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Veterans stand during Armed Forces Medley

Veterans were invited to stand as their respective branch's song was performed during the Armed Forces Medley at The Nest in Staples. Above, Army veterans stand as Staples-Motley Elementary students sing under the direction of Brandy Lyon. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Council honors Theurer while declaring seat open

The Staples City Council held a somber meeting on Nov. 10, honoring council member Mary Theurer, who passed away on Nov. 3.

Mayor Ron Murray read a proclamation declaring her seat vacant, while honoring her service to the council. A portion of the proclamation stated "Council Member Mary Theurer was first sworn into office in January 2012, serving the citizens of Staples with unwavering dedication, integrity and distinction for over 14 years."

The city charter allows the vacant seat to be filled by appointment for the remainder of Theurer's term, which will be up for election in 2028. The council is accepting applications for the seat, which includes a short application form that can be picked up at Staples City Hall. The city will plan to select a candidate at their first meeting in December and have them start on the council at the first meeting in January, when the newly elected council members will also start.

Near the end of the Nov. 10 meeting, Mayor Murray and council member Roy Miles talked about Theurer's contributions to the city.

Murray said he had known Theurer for 33 years, as she and her husband were both chiropractors while Murray was a physical therapist.

"I saw her involvement in

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Serving lunch to veterans and their families

Veterans and their families were treated to a free lunch at Sacred Heart Church in Staples on Veterans Day. They were served by students and members of the Holy Family House of Faith. In addition, the children sang a few patriotic songs and gave each veteran a handmade card. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





Orchestra plays "Amazing Grace"

The Cardinal Orchestra, under the direction of Kristina Haataja, performed "Amazing Grace" Nov. 11, at the Staples-Motley Middle/High School Veterans Day program. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

LHS to host Season of Lights Ceremony

The Lakewood Health System Foundation, together with Lakewood's Hospice and Palliative Care programs, Staples, will host the 31st Annual Season of Lights Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m., at Sourcewell in Staples (202 12th St NE).

The annual ceremony offers families, friends, caregivers and community members an opportunity to come together to remember and honor loved ones who received care through Lakewood's Hospice and Palliative Care programs and passed away between Oct. 1, 2025 and Oct. 1, 2026.

Season of Lights has become a meaningful tradition for many families as they navigate grief and celebrate the lives of those they have lost. The event also provides an opportunity for Lakewood caregivers to reconnect with families and reflect on the relationships formed while caring for patients and their loved ones.

"One of the greatest privileges of hospice and palliative care is getting to know patients and families during some of life's most important moments," said Kathy Dobson, vice president of senior services at Lakewood Health System. "Season of Lights gives us an opportunity to gather, remember and honor those lives while reminding families that they remain an important part of our Lakewood family."

The ceremony will include a welcome from Dobson, a message from Dr. Julie Benson, senior services medical director, and a remembrance ceremony featuring the hanging of ornaments in honor of patients remembered this year. Chaplain Paul Johnson will lead portions of the program, including the closing prayer.

Sponsored by the Lakewood Health System Foundation and Lakewood's Hospice and Palliative Care programs, Season of Lights reflects the organizations' ongoing commitment to providing comfort, dignity, support and compassionate care to individuals living with serious illness, while also walking alongside family members through their grief and bereavement journey.

For more information about Lakewood's Hospice or Palliative Care programs, call 218-894-8080. To learn more about supporting these programs through the Lakewood Health System Foundation, call 218-898-8503.

Weather

2026
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 18	55	40	M. Cloudy
Nov. 19	47	34	M. Cloudy
Nov. 20	50	40	Showers
Nov. 21	47	25	Showers
Nov. 22	36	23	P. Cloudy
Nov. 23	34	24	Cloudy
Nov. 24	33	28	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2025

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 18	44°	26	Sunny
Nov. 19	40	33	Cloudy
Nov. 20	36	29	Cloudy
Nov. 21	43	22	P. Sunny
Nov. 22	50	30	Sunny
Nov. 23	53	28	M. Sunny
Nov. 24	48	31	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 35° Low = 20°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Obituary

Mary Theuer

Motley City Council canvasses election results

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Canvassing election results was on the agenda of the Motley City Council's regular meeting Nov. 9.

During the canvassing of the Nov. 3, 2026 municipal election results, it was noted that April Skeesick-Larson was duly elected mayor; and Pat O'Regan and Matthew Horstmann were both elected to the city council.

Currently serving on the council, Skeesick-Larson received 170 votes (92.39 percent) for mayor. There was not another candidate on the ballot, but there were 14 write-in votes (7.61 percent).

Horstmann received 125 votes for city council (39.18 percent) and O'Regan, the city's current mayor, received 105 votes (32.92 percent). Konrad Alexander received 77 votes (24.14 percent) and there were 12 write-in votes (3.76 percent).

Subsequently, the council approved the canvassing results.

In other matters the council:

- ADOPTED a resolution to order improvement and preparation of plans for the 2027 Street and Utility Improvement Project.
- ADOPTED the Morrison County Local Road Improvement Program Support Resolution.
- ADOPTED a resolution authorizing the pursuit of 2026 Local Road Improvement Program Funding for the 2027 Street and Utility Improvements Project.
- ADOPTED the Motley 2026 Comprehensive Plan, per Resolution #2026-29.
- ADOPTED a resolution accepting Grant Navigator Funding set up by the League of Minnesota Cities.
- ADOPTED a resolution certifying unpaid charges for municipal fees and utilities, which shall be collected and paid over in the same manner as property taxes.
- HEARD monthly report from Fire Chief Todd Judd. He noted there were a total of 21 calls in October, the old tanker truck will be going up for auction soon, and that the MFD hosted the Todd Wadena Fire Association meeting Oct. 28.
- ACCEPTED the resignation of firefighter Justin Voelker.
- LEARNED the Motley Police Department had a total of 43 calls in October.
- HEARD monthly report from Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton. He noted that the water usage report was at zero percent, "pretty darn good." He also said that the parks have all been winterized.
- LEARNED that the Motley Lions donated $2,000 to the city for holiday decorations. Brotherton suggested the funds go toward purchasing a big Christmas tree for Veterans Park, as they are hoping to make that a destination.
- APPROVED adding an additional $800 to the Veterans Park Christmas tree fund, to purchase a fuller tree. There is money in the parks fund for this.
- APPROVED, per request of City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton, posting the preliminary local election results on the city's Facebook page, as well as information (explanation) about the Truth in Taxation meeting.
- NOTED city offices would be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day.
- SET next planning and zoning commission meeting for Monday, Dec. 7, 5 p.m., at city hall.
- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m., at city hall.
- SET Truth in Taxation public hearing for Monday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m., at city hall.



Expressing gratitude

A number of veterans were recognized at during a Veterans Day program at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples Nov. 11. Above, Motley American Legion member Kraig Cantwell shakes the hand of Army veteran Vern Litchy. In background are American Legion members R.J. Savey and Tom Ladwig. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

SMAAC increasing music, arts

The Staples Motley Area Arts Council is filling up their Music in the Park schedule, with five of their eight concert dates filled.

The 2027 concert series will start Sunday, June 27, skip the July 4 weekend, then have concerts every Sunday until Aug. 22. Bands scheduled so far include the Holy Rocka Rollaz, Tami and the Bachelor, Monroe Crossing, Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen and the Red Letter Band.

The SMAAC arts calendar is now updated and ready to go. It can be accessed at staplesmotleyareaartscouncil.com/events. The calendar will include local arts events, plus some Central Lakes College events and outside groups such as the Pillsbury Players, CTC Series and Madhatters.

A musical event featuring the Rosie Daze Band in September was cancelled and has been rescheduled for Jan. 23. This event is in conjunction with Central Lakes College.

Auditorium

SMAAC is the fiscal host for the Staples-Motley Center for Performing Arts and were updated on the progress made by the group helping to fix up the school's auditorium.

The original auditorium study estimated it would cost $1.6 million to fully update the auditorium. The school district has allocated $1 million from their referendum for auditorium infrastructure. For the remaining upgrades, the committee has raised $145,000 so far and they believe they can finish it with a total of $325,000 raised, using volunteer work and local resources to reduce the total cost.

Fundraising materials are now out and have been available at several local events.

A new stage has been built in the auditorium and some sound panels have been installed. The committee is doing another acoustic study to make sure it's still optimal sound distribution with the new stage.

The school's portion of the project will include audio and lighting, which could be installed as early as this summer. Construction changes would be part of the second phase of their construction project, likely in 2028.



Thank you, veterans

Above: Motley American Legion member Tom Ladwig shakes the hand of Army veteran Marion Bellar during a Veterans Day program at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. Standing, at right, is American Legion member Kraig Cantwell. Below: Thanks are extended to Air Force veteran Gary Nelson (left) by American Legion member Mel Christensen. In background are American Legion members Ladwig and Cantwell. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley American Legion members

Members of the Motley American Legion provided the color guard at a number of Veterans Day programs in Staples Nov. 11, including at The Nest, Lakewood Health System Care Center, Lakewood Pines and Lakewood Manor. Pictured following the program at the care center are, from left, Frank Vasecka, Kraig Cantwell, Mike Vasecka, Dale Mueller, Mel Christensen, Tom Ladwig, R.J. Savey. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





Motley area law enforcement reports

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

Nov. 6 - Motley Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a crash at U.S. Hwy 10 at milepost 111 in Villard Twp, Todd Cty.

According to the state patrol's report, a 2016 Ford F150, driven by Brian William Heidemann, 53, of Wadena, and a 1994 Freightliner Semi, driven by Devin James Lokken, 25, of Brainerd, were traveling west on Hwy 10 when they collided. Heidemann was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples with non-life threatening injuries. Lokken was not injured.

Other responders included the Todd Cty Sheriff's Office, Staples Police, Staples Fire, Lakewood Ambulance and Wadena Cty Sheriffs Office.

Nov. 10 - Motley Police received a call from Trident Seafoods in Motley, stating that a disgruntled employee, Jack McFedries, was on the roof top and wouldn't come down. The subject was trespassed from Trident Seafoods in Motley.

Nov. 4 - Motley Police received a call from a Motley resident stating he'd been scammed out of $2,000 in Lowel prepaid cards.

Nov. 10 - The MCSO received a report of a horse that was running on the road at the 1700 block of 320th St, Cushing. The owner was located and later reported the horse was back inside the fenced area.

Nov. 6 - Morrison Cty deputies responded to a report of a domestic at the 3500 block of 270th St, Cushing. Subsequently, Christina Marie Qualey, 43, was arrested.

Nov. 6 - The MCSO received a report of a plow truck on fire at the 35000 block of Aztec Rd, Motley.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1951

• Nov. 15, 1951 - Fort Benning, Ga. - Pvt. Douglas H. Frisk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frisk, Motley, recently graduated from the light and heavy weapons leaders course at the infantry school, Maj. Gen. John H. Church, commandant, announced.

• Nov. 15, 1951 - Roger Nichols, nine year old son of Mrs. Florence Nichols, was accidentally shot in the face Wednesday evening of last week, when his brother Bobbie was cleaning his gun in their home. The gun accidentally discharged. Roger was rushed to the Staples hospital where x-rays were taken and then taken immediately to the University hospital in Minneapolis for further treatment. It was found that his jaw was shattered.

The operation was performed on Thursday and at this time Roger is getting along as well as can be expected, although he will be in the hospital for several weeks. Write to him at the Hospital, Station 43.

• Nov. 15, 1951 - Showing at the Staples Theatre Friday night, Nov. 16, Midnight Show! "The Thing." What is the Thing? Is it human or inhuman? Will it destroy us all? How did it get here? Staples Theatre, "Where Happiness Costs So Little."

• Nov. 15, 1951 - Staples Railroader basketball team has been holding intensive practices since the close of the football season, probably due to the fact that there are only three returning lettermen to the squad this year.

Returning to bolster up the ranks of the Cardinals are one senior and two juniors, who are Jim Peterson, Jim Markfelder and Larry Pearson, respectively.

However, Coach John Rengel is optimistic over the prospects this season and states that the outlook for the season is fair. He has 31 aspirants out practicing diligently to see who will be fortunate enough to make the A squad of the Cardinals this years.

50 Years Ago - 1976

• Nov. 4, 1976 - "Corrie: Behind the Scenes with the Hiding Place," a new full-length color release from World Wide Pictures, will be shown at the Staples Assembly of God church, Staples, Saturday, Nov. 6. A single showing is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

"The Hiding Place," a true story filmed in Holland and other European locations, is based on the experiences of Corrie Ten Boom, who, with her father, sister and brother, provided refuge for countless Jewish families. A secret room was constructed in their home as a hiding place for use during Gestapo raids. The Ten Boom's activities were discovered and they were sent to prisons and concentration camps.

• Nov. 4, 1976 - Reigning over the homecoming festivities recently at Motley High School were Caroline Swecker, homecoming queen, and Dennis Guerts, homecoming king. They were selected by a popular vote of the students and crowned prior to the homecoming game.

Queen Caroline is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Swecker. King Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Guerts.

• Nov. 4, 1976 - A 10-yard touchdown pass from Dan Trout to Tim Sampson gave the Motley Rockets a 12-6 win in 2 overtimes Friday against the Akeley Anglers. The win also gave Motley sole possession of 2nd place in the Heartland Six Conference.

• Nov. 4, 1976 - Named to this week's WCCO Radio's 'Prep Parade' Team of the Week was Tim Miller of the Cardinal Football Team at Staples High School. Miller was cited for his outstanding play in the Cardinals 15-14 triumph over Little Falls, where he gained over 100 yards. A junior on the Cardinal squad, Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Blayne Miller.

• Nov. 4, 1976 - From a field of 14 teams and 81 individual performers, the Staples Cardinals are the Cross-country Champions of Region 6A as a result of their team effort last Saturday, Oct. 30, at Terrace Golf course, Staples.

For the second consecutive year, the Cardinals will be making the trek to the University of Minnesota Golf Course to compete in the State C-C meet in class A. Last year, the Cardinal and White of Coaches Riewer and Danculovich finished third in the state and this year, they hope to improve on this placing. The state meet will be Saturday, Nov. 6, at noon.

25 Years Ago - 2001

• Nov. 15, 2001 - Sisters Samantha and Cassandra Sullivan both bagged bucks this hunting season. Older sister Samantha shot an eight point buck on opening day, Nov. 3, while Kassandra shot her five point buck the following day. The girls are daughters of Becky and Ted Sullivan of Pillager and granddaughters of Miriam Carlson.

• Nov. 15, 2001 - Jared Johnson was the winner of the Motley Lion's Club 2001 - 2002 Peace Poster Contest. Jared is a seventh grader at Motley Staples Middle School. He received $20 for first place and the chance to compete at the Lions District 5M-8 level.

The second place winner was Kate Jacobson and third place went to Jenny Johnson. Sue Adams, an art instructor at MSMS had 45 students participate in the contest.

• Nov. 15, 2001 - Four Staples Motley students ran in the Minnesota Junior Olympics last Saturday. The top 25 finishers in each division qualified for a region meet Nov. 17 in Lincoln, Neb. Local runners were Kelsey Griffith, youth, 13th, 4K; Ashlee Jordan, youth, 8th, 4K; Dan Huebsch, intermediate, 40th 5K; Charles Farber, youth, third in 4k; Leighton Griffith, bantam, 7th in 3k.

• Nov. 15, 2001 - Winners of individual awards last week for the Cardinal volleyball squad included Nicole Bender, named MVP and Deadeye; Stacy Berg won the 'Digger' award; Michelle Honek won double awards of 'Killer' for most spikes and 'Ace' award for most ace serves; Mary Hasselberg, the 'Wall' award for most blocks; Rachel Domier, Most improved award winner.

• Nov. 15, 2001 - 'Six Cardinal girls headed to state swim meet.' The state qualifying 200 yard relay team members are Britta Binek, Kendell Spar, Katie Palmer, Abby Palmer, along with alternates Ann Palmer and Kaylene Becker. They won the Section 3 200 meter race in a school record time, allowing them to go on to the state meet next week.

• Nov. 15, 2001 - Enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner at Mr. Ed's in Motley. Turkey Dinner with al the trimmings, with salad bar, $6.95. Serving 11 a.m. - 2 p.m . Thanksgiving Day.

• Nov. 15, 2001 - For all your Thanksgiving needs stop in at Perry's Ben Franklin! Greeting cards, napkins, decorations. Have a very happy Thanksgiving!

• Nov. 15, 2001 - Pat O'Regan, owner of Pat's Place Antiques in Motley, has been named the new executive director of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce.

10 Years Ago - 2016

• Nov. 10, 2016 - Lt. Col. Keith Ferdon of Motley, along with his military team, was honored during a recent Minnesota Wild hockey game at the Xcel Center in St. Paul.

• Nov. 10, 2016 - Staples-Motley High School students Norah Anderson and Taylor Heldman visited with U.S. Representative Collin Peterson and U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar during their recent tour of Ernie's Food Market.

Compiled by
Dawn Timbs



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is 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 photos published in the Nov. 8, 2001 edition of the Staples World both had to do with deer hunting. At top, from left, are Virgil "Brad" Bredemeier, Bill Goff and Lefty Cameron, continuing a hunting tradition of leaving early in the morning on Friday for their deer camp north of Park Rapids. According to the cutline, "A Staples group has been hunting the same territory since 1948, although these are at least second generation hunters. A second Staples group hunts at a different hunting shack down the road, but with fewer years of seniority." In lower photo is Tony Johnson, a 2001 Staples Motley High School grad and student at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, with the massive 16 point, 250 pound buck he'd shot on opening morning of the 2001 deer season, south of Staples. He shot two others as well that morning, both six pointers.

Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified the three hunters in the top photo, noting that Bredemeier had been an optometrist in town, and Goff and Cameron both worked for the railroad. David Erbe of Staples correctly identified Goff and Cameron, as did Mike Koppes of Staples. Koppes also correctly identified Tony Johnson and his "monster buck" that season, going on to note that he now goes by the name Tony Mack. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.



Region Five asks for public comment on strategy

The Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) is asking for public comment on a draft of the Comprehensive Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS). R5DC keeps this plan up to date as an Economic Development District, a role given to it by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA).

The CREDS does two things:

•It gives a short, central overview of the region and its data. This includes infrastructure, population, income, geography, and more.

•It names the region's issues, opportunities and goals. It also lays out a roadmap for solving problems and making the most of opportunities.

A five-year update of the plan is ready for review. Comments will be accepted through December 5, 2026. You can share your comments online at www.regionfive.org/creds, by email at sheadley@regionfive.org, or by mail to R5DC, 202 12th St NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Todd County court

NOV. 11, 2026

Long Prairie Police

Lashon Franklin Jr. Jamison, Minneapolis. Stopping/Standing/Parking Where Signs Prohibit Stopping. Fine $25. Fee $22

Jean Onald, Long Prairie. Window Restrictions - Tint Too Dark Fine $50. Fine $85. Windshield Tinted or Glazed. Fine $50.

Emily Larae Johnson, Swanville. Speed 49/30. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Amanda Lucia Oritz, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Jesus Rivera Reynaga Rivera, Cleveland ,TX. Driving without a valid license. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Bonifacio Sena Soler, Long Prairie. Driving After Suspension. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Todd County Sheriff

Kylan Louis Benning, Eagle Bend. Speed 69/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Ralph Ismael Cabral, Waite Park. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Cash James Fussy, Hillman. Liquor-Consumption by persons under 21. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Joel Gomez Rosario, Long Prairie. Driving After Suspension. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Gerlin Mateo Herandez Garcia, Willmar. Driving without a valid license. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Jean Zagalot, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license. Fine $100. Fee $85.

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

Staples Police

Carlos Manuel Deras Maldonado, Brooklyn Park. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

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

Demtria Shontell Hudson, Saint Paul. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Brody Jaradon Shaw, Staples. Seat Belt Required. Fine $25. Fee $85.

MN Department of Natural Resources

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

MN State Patrol

Alyssa Kaye De Coup-Crank, Staples. Speed 75/65. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Mohamed Ali Karay, Syracuse, NY. Speed 83/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Khina Maya Basnet Kunwar, Moorhead. Speed 90/70. Fine $70. Fee $155.

Adam John Bates, Parkers Prairie. Seat Belt Required. Fine $25. Fee $85.

Tiffany Latrice Elloitt, Fargo, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine 50. Fee $85. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine $100.

Alexandra Grant, Augusta, GA. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85. No proof MV Insurance. Fine $200.

Hector Guatemal Teca, Clarissa. No Nn driver's license(after 60 days residency/30 days CDL. Fine $100. Fee $85. No proof of MV Insurance. Fine $200.

Bradley Jude Hoheisel, Little Falls. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Pamela Sue Hurtig, Park Rapids. Driving after cancellation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Hageo Jimenez Gomez, Long Prairie. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine $100. Fee $85. Fail to yield right of way (making left turn). Fine $50.

Abraham Narciso Jimenez, Brownsville, TX. Speed 65/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Manson James Laforge, Long Prairie. Windshield Tinted or Glazed. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Ronald Eward Mark, Horace, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Duno Christophet Prudanis, Melrose. Speed 76/60. Fine $60. Fee $85.

John Patrick Rowe, Saint Francis. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Feee $85.

Matthew Thomas Roy Hanson, West Fargo. Speed 82/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Michael Lawrence Stainislaw, North Saint Paul. Speed 96/70. Fine $100. Fee $185.

Micheal Ray Curtis Stoudemire, Browerville. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85. Windshield Tinted or Glazed. Fine $50. No proof MV Insurance. Fine $200.

The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County October 29, 2026.

Jordan Deann Dibley, Parkers Prairie. Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp. Continued. (Unsupervised probation, 7 Mo 11 Days.

Aibee Lor, Saint Paul. Speed 40/30. Fine $40. Fee $115

The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County November 2, 2026.

Tami Diane Burton, Browerville. DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours. Sentenced. Local Confinement 364 Days, Stay 0 Yr 0 Mo 364 Days For 2 Yr. Supervised probation, 2 Yr. Fine $50. Fee $225.

The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County November 3, 2026.

Jose Gregorio Flores Rattia, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license. Sentenced. Fine $100. Fee $175. Driver Involved Fails to Stop for Collision. Dismissed.

Robert James Hartman, Bertha. Collision with Unattended Vehicle - Notify Victim or Police. Continued. Unsupervised probation, 1 Yr. Fine $50. Fee $50.

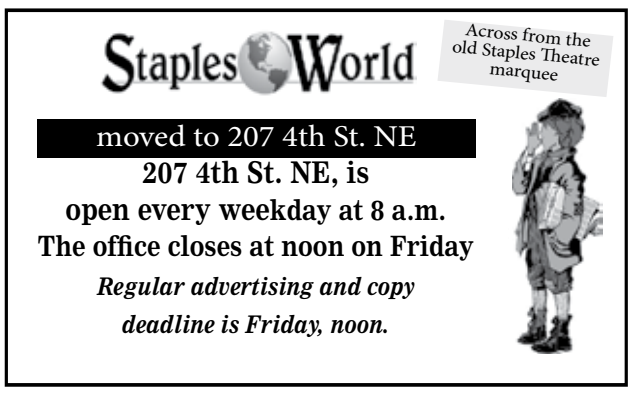
The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County November 4, 2026.

Mark John Kurtz, Faribult. DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours (Not applicable. Sentenced. MN Correctional Facility - St. Cloud, 41 Mo. Condition - Adult(Give a DNA sample when directed. Fine $50. Fee $155.

Daniel James Steward, Detroit Lakes. 2nd Degree DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance. Dismissed. nd Degree DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Under influence; Cannabis/hemp product, artificial CBD/THC. Dismissed. DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Under influence; Cannabis/hemp product, artificial CBD/THC. Sentenced. Local Confinement 364 Days, Stay 0 Yr 0 Mo 334 Days For 4 Yr Credit for time served: 11 Days. Supervised probation, 4 Yr. Fee $155.

–Court reports received from the Long Prairie Leader.





Athletic complex amenities should have local flavor, honor tradition of excellence

Mark Anderson
Publisher

How do we want our possible new athletic complex to function?

The Staples-Motley School District is undergoing a process that could build a new football stadium where the current track and practice field sits. They might even put in an artificial turf field, because it saves money on groundskeeping. It is such a wide-ranging project that I'm sure they would like some more ideas, so here are a few of mine.

I went to a football game at Pierz this fall and saw one stadium feature that stood out, a "Burger Shack" built onto the end of the bleacher area. They only sold burgers and brats and maybe one other thing, regular concessions were at another stand. The cool part was that the servers, probably parent volunteers, were able to look out over the game as they were working, cheering and cooking, becoming valued contributors to the program. Curently, our football boosters put up a grill by the side of the field for their in-stadium tailgaiting, their setup could be much better.

I'm not in favor of copying that shack exactly, we should play with the idea and create our own local brand. I am still pushing to make beans happen here, since this area grows 50 percent of the nation's kidney beans and 90 percent of the white kidney beans. Also, beans are among the healthiest foods. So how about we build a Bean Shack to serve chili and cowboy beans, and have fun with other bean-related items? Maybe sell coffee, which also comes from a bean, although we don't grow them here. The giant bean in Chicago doesn't serve any food at all, ours would be much better.

Track done right

The stadium will be for track and field also. If done right, we should be able to host large meets like a huge invitational or a section meet. There's enough space there to accomplish that.

A lot of tracks put the throwing events outside the arena. Even the state track and field meet at St. Michael-Albertville has a strange setup that hampers viewing of the field events. I would like to be able to see the shot put and discus from the stands, and I would like an open alley to walk over there when I see my favorite athletes warming up, without going through a series of gates and fences.

Accessiblity

Another thing to remember is we want these spaces to be used by our students. A complete athletic complex could open many possiblities.

I would like the facilities to be open to students year-round and we should teach kids that they're welcome to run on the track, play tennis or start a pick-up softball game whenever they want to get out and play.

One great thing the baseball team does every year is invite youth players to practice with them for a little minicamp. They hype it up and have fun teaching the kids. It builds a lot of momentum for the program. We could do that with all the outdoor sports, all at the same time. I envision a summer recreation event at the sports complex where all the facilities are open for two hours one evening and children come out to play any sport they want. Find ways to group them to play semi-structured fun games. Have tennis rackets and golf clubs there for students who have never picked one up before. Let them play soccer or ultimate frisbee or other sports that we don't have at a varsity level, but will be fun recreation as they learn to compete.

After two hours of that, the parents can come and pick up their kids and put them right to bed because they'll be exhausted from all the fun they had with sports. They will want to do it again the next week.

Gaps

There's a lot of space between the baseball fields, tennis courts, softball fields and the track. While some of that might be needed for parking or storage, there's also a lot of opportunity to build a fan experience unequalled in Minnesota high school sports.

The tennis courts have a few picnic tables on site, but that can be enhanced into a plaza for tennis or baseball fans, like an outdoor Nest. Maybe a pregame tailgaiting experience could enhance parent and fan involvement.

There could be other interesting fan-friendly courtyards between the venues, maybe someone could carve another giant Cardinal or make a large-scale artwork. Build a giant logo where people can take a selfie or gather for a group photo. The Staples World and Athletic Hall of Fame could put up a display with headlines from past decades of sports excellence, kind of like the amazing murals in the Legacy Gym foyer.

Imagine a fan coming to a baseball game, then going over to watch softball or track and field in the time between a doubleheader or after the game. What can we build to make that a memorable sports experience for them?

Honoring excellence

The stadium could be an opportunity to recognize the strong sports tradition at the school.

Staples-Motley cross country had 14 teams go to state over the course eight years starting in 2016. Three of them earned state titles. The school never honored that amazing achievement with any display, only one of those 14 even got their year listed on the banners that used to hang in the Legacy Gym. Different athletic directors kept saying something was in the works, but it's been ten years now. By contrast, the football team went to state once and got a giant banner the next year.

We need to honor our traditions appropriately, without being biased to one sport or another.

For a couple of years, the athletic department has talked about creating an electronic display for the scoreboard at The Nest, to show the accomplishments of every sport during timeouts and before games. That doesn't cut it for me. People at games aren't a captive audience like television watchers. During timeouts, they will be on their phones, talking to other fans, or watching the band and cheerleaders, so they won't see the display.

Championship banners are also for the elementary and junior high kids who come to play at the facilities yearround, they need to know about the traditions they are entering into. If you don't know that your school has a tradition of going to state, you probably won't go to state.

Every other school proudly displays their sports banners right there in their gym and we should do the same. We have so many accomplishments, we will need to find a way to do it. The new wrestling room has done a great job of honoring excellence, but their display is out of sight of the public. They do invite people to come in and view it, but their nine state team titles and 29 state individual champions could also use some public exposure every time someone enters the gym.

So I suggest that the new athletic stadium build a display area, where fans can see it, appropriately honoring the cross country and track and field teams and any other sports banners. Cross country has 59 team state appearances, 13 state team titles and seven individual champions. Track and field has 31 individual state champions and hundreds of state placers. The kids practicing there every day should know that, as should the fans.

Fundraising

Most of the things I suggested here will not be a part of the school building project. They can only use the referendum money for the fundamentals, the extra amenities will have to have separate fundraising like they're doing with the auditorium. But we need to let the school know what we want to add, so they can plan for the space.

Building a new stadium isn't just about putting up the structure. We have to shape it to fit our community.

What else do you want to see there? A stadium plaza with high-top tables? A video screen with instant replays? School merchandise store? Climbing wall? Whiffle ball stadium? Art gallery/scultpture park? Farmers market? Pickleball court? Outdoor classroom?

I'm not suggesting adding any of these, but if someone wants to fundraise to get it into the stadium, now is the time to bring it up.

Quote of the week

"The community knows and remembers itself by the association of old and young."
— Wendell Berry

Food safety for the holidays

From USDA

As families across the country prepare for Thanksgiving, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is reminding consumers to take simple steps that will keep their holiday meals safe and enjoyable.

"Thanksgiving is one of America's most cherished traditions, bringing family and friends together around the table," said USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Mindy Brashears. "At USDA, we work year-round to help keep our nation's food supply safe. Food safety doesn't stop at the processing establishments that produce the food you eat. By following a few simple food safety steps at home, families can protect their loved ones and focus on what matters most — enjoying a safe and memorable Thanksgiving together."

Every year, USDA food safety specialists answer thousands of Thanksgiving questions through USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline. From when to buy a turkey to how to thaw and cook it safely, you can find all the information you need, including interactive thawing and cooking calculator, on our Your Safe Thanksgiving Guide webpage.

Prepare a safe meal on Thanksgiving by following these four key Thanksgiving food safety steps:

1. Plan and Thaw Safely

Buying a fresh or frozen turkey is really a matter of personal preference, but as you plan for your holiday meal, it's helpful to keep a few important food safety considerations in mind.

If shopping one to two days before cooking: buy a fresh turkey. If there is a "best-by" or "use-by" date on the manufacturer's label, then you can keep fresh turkey, unopened, in the refrigerator until that date.

If shopping weeks in advance: buy a frozen turkey. Never thaw on the counter. Thaw frozen turkey in the refrigerator (24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds) or in cold water (30 minutes per pound, changing water every 30 minutes).

2. Cook to 165 Degrees F

Use a food thermometer to check if your turkey is ready – it's the only way to know for certain that it has reached the safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F. Check in all three of these places: 1) Thickest part of the breast; 2) Innermost part of the wing; 3)Innermost part of the thigh.

For optimal safety and uniform doneness, cook stuffing separately. However, if stuffing is cooked inside the turkey, use a food thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing also reaches a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 F.

3. Keep Foods Out of the "Danger Zone"

Bacteria grow quickly between 40 and 140 degrees F, also known as the food safety "Danger Zone," putting your family at risk for foodborne illness. To keep food safe:

- Keep cold foods in the refrigerator or nestled over ice. Serve smaller portions and replenish them as needed to keep food at or below 40 degrees F.
- Keep hot food in the oven, heated chafing dishes, warming trays, or slow cookers at or above 140 degrees F.
- Follow the two-hour rule: Refrigerate perishables, prepared foods, and leftovers within 2 hours. Discard perishable foods left at room temperature for more than two hours.

4. Store Leftovers Safely

The joy of Thanksgiving continues with leftovers. By storing them properly, you can savor each comforting dish safely and happily in the days that follow.

Divide large portions into smaller containers for quicker cooling.

Refrigerated leftovers are safe for up to four days and can be frozen for longer storage. When kept continuously frozen at 0 degrees F or below, they remain safe indefinitely, although quality may decline over time.

Reheat leftovers to 165 degrees F before serving.

For more information about food safety, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) or email MPHotline@usda.gov. The hotline will be operating 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET on November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving Day).

Gatherings are about people, not pickles

Deb Brown
SaveYour.Town

Other people are the key to making your idea happen. They can also feel like the biggest obstacle to getting anything done. Here's a story that might feel familiar.

People may not do things the way you think they should. If everyone just did things the way we tell them they ought to, then everything would be fine, right? That's what I keep saying, but it's a trap.

It's like the local church that has a tradition of serving meals for bereaved families after funerals. One young volunteer showed up to help cook and serve, and one of the church ladies told her off because she cut the pickles the wrong way.

Now we can laugh about that, because we've all seen those picky people who need everything just so. But they forgot something important:

•It's not about the pickles.
•It's about letting a family grieve and receive a gift from their church community, and letting people in the church community share their gifts.
• It's not about perfection.
• Control isn't our goal.
• Efficiency isn't our goal.
• Community is our goal.

You miss the innovation, camaraderie, fellowship and growth when you insist everything be done your way and only your way. Maybe that young volunteer had a better way to slice the pickles.

Screwworms could affect wildlife

Abby Sears, The Rural Blog

More than 100 cases of New World screwworm have been logged in 2026, with many of those cases being found in cattle. It is the first time in more than 50 years that the flesh-eating fly is spreading on U.S. mainland, and it not only puts cattle at risk but all warm-blooded animals.

Jacob Dykes and Eric Michel, co-directors of Mississippi State University's deer lab, report for The Conversation that susceptible animals include commonly hunted ones: deer, elk and waterfowl. Dykes and Michel write that hunters can serve as an early warning system. "Wildlife agencies are already asking them to be vigilant and report any signs of screwworm infestations."

The issue with the New World screwworm is they feed on living flesh, as opposed to dead tissue. They plant larvae in open wounds, or in the eyes or noses of deer and elk. Tick bites, small scratches, umbilical stumps or skin-shedding antlers can attract the parasite. Once eggs hatch, they burrow into the animal's flesh, inviting more infection until death.

The Americas saw a widespread problem with the infection in cattle in the 1950s, but screwworm was largely eradicated by 1966 with treatment efforts and by releasing millions of sterilized male flies to reduce the population. "Sterile flies kept the parasite south of Panama for years, but the movement of cattle and wildlife likely brought it north again. Since 2022, the parasites have been reproducing and moving farther northward."

Screwworm came back to the U.S. in June 2026 in a calf in Texas. As of Nov. 5, detections have reached 116. The U.S. government is ramping up its use of sterile flies. However, wildlife are much more likely to carry screwworm undetected, which makes it more difficult to plan which areas to release flies. Specialists like Dykes and Michel are looking toward hunters to report symptoms to their state's wildlife agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture or to local veterinarians.

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SBDC helps start-ups with Start Up North Accelerated

Have a business idea but aren't sure where to start? Or have you recently started a business and want to make sure you're on the right track? The North Central Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Central Lakes College is offering another round of Start Up North Accelerated this spring to help entrepreneurs take the next step.

Start Up North Accelerated is an eight-week online program that helps people turn their business ideas into solid business plans. The Spring 2027, cohort runs February 2 through April 1, with live Zoom sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.

Throughout the program, participants will learn how to identify their customers, market their businesses, set prices, understand their finances and plan for growth. By the end of the eight weeks, participants will have worked toward completing a business plan they can use to guide their business or share with a lender.

"Starting a business can feel overwhelming, especially when you're trying to figure everything out on your own," said Katie Heppner, Regional Director of the North Central SBDC. "Our goal is to help people create business plans that they understand, feel confident about and can actually use."

Start Up North Accelerated is designed for people who are thinking about starting a business, preparing to open one or have been in business for three years or less. Participants will meet online twice a week and between sessions they'll work on their own business plans using the Kauffman FastTrac curriculum.

Early bird registration goes through Jan. 1, 2027. Registration cost increases on Jan. 2 and the deadline to sign up is January 28.

For more information and to register for the spring cohort, visit www.northcentralsbdc.com/startupnorth.

The North Central Small Business Development Center is hosted at Central Lakes College and provides no-cost, confidential business consulting, training and resources to entrepreneurs and small business owners across an 11-county region. The North Central SBDC supports clients at all stages of business, from idea development to growth and transition.

To learn more and register for consulting, visit www.northcentralsbdc.com.



Voice of Democracy winners

Pictured are the 2026 - 2027 Voice of Democracy speech winners, all freshmen at Staples-Motley High School. From left, Alex Tkalcich, 3rd place; Ben Rutten, 2nd place; Maggie Grunewald, 1st place. This year's theme was "What a veteran taught me about America." The students are in 9th grade American History Class taught by Erik Johnson. (Submitted photo)

Todd County Christmas tree at state capitol

Cornerstone Pines, a Christmas tree farm in Grey Eagle, is providing a 16-foot Veitch-Balsam cross for display in the rotunda of the Minnesota State Capitol this holiday season. The farm earned the honor of selecting a tree for the Capitol after growing this year's Minnesota State Fair Grand Champion Christmas Tree. The selected tree is a unique variety of fir known for its incredible fragrance and soft jewel-green needles.

The tree was scheduled to be delivered to the Capitol on Nov. 16.

Chuck and Cathy Parker have owned and operated Cornerstone Pines since 2008. Visitors to their farm can choose and cut their own tree and enjoy a traditional holiday experience that includes horse-drawn wagon rides through scenic woodlands, visits with Santa and other family activities. Cornerstone Pines is member of Minnesota Grown and the Minnesota Christmas Tree Association.

Citizens of Motley:

A sincere *THANK YOU* to everyone who showed your support by voting! I am excited to see the things we can do TOGETHER to make our city even GREATER in **2027**!!

-April Skeesick-Larson

Prepared and paid for by April Skeesick-Larson.

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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.
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CLC | Ag and Energy Center. Living Legacy Gardens fundraiser
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STAPLES CITY COUNCIL VACANCY
HISTORIC STAPLES
The City of Staples is accepting applications from eligible city residents to fill the City Council seat left vacant by the passing of Council Member Mary Theurer. The person appointed will serve through the end of 2028.
Applications are available at staples.govoffice.com or may be picked up at Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE. Completed applications must be received by Friday, December 18, 2026. Return applications to: Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator, at Staples City Hall.
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FALL BOOK SALE
1-5 p.m. Friday Nov. 20
9 a.m.-noon Saturday Nov. 21
Donations Accepted for Bags Nov.23-28
Staples Public Library
122 6th St. NE, Staples
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Mark Your Calendar

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SM school events

November 19

'Walk With A Doc' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota

Staples Caregiver Support Group, For Those Caring For Someone Living With Dementia meets the third Thursday of each month, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. For info., contact Cristina: Cristina.Rodriguez@vivie.org or 320-460-7226.

November 22

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

November 24

Living Legacy Garden's Balsam Wreath Class Tuesday, Nov. 24, arrive 2 - 7 p.m., assembly room at Central Lakes College, Staples. Plan for about an hour to complete wreath. Bring gloves, pruners. For info., call Becky Roelofs, 218-296-0138.

Wadena County Republicans meeting Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m., at the Wadena VFW. Come early to eat and visit with like-minded people.

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

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 26

Thanksgiving Free Meal - Sponsored by Discover Staples and Care Ministry Thursday, Nov. 26, at Timbers Event Center, 1220 2nd Ave. NE, Staples. Two seatings at 11 a.m. and noon. Sign up online, or call 218-895-1400.

November

- **Hometown Careers Collective** Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9 - 11 a.m., 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 @ 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 @ The Nest, Staples.** Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., varsity.
- **Girls Basketball (H) - Staples-Motley Vs. Pine River-Backus, SMHS Legacy Gym, Staples.** Thursday, Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m., junior high.
- **Girls Basketball (H) - Staples-Motley Vs. Wadena-Deer Creek @ The Nest, Staples.** Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4:30 p.m., junior high.
- **Wrestling - SM Invite @ The Nest, Staples.** Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m., (C).
- **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 @ The Nest, Staples.** Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., varsity.

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

Staples Assembly of God
Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 22 @ 6pm
Featured Speaker:
Pastor John Pavlica
of Staples Alliance Church
Offering will be taken for CARE Ministry
Please join us in enjoying many flavors of pie after service!!
Staples Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave NE, Staples
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Lamplighter Community Theatre & Staples-Motley High School Present
Shrek the Musical
November 19 - 7:00pm
November 20 - 7:00pm
November 21 - 2:00pm
November 22 - 5:30pm
Adults - $12
Students - $8
Families - $25
PURCHASE TICKETS
Scan the code
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Special family moment

The Starke family posed near the American flag following the Veterans Day program Nov. 11, held at The Nest in Staples. From left, Betty and Ron Starke, Motley; their daughter and son-in-law Ronda and Jason Roberge, Blaine. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

10th Annual
Live Drive-thru Nativity
Wednesday, December 9 & Thursday, December 10
6:00pm - 8:30pm
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Obituary

Mary Theuer



Mary Theurer, 79, of Staples, passed away November 3, 2026, at Lakewood Health System, Staples.

Visitation will be held Friday November 20, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples. Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 21, at 12:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples with visitation held one hour prior to the start of the service at the church. Lunch will be served.

A graveside service will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church Columbarium.

Mary was born in Gaylord. After high school, she attended the University of Minnesota for her undergraduate studies before continuing her education at Northwestern College of Chiropractic, where she earned her doctorate. It was there that Mary met the love of her life, Jon, and the two were married in 1971. They moved to Staples, where Mary devoted her life to her family and community.

Mary had a heart for serving others. Throughout her life, she generously gave her time and talents to countless organizations and causes. She was actively involved in her children's schools, her church, city council and served on the boards of Lakewood Health System and the Minnesota Hospital Association. She was a proud 41-year breast cancer survivor who helped many women as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery program and was featured in Lakewood Health System's patient story, "Mary Theurer's Journey of Strength and Service." Her dedication to helping others and making her community a better place was recognized through numerous honors, including the 2015 Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement and the recent Minnesota Hospital Association Enduring Legacy Award.

Above all, Mary was an extraordinary caretaker. Whether she was preparing a meal, spoiling her grandchildren or lending a helping hand, she made those around her feel loved and appreciated. She enjoyed cooking, quilting and sharing her talents with others. Many of her quilts were lovingly donated to support missions and veterans. Her kindness, generosity and dedication to her family and community will be remembered by all who knew her.

Mary is survived by her loving husband, Jon; one son, Chad (Brenda) and one daughter, Amy (Andy); four grandchildren, Annika, Drew, Nicholas and Ryan; one sister in-law, Mary (Dave), along with nieces, nephews and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Milo and Ann; three siblings, Chuck, Nancy and twin brother, Milo; parents-in-law, Dr. Truman and Florence and brother-in-law, Geoff.

Mary's family extends their heartfelt appreciation to the many close friends and family members who offered their love, care and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Lakewood Health System or The American Cancer Society

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Staples

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1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Joshua Jeresek
SATURDAY
Saturday Worship .....9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School .....10:45 a.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
Facebook Lincoln E Free
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

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218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Syndically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
SUNDAY
January - July.....9 a.m.
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Sandy Knight, Syndically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
SUNDAY
Worship and Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
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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
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SUNDAY
Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting .....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
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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
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Pastor Mathew Sundquist
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays .....8:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY .....7:00 p.m.

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Worship Gathering .....9:30 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

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Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
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SUNDAY
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER .....7:00 p.m.

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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
218-445-5619
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.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale 56481
218-445-5643 or 218-471-3316
Pastor Neal Malcor
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
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.

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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.

Wadena

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

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482
218-631-1593
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
parish secretary@marysacc.org
SUNDAY
Mass (livestream) .....10:00 a.m.

"Hearing His Voice"

God's Word For Today

Can we really hear the voice of the Lord? How do we know it's His voice and not our own thoughts? Is it audible or some sort of internal discernment? If it was always audible, there probably wouldn't be much question. However, Jesus makes it clear that He speaks to His followers and they hear Him.

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me." (John 10:27).

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It's easier to determine when Jesus is speaking if we have spent time with Him. Through His Word, we can recognize patterns in the way He addressed His followers in the past. Over time we learn how He communicates with us as individuals.

Prayer suggestion: Lord, help me to know You better and to discern Your voice.

--Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly Of God

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Staples-Motley winter sports schedules

Official practices for Staples-Motley winter sports start this week with the first official practice for girls basketball on Nov. 16. Boys basketball and wrestling have their first official practice on Monday, Nov. 23. Below is the schedule listed for all the teams. As always, winter sports schedules are subject to change with weather cancellations and rescheduling.

Girls basketball

(Game times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)
Tuesday, Dec. 1 home vs. Frazee
Thursday, Dec. 3 @ Breckenridge (5:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, Dec. 8 @ Hawley
Thursday, Dec. 10 @ Upsala (7:15 p.m.)
Tuesday, Dec. 15 @ Wadena-Deer Creek (6 p.m.)
Thursday, Dec. 17 @ Swanville
Friday, Dec. 18 @ Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton (6 p.m.)
Tuesday, Dec. 22 home vs. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley (5:45 p.m.)
Tuesday, Jan. 5, home vs. Verndale
Thursday, Jan. 7 @ Park Rapids
Tuesday, Jan. 12 home vs. Barnesville
Thursday, Jan. 14 home vs. Aitkin
Friday, Jan. 15 home vs. Pelican Rapids
Tuesday, Jan. 19 @ Pierz (7 p.m.)
Thursday, Jan. 21 @ Osakis (7:15 p.m.)
Friday, Jan. 22 @ Frazee
Tuesday, Jan. 26 home vs. Breckenridge
Friday, Jan. 29 home vs. Hawley
Thursday, Feb. 4 @ Long Prairie-Grey Eagle (5:45 p.m.)
Friday, Feb. 5 @ Perham
Thursday, Feb. 18 home vs. Pillager (4:30 p.m.)
Friday, Feb. 19 home vs. Park Rapids
Tuesday, Feb. 23 @ Barnesville
Friday, Feb. 26 @ Pelican Rapids

Boys basketball

(Game times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)
Thursday, Dec. 3 @ Breckenridge
Tuesday, Dec. 8 home vs. Crosby-Ironton
Thursday, Dec. 10 @ Perham
Tuesday, Dec. 15 @ Hawley
Thursday, Dec. 17 @ Aitkin (1:30 p.m.)
Friday, Dec. 18 @ Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
Tuesday, Dec. 22 home vs. Osakis
Tuesday, Jan. 5 home vs. West Central Area
Thursday, Jan. 7, @ Park Rapids
Tuesday, Jan. 12 home vs. Menahga
Thursday, Jan. 14 home vs. Pelican Rapids
Saturday, Jan. 16 @ Perham Crossover Classic vs. Legacy Christian (time TBA)
Tuesday, Jan. 19 home vs. Barnesville
Friday, Jan. 22 @ Frazee
Tuesday, Jan 26 @ Pierz (7:15)
Friday, Jan. 29, home vs. Hawley
Tuesday, Feb. 2 home vs. Breckenridge
Thursday, Feb. 4 @ Wadena-Deer Creek (7 p.m.)
Friday, Feb. 5 home vs. Perham
Friday, Feb. 12 @ Thief River Falls
Tuesday, Feb. 16 home vs. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
Thursday, Feb. 18 home vs. Pillager
Friday, Feb. 19 home vs. Park Rapids
Friday, Feb. 26 @ Pelican Rapids
Tuesday, March 2 @ Barnesville
Friday, March 5 home vs. Frazee

Boys wrestling

Friday, Dec. 4 @ Howard Lake-Waverly-Winstead Duals (5 p.m.)
Saturday, Dec. 5 @ St. Michael-Albertville Invite (9 a.m.)
Saturday, Dec. 12 @ Northfield Invitational (8 a.m.)
Tuesday, Dec. 22 @ United North Central (7 p.m.)
Friday, Jan. 15 @ Jackson County Central Class A Showcase Duals (3:30 p.m.)
Saturday, Jan. 16 @ Jackson County Central Class A Showcase Duals (9 a.m.)
Friday, Jan. 22 @ Park Rapids, Heart O' Lakes Championships (1 p.m.)
Thursday, Jan. 28 home vs. Frazee (5 p.m.)
Friday, Jan. 29 @ Pequot Lakes Rausie Cummings Quad (4 p.m.)
Thursday, Feb. 11 @ Pillager Quad (5 p.m.)

Girls wrestling

Friday, Dec. 4 @ Wadena-Deer Creek Invitational (4 p.m.)
Friday, Dec. 11 @ Brainerd Paul Bunyan Invite (4:30 p.m.)
Friday, Dec. 18 @ Monticello Invitational (4 p.m.)
Tuesday, Dec. 22 @ United North Central (6 p.m.)
Tuesday, Jan. 5 @ Onamia Triangular (5 p.m.)
Saturday, Jan. 9, @ Mora Invitational (10 a.m.)
Thursday, Jan. 21 @ Parkers Prairie Quadrangular (5 p.m.)
Thursday, Jan. 28 home vs. Aitkin, Otter Tail Central (5 p.m.)
Saturday, Jan. 30 @ Bertha-Hewitt Invitational



Staples-Motley volleyball awards

The Staples-Motley volleyball team announced awards at their year-end banquet. The team earned the Gold Academic Award with an accumulative GPA of 3.91.

Pictured front row from left, Katelyn Schotzko: Letter, Academic All-State Award, Captin's pin, FIGHT Award; Addison Potter: Letter, Most Kills, Most Blocks; Kylee Chenoweth: Letter, Most Ace Serves, Highest Serve Percentage; Chloe Trantina: Letter, Academic All-State, Captin's Pin, Most Digs, Highest Serve Receive Percentage, All-Conference Honorable Mention; Jada Ellingsen: Letter, Coaches Award; Lucy Maros: Letter, Most Set Assists;

Back row from left, Sadie Claussen: Letter; Taylee Reese: Letter; Mikaela Pesta: Letter; Jocelyn Lenk: Letter; Jasmyne Hove: Letter, Captin's Pin; Clara Maros: Letter, Captin's Pin; Hannah Cole: Letter, All-Conference, All-Section Tournament Team; Isabelle Becker: Letter, Captin's Pin, MVP; Kyleena Rudlang: Letter, Most Improved. (Submitted photo)





Youth football showcase

Staples-Motley youth football players showed their skills during their Under the Lights football showcase in October. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)









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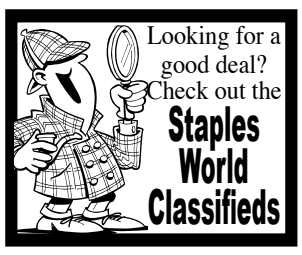
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--**Doug Fahnlander**
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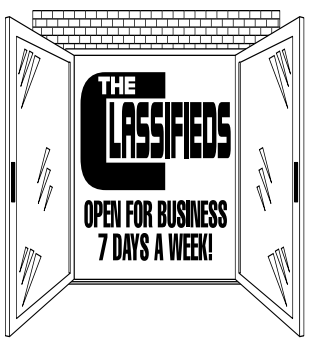
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Veterans escorted by FFA students

Veterans attending the Staples-Motley Middle/High School Veterans Day program were escorted to their seats by FFA students. The program was held at The Nest in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Shaking the speaker's hand

Fellow veteran Mel Christensen shakes the hand of First Sergeant Clint Headley following the Veterans Day program at The Nest in Staples, at which Headley was the guest speaker. At left is Keith Ferdon, fellow Army National Guard veteran and friend of Headley. Ferdon is also the husband of Debbie Ferdon, Staples-Motley Middle/High School Principal. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Enjoying lunch

A number of veterans and their families enjoyed a free lunch at Sacred Heart Church in Staples Nov. 11. The lunch, which included homemade soups, bread, desserts and beverages, was served by members of the Holy Family House of Faith.



Veterans and other attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance at the Veterans Day program Nov. 11, at The Nest in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.
77-PR-26-1074

In Re: Estate of
HENRY LEROY TEMBROCK, a/k/a HENRY L. TEMBROCK,
Decedent

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 14, 2026 at 11:14 a.m., a non-appearance hearing will be held in this Court at 221 First Avenue S. Long Prairie, MN 56347, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated January 30, 2018, and for the appointment of Susan M. Tembrock, whose address is 11452 99th Place N, Maple Grove, MN 55369 as Personal Representative of the Estate of Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. Any objections filed will result in an appearance hearing to be set at a future date. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT

Dated: November 4, 2026

Heidi Hovis,
Judge of Distric Court

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77-PR-21-922

Estate of
Mary Jo Lanik
a.k.a Mary Josephine Lanik,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the person(s) entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard in a non-appearance hearing on December 28, 2026, at 1114 AM, by this Court at First Avenue, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date..

BY THE COURT

Dated: November 9, 2026

Heidi Hovis,
Judge of Distric Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 3, 2026** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

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

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Agenda
•Call to Order
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Introduction of Planning Committee Members and process review
•Approval of agenda
•Approval of Nov. 5, 2026 Planning Commission meeting minutes
•The applicant is introduced
•Staff report
•Applicant confirms if staff report accuretly represents the request
•Correspondence
•Site Visit Review
•Public Comment
•Board review with applicant, staff and public

1. Oaks Tree Service LLC, Samson Sjogren: Section 26, Birchdale Township, Sauk Lake
Site Address: 10247 Alcott Drive, Sauk Centre, MN 56378
PID: 03-0037500
1. Request for CUP to operate Service Business from the site in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

2. Daniel J. Yoder: Section 19, Round Prairie Township
Site Address: 23806 170th St., Long Prairie, MN 56347
PID: 21-0021400
1. Request for CUP for a Finishing Business from the site in AF-1 Zoning District.

3. Joni E. Yoder: Section 07, Iona Township
Site Address: 17132 Co. Rd. 14, Clarissa, MN 56440
PID: 13-0007200
1. Request for CUP for a Woodworking Shop with a sign in AF-1 Zoning District.

4. Proposed Amendment to Section 9.22, Riparian Protection, of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance.

5. Proposed Amendment to the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance to create Section 9.24 - Data Centers.

Adjournment.

Next meeting:
January 7, 2026

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

Todd County Planning Commission
Jim Pratt, Chair
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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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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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City does not qualify for funding for water, wastewater projects on south side

the community, she showed me what service and dedication and support for the community was about," said Murray. "She was admired here, I will miss her sitting next to me."

Miles said "What a gem of a lady. She could speak her piece, when she didn't agree with something, you knew it. She was very articulate in sharing why. I appreciate working with her these many years."

Electric rates

The council approved 2027 electric rates that will be a five percent increase. Public Works Director Scott Grabe said that is in line with the costs of purchasing power, which is up 4.5 percent. Water and wastewater rates are also up about five percent, which was approved at an earlier meeting.

Infrastructure projects

Grabe said the city did not qualify for state funding for their water and wastewater project on the south side of Staples. That means they won't be able to do the full project but Grabe said they will plan to do the water line replacement for a couple of blocks on 3rd and 4th Street SW.

"It needs to be done," said Grabe. "The Public Works Commission is recommending doing that portion and getting the rest of the project ready if we do move back in the funding range."

Mayor Murray said "I'm glad we are addressing that serious area, people are dealing with some terrible water. We are doing it although we are not being funded, we owe our citizens to do that."

The 3rd and 4th street portion of the project is expected to cost $1.8 million.



Display honoring Theurer

The Staples City Council conducted their business at their Nov. 10 meeting with a photo of council member Mary Theurer on the desk in front of her chair. Theurer died Nov. 3, the week before the meeting. From left, Roy Miles, Ron Murray and John Jewison. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Delivers winning speech

Maggie Grunewald, a freshman at Staples-Motley High School, delivered her winning 'Voice of Democracy' speech at the Veterans Day program Nov. 11. Her speech was entitled, "What a Veteran Taught Me About America." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Singing, "God Bless America"

Students sang a few patriotic songs, including "God Bless America," at Sacred Heart Church during a special lunch for veterans on Veterans Day. They were accompanied by Pat DiGiovanni. The luncheon was hosted and served by members of the Holy Family House of Faith. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Guest speaker

First Sergeant Clint Headley, Brainerd, was the guest speaker at the Veterans Day program at The Nest in Staples Nov. 11. Headley's dedication to the United States spans 26 years of military service, including two overseas deployments - first to Iraq and 10 years later to Afghanistan. Headley was born in Staples and raised in McGregor. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





Singing The National Anthem

Cardinal musicians in grades five - 12 led the singing of the National Anthem at the Veterans Day program at The Nest Nov. 11. The choir was led by Cade Bestland, music teacher at Staples-Motley Middle/High School.



Playing Taps

Motley American Legion member Frank Vasecka played Taps at the Veterans Day programs Nov. 11, at The Nest in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)