Fall play to be held in mid-November.

Mrs. Judy Newton, play director, said that this year's presentation is "The Solid Gold Chevrolet," by Donald R. Stieper. Cast members include Amy Beaston, Kathy Tomsich, Nancy Sadusky, Pam Mergens, Dave Haglin, Steve Gardner, Jody Mueller, Todd Hess, John Uhrich, Dave Evans, Peggy Marden, Kathy Peterson, Scott Grossman. Student director is Bob Shea.

25 Years Ago - 2001

• Nov. 8, 2001 - The Staples Motley boys cross country team, competing Saturday at St. Olaf College in Northfield, came home with their fifth state championship trophy in the last six years.

• Nov. 8, 2001 - The Staples Motley girls cross country team, back at state after a 15 year lapse, placed third against 15 other Class AA teams. Cardinals team members include Courtney Robinson, Ashlee Jordan, Steph Jares, Liza Milless, Hannah Landecker, Brittany Brenny, Amanda Reichel, Kelsey Griffith, Gina Shaw, Kayla Smith.

• Nov. 8, 2001 - Nine members of the Staples Motley FFA Chapter participated in the 74th annual national FFA convention in Louisville, Ky. in mid-October.

Jackie Bueckers, Travis DiGiovanni, Kelly Hove, Dan Olander, Krystal Shequen, Jeremy Triepke, Brent Tyrrell, Troy Tyrrell and Tim Uhlenkamp, along with adviser Kerry Lindgren, were provided an opportunity to "Make it Real" by attending the national convention.

• Nov. 8, 2001 - Tony Johnson, a 2001 Staples Motley High School grad and student at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, shot three bucks on opening morning of the 2001 deer season, including a massive 16 point, 250 pound animal. He shot all three, the others were 6 pointers, south of Staples.

• Nov. 8, 2001 -While area hunters happily headed to the fields and woods seeking deer last weekend, many of the area's merchants also had smiles on their faces.

It seems that while hunters wear blaze orange, they carry lots of green as well.

"It's one of our busiest weeks of the year," Vickie Helling at Helling's' Food Pride in Staples said Friday afternoon prior to the deer hunting opener on Saturday. She was referring to the sale of food and other grocery store products at the store she and her husband Craig operate. She said their total sales volume just prior to deer hunting season are similar to Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July weekend.

Down the road at Coast True Value, the cash registers were ringing Friday afternoon as hunters bought licenses, shells, deer scent and any number of other items that Dave Lester and his employees had stocked on their shelves.

"This is what makes Staples, Minnesota a little more palatable in January and February," Lester said as hunters eyed his selection of rifles and shotguns.

10 Years Ago - 2016

• Nov. 3, 2016 - Kira Sweeney and Emmet Anderson are 8th graders headed to state (cross country). The runners were both all-conference and also gained national recognition this year. During the season, the MileSplit USA web site recorded Anderson as running the nation's second fastest 5k for an eighth grader, and Sweeney ran the ninth fastest 5k time in he country for an eighth grader. She is currently ranked sixth in the state.



Mystery photos

Hello readers. This week's two archive photos are from 2001. 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.





Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 6, 1977 edition of the Staples World featured five Staples High School (SHS) students who represented the Cardinal Yearbook Staff at the 31st annual High School Journalism Conference on the campus of Bemidji State University. Pictured, from left, are SHS students Kelly Beach, Scott Grossman, Donna Weber, Jim Uhrich, Kim Clapp; and Kay Tomsich, advisor.

Kevin Nelson of Staples recognized Kay Tomsich and thought the photo had something to do with the yearbook staff. Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Beach, Grossman, Uhrich, Clapp and Tomsich. She guessed they were members of the speech team. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.



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Find Treasure Within

Words of wisdom

By Frank Odell

Now there's a phrase that sounds like it should come packaged in a velvet box, whispered by a monk on a mountain, or at the very least printed on a coffee mug that costs more than the coffee. We chase it, quote it, cross-stitch it, and occasionally ignore it—especially when it interferes with what we feel like doing at the moment.

Because let's be honest: wisdom is wonderful… right up until it tells us something we don't want to hear.

Wisdom says, "Go to bed early."

We say, "Just one more episode."

Wisdom says, "Save your money."

We say, "But it was on sale!"

Wisdom says, "Think before you speak."

We say… well, we say a lot of things we wish we hadn't.

But here's the curious thing about wisdom: it's rarely complicated. It's simple, direct, and painfully obvious. So obvious, in fact, that we tend to step right over it like a $100 bill on the sidewalk because we're too busy looking for buried treasure.

Take this gem: "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

Simple. Elegant. Foolproof.

And yet, humanity has collectively responded, "Hmm… what if we didn't?"

Another classic: "This too shall pass."

Which is comforting when you're going through a storm, and slightly less comforting when you're eating your favorite dessert.

Wisdom doesn't shout. It doesn't flash neon lights or send push notifications. It whispers. It nudges. It patiently waits while we make the same mistake for the third time—because apparently, once or twice wasn't convincing enough.

And oh, how we learn.

We learn that rushing leads to regret.

That pride makes terrible decisions.

That holding a grudge is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to get sick.

We learn that sometimes the hard way isn't just a way—it's apparently our favorite way.

Now, I used to think wisdom came with age. That once you hit a certain number of birthdays, a light switch flips and suddenly you're dispensing profound advice like a human fortune cookie.

Turns out, age gives you the opportunity for wisdom… but not the guarantee.

You can live a long life making the same mistake over and over, or you can trip once, dust yourself off, and say, "Well, that was educational." Wisdom is what happens when experience finally sinks in and says, "Let's not do that again."And here's the hopeful part—the part that should make us all breathe a little easier: wisdom is available to everyone. It's not reserved for scholars, saints, or people who use words like "thus" in casual conversation.

It grows in ordinary moments.

In choosing patience when you're frustrated.

In offering grace when someone doesn't deserve it.

In admitting, "I was wrong"—which, by the way, may be the rarest and most valuable phrase in the English language.

Wisdom doesn't require perfection—thank goodness, because if it did, we'd all be disqualified before breakfast. It requires humility. A willingness to learn. A sense of humor about our own shortcomings.

Because if you can't laugh at yourself, life will gladly do it for you—and it does not hold back.

So maybe "words of wisdom" aren't just something we hear—they're something we live. They're written in the choices we make, the lessons we keep, and the hope we carry forward.

And hope—now there's a powerful companion to wisdom.

Hope says, "You can do better."

Wisdom says, "Here's how."

Hope lifts us up when we fall.

Wisdom helps us see where we tripped.

Together, they form a kind of quiet confidence—not loud, not flashy, but steady. The kind that says, "I may not have it all figured out, but I'm learning. And that counts for something."

So the next time you hear a simple phrase—a proverb, a piece of advice, or even your grandmother's voice echoing in your head—don't dismiss it because it's familiar.

Lean into it.

Because sometimes the most ordinary words carry extraordinary truth.

And if nothing else, remember this small piece of wisdom—free of charge, no velvet box required:

Life is a lot like assembling furniture without instructions.

There will be confusion, leftover pieces, and at least one moment where you question all your life choices.

But with a little patience, a touch of humility, and maybe a good laugh along the way…

It does come together.

Eventually.

Frank Odell grew up in Willmar, MN with roots on a small farm not far from Svea, MN. Formal education includes Willmar Community College, MN-Morris, Master's in Education at Hamline University; Taught English, Theatre, and Speech for thirty years in Milan and Staples

Antlers send a message to deer and hunter alike

Just a few days before the November 7th start of our firearms deer season, late afternoon found me crossing a grassy clearing. I was headed toward a stand of sapling-size aspen, beyond which stretched a thicket of hazel brush, which in turn tapered down to towering alders and wetter ground. Wetter now, especially, since it was a week in which nearly six inches of rain fell in little more than two days.

There had been only one night with temperatures below freezing, the most tangible evidence being frost on rooftops the next morning, and the thinnest skim of ice on the few puddles that remained. Recent temperatures mattered, because I had hoped to find a few woodcock in those aspen and alders to which I was navigating. Woodcock are sensitive to freezing temperatures, for when they're unable to probe soft soil for earthworms, they will depart on their southward migration.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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As I approached those aspen saplings, my eyes were focused to catch sight of a woodcock that might bounce up out of the grass below, ears alert for the twittering whistle of their wings. One aspen, perhaps an inch and a half in diameter, caught my eye. A strip of its grayish bark more than a foot in length was roughly and irregularly stripped away on one side. It had a second, shorter, scar adjacent to the first.

There could be little doubt that this was the work of a whitetail buck. In late summer they rub their antlers against saplings or small trees to remove the "velvet" that supplied blood to their growing antlers, now no longer needed. Just as important, whitetail bucks continue the practice now to announce their presence to other deer, and in response to testosterone-charged aggressiveness, as the rut—the breeding season—approaches. The communication is not just visual. It's widely accepted that a buck leaves its scent on these rubs, released by glands on its face and head.

While whitetail rubs are not necessarily pre-combat rehearsal, bucks competing for territory and for the privilege of breeding with local does sometimes do "come to blows," sparring and doing battle with the most conspicuous weapon they possess, their antlers.

Most of these battles end with one buck accepting the dominance of another. But there are times when damage is done. Even these wounds are usually non-fatal lacerations, or punctures, that will eventually heal. Sometimes antlers are broken, or eyesight is damaged, easily understood when two sets of sharp-pointed antlers collide. Rarely, battling bucks' antlers will lock, and if they're unable to disentangle, may die of starvation, or a broken neck.

Deer hunting culture has many facets. One facet is the value we traditionally place on the size of a buck's antlers. Even though conventional wisdom tells us that young deer and does may provide the most tender and mildest-tasting venison, harvesting a buck with impressive antlers is more or less the Holy Grail among many who hunt deer.

Several things combine to determine the size of a "rack" a buck may have. Age is an important factor. In general, an older buck is a larger buck. Many believe that peak antler size is reached at five or six years of age. Depending on whose statistics are cited, the great majority of Minnesota's whitetail bucks are harvested at less than half that age, reducing the statistical probability that a buck you harvest will have a bragging size set of antlers.

Just as is true of our growing children, nutrition plays a key role in the growth of all whitetail deer. And as overall health goes, so may go the antler size of whitetail bucks. Fertile, mineral-rich soils lead to healthy deer, and top-quality antlers. Not surprising, where soils are most fertile agriculture is most prevalent. Corn and soybeans are part of the diet of many whitetails that sport impressive antlers. Many of the largest antlers belong to deer that live where crops and woodlands—particularly oak woodlands—intermingle. With some exceptions, this means the Southeast, Central, and West Central regions of Minnesota.

Genetics also play a role in potential antler size. Genes may set the upper limit, just as the limit to our own height—and the color of our eyes, and hair—are determined by the genes we receive from our parents. Some deer are simply born with greater potential for large antlers than are their peers. Whether that potential is achieved, however, depends on nutrition, and on whether the age of optimum antler growth is reached before that deer is harvested, or dies by accident or predation.

Unlike bighorn sheep and mountain goats, whose horns never stop growing, and are not shed annually, whitetail bucks will lose their antlers, typically in January or February. Unless shed antlers are collected by a human, a practice that has become common, they will likely be gnawed on by squirrels, mice, voles, or porcupines. By so doing these creatures obtain important minerals, like calcium and phosphorous, and keep their continuously-growing teeth properly worn down.

Then in March or April the process of antler growth will begin all over again, perhaps in the coming year leading to antlers that are bigger and "better" than the year before.

Federal grant for grain transportation, infrastructure

From the office of US Representative Michelle Fischbach

Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach (MN-07) announced that Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company has been awarded $22,000,000 in federal funding through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program for a major rail infrastructure and grain transportation project. Rep. Fischbach submitted a letter of support, advocating for the investment to strengthen Minnesota's transportation network and help farmers move their products.

The CRISI grant will fund 200 new rail grain cars and rail infrastructure improvements. These upgrades will improve reliability, reduce delays, and increase railcar capacity.

"Reliable rail infrastructure is essential to keeping Minnesota agriculture competitive," said Rep. Fischbach. "I advocated for this funding because our farmers need dependable transportation to get their products to market. This $22 million federal investment will support the rural communities and businesses that drive our economy."

"The Twin Cities & Western is proud to partner with our Minnesota grain customers, the Federal Railroad Administration, and our champions in Congress," said Twin Cities & Western Railroad President Vic Meyers. "This project will ensure Minnesota farmers remain connected to grain markets with safe, efficient, and reliable rail service."

"The Greenbrier Companies is very excited to work with our partners at TCWR and the FRA, to build a modern, Made in America grain car fleet in our Paragould, Arkansas facility," said Greenbrier Companies President for The Americas, Brian Comstock. "These American grain cars will create benefits for Minnesota agriculture for the next 50 years."

Drop in local journalism means gaps in civic coverage

By Ivy Brashear
The Rural Blog

The latest "Local Journalism Index" study from Muck Rack and Rebuild Local News finds that local journalism capacity has continued to drop in 2026. Local journalism equivalents (LJEs) are down by 81 percent since 2002, and about 70 percent of counties in the United States have less than 7.8 LJEs per 100,000 residents, which leaves most Americans "in communities that are, by any reasonable measure, severely undercovered," a release about the report states.

Other key findings of the report are: A severe lack of coverage of education, healthcare and other civic topics; more focus on crime and sports as newsrooms have shrunk; and higher rates of loneliness in states with fewer local journalists. Also, the report states that fewer local journalists means more direct financial harm to communities, and reporting gaps are linked to other civic gaps.

"Looking at the state-level data, we see a similar picture: Adequate local news coverage is the exception, not the norm," the release states. "It is difficult to determine to what extent new outlets are filling in the gaps."

The losses are spread across regions and population growth is not a factor. Two of the states with the fewest number of LJE's per 100,000 are growing in population size. The five states with the fewest LJE's per 100,000 are Nevada, New Jersey, Delaware, Texas and Connecticut. The five states with the most LJE's per 100,000 are Vermont, North Dakota, Maine, South Dakota and Wyoming.

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Quote of the week

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."
— Ronald Reagan

Quote of the week

"Ballots are the rightful, and peaceful, successor of bullets."
— Abraham Lincoln

Quote of the week

"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer but the right answer."
— John F. Kennedy



Rehearsing a song

Heidi Mintz, left, director of 'Shrek the Musical," helps block one of the songs during a recent rehearsal at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Cast members, from left, Ken Skillings, Katy Skillings, Jackson Bitzer, Charlotte Aldrich, Kevin Olsen, Caleb Bestland, Addison Potter, Danielle Hanson, Kaylie Pothen, Michael Rohr, Aubrey Lund, Amanda Mithun, Alexander Tkalcich. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

'Shrek the Musical' runs Nov. 19 - 22 in Staples

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Rehearsals are underway for 'Shrek the Musical,' a collaborative production of Lamplighter Community Theatre (LCT) and Staples-Motley High School.

Performances will be held at Centennial Auditorium in Staples at the following times:

- Thursday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m.

Twin Cities actor/director Heidi Mintz is the show's director; Cade Bestland, high school choir director, is the music director, with Jeff Iverson, former band director at Staples-Motley, conducting the pit orchestra. Nikki Paskewitz is the choreographer, Matthew Olsen designed the sets, and Andrew Segal is the lighting designer.

As described in a synopsis, "Shrek the Musical is a one-of-a-kind, hilarious fairy tale in which curses are reversed, monsters get the girls, donkeys and dragons find love and princesses are beautiful in all shapes and sizes."

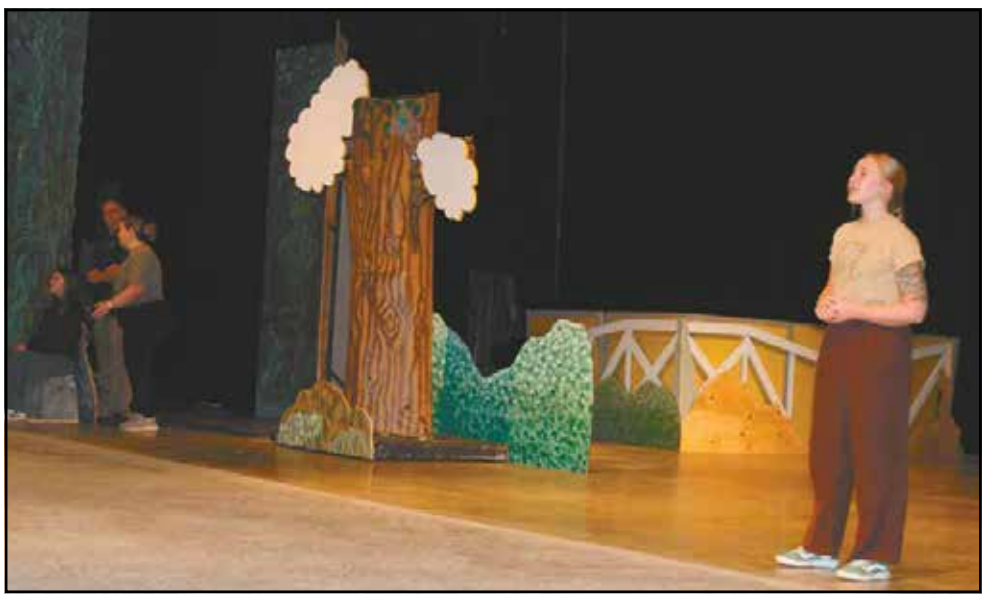
Mintz said she's excited for the community to come and see this production, with its theme of finding joy and solace in one's own uniqueness. "It's been great seeing these amazing students and adults working together. This is a fun show."

She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree in theatre from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, Mintz shared. One of her instructors there was Matthew R. Olsen, a Staples native who's returned upon occasion to direct and/or perform shows at Centennial Auditorium.

Most recently, both Mintz and Olsen were part of Bristol Valley Theater, a renowned professional theater in Naples, N.Y. One of the shows they performed in together was, "A Year with Frog and Toad." Mintz also had a blast playing one of the leads in the musical, "Pump boys and Dinettes."

"I think it's fun to say that I've gone from Naples to Staples," Mintz said of her latest theatrical endeavor.

Mintz has been passionate about theatre for as long as she can remember, having auditioned for shows whenever she had the opportunity.



Developing their characters

Above: Annie Capistrant, who plays the part of Fiona in 'Shrek the Musical,' rehearses one of her songs. In lower photo, Ken and Katy Skillings, who play King Harold and Queen Lillian in the musical, interact with young Fiona, played by Aubrey Lund. The play, a collaboration between Lamplighter Community Theatre and Staples-Motley High School, will be performed at Centennial Auditorium in Staples Nov. 19 - 22. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



"It's been a wonderful part of telling the stories of people," Mintz said, adding that she loves being on stage, but is also excited to be taking on her debut role as director.

Upon learning from Olsen that LCT was looking for a director for 'Shrek the Musical,' Mintz submitted her resume and application and was thrilled to be offered the job. "It's a wonderful learning opportunity."

Rehearsals started around the end of September and Mintz is happy to see how everything is coming together. Staples may be a small town, but Mintz says she's been amazed at the vast amount of talent that's a part of Shrek the Musical. She was "blown away" during auditions, Mintz went on of the gifted cast and crew.

This show at Centennial Auditorium is located at 401 Centennial Dr., Staples. Tickets will be available at the door, or at LCT's website and Facebook page.

Cast list

Shrek, Eric Neznik; **Fiona,** Annie Capistrant; **Teen Fiona,** Danielle Hanson; **Young Fiona,** Aubrey Lund; **Donkey,** Jackson Alexander; **Lord Farquad,** Maddock Harvey; **Dragon,** Hailey Richardt; **Dragon's Wings,** Danielle Hanson, Aubrey Lund; **Gingy,** Nadia Santos; **Pinocchio,** Addison Potter; **Big Bad Wolf,** Kevin Olsen; **Three Little Pigs,** Joshua Cushing, Matthew Jewison, Alexander Tkalcich; **White Rabbit,** Charlotte Aldrich; **Fairy Godmother,** Katy Skillings Hanson; **Wicked Witch,** Maci Mithun; **Sugar Plum Fairy,** Kaylie Pothen; **Ugly Duckling,** Jackson Bitzer; **Three Bears,** Amanda Mithun, Michael Rohr, Aubrey Lund; **Humpty Dumpty,** Ken Skillings; **Elf,** Caleb Bestland; **Dwarf,** Jackson Bitzer; **Three Blind Mice,** Hailey Richardt, Danielle Hanson, Aubrey Lund; **Mama, Papa, Little Shrek family,** Amanda Mithun, Michael Rohr, Jackson Bitzer; **King Harold and Queen Lillian,** Ken Skillings, Katy Skillings; **Ensemble,** Teressa Crist, Lydia Tkalcich, Jasmine Isley.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

November

° Veterans Day Programs Wednesday, Nov. 11, 8:45 a.m., and 11:15 a.m., at The Nest in Staples. Guest speaker: First Sgt. Clint Headley.

° Hometown Careers Collective Wednesday, Nov. 18, Legacy Gym, Staples.

° Shrek, The Musical Thursday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

° Thanksgiving Break - No School Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27.

° Honor Society Induction Monday, Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

December

° Girls Basketball (H) - Staples-Motley Vs. Frazee At The Nest, Staples. Tuesday, Dec. 1. C squad/junior varsity, 6 p.m.; varsity, 7:30 p.m.

° Alumni & Friends Christmas Concert Saturday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Legacy Gym, Staples.

° Boys Basketball (H) - Staples-Motley Vs. Crosby-Ironton At The Nest, Staples. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., varsity.

° Girls Basketball (H) - Staples-Motley Vs. Wadena-Deer Creek At The Nest, Staples. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4:30 p.m., junior high.

° Staples-Motley Middle School Christmas Concert (Band, Choir, Orchestra) Thursday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

° Staples-Motley High School Christmas Concert (Band, Choir, Orchestra) Monday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

° Staples-Motley Elementary School Winter Concert Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1 p.m., SM Elementary School gym.

° Girls Basketball (H) - Staples-Motley Vs. Walker/Hackensack/Akeley Tuesday, Dec. 22, 4:30 p.m., junior varsity; 5:45 p.m., varsity, high school gym.

° Boys Basketball (H) - Staples-Motley Vs. Osakis At The Nest, Staples. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., varsity.

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

Wreath Class
Tues., Nov. 24
arrive 2 - 7:00 p.m.
Central Lakes College, Staples Campus Assembly Rm.
$25 Pay at door with cash or check
Becky Roelofs, 218-296-0138 for info.
Bring gloves and pruners if you have them. Plan for about an hour to complete your wreath.
CLC Central Lakes College
CLC | Ag and Energy Center. Living Legacy Gardens fundraiser
w47-48p

Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions
Thanksiving Dinner
THURSDAY, November 19, 2026
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Scandia Valley Town Hall,
3518 320th St., Cushing, MN 56443
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November 12

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Group Dancing Thursday, Nov. 12, 7 - 9:30 p.m., at Lakewood Health System Care Center, 401 Prairie Ave NE, Staples. John Bittner, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

November 13

Women's OPEN AA Recovery Meeting Fridays in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

November 15

Celebrate Recovery Group Meetings Sundays, 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

November 17

GriefShare - Weekly Seminar And Support Group Tuesdays, 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley. Through Dec. 15. For info., call 218-352-6888.

Experience Strength And Hope AA Group Mtgs In Staples Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m., at Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Staples. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

November 18

Staples All Veterans And Community Park Association board mtg Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m., Lakewood Health System, Staples, lower level. Public welcome. To attend via zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-296-0677.

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Storytime involved pumpkins

The monthly Storytime program recently held at the Staples Public Library included participants making pumpkins to take home. The next Storytime will be held Weds., Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m. Call the library to sign your child up, 218-894-1401. Library hours are Mon., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues., 1- 8 p.m., Weds., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs., 1-8 p.m., Fri., 1-5 p.m. and Sat., 9 a.m.-noon. Upcoming programs can be found by stopping at the library or checking the webpage at www.griver.org. Left: Annie VanVickle, Gwen Vanek, Olivia Vanek, Ellen VanVickle, Emmett Arntson, Stetson VanVickle, Wyatt Davis, Gwenyth Davis, Arthur Butler, Irelyn Basara. (Submitted photo)

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor John Pavlica, Lead Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.
AWANA.....6:00 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.
Sunday Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (Kids ages 4 yrs - 6th grade .....After school to 4:30 p.m. 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
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Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Robert Drake
Sunday Worship Service.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
SUNDAY
Mass.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923

SUNDAY
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.
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
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
Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd., Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Pastor Robert Drake
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing MN 56443
218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
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Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-noon
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube channel .....10:00 a.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes
320-749-2583
SUNDAY
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, Syndically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
SUNDAY
January - July ..... 9 a.m.
August - December .....11:00 a.m.

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. NE, Motley 56466
218-352-6141
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9:00 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
Sunday School and Bible Class .....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael Catholic Church
280 1st Ave S, Motley
218-631-1593
Rev, JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
SUNDAY
Mass.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley
218-352-6466
Pastor Jonathan Holland
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, 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
SUNDAY
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastors
SUNDAY
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER .....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front St, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN 56453
Pastor Robin Fish
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Hewitt Community Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN 56453
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 Brown Street NW, Verndale 56481
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Senior Pastor, Tony Stanley
Youth Pastor, Joe Ward
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Class .....11:00-11:45 a.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale 56481
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m
WEDNESDAY.
Weds. Family Night .....5:30 p.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 56481
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Churcht.....218-445-5568
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tilman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups .....6:30 p.m.

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale 56481
Pastor Robin Fish
SUNDAY
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
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
Sunday Service ..... 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study ..... 8:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Seeds of Hope..... 6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-631-1593
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
SATURDAY
Mass.....5:00 p.m.

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St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN 56482
218-631-3928
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

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514 1st Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482
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Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
parish secretary@marysacc.org
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Mass (livestream) .....10:00 a.m.

"Thanksgiving:" A Year-Round Day

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

It's a borrowed but good thought that thanksgiving is at it's best when it IS **"Thanksliving."** In other words, when thankfulness in gratitude becomes a part of the fabric of each day, we are truly ready to be relaunched in living thankfully each day of our lives.

I don't know how many hundreds of times that I've seen people who have been given an inordinate amount of lows in life, but then come out the other side with life expressions of gratitude and serving. Yes. another borrowed adage is that they found the way to become "better rather than bitter." We need to all learn well from them.

It's been mentioned before but because of its helpfulness to me, I so appreciate God helping me to start decades ago in coming up with a life-story gratitude prayer guide that divides the 31 days of the month into sections of about eight to ten lines for each day. Being in no hurry, yet being intentional, you begin to fill the lines in one at a time as you perceive God being generous to you in very specific ways. Over the years, you'll begin to write in the margins.

Here's another borrowed adage as we hear about the "gratitude attitude." How can Job in the Old Testament come out at the end of the book without bitterness after losing his fiscal portfolio, whole family except his wife and then his health? Oh, make no mistake, he had plenty of questions as did his three unhelpful "friends" after seven days.

But Job, in part, found thankfulness and gratitude as he was faced with the growing perception of the majesty and greatness of the God who was/is far beyond his comprehension. Are you subjecting yourself to the humanly unfathomable God of the universe and beyond as Job did? It's life-giving and brings nourishing perspective in a broken world.

And remember Hebrews 12:3b (NIV) that says of Jesus with eternal perspective, "For the joy set before Him He enduried the cross scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

God is the Source of joy in the most difficult of circumstances including being crucified on a Roman execution cross to pay the price for your sins and mine. Gratitude and **thanks-living** begin and end there. May you and I find it there, too.

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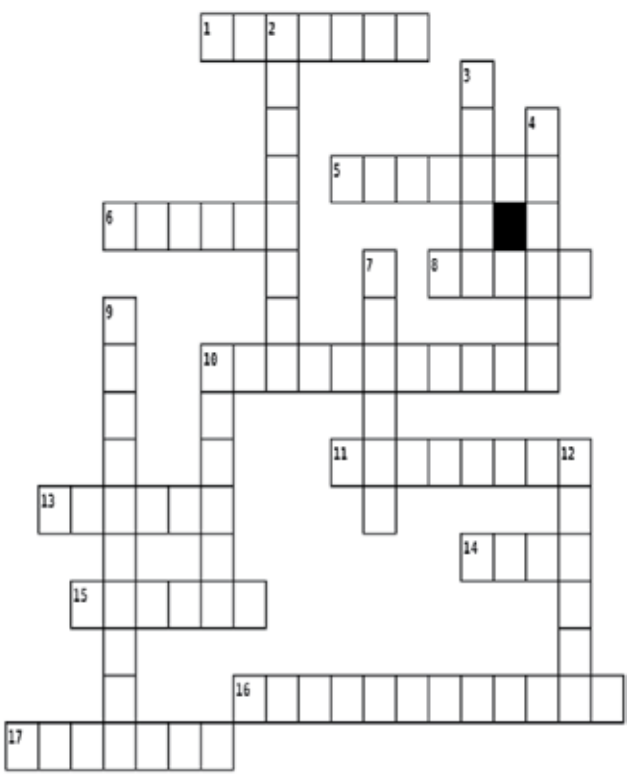
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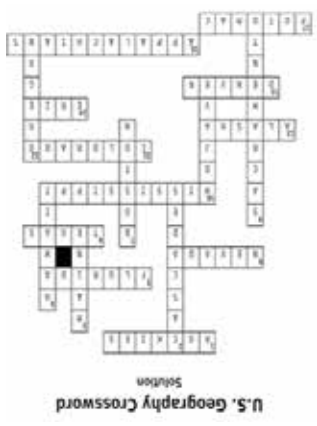
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5. Everglades state
6. Reno's state
8. Lone Star State
10. River past New Orleans
11. Pikes Peak's state
13. State beyond Canada
14. Great Lake off Cleveland
15. Mile High City
16. Eastern U.S. mountain chain
17. River beside Washington, D.C.

DOWN

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3. Augusta's state
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Staples World
DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

Local shooters earn state shooting medals

These are the final results for the 4H state shoot. Brennen and Bennett Sonenstahl and Alex, Reed, Zane and Alex Leach all shot from Staples. They are in the Wadena County 4H shooting sports club. Steve Benson coaches their air rifle, air pistol, and trap. Kevin Hoeper from Bluegrass coaches archery.

They received their medals at Hoops Archery in Bluegrass October 3rd.

Bennett Sonenstahl, Reed Leach and Alex Leach all took first in individual events and they all did well in the team events.

Results included:

Alex Leach: Trap: 4th place; 3D Archery 1st; Air Pistol 2nd; Standard Air Rifle 1st; Int. Silhoutte 13th

Reed Leach: 3D Archery 11th; 3-Position Air Rifle 1st; Air Pistol 2nd; Archery 15th; Standard Air Rifle 4th; Int. Silhouette 10th

Zane Leach: 3D Archery 34th; 3-Position Air Rifle 31st; Air Pistol 10th; Trap 77th

Bennett Sonenstahl: 3D Archery 13th; 3-Position Air Rifle 5th;Air Pistol 3rd; Archery 2nd; Standard Air Rifle 18th; Jr. Silhouette Rifle 1st;

Brennen Sonenstahl: 3D Archery 6th; 3 Position Air Rifle 26th; Archery 16th; Trap 73rd





-Submitted photos







Two for two

The Winter brothers experienced hunting success in October during Youth Hunting Season. Above left: JJ Winter bagged a 10-pointer, the rack wider than his shoulders.

Above right: Emmitt Winter shot an eight-pointer... until it ran head on into an oak tree and lost one of its tines. Emmitt was still excited to record a "4"-pointer. (Submitted photos)

Hunting safety tips

From Minnesota DNR

Three point rule of tree stand safety:

"Always have three points of contact to the steps or ladder before moving. This could be two arms and one leg holding and stepping on the ladder or one arm and two legs in contact with the ladder before moving. Be cautious that rain, frost ice or snow can cause stepst o become extremely slippery. Check the security of the step before placing your weight on it.

Safety guidelines:

• Always use a haul line to pull up your gear and unloaded firearm or bow to your tree stand. Never climb with anything in your hands or on your back. Before descending, lower your equipment on the opposite of the tree.

• Always hunt with a plan, and if possible, with a buddy. Let others know your exact hunting location, when you plan to return and who you are hunting with.

• Always carry emergency signal devices, such as a cell phone, whistle, walkie-talkie, signal flare and flashlight on your person at all times and within reach, even when you are suspended in your tree stand.

• Know your physical limitations. Dont take chances. If you start thinking about how high you are, don't go any higher.

Stubborn oak leaves linger after the big fall color show

What a difference 10 days can make. Persistent high winds, coupled with rain, brought down most of the remaining orange and red maple leaves, as well as the yellows and golds of birch and aspen, leaving many branches bare. Against the sky, they resemble black and white etchings.

The tones around us now are more somber and subtle, but not all color has disappeared. Many of the leaves of several kinds of oak still cling to their moorings, outlasting their more colorful woodland neighbors. I've seen this first-hand while gathering oak branches to decorate our home's window boxes, now that the flowers of summer have been withered by frost. These window box replacements come mostly from oak branches that overhang nearby road ditches, or oak seedlings likely to be cut down during the next cycle of county ditch mowing.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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Now that they're not competing for attention with the brilliant maples, aspen, and birch, it's easier for our oaks' leaves to be appreciated. Minnesota has six native oak species, three of which are most abundant. These are the northern red oak, white oak, and bur oak. Less common here are the northern pin oak, black oak, and swamp white oak.

Oak leaves are a fairly reliable way to identify the parent tree. Taken as a group, they are generally characterized by multiple lobes, rather than the pointed-ovals of birch or aspen, or the oblong leaves of ash. The white oak leaf's lobes are round-tipped, and almost finger-like. The red oak's lobes are very pointed. The bur oak's leaves are broad and fat-lobed toward the tip, with narrower lobes near the leaf's base.

The acorns that oaks produce differ, too. I've always thought that an acorn's cap bore more than a passing resemblance to an artist's beret! In the red oak this cap covers only the very top of the nut. The white oak's cap is deeper, a bit more like a stocking cap. The bur oak's acorn cap is unique, with a conspicuous, hairy fringe that suggests a bad hair day that the cap can't conceal!

The fall colors in the leaves of trees and shrubs are the product of pigments that are masked by green chlorophyll during the growing season. These pigments have fancy-sounding names, like xanthophyll, anthocyanin, carotene, and flavonoid. They are present in varying degrees in the leaves of many trees and shrubs, oaks included. But oak leaves also have tannins, which gives their leaves more earthy tones; dark reds, russet, burgundy, bronze, burnt orange, or rusty brown.

These brighter colors, too, will eventually fade to more nondescript browns, and remain so until the leaves eventually fall. But many leaves will remain throughout the winter, firmly attached to the branches that have borne them since spring. This leaf retention characteristic is known as marcesence. It is most evident in young oak trees, and in the lower branches of older oaks.

Why this difference from most leaf-bearing trees, which predictably lose all their leaves within a brief period of time in autumn? When facing questions of "why" in Nature, the answer often comes down to what may give its owner a survival advantage. Or, at the very least, what we imagine that advantage could be.

In the case of oaks' leaf retention habit, there are several theories. One is that by retaining leaves over winter, and dropping them in spring, the leaves' decomposition delivers nutrients to the parent tree at a critical time, since oaks often grow on poorer soils. Another theory is that leaf-cloaked branches can have the same effect as a snow fence, breaking the wind and causing more snow to drop and accumulate on the ground below. This could provide more moisture for the oak when snow melts in spring. Some also theorize that leaves may deter deer from browsing an oak's leaf, stem, and flower buds. This is especially important on lower branches, and young trees.

A peculiar game I play during autumn bike rides is popping acorns on the roadways that my wife and I ride. My eyes should be strictly on the road ahead to watch for approaching vehicles, or for the deer that occasionally cross our path. But it's hard for me to resist homing in on an acorn and aiming my bike's wheels to run over it. Sometimes my tire's edge will catch an acorn just right, and the tire's pressure will launch the acorn into the air, like a watermelon seed squeezed between your fingers. But if I catch an acorn just right, there's an audible, satisfying "pop" as its shell breaks. My wife will warn me that "One of these days you're going to pop a tire, and you'll have to walk your bike all the way home!"

If this comedic exercise serves any purpose other than to amuse me, breaking an acorn's shell makes it easier for the innumerable squirrels and birds in the adjoining woodlands to make a meal of the nutritious nut meat inside.

Oaks do not produce acorns for the purpose of feeding deer, squirrels, ruffed grouse, or other creatures. They bear acorns for the purpose of reproducing their kind, just as other trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants produce seeds in their own unique manner. Fortunately for so many creatures, there usually are more than enough acorns to go around. Enough for an eccentric bike rider, too.



Road racing

Staples-Motley alumni and University of Minnesota graduate Emmet Anderson placed 2nd in the 10-mile race of the Minneapolis Marathon weekend on Oct. 3. Pictured, Anderson, right, is leading the race at the three mile mark with former UMN teammate Leo Goodman, who won the race. Anderson's time of 50:26 equals 10 miles at 5:02 per mile. (Submitted photo)

Services & Employment

205 Help Wanted

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections
FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
DIRECTOR

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Annual Salary range: $130k - $140k

The purpose of this position is to provide overall administration of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections; to ensure policy and program implementation; to supervise all staff; and to promote the successful adjustment and integration of clients into the community.

Minimum Qualifications:
- Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social work or related field
- Experience demonstrating successful performance in progressively responsible management assignments
- Valid MN driver's license and auto insurance; reliable transportation
- Excellent communication and organizational skills as well as the ability to establish and maintain working relationships with a variety of people.

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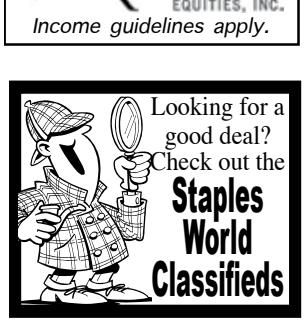
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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

MEETING #5
ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
Oct. 19, 2026
6:00 p.m.
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wright at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken, members Frisk, Wright, Trout, Freeman, Reeck and Reese were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Finance Director Hill, Principal Ferdon, Principal Koenigs, AD/CE Director Wood, Recording Clerk Larson, Staples World Editor Anderson, members of the public, students and staff members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. **MC**

Chair Wright recognized the public and those in attendance.

School/Community Forum

- None

Consent Agenda

•Approve minutes from the September 21, 2026 Board Meeting

•Approve the fundraiser request from Football Boosters

•Approve the fundraiser request from Staples and Motley Dollars For Scholars (DFS)

•Approve the fundraiser request from the music department

•Approve the resignation of Nicole Taylor, Middle/High School Paraprofessional

Approve the hire of:

•Kathryn Cleveland, Middle/High School Foodservice

•Cade Bestland, HS Musical Assistant

•Olivia Neal, MS/HS Paraprofessional

•Ashton Bellefeuille, Winter Weight Room Supervisor

•Emily Vieths, Honor Society Advisor

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Trout, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**

Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Trout, to approve the resolution to accept donations in the amount of $13,219.37 and in-kind donations in the amount of $1,665. **MC**

Thank you to Staples-Motley Basketball Boosters, TCO/Infinite Health Collaborative, First International Bank & Trust, Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions, Staples Fire Department, Anonymous, LEAP and Donors Choose for their donations.

Finance Items

Financial Report by Finance Director Hill

Monthly Budget Update

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve the September disbursements. **MC**

General Fund: $744,698.96
Food Service: $53,632.02
Community Service: $99,345.51
Construction Fund: $260,079.02
Debt Service: $0
Fund 21 Student Activities: $3,243.26
Fund 45: $0

Motion by Trout seconded by Reeck to approve the September receipts. **MC**

General Fund: $1,325,686.83
Food Service: $6,501.14
Community Service: $54,746.63
Construction Fund: $0.00
Debt Service: $116,067.33
Fund 21: Student Activities: $141.97
Fund 45: $0

ICS Update by representative Walter CabinetPresentation

-by Teaching & Learning Coordinator Pantzke

2025-2026 StudentAchievement Data

Other

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Reese, to approve the addition of a special meeting on Tuesday, November 10, at 7:45 a.m. to canvass results of the School Board Election. **MC**

Motion by Reeck,seconded by Freeman, to approve the sealed bids for miscellaneous items. **MC**

Elementary 2027/2028 Deep Portage field trip presentation by Principal Koenigs.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Elementary Deep Portage field trip request for 2027/2028. **MC**

Reports

SchoolBoard:
Freshwater - None
Sourcewell - August 18, 2026

Elementary Principal -Report by Principal Koenigs

Middle/High School Principal -Report by Principal Ferdon

Activities/Community Ed Director -Report by AD/CE Josh Wood

SMEA -None

Superintendent -Report by Superintendent Tappe

Other
-None

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Trout, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. **MC**

Trisha Larson, Clerk
ISD #2170

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Upcoming Meetings/ Events:

Mon., Nov. 23, 2026: School Board Meeting, District Office, 905 4th St NE, Staples, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 26 - Fri., Nov. 27, 2026: Thanksgiving break

Mon., Dec. 7, 2026: School Board Meeting / Truth In Taxation meeting, District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples, 6 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 21, 2026: School Board Meeting, District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 24, 2026 - Fri., Jan. 1, 2027: Christmas break

Mon., Jan. 4, 2027: School Board Organizational Meeting, District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples, 6 p.m.

NOTICE
LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU

Beware of open water and thin ice. Aeration to occur on south shore along Lakeshore Drive beginning November 1, 2026 until April 2027. For inquiries call 763-516-2514.

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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: May 8, 2020

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $263,532.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jatty D. Zondo, married woman

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guardian Mortgage, a division of Sunflower Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on May 13, 2020 as Document Number 519346 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Guardian Mortgage, a division of Sunflower Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on October 6, 2023 as Document Number A538428 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, except the East 33 feet thereof, in Section 4, Township 132, Range 35, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 13134 COUNTY 24, BERTHA, MN 56437

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $235,754.97

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Guardian Mortgage, a division of Sunflower Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Sunflower Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 02-0003900

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1005554-1200011864-0

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: December 10, 2026 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 twelve (12) 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 December 10, 2027.

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: October 07, 2026

GUARDIAN MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF SUNFLOWER BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

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(651) 209-9760
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Federal law may require reporting to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network for certain purchases of residential property by entities or trusts. A successful third party bidder may be required to provide ownership and identifying information as a condition to completing the transfer.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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Todd County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD OCT. 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 6th day of October, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with addition of item 4.8 Hire Public Health Nurse and item 4.9 The Tipsy Swan Bar & Grill Liquor License.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2026 as presented.

Hire Ethan Wise for the FT Deputy position start date TBD at a pay rate of $36.09 an hour Grade 9/I Step D

Hire Callie Blaeser for the PT Correctional Officer position start date TBD at a pay rate of $26.36 an hour Grade 6/F Step A

Hire Yolani Dominguez for the PT Dispatch position start date TBD at a pay rate of $26.36 an hour Grade 6/F Step A

Approve the hire of Mary Dvorak to fill the open Care Coordinator position. Grade I/9, Step C, $35.10. Start date: TBD.

To approve the promotion of Autumn Pundsack-Nelson to fill the open Child Services Supervisor position. Grade K/11, Step D at $42.10/hr. Start Date: TBD.

GAMBLING PERMIT – BROWERVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on March 7th, 2027.

Approve the hire of Mariah Finken to fill the open Public Health Nurse position. Grade I/9, Step C, $35.10. Start date: TBD.

To approve an On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Tipsy Swan Bar & Grill LLC at the address of 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN in Burnhamville Township effective October 31st, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 404696 through 404721 in the amount of $30,209.14 and (Regular) 60111 through 60154 in the amount of $120,835.36 for a total of $151,044.50.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 807875 through 807939 and (Regular) 714511 through 714579 for a total of $266,677.65.

On motion by Denny and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 602112 through 602127 and (Regular) 519114 through 519137 for a total amount of $118,201.38.

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

COUNTY DITCH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2027

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

WHEREAS, recommendations for the July 2025 through June 2026 assessment cycle were discussed at the County Board Worksession on September 15, 2026, and;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners in their capacity as the Todd County Ditch Authority hereby approves the Maintenance Fund/Ditch Assessments for the 2027 Tax Payable Year as a one year repayment period without interest applied per the attached list.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

On motion by Denny and seconded by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

October 2026 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, every resident, student, and community member deserves to live free from violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects people of all ages, backgrounds, and identities, and can have devasting physical, emotional, and economic impacts on survivors, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, children growing up in violent homes are at higher risk of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, survivors deserve safety, support, solidarity, and action to address the root causes of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness, promote prevention, and honor the courage of survivors; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme "With Survivors, Always" calls for a sustained partnership with survivors toward safety, support, and justice; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that local organizations, advocates, law enforcement, schools, healthcare providers, and community members play a vital role in preventing domestic violence and supporting survivors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, in recognition of the ongoing need to prevent domestic violence, support survivors, and commit to action in the face of minimized services, increased barriers, and persistent violence. This proclamation affirms Todd County's commitment to "With Survivors, Always" – standing with survivors, supporting their safety, and taking meaningful action to end domestic violence.

County Fee Schedule – Public Hearing

Todd County is in the process of building the County Fee Schedule to be implemented for 2027 and is required by MN Statute to hold a public hearing to gather any public input on the proposed fees. Notice of this public hearing has been published in the Todd County Newspapers the weeks of September 21 and 28, 2026 and also posted on the County Website. Public hearing and discussion was held with no public input received in oral or written comment.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Becker and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority approves the Quote from Todd Carry - Lakes Area Blasting, in the amount of $2,500 to spot clean the Fish Trap Creek Loop north of Quiken Rd that is the outlet for multiple laterals of County Ditch 41, and to clean the vegetation from the inlet and outlet of the culvert on Quiken Rd.

On motion by Denny and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority approve the dam removal Estimate of $2,400 from Statema Backhoe Service to remove the beaver dam on the ditch line on 24-0010900 and lower the water level on the pond. If a second day is needed, there will be an additional $1,750 charge.

County Sheriff

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RESOLUTION FORMAT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Safety has a Towards Zero Death (TZD) program, and;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety requires a fiscal agent and Administer of the grant , and;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mike Allen is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in Todd County and is authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to the project on behalf of Todd County and to be the fiscal agent and administer of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Todd County Sheriff's Office enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, for the enforcement projects during the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Denny and seconded by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Noska abstaining: Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Order of Removal of the hazardous structure located on parcel 06-0054800.

Solid Waste

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize Board Chair to sign attached letter, supporting Wadena County's grant application and committing to spending up to $18,000 for up to six cameras at Todd County locations.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the provided Data Sharing Agreement for School Health Services between Independent School District No. 2753 and Todd County HHS.

Administration

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Renew the Consulting Services Contract with Labor Attorney Firm Madden Galanter Hansen, PLLC, Attorneys At Law agreement as presented, for June 4th, 2026 through June 4th, 2028.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that absentee voting for the State General Election and tax collection season continues to be steady within the office.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported that the office remains busy.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reported attending meetings including AMC Fall Policy Conference, Osakis HS, Region 4 Cyber Response, Facilities, Safety and Personnel.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Denny attended meetings including GRRL Finance, GRRL Board, Hands of Hope, Prairie Lakes, and Personnel.

Commissioner Becker attended meetings including Region V, Facilities, Safety, MRC, and AMC Fall Policy Conference.

Commissioner Byers attended meetings including the MRC Conference,.

Commissioner Neumann attended meetings including Sauk River Watershed, AMC Fall Conference, JD2, and MRC Conference.

Commissioner Noska attended meetings as usual but missed a few due to vacation. Also, announced that the Todd County Fair dates will be moving for 2027.

Recess

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Denny, the meeting was recessed until October 20th, 2026.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	3,141.26
CENTRAL APPLICATORS INC	4,895.86
DIAMOND MOWERS LLC	11,786.97
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	20,253.30
FORTE	6,655.00
JMD MANUFACTURING INC	4,128.16
KNOW iNK	8,125.00
KRIS ENGINEERING INC	43,793.75
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	4,890.00
NORTHSTAR PLUMBING, HEATING, & AIR LLC	3,920.80
PRAIRIE VIEW DIESEL REPAIR	10,884.50
TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	5,043.90
ZIEGLER INC	3,180.55
57 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	20,345.45
Total:	**$151,044.50**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
BRENNY FUNERAL CHAPEL	3,500.00
VENDOR #14810	2,198.23
VENDOR #17406	2,257.65
DHS - SWIFT	208,261.20
123 PAYMENTS LES THAN $2,000	48,625.02
7 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	1,835.55
Total:	**4266,677.65**

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
CHILDREN'S HOME & LSS LLC	3,534.62
GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC	4,831.46
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MN - ST PAUL	2,192.95
NEXUS - MILLE LACS FAMILY HEALING	11,109.78
NEXUS - KINDRED FAMILY HEALING	14,438.31
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES	4,391.31
PRAIRIE LAKES YOUTH PROGRAMS	17,050.00
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS	3,570.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC	39,187.17
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR 6,781.00	
30 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	11,114.78
Total:	**$118,201.38**

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 6, 2026 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 20, 2026.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file: Bob Byers,
County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file: Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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School approves contract

By Mark Anderson
Publisher

At their Nov. 2, 2026 school board meeting, the Staples-Motley School Board approved the first construction contract under the school building referendum that was passed in April.

The contract for $762,060 was procured through a Sourcewell contract with Nor-Son construction company.

The contract is to start building new fifth grade classrooms at the Staples-Motley Elementary School. The contract is for site work, concrete, metals, plumbing, earthwork, exterior improvements and utilities. It also includes removing concrete. Underground work includes adding a storm drain, manhole, water lines and concrete footings for the new buildings.

Kyle Walter of ICS, the company overseeing the referendum project, told the board the next step is to procure steel so they can start building in the spring.

For the middle school and high school portion of the construction project, Walter said they will use a mix of Sourcewell contracts and public bids.

In other news, the board

• Approved Fall Musical work agreements for Nikki Paskewitz, Musical Choreographer; Matthew Olsen, Set Director; and Jeff Iverson, Pit Director.

• Approved resignations of Lori Nienow, assistant to athletics director and community education; and Avaya Brandt, Adventures.

• Approved resolution supporting the Minnesota State High School League Foundation

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Welk wins for Cass County Sheriff; Republicans win locally

Staples (196-96) and Thomastown Township (331-111), while Scott's strength was in the Sebeka area.

There were no more contested elections in the county, with County Commissioner seats going to Ron Noon, Bill Stearns and Jon Kangas.

Heather Olson won for Auditor/Treasurer, Tracy Myers for County Recorder and Kyra Ladd for County Attorney. Soil and Water Supervisor seats went to Kenneth Berg, Brett Dailey and Jeremiah Kern.

Todd County

For Todd County Auditor/Treasurer, Brittney Jordan won over Denise Gaida by more than 2,000 votes, 6,261 to 4,025. Most of the difference was in the southern portion of the county, with the Staples area keeping the vote fairly even.

There were no other contested elections in Todd County, with Tim Denny and Lew Noska winning County Commissioner seats, Kimberly Bosl for County Recorder, Mike Allen for County Sheriff and John Lindemann for County Attorney. Soil and Water Supervisor seats went to Barbara James, Dale Katterhagen and Jason Kreemer.

Cass County

In Cass County, Sheriff Bryan Welk emerged over contender Aaron Ammerman 8,723 to 6,599.

For Cass County Commissioner, Neal Gaalswyk defeated Patrick Rafferty with 61 percent of the vote. Other county commissioners winning their election were Aaron Young and Tyler Seifert.

Morrison County

In Morrison County, there was only one contested race, with Deb Gruber winning the County Commissioner District 4 race with 53 percent of the ballots.

State, national votes

The Democratic Party wave that swept the state and the nation stayed out of this area, with Republicans winning around 70 percent of votes in Staples, similar to other elections. For area townships, it was even stronger for Republicans with around 78 percent of the vote.

For State Representative in District 5B, Jonathan Claussen won with 74 percent of the vote. District 5B is all of Todd County, with portions of Wadena, Cass and Morrison. In District 5B, which is northern Wadena and Cass County, plus parts of Becker and Hubbard counties, Krista Knudsen won with 69 percent of the vote.

For the state senate in District 5, Mike Wiener won with 71 percent of the vote.

For U.S. House of Representatives, Michelle Fischbach won with 64 percent of the vote in District 7, which includes all of Todd, Wadena and Morrison counties plus almost all the western counties in the state. In District 8, which includes Cass and Crow Wing counties and everything to the northeast, Pete Stauber won with 53 percent of the vote.

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Housing study being conducted in Wadena County, Staples

department is forming a committee to head the project. They would likely break ground in the spring if they can work out a solution.

Housing

Nelsen said Wadena County is currently conducting their county-wide housing study, with all of Staples included, not just the portion in Wadena County.

He said the Staples Planning and Zonning Commission is looking into more options for the large lot subdivision they have proposed for city-owned land east of the Valley View subdivision. A new option is to have larger lots on the inside of the subdivision and smaller lots around two acres on the outside. They are creating options on what can be placed on a three or four acre lot, including a house with a barn and animal pen or chicken coop.

The city's Small Cities Development Program has closed out their final payment. Nelsen said they would likely apply again next fall since they had more applications than they were able to provide funding for.

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Hunting death details could open additional investigation leads

Terry, 41 years old at the time of his death, was an avid outdoorsman who was well respected by his family, friends and community. He was fatally shot with his own rifle while hunting. Evidence collected during the investigation indicated the person responsible was in close proximity to Terry, and investigators believe Terry and the suspect likely interacted before the homicide occurred.

Throughout this investigation, our investigators have continued pursuing new leads, evaluating information received from the public, and re-examining evidence and investigative findings. These efforts remain ongoing as we explore additional avenues that may help determine what happened to Terry and identify the person responsible.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office wants the public to understand that this investigation remains active and continues to move forward. While specific investigative details cannot be released, significant work continues behind the scenes. Information that may not have seemed important years ago could now prove valuable as investigators continue examining the circumstances surrounding Terry's death.

Virgil and Babe Brisk, Terry's parents, released the following family statement: "It has been 10 years since Terry was shot, and for 10 long years, our family has lived with the heartbreak of not knowing the truth about what happened to him. Ten years of unanswered questions, sleepless nights and wondering if we will ever get the closure we so desperately need.

We are reaching out and pleading from the bottom of our hearts to anyone who knows anything, especially the person responsible. We are not here to judge, argue or seek revenge. We are simply a family begging for answers.

If you were involved, if you witnessed something or if you have carried a secret all these years, we hope you find it in your heart to come forward. We understand that people make mistakes, that fear can keep people silent and that telling the truth after so many years may not be easy.

But understand that our family has carried this pain every single day for the past decade. Terry loved and was loved; he mattered and he deserves to have his story told.

We cannot bring him back, but someone out there has the power to help bring our family some peace. We're asking you, from one human being to another, to do the right thing. Ten years is long enough. Please help us find the answers we have been waiting for."

Ten years have passed. The investigation continues. We have not forgotten Terry, and we will not stop pursuing justice.

Anyone with information regarding Terry's death is asked to contact the Morrison County Sheriff's Office at 320-632-9233.

Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers of Minnesota at their website www.crimestoppersmn.org, by calling 1-800-233-TIPS (8477) from anywhere in Minnesota, through the Submit a Tip app, or by sending a text message beginning with TIP674 to CRIMES (274637). Contact with Crime Stoppers is anonymous, and information leading to an arrest may qualify for a reward.

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The Great Indoors	877 2nd Ave. NW, Staples







Groceries & food

Ernie's Food Market	1425 Highway 10 E, Staples
Jon's Family Foods	203 Warner Road NE, Staples

Automobiles & vehicle repair

Nyhus Chevrolet	120 2nd Ave NE, Staples
Ken's Collision & Glass/Southside Mini-Mart/Soutside Suds Car Wash	219 6th St SE, Staples

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Spot Cafe	116 2nd Ave NW, Staples
Beck's Burger Co.	119 3rd St NE, Staples
The Boxcar	102 4th St NE, Staples
Still Lefty's	423 2nd Ave NE, Staples
DQ Staples and DQ Motley	Highway 10 in Staples and Motley
B&B Sports Bar & Grill	115 2nd Ave. NE, Staples
Stomping Grounds	213 4th St NE, Staples
Bremer's Booze Bank	48 Main Street W, Motley

Retail, gift and thrift stores

Longbella Drug By Lakewood	1210 Highway 10, Staples
Old 10 Aparrel	508 2nd Ave NE, Staples
STEP On In	116 5th Street NE, Staples
Like-Nu Gun & Pawn	214 2nd Ave. NE, Staples
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