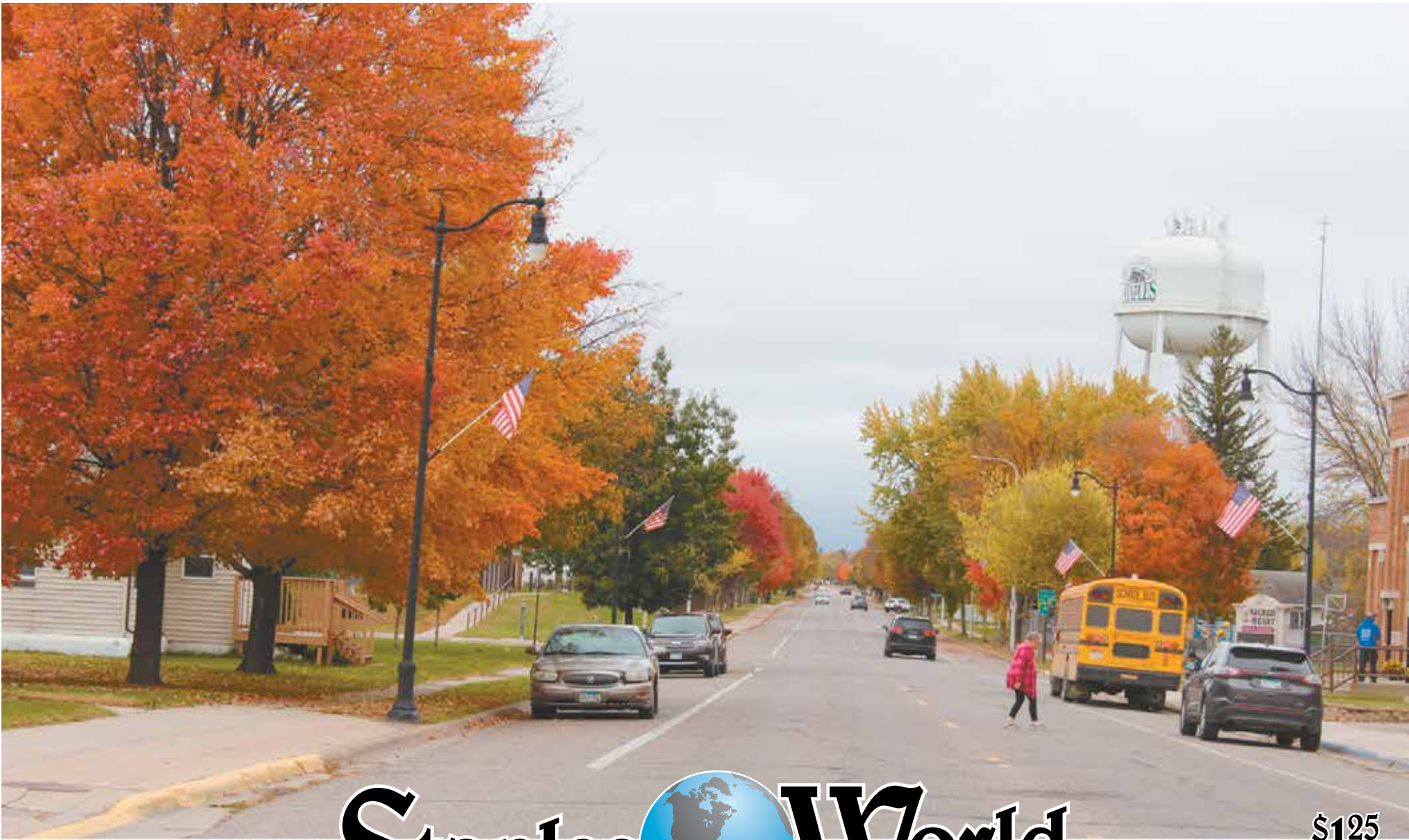


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ISD #2170 facilities open house Oct. 30

Staples-Motley School District, ISD #2170 invites the public to a Facilities Open House on Thursday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. at Staples-Motley Middle/High School (use the main entrance).

Tour the school buildings, hear from staff and learn about how the district is working to optimize learning spaces for students. School board members will be in attendance and all are welcome to attend.

Football stadium packs in 2,000 fans

At the Oct. 20 Staples-Motley School Board meeting, Activities Director Paige Ahrendt said the school sold 1,700 tickets to the football game against Pillager on Oct. 10, with both teams

coming in undefeated. The school put up extra bleachers on the far side of the field and Ahrendt said they brought in extra workers for concession stands and other stadium needs. Adding students and volunteers, she estimated more than 2,000 people were in the stadium and that doesn't count the many cars parked around the outside where people sometimes watch games from. Ahrendt commended the school's staff and volunteers for handling such a large crowd.

Hope you enjoyed these 4th Street autumn leaves... because next year many of these trees will be gone. Todd County has plans to reconstruct this road, and the city of Staples is partnering with them on the 2026 project, due to water and sewer infrastructure showing signs of failure. Many trees along the boulevard will be cut down during the process. Residents who lose a tree will have the opportunity to have a replacement tree planted elsewhere on their property. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Many, but not all, of the trees along 4th St. NE will be cut down

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Fourth Street Northeast in Staples most likely won't be a destination for looking at colorful fall leaves in 2026, but there *will* be a new, improved road to photograph. According to city officials, at least half of the boulevard trees along 4th Street NE, from 3rd Ave. to Warner Rd., will be cut down, due to reconstruction plans that are in place. "The street is a county road," Public Works Director Scott Grabe said recently, going on to say that Todd County has plans to reconstruct 4th St. Because of that, and the fact that its water and sewer infrastructure is showing signs of failure, the City of Staples is partnering with Todd County and replacing its underground infrastructure - water, sanitary and storm sewer. "We also know that there are galvanized water service lines that have given some customers some prob-

lems," Grabe said, adding that every part of those service lines that is within the city's right-of-way (ROW) will be replaced. It's essentially a two phase project, Grabe said, noting the underground utilities and the road work. Todd County is paying for the road work, which amounts to approximately 40 percent of the project. The project is scheduled for spring/summer of 2026, but the city is still waiting to hear from the state regarding funding. When news of the project was first reported by Staples World Managing Editor Mark Anderson last May, several readers were alarmed, including Ken Klose and Tom Crawford, both of Staples. Anderson's article, reporting on the May 13 city council meeting, had said that all of the boulevard trees would have to be taken out during the rebuilding of 4th Street NE. Both Klose and Crawford expressed their dismay about the trees being removed in Letters to the



Sidewalk/curb damage

Due to roots from trees, there are some cases along 4th St. NE in Staples where the sidewalk and curb has been heaved. (Submitted photo) Editor, as well as speaking Klose noted in his letter that he was a former See **TREES** on page 10a

Weather

2025

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 29	49	32	P. Cloudy
Oct. 30	50	34	P. Cloudy
Oct. 31	42	33	Cloudy
Nov. 1	43	36	M. Cloudy
Nov. 2	46	35	Cloudy
Nov. 3	47	32	M. Sunny
Nov. 4	48	31	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2024

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 29	59°	51	Cloudy
Oct. 30	49	43	Cloudy
Oct. 31	36	35	Cloudy
Nov. 1	40	25	M. Cloudy
Nov. 2	50	34	M. Cloudy
Nov. 3	46	44	Cloudy
Nov. 4	48	46	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 47° Low = 31°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Obituaries

Cristi Anderson

Vera Doroff

Earl Mergens

James Mertens

Tory Rochat

Richard Sampson

School learns of facilities funding gap

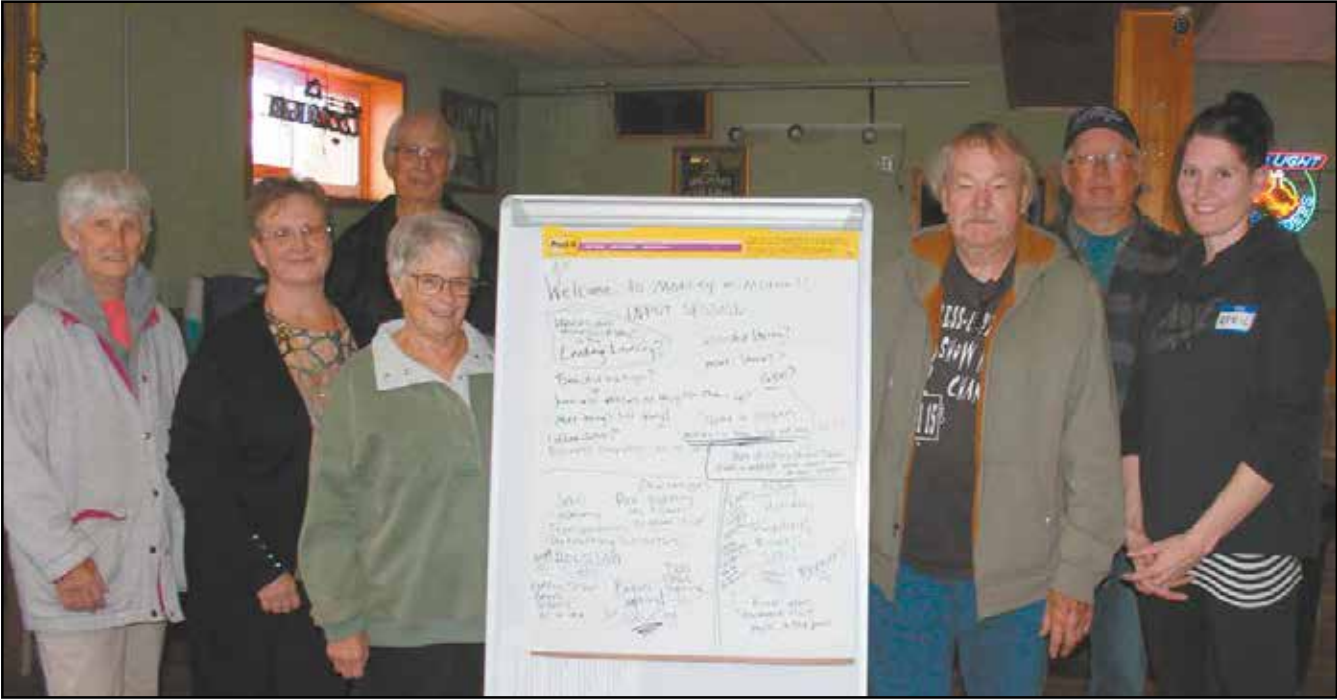
By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School District may need \$22 million to update buildings and facilities over the next 10 years, but current funding will only bring in about two million over that time span. At the Oct. 20 school board meeting, the district's building planners presented results of a study of the building. Jason Splett of ICS said his team walked through and made a plan of what needs to be done now and what needs to be done in the future. Splett said the team identified around \$22 million in building maintenance and updates that will likely

be needed over the next 10 years and estimated it will cost \$22 million to get to that level. The school's Long Term Facilities Maintenance funding brings in about \$2 million over that time. Splett said they will bring ideas and suggestions to the Nov. 3 board meeting on how they can make up that funding gap. **Building needs** ICS identified some of the major needs for each school property. At the high school/middle school, restrooms need to be updated to accessibility standards, doors and windows need updating and gym and auditorium will need attention. Splett said the highest need is interior surfaces such as

cabinetry and flooring in classrooms. The elementary school also has restroom and plumbing needs. Splett said the Staples-Motley facilities are actually in good shape for electrical and mechanical maintenance because of recent renovations. Those are usually the most costly but there won't be a big need in the next decade. Indoor air quality has also been addressed with the recent construction projects. The District Office needs air quality upgrades and parking lot work. Roofing is also a big budget item. Splett said insurance costs are going up and insurance com-

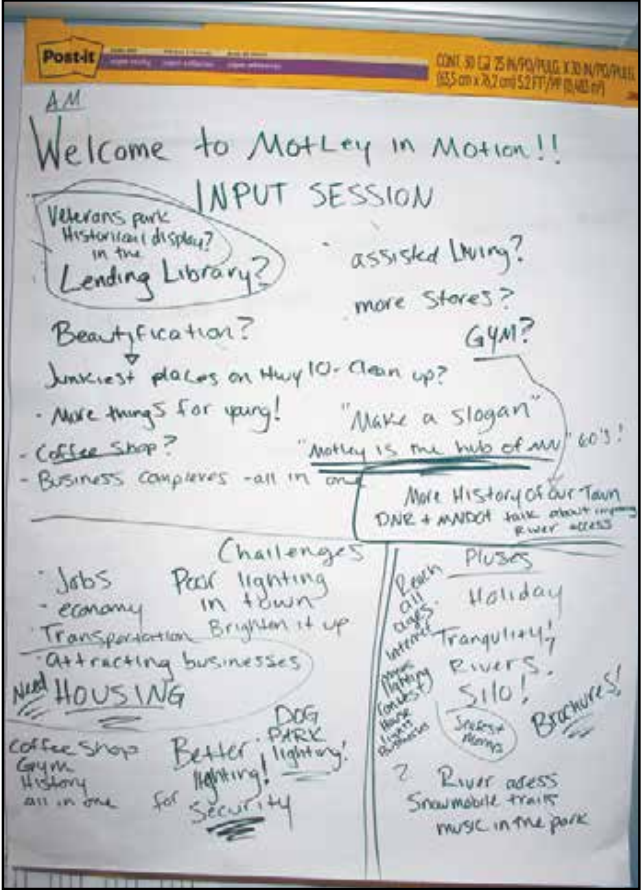
panies are requiring that schools update their roofs more frequently in order to prevent future damages. Both the high school and District Office were identified as needing roof replacements in the next 10 years. ICS identified some needs for athletic facilities, including lighting at the football field, plus new press box, bleachers and irrigation. They also mentioned replacing the track that was recently re-surfaced. The bus garage may need some parking lot work and other site work. Splett said the school has done a very good job of maintaining their facilities, but most of the repairs See **SCHOOL** on page 3a



Helping put ‘Motley in Motion’

Motley residents had the opportunity to gather Oct. 21, and brainstorm ideas for their town at the Ten-Hi Bar in Motley. This was part of the Thriving Communities Program, supported by the Initiative Foundation. Pictured above at the morning gathering are, from left, Deanne Babcock, Tami Brotherton, Erv Bjerga, Sherry Frisk, Larry Beckner, Ken Swecker, April Skeesick-Larson. An evening gathering was also offered that day, with both gatherings organized by Brotherton, Frisk and Skeesick-Larson. The group’s slogan is Motley in Motion.’

Brotherton, Motley’s City Clerk/Treasurer, said that the purpose of Thriving Communities is to promote community engagement. She noted that the committee received a grant to work on a few projects, with the city acting as the fiscal agent. Brotherton said that following the evening gathering, the committee decided to move forward with promoting Motley and all that the town already has to offer. They also plan to put together a welcome package for new residents. According to information at the Initiative Foundation’s website, “The Thriving Communities program helps small towns come together to imagine and build a stronger future. Through local listening sessions, visioning meetings and action planning, communities identify what matters most, celebrate local strengths and take meaningful steps toward shared goals. Some of the ideas shared at the morning session included the need for a coffee shop, more housing and job opportunities, a gymnasium, beautification and better lighting throughout town. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Two assault investigations by Staples PD

The Staples Police Department responded to a report of a physical assault occurring Oct. 17 in the 300 block of 4th St NE, Staples. Upon arrival and investigation, officers arrested a male individual in connection with the assault. While officers were still on scene, a second 911 call was received by the Todd County Emergency Communications Center, occurring in the 400 block of 7th St NE. The caller reported a male party at the residence kicked in the door when the caller was locking them out. A Todd County Sheriff’s Deputy was informed that the suspect in the second incident was described as a Black male, heavy set, with dreadlocks. The suspect had reportedly fled the scene on

foot heading east. In response a Red Alert was issued to Staples residences in the area with the suspect’s description. A short time later, a Staples Police Officer located an individual matching the description. The suspect was taken into custody and is facing charges of 4th-degree damage to property and 5th-degree assault. There is no ongoing threat within the community. The Staples Police Dept. would also like to clarify that the incident was not related to a homicide investigation. The names of the individuals involved have not been released at this time, as both cases remain under active investigation.



‘Trick or Treat’ for SAFS

Pastors Carl Larson and Robert Drake accompanied a youth group from Faith Lutheran Church on their Tricks or Treats event for the Staples Area Food Shelf (SAFS) Oct. 26. They collected 97 pounds of food items for the food shelf. (Submitted photo)

Free AARP tax services will be offered in Motley

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Motley City Hall will be a new location for free tax services offered through the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). At their regular meeting Oct. 13, the Motley City Council learned that AARP had recently reached out to the city to ask about this possibility. City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton told the council she’d received a call from AARP, wondering if they could use a few tables at city hall once a week during the 2026 tax season - from February through April 15. It would be held during regular business hours. They requested the room rental fee be waived. They’d previously set up shop at Staples City Hall, but that wasn’t going to be possible this year, the AARP representative told Brotherton. Council member April Skeesick-Larson said she was all for it. She said she’d used AARP’s free tax services at the Staples location, and she thought it would be great to have them in Motley. After some discus-

sion, the council approved having AARP use Motley City Hall for their free tax services in 2026. Later on, during the council forum, council member Steve Johnson said he had nothing against AARP, but he wondered about the waived \$25 rental fee. Johnson said that the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club has met at city hall and been charged a fee. He went on to note that the garden club does a lot for the city in maintaining flower pots all summer, and he felt the waived fee should apply to them as well. Brotherton said that she doesn’t have the authority to waive fees. Those decisions are made by the council, and she suggested the garden club ask to be put on the agenda at a future meeting to voice this request. Mayor Pat O’Regan said that he hopes they will do that in the future. In other matters the council: • LEARNED that Justin Voelker of Motley has joined the fire department. Fire Chief Todd Judd said that Voelker had been interviewed and passed all of the background checks. The MFD currently has 13

members. • APPROVED Fire Chief Judd’s request to begin the process of looking into purchasing a new fire truck. Judd said there is one available in Montana. He’s applied for a \$50,000 Sourcewell grant to go toward this, but those funds are not available until November. • LEARNED that the Motley Police Department, led by Police Chief Al Yoder, is in compliance with the Minnesota Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST Board). • APPROVED applying for a League of Minnesota Cities Grant Navigation Support Grant. If received, Winkelman will be hired to write the grants available through the state for the solar panel project. Winkelman’s charge for writing the grants would be \$4,800. • APPROVED putting a 20 miles per hour speed limit sign at the 300 block of Birch St. E. Prior to their vote, the council discussed a resident’s concerns regarding vehicles traveling fast along that road and that there are children nearby. • HEARD from Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton that the water tower inspection went

really well. He noted that the water tower had been painted in 2019 and that the painters did a good job. • LEARNED that there had been 19 pick ups during the city’s fall clean up. Tami Brotherton explained that the city receives a grant every spring to help cover the cost of fall clean up. However, the fee from the 19 pick ups and the remaining funds from the grant were not enough to cover the costs of fall clean up. Per their contract with the city, Long Prairie Sanitation offers their services for free during spring pick up. The council went on to discuss ways of how to spend the excess grant funds from the spring clean-up. One suggestion was the possibility of offering free pick up for seniors and the disabled, whom currently pay five dollars for a pick up. • DISCUSSED what to do about unpaid fire call invoices. City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton said that at a council meeting in 2023, the council had discussed several years worth of unpaid fire calls that totalled over \$100,000. At that time, the council had approved going with a collection agency to recoup

these costs, but she didn’t know what happened after that, as it was not noted in the minutes. She wondered if \$80,000 had been written off? She went on to say that there have been several unpaid fire calls in 2024, totalling \$4,800. The council discussed whether or not to get advice from their attorney, and if a policy should be in place regarding incidents like this. It was decided that they needed more information before going forward and they would discuss it again at their next meeting. • APPROVED a number of resolutions during the New Business portion of the meeting, including adopting the Ordinance Violation Complaint Procedure, related to zoning and code enforcement. • APPROVED a proposal for splash pad construction at Converse Park. Bruce Brotherton said he would like to do work on this project yet this fall. He also noted that the Motley Lions will be donating \$10,000 toward this project. Brotherton hopes the entire project will be finished by memorial Day, 2026. • APPROVED a request to authorize comp time

accrual beyond 64 hours for the deputy clerk, Kristen Ziegler. This would not be for over time pay, it would be for having more consistent pay checks when hours fluctuate. • APPROVED a lease agreement with Marco for an updated copier for the administration department. • APPROVED a request to accept a payment of \$500 as a full and final payment on an \$800 fire call invoice #2024-51. • APPROVED a revised Community Development Shared Service Agreement with Sourcewell. Their fee is going up to \$60/hr., a \$5/hr. increase. • APPROVED moving the public forum toward the beginning of the council meeting agenda, so people would not have to sit through the entire meeting if they did not want to. • SET next regular meeting for Monday, Nov. 10, at 4:30 p.m.

Motley area law enforcement

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) included the following: Oct. 16 - Motley Police received a report of a suspicious person walking in the hallways at 448 Pine Ave. S., Motley. Oct. 19 - Morrison County deputies received a report of an assault at the 5800 block of Azalea Rd., Motley. Oct. 19 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a complaint from Underdog Rescue of a possible dog that had been stolen from the St. Louis area. He arrived at the listed location on Beaulieu St., Motley and spoke with the listed subject who had no idea what he was talking about. She welcomed the deputy to check her residence, which he did. No dog was located.

Dr. Taylor Heck joins podiatry team at Lakewood Health System

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM), Taylor Heck, as the newest provider to its podiatry team. Originally from Sauk Rapids, Dr. Heck completed his undergraduate degree at North Dakota State University and received his podiatric degree from Des Moines University. He completed his residency at The Jewish Hospital – Mercy Health in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Heck belongs to the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, the American



Dr. Taylor Heck
Board Podiatric Medicine, and the American Podiatric Medical Association.

As a podiatrist, Dr. Heck provides comprehensive foot and ankle care for patients of all ages. He has special interests in limb salvaging and sports medicine. “I chose to come to Lakewood due to familiarity with the facility because I’m from central Minnesota. I wanted to work here in order to give back to those in the area who are in need.” Dr. Heck and his wife, Aimee, have one dog. In his spare time, Dr. Heck enjoys spending time outdoors, skiing, hiking, golfing, cooking and traveling.

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Buildings a community concern

needed go beyond the available school budget.

Staples-Motley Business Manager Ellie Hill said the school’s regular budget is not adequate to keep up with facility needs. She said in the past, the school has used general funds for some updates, but it has never been enough to keep up the older buildings.

“With all those years we couldn’t keep up with needs, you get so far behind the 8-ball,” said Hill.

In addition, the school is looking to increase their career and technical education, which will need more space and equipment to match industry needs.

Staples-Motley Superintendent Shane Tappe said “This isn’t just a school issue, this is a community issue. If we don’t work together, the consumer is going to pay more and we won’t have a skilled workforce.”

In other news, the board

- Approved hiring of Trevor Lucas, custodian; Selket Jewett, knowledge bowl co-advisor; Emili Vieths, knowledge bowl co-advisor; and Nick Schultz, assistant girls basketball coach.

- Approved non-renewal of coaching contract with Christine Fox, 9th grade girls basketball.

- Approved resignation of Pat Hoppe, junior high basketball coach and Nick Schultz, weight room supervisor.

- Approved short term leave of absence request from Audra Steffen.

- Approved PSEO contract with Lake Superior State College.

- Approved fundraiser request from Dollars For Scholars.

- Approved Adventures handbook.

- Approved sealed bids for miscellaneous items.

Todd Cty. court report Oct. 22

Long Prairie Police
Magdalena Cortez De La Cruz, Little Falls. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Driver approaching intersection fails to Yield Right of way. Fine \$50.
Jhon Ignacio Abreul Ignacio Abreul Laloce, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$85.
Bryan David Juarez, Browerville. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Aaron Michael Miller, Long Prairie. Violate federal regs, Migratory birds. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Chang Yang, Woodbury. Fail to affix valid registration sticker. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Conner James Kasper, Motley. Wrong Class/no endorsement. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
MN State Patrol
Rayan Hakeem Abdulwahed, Dilworth. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Debra Lynn Bendickson, West Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Shannon Lesley Brown, Fergus Falls. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Rosa Esmeira Castillo, St. Cloud. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Alexander Nyne Cuffy, Minnetonka. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Arturo Jose Dominguez, Long Prairie. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Derrek Wayne Geary, Maple Grove. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Barbara Ann Graves, Long Prairie. Fail to Yield right of way. Making left turn. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Matthys Johannes Herbst, Hancock. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Briana Jaye Kamphenkel, Greenwald. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Madison Alexis Lord, West Fargo, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Marlon Antonio Martinez De Paz, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Landyn Matthew Randt, Sire, WI. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Melissa Botello Rodriguez, Long Prairie. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Karina M. Rosol, Prospect Heights, IL. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Dakota Steven Smieja, Long Prairie. Window restrictions. Windshield tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Matthew John Voss, Chanhassen. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Staples Police Dept.
John Thomas, Jr. Colling, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Stop lights required on rear of vehicle. Fine \$40.
Todd County
Brayan Alejandro Ambriz Parra, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Victoria Ellen Brant, Hinckley. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Erika Lynn Denny, Sauk Centre. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Connor Louis Gamradt, Sauk Centre. Liquor consumption-by persons under 21. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Yunier Herrera Chavarria, Long Prairie. Drivers license-driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating a vehicle. Fine \$200.
Mackenzie Lillian Hoffmann, Barnum. Speed 73/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Jeremy Alan Jr. Holder, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating a vehicle. Driver turning left fails to Yield of right of way to oncoming traffic. Fine \$50. Careless driving. Fine \$100.
Benjamin James Mertens, Verdale. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$75.
Wesly Rafael Monero Aquino, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Fail to mail/

deliver certificate of title to Dept. within time frames specified. Fine \$200. Careless driving. Fine \$100. Uninsured vehicle-owner violation. Fine \$200.
Brandi Lee Saba, Andover. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Floirin Emilio Sena Mendez, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.
Duane Kurt Stobbe, Plymouth. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Ann Marie Trombley, Verndale. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Braykin Starlin Valdez, Long Prairie. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Michael Anthony Valero, Alexandria. Speed 84/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Lambert Petrus Van Sittert, Long Prairie. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$4155.
William Jason Wise, Marrietta, GA. Speed 65/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 5, 2025.
Tracy Dean Jr. Aanerud, Nevis. 1st degree-possess 50 grams or more methamphetamine. Dismissed. 2nd degree-possess 25 grams or more methamphetamine. Dismissed.3rd degree-possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections-Adult (MN Correctional Facility-St. Cloud) 33 mo. stay for 5 yr. Local confinement (128 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 128 days). Supervised probation, 5 yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 9, 2025.
Curtis Neil Mueller, Alexandria. 2nd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. 2nd degree driving while impaired-blood alcohol content greater than .08 within 2 hours. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 264 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 4 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine \$800. Fee \$115.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 15, 2025.
Jessica Marie Karel, St. Paul. Speed 75/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$75.
Korisa Rashal Champagne, Verndale. No proof of insurance. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 361 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Community work service, 24 hours for indeterminate. Supervised probation, 2 yr. Fine \$400. Fee \$75.
Richard George Delong, Browerville. 5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Stay of imposition pursuant to M.S. 609.135. Local confinement (60 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 60 days) Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine \$100. Fee \$75. 5th degree possess schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Dismissed.
Ashley Marie Rasmusson, Grey Eagle. DWI 2 Operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. DWI 2 Operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 304 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine \$100. Fee \$805. Endanger child-situation could cause harm or death-G. Continued. Local confinement (364 days, stay 304 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 3 days).Supervised probation, 2 yr. Fine \$50. B Card violation. Dismissed.
Mary Josephine Solid, Eagle Bend. DWI-Operate motor vehicle under influence. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 88 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Supervised probation, 2 yr. Fine \$400. Fee \$100.

News

Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from 1988. 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.

William Hamblien, Mrs. Carol Satterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sarkela, Mrs. Flossie Chilberg, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Restad, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunton, and Mrs. Loretta Braford.

• Oct. 30, 1975 - The Rocking ‘S’ Saddle Club endured several difficulties on their Bicentennial ride between Staples and the historic old village of “Itasca” located at the rest stop several miles south of Elk River, Saturday and Sunday.

Trail Boss Lester Sadlo, vice-president of the saddle club, accompanied the group of riders as they covered more than 120 miles in approximately nine hours by horseback, relay-style. The horses made the trip at an average speed of 12 1/2 miles per hour.

25 Years Ago - 2000

• Nov. 2, 2000 - The Cardinals girls tennis team enjoyed their most successful trip ever to the state tennis tournament, claiming third place as a team and getting one of their doubles teams into the finals of the individual state tournament.

In the individual portion, the Cardinal doubles team of Rose Milless and Laura Warn fought through the preliminary rounds, losing in the semi-finals before coming back to win the third place match.

The Cards finished in third place in the team tournament, winning their last match 4-3 over United South Central, the team from Wells.

“I feel we are the public school champs. It was Rochester Lourdes and the Blake School in the finals. We are not going to touch them, so at least we can call ourselves the champs of the smaller public schools,” Coach Kevin Coughlin said.

• Nov. 2, 2000 - Staples Motley’s boys captured their fifth straight Section 6A cross country title Oct. 26, overcoming a host of injuries to keep their string intact.

“Our boys came through in awesome fashion,” Coach Gene Mattila said.

They finished first, with 44 points, beating out

Paynesville who finished with 50. Other team scores included Wadena-Deer Creek 91, Montevideo 95, New London-Spicer 115, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 129 and Morris 154.

• Nov. 2, 2000 - Two swimmers earned Mid State All Conference honors Saturday as the Cardinals competed at the Mid-State swimming and diving meet.

Freshman Abby Palmer captured first place in the 100 breast and second in the 200 individual medley race to claim all conference honors. Classmate Britta Binek also earned all-conference with a second place in the 200 free.

• Nov. 2, 2000 - Two accidents on Friday morning, one north of Motley, one just south of Staples, kept area emergency personnel very busy for several hours.

In all, eight people were treated for injuries in the two separate accidents. Two are still at North

Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis, while one was still at Greater Staples hospital on Tuesday.

10 Years Ago - 2015

• Oct. 29, 2015 - What does drinking soda do to your body?

What factors contributed to the Dust Bowl and what were the effects on the people?

These were just two of the seven topics explored by Connections High School students during their first project showcase program Oct. 13.

Connections High School (CHS) is a project based school located at Staples Motley high School. CHS students must meet core standards in math, science and language arts. They can choose topics to research and work with advisors to develop projects that will meet those core standards.



A visit from a ‘mystery girl’

Frankie Lou Thorn, right, of Santa Monica, Calif., stopped by the Staples World Oct. 22, with her mom, Terrie Brown, of Staples. Thorn was in town visiting family and helping celebrate her mom’s 80th birthday. She said it was a fun surprise to see the recent mystery photo, of which she was a part of. Thorn, a 1982 Staples high School graduate, works as an actor, and is a ‘soccer mom’ to her 16-year-old daughter. She also has an adult son. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the Oct. 23, 1975 edition of the Staples World featured students at North Elementary school in Staples who had recently been elected as student council officers. From left are Randy

Card, president; Billie Jo Collins, vice president; Sherri Nurnberger, secretary; Frankie Lou Thorn, treasurer.

Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Cardinal Showcase

Collaboration key to success: understanding Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

By Jenny Pantzke
Staples-Motley Teaching and Learning Coordinator

Staples-Motley School District is deepening its commitment to continuous improvement through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). This collaborative model is a vital part of our strategy to ensure every student receives the highest quality education.

Simply put, a PLC is a group of educators who meet regularly to share expertise and work collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students. It moves beyond typical department meetings by establishing a structured, ongoing process of shared inquiry and collective learning.

In our district, teachers participate in these focused sessions, utilizing designated Early Release days. This dedicated time is specifically allocated to collaboration, ensuring that the primary focus remains on refining and improving classroom practices rather than administrative tasks.

The core of PLC work revolves around four critical questions:

1. What is it we want students to learn? (Curriculum)
2. How will we know if they have learned it? (Assessment)
3. What will we do if they haven't learned it? (Intervention/Instruction)
4. What will we do if they already know it? (Enrichment/Instruction)

These discussions are centered on concrete topic areas: curriculum alignment, effective instructional strategies, consistent and meaningful assessment practices, and ultimately, measurable improvement in student achievement.

By working together, our educators move from an

isolated approach to a collective responsibility for student success. The PLC framework fosters an environment where teachers can analyze data, share best practices, design common assessments, and develop targeted interventions. This collaboration is a structured, sustained effort to ensure excellence for all Staples-Motley students.

This year marks an exciting step in our PLC model. Moving beyond a one-size-fits-all approach, instead PLC groups are focused on six critical areas chosen by teachers.

- Student Engagement: Developing innovative techniques and classroom environments that capture student attention and motivate deeper learning.

- The Science of Reading: Delving into the latest research and evidence-based instructional practices for literacy development.

- Math: Collaborating on curriculum sequencing, challenging concepts, and effective strategies for developing mathematical reasoning.

- Building Relationships: Focusing on social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, and strengthening teacher-student connections to improve the learning climate.

- Career Pathways: Integrating career readiness, real-world applications, and college planning into core subject instruction.

- Lesson Strategies: Refining instructional delivery, incorporating technology, and exploring diverse pedagogical methods to meet the needs of all learners.

This targeted approach ensures that meetings are highly productive, allowing teachers to become experts in their chosen domains and bring specialized knowledge back to their students and colleagues.

For many, this expression will be forever linked to Dorothy, the young heroine from cyclone-swept Kansas in the classic film The Wizard-of-Oz. Dorothy, who—as she clicked the heels of her ruby slippers together three times—spoke those enchanted words: “There’s no place like home...there’s no place like home... there’s no place like home.”

In the movie, the magic in those simple words brought Dorothy back from far away Oz to her family’s farm in Kansas. For us, the idea behind such words is a recognition that the place around which most of our life’s events revolve may deserve our greater appreciation. “Home” likely is special in its own way. Sometimes it takes a departure and an absence to help us see it.

Such sentiments are still in play here, after returning from a two-week, cross-country driving trip to New York City and the Atlantic coast. One objective of this trip was to spend time in the Big Apple with family members, including a young grandchild; a family that—due to half a continent’s distance—is too seldom seen, other than for summer visits, and major holidays. This stop would be first, then to venture beyond New York City to Cape Cod on the Massachusetts coast of the Atlantic Ocean.

Most who live here in Minnesota and have such distant destinations in their plans would probably opt for an airline flight. But my wife and I are lovers of the road trip. This mode of travel gives us a firsthand view of the geographic diversity of the American landscape, and a sense of the enormity of the country, which would be missed if we flew. As one might expect, some of this landscape is quite like our environment here at home, while some is very different.

Fall is an especially good time for a trek like this.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

Tourist traffic has diminished, save for “leaf peepers” at certain destinations, and chiefly on weekends. Fall color is part of the attraction, at least in those states where the major interstate highway routes transect forested country. Western and central Wisconsin fits that description, but some of that beauty may be lost on a Minnesotan, due to our familiarity with it. “Familiarity breeds contempt,” as they say.

Pennsylvania was perhaps the standout scenic state on our route, due not only to being heavily forested for much of its west-to-east length, but also to its mountains, deep valleys, and the streams and rivers that cut through them. These are chiefly in the Allegheny and Pocono ranges. Though they’re neither as high nor as rugged as the Rockies, they are dramatic nonetheless, especially to a “flatlander,” as most Minnesotans are.

Such “most scenic” judgments are perhaps unfair, since any passing-through route may only expose a traveler to a limited sampling of any state’s scenic virtues. For example, a route that cuts primarily through the urban and suburban sectors of New York, but misses such standout regions as the Catskills, or Adirondack Mountains, would leave you with very different impressions than if your travel route was the reverse.

On such a trip you also get a sense of which states are committed to offering services to travelers, by the quality of their stop-and-rest areas and service plazas, the latter being places where you not only fill your vehicle’s fuel tank—or recharge batteries, as the case may be—but pick up literature on local and regional attractions, and can choose from a variety of fast foods, as well as state-branded merchandise to prove that

you “really were there.”

The best and most complete on-the-route travel amenities we judged to be those in Ohio, with Connecticut close behind; the latter certainly the leader in the shortest-distance-between-rest-areas category. Those in Indiana we found to be the most Spartan (I’m trying not to be unkind here!), perhaps an indication that its state government has not deemed tourists to be a priority investment.

On a trip like this one can’t help comparing what he has at home to the landscape through which he passes. All through the forested country astride Interstate 80 in Pennsylvania I found myself evaluating the potential of those woods to hold ruffed grouse. Then too there were the highway signs that depicted a deer in mid-jump, along with the words “High Impact Area!” I know all about car-and-deer collisions, several times over.

You also discover that some of the issues we deal with at home are issues elsewhere, too. While shopping for some groceries after ending our driving for the day, I picked up a copy of Pennsylvania Game News, a publication similar to our own state’s Conservation Volunteer. In it I read about debates over the length of their ruffed grouse season, and the extent to which CWD—chronic wasting disease—has become a threat to their whitetail deer herd. In that respect, that distant place is very much like home.

If you are a lover of Minnesota’s North Shore of Lake Superior, you would probably like Cape Cod. We chose that as our farthest trip destination for just that reason. Only instead of herring or smoked whitefish served in a restaurant, or obtained at a North Shore fish merchant, on Cape Cod you will likely be ordering

lobster or oyster—raw, if you’re brave.

The most distant point on our trip was not the Cape itself, but the island of Nantucket, which is just a shade under 29 miles by ferry from Hyannis, notably the site of the so-called Kennedy family compound. Nantucket was originally inhabited by the Wampanoag Native American tribe, and was purchased from them in 1659 by English colonists, who made their living fishing, farming, and rising cattle.

That was before whaling emerged as the leading local industry, eventually growing to such an extent that Nantucket earned the name “whaling capital of the world.” Those days are in the far distant past. Today the island is a tourist mecca, including angling tourism of a deep sea flavor, and the site of many summer homes and cottages. In one of its shops I discovered a pair of hand-carved mallard duck decoys, made long ago by one of the most legendary of the early New England carvers. They were priced at a mere \$9,500! I had to settle for making a pilgrimage to the workshop in which this carver—Elmer Crowell—pursued his solitary craft, located in his home town of Harwich, on the Cape itself.

Back here now in Minnesota, it appears that I have arrived in time for whenever a weather change may bring a surge in migrating ducks. Many of the leaves are down, which will make shots at an explosively-flushing ruffed grouse at least possible. Perhaps that hoped-for cold snap will bring in a few more woodcock, too. Then there is the November trout fishing outing in Southeast Minnesota that my son and I are planning.

It’s good to be back. There really is no place like home.

Washington’s farewell address holds lessons for today

By Lee H. Hamilton

George Washington’s Farewell Address is one of the key documents of America’s founding era. It’s not as familiar as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and some other writings, but it was a clarion call for national unity when the United States was forming its identity.

It’s also remarkably pertinent to our own time. As political scientist Robert Strong writes in a recent essay, the dangers that Washington foresaw for the young republic “seem startlingly contemporary and relevant 229 years later.” Chief among Washington’s concerns was excessive partisanship, which, he wrote, “agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part

against another, (and) foments occasionally riot and insurrection.”

The Farewell Address, written with help from James Madison and, especially, Alexander Hamilton, and published in a Philadelphia newspaper on Sept. 19, 1796, explained Washington’s reasons for not seeking a third term as president. Washington was uniquely popular. The hero of the American Revolution, he was already celebrated as the father of his country. Presidential electors had voted unanimously for him in 1788 and 1792. He could have been president for life, but he put the government in the capable hands of his contemporaries.

The Farewell Address, when it’s mentioned, is often cited for its warning that America should “steer clear of permanent alliances” with other nations. That language has been used – wrongly, I believe – to justify isolationism. But Strong, who spent time working in my congressional office as an American Political Science Association fellow, writes that the overall focus is on domestic affairs.

Washington warned that the government shouldn’t accumulate debt, for example. When it had to borrow money, he wrote, it should promptly repay it, “not ungenerously throwing upon posterity the burden which we ourselves ought to bear.” Today our national debt approaches \$40 trillion, a burden for future generations. He also worried about regional disputes, especially between North and South, a conflict that would tear the nation apart 65 years later. Today we are divided between blue states on the coasts and red states in the interior. We aren’t at war, but our relations can be tense.

Washington’s strongest warnings were against partisanship, or what he called “the baneful effects of the

spirit of party, generally.” At a time when the first American political parties, Hamilton’s Federalists and Thomas Jefferson’s Democratic-Republicans, were taking shape, Washington conceded that creating parties was “inseparable from our nature.” But he feared the consequences: “disorders and miseries” that “incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual; and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction ... turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation on the ruins of public liberty.” The language may seem dated, but the concern about extreme partisanship, the concentrated power of an individual leader and even the “runs of public liberty” should speak to Americans today.

Washington pointed to the Constitution’s checks and balances between the branches of government as a critical safeguard against absolute power. “To preserve them must be as necessary as to institute them,” he wrote. It seems likely that he would be concerned about the way Congress, in recent years, has stood by while presidents accumulate more power.

America’s founders weren’t perfect. They were men of their time (and they were all men). Many of them, including Washington, were slaveowners. They couldn’t foresee the ways the nation would change and grow. But they thought deeply about the meaning of freedom and about how to institute a government that would preserve it. We would do well today to take their words to heart.

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USDA takes \$3 billion to reopen FSA

By Heather Close, The Rural Blog

U.S. farmers are harvesting big crops, but many are reaping little or no profit. To address some of their economic strife, the Department of Agriculture is “planning to release more than \$3 billion in aid to U.S. farmers that had been frozen as a result of the government shutdown,” report Natalie Andrews and Patrick Thomas of The Wall Street Journal.

Bumper crops should be a boon for American farmers, but instead they are “fueling a glut that is driving down prices. Rising costs for fertilizer and farm equipment are also squeezing their balance sheets,” Andrews and Thomas explain.

In addition to cash assistance, the USDA will “resume Farm Service Agency core operations, which have been closed for three weeks during the government shutdown,” Andrews and Thomas write. “This will al-

low farmers to access aid, including some safety-net programs.”

President Donald Trump considered using tariff revenue to fund a bailout package for farmers earlier this year; however, the \$3 billion comes from the Commodity Credit Corp., the same fund Trump tapped to help farmers weather his first-term tariffs.

Before the government closed, the Trump administration was considering another \$10 billion for farmers “struggling because of Trump’s trade war, but that new relief is on hold while the government is shut down,” the Journal reports.

President Trump will be in Asia next week, where he “plans to push Chinese leader Xi Jinping to buy U.S. soybeans to help struggling American farmers,” Andrews adds. “The two leaders are scheduled to meet on the sidelines of a summit in South Korea.”

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October Storytime at Staples Public Library

Fall Storytime was held Oct. 15 at the Staples Public Library. Carson Sadlo and Emmett Arntson made foam pumpkins and listened to stories. Join the next Storytime, Nov. 19, by calling to register. Th program is provided by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Upcoming events are listed on the webpage at www.griver.org or stop by the Staples Public Library, 122 6th St NE, phone 218-894-1401, open Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday 1-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6p.m.; Thursday, 1-8 p.m., Friday, 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon to sign up.

SNAP, MFIP food benefit disruptions

From Todd County Health and Human Services

Due to a lack of funding caused by the federal government shutdown, the following program benefits will not be issued for November until the shutdown ends or the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) receives further guidance from the federal government:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

food benefits

The MFIP cash portion will continue to go out in November. If you have been receiving SNAP or MFIP benefits, continue to use the benefits already issued to you.

The department continues to explore solutions that will give Minnesotans access to benefits should the shutdown continue. Visit dcyf.mn.gov/federal-shutdown for support resources and updates on the latest federal government shutdown impact to DCYF programs.

Meatball SUPPER

Swan Valley Lutheran Church,
Hwy 64, Leader, MN

Sat., Nov. 1

Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Corn, Coleslaw, Dessert, Beverage

FREE WILL OFFERING
Serving 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

***Quilt Raffle**

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Notice of ANNUAL MEETING of Todd County Agricultural Society Shareholders

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025

HELD AT
AMERICAN LEGION
LONG PRAIRIE

Social - 6:30 p.m.
Meal - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting - 8 p.m.

Meal on your own - order off menu

If you are interested in becoming a member, shares can be purchased from Katie Hendricks, Secretary 320-732-2739 or Mike Wielenberg, Chair 320-766-1817. Shares are \$10.

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Staples Alliance Church

1512 8th St NE, Staples 218-894-2891

Fri., October 31, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
Mass: Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Michael

280 1st Ave S, Motley 218-894-2296
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314 Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
Sunday 10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

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

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

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

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

Family Life Church

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

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 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
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

Central Community Church
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church

20 Mason Avenue NW
Verndale 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314 Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
MASS: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314 Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday 4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

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

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

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st Street SE, Wadena(218) 631-1593
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314 Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
Mass: Sunday 10 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 30

'WALK WITH A DOC' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lake-wood 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>

Oct. 31

TRUNK OR TREAT at Staples Alliance Church, 1512 8th St. NE, Friday, Oct. 31, 4 - 5:30 p.m. A fun, safe, trick or treating experience.

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.

Nov. 2

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS Sundays, 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

Nov. 4

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

RUBY'S PANTRY will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples.

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

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And we need to prove this by our actions, reaching out to and helping those in need; being for life, valuing it, at all ages and conditions. We need to show them that those lives are valuable, but also help them purify their priorities so that they never target as their goal something which puts those lives in the line of fire, because that's not a good goal, that's not the life we're pro, a life filled with nothing but competition and no value beyond our own decisions. We want our lives and choices to have meaning, but the only way we can have that is to be humble and accept the inherent meaning of things outside our choice, built into them. That's real life. That's authentic. The alternative is endless warfare over whose choices are more important, but we're made for living united in truth.

This love is what being pro life is at its essence. Legal action is important, but not as important as this. As one man put it, "There are too many single mothers out there. These young men need to know that they can do it and being a dad is greater than they can imagine."

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Obituaries

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Cristi Anderson

It is with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Cristi Lynn (Wonders) Anderson, 50, of Champlin.

Cristi suffered a massive stroke on September 24 and passed away October 1, 2025.

Mass of Christian burial was held October 17 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Brooklyn Park.

Burial was held at the Champlin City Cemetery.

Cristi was born December 22, 1974 to Jerry and Gayle Wonders of Staples. She was welcomed home by her older sister, Jill on Christmas morning. She attended Sacred Heart School and Staples-Motley High School graduating in 1993. She attended Moorhead State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Community Health in 1997. After college, she moved to Plymouth where she began working at Placement Pros. It was there that she met the love of her life, Jayme Anderson and they were married on September 15, 2001. The couple had three children, Carly, Caden and Lexi, whom were



loved her job and clients and especially the people she worked with. Cristi was probably best known for her infectious laugh. We could always find her in a store, because you could hear her laugh throughout. She enjoyed reading, although as busy as she was she would listen to audio books while in the car to make the most of her time. She enjoyed traveling, holidays, the Hallmark channel, puzzles, card and board games, watching football, coordinating fantasy football leagues and just being with her people having fun and enjoying the time spent together.

Carly (20), Caden (18) and Lexi (16) are supported by their grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, James and countless friends. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter and faith - a life well lived and a soul well loved.

In lieu of flowers, an education fund will be set up for Carly, Caden and Lexi.

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Tory Rochat

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Tory Michael Rochat , 28, on October 4, 2025.

Join us in celebrating Tory's life on November 8, at 11 a.m. for a service at the Assembly of God Church in Staples, as we honor the unforgettable impact he made on our lives.

Tory was born September 25, 1997 to Julia Burton in Minneapolis. He was raised in Staples by Julia and Jay Rochat where he graduated high school in 2016. From a young age, Tory was known for his kindness, compassion, intelligence and unwavering support for others. He was a gentle soul, always thinking of others and protecting their feelings.

Tory's higher education journey began at St. Cloud State University in 2017. During this year, he met the love of his life, Kortni Cloud. Driven by his dreams, he transferred to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus where he earned a bachelor's degree in statistics with a minor in computer science in 2021. During his time at the U of M, Tory joined the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, serving as the scholarship chairman and later the executive vice president. He found fulfillment by serving others and building lifelong bonds. Recently, Tory returned to school and was in his third



year of pursuing a second bachelor's degree. He was an avid learner who was always striving for personal growth. One of his proudest memories was hearing someone introduce him as "the smartest person they knew."

Professionally, Tory spent his whole career at SPS Commerce. He began in customer support, quickly earning recognition for dedication and hard work. He was promoted to software engineer, respected for his intelligent and educational gifts. Tory's love for learning extended beyond work. He was always eager to challenge others to board games and was often the person to beat at family game nights. He excelled at ping pong, bean bags, darts and was always "down to try anything."

Tory's warmth and generosity touched everyone he met. He built incredible relationships and was always there to support

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Vera Doroff

Vera Zona Doroff, 91, of Cushing, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on October 16, 2025, at her home in Cushing.

A private family burial will be held.

Vera was born September 23, 1934, to Hans and Marie (Hahn) Kronbeck in Little Falls. She attended Rural School District #121 and graduated from Little Falls High School with the Class of 1952.

In 1954, Vera married the love of her life, James Doroff. Together they raised five children and built a life centered on family, faith and community.

Vera worked as a receptionist at Stillwater Medical Center, a position she deeply cherished. Her warmth and kindness made a lasting impression on all who met her. She was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley, where she belonged to St. Monica's Circle. She was



also involved in the Staples Lioness Club, Christian Women's Organization and the Scandia Valley Red Hat Club.

Vera loved reading, sewing and spending time with her family at their home on Lake Alexander - her favorite place to relax and make memories with those she loved most.

Vera is survived by five children, Elizabeth (Randy) Mittag of River Falls, WI; Susan (Michael) Schmidt of Somerset, WI; Michael

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Earl Mergens, Sr.

Earl Mergens, Sr., 88, of Detroit Lakes, passed away peacefully October 8, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

A Funeral Mass was held Oct. 14, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Detroit Lakes.

Born December 6, 1936, in St. Paul, Earl was the son of Ruth and Edward Mergens and little brother to Ed.

After proudly serving his country as a United States Marine, Earl dedicated his life to education and leadership. He served as a teacher, coach, Special Education Director and Athletic Director, shaping the lives of countless students with his patience, encouragement and wisdom.

A man of deep faith and steadfast character, Earl lived his Catholic values daily through kindness, integrity and service to others. He found great joy in the outdoors - whether hunting, fishing, golfing or camping - and especially loved spending time with family and friends.



Michael Griffin (Abigale), Justin Mergens (Maria), Jacob Mergens (Elizabeth), Zachary Mergens (Kierstin), Amanda Mergens, Jonathan Mergens, (Troy Schillinger), Hannah Ellingson (Jaden), Brittany Mergens, Kaylee Mergens and Mikayla Mergens.

Earl was blessed with 13 great-grandchildren who brought him endless joy, Andrew Hochstein, Jackson Hochstein, Marli Hochstein, Archer Griffin, Jo Griffin, Bryant Ellingson, Cecilia Ellingson, Eli Mergens, Levi Mergens, Whitney Mergens, Brecklyn Mergens, Brinley Mergens and Oakley Mergens.

Though he will be deeply missed, his loved ones take comfort knowing that Earl is now in the presence of Jesus, reunited with loved ones who have gone before him and enjoying the peace of eternal life.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

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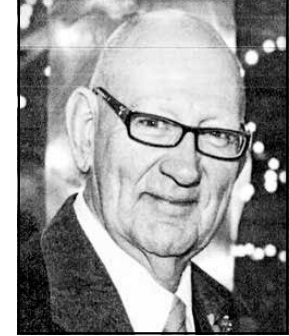
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Funeral services were held October 25 in Texas.

James was born October 27, 1938 to William and Elizabeth (Erbe) Mertens.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

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Richard Sampson

Richard A. Sampson, 86, formerly of Motley, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2025, in Brainerd.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, October 31, at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Motley City Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter.

Full obituary will be published Nov. 5.

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Noska advances in state tennis tournament

Ronnie Noska made it to the second round of the state tennis tournament but lost to the eventual third place finisher, giving her a top-8 finish in the state. Noska won 6-2, 6-3 in the first round against Emma Siert of Lake City. In the next round, she faced Nellie Larson of St. Paul Academy-Summit, who's been ranked number two all year. The first set was com-

petitive with Noska earning three games, but the second set was 6-0. The loss put Noska out of the tournament as the MSHSL does not play fifth through eighth place matches. Noska ended the season with a 24-5 record and her fourth trip to the state tournament as an individual, playing three times in singles and once in doubles.

After opening round win, Cardinals knocked out of football playoffs

The Staples-Motley football team was frustrated at nearly every opportunity during their 41-0 loss at Holdingford, on Oct. 25, in the section playoffs. In the first round of the playoffs on Oct. 21, the Cards defeated Wadena-Deer Creek 58-12.

Against Holdingford, the Cardinal offense would get first downs, then falter, never getting a sustained drive. The defense would make stops but then allow big plays to reset the downs. As that kept happening, the SM didn't have enough big plays to turn the momentum the other way.

Staples-Motley also made a few costly mistakes. In the first half, they were unable to track down two kickoffs in the wind, with one ending up at their own five and the time allowed the other team to recover it. In the second half, Staples-Motley lost a fumble and threw an interception.

The defense made one good goal line stand, stopping Holdingford at the three yard line on fourth down.

With their running game mostly shut down, quarterback Eli Rutten was able to move the ball with passes to Conner Kuhns, Peyton Jares and Turner Beachy, but the Cards were always stopped after one or two first downs.

First round

Playing Wadena-Deer Creek at home in the first round of the playoffs, the Cards found themselves in the end zone the first four times they touched the ball.

Kayden Neisen ran back the opening kickoff for a touchdown, Colbe Tappe passed to Turner Beachy for the two point conversion.

On the next possession, Tappe ran a punt back 70 yards for a TD, with Beau Carlson running in for the two point conversion for a 16-0 lead.

After that, Conner Kuhns scored on a pass from Eli Rutten, Beachy scored on a 13 yard pass from Rutten and Tappe ran 49 yards for another TD. The linemen got into the scoring column when Luke Bjerga ran in a touchdown and center Riley Reese became a running back for the extra point and converted for a 46-6 lead at halftime.

Meanwhile on defense, Russel Milton and Tappe each had fumble recoveries.



Colbe Tappe



Peyton Jares

In the second half, Cooper Tappe had a TD run and Jacob Reeck punched in a touchdown run.

Team results

Staples-Motley 58, Wadena-Deer Creek 12

Rushing: B. Carlson 2-51, Colbe Tappe 1-51, 1 TD; Luke Bjerga 1-22, 1 TD; Tristan Moore 1-20, Eli Bounds 1-20, Cayden Neisen 1-20, Cooper Tappe 1-15, 1 TD; Jacob Reeck 1-10, 1 TD; T. Beachy 1-7, Liam Jennissen 1-5, Ayden Hovland 1-3

Passing: E. Rutten 9-14, 132, 2 TD; Cooper Tappe 2-2, 14

Receiving: Carlson 2-42, Peyton Jares 2-32, C. Kuhns 2-27, 1 TD; Beachy 3-20, 1 TD; Colbe Tappe 1-18, Jayden Rogers 1-7

Leading tacklers: Moore 9, Ryder Thompson 8, Hovland 7, Bryson Dumphreese 5, Ayden Blue 5, Zach Tabatt 5

Fumble recovery: R. Milton, Colbe Tappe



Eli Rutten



Audrey Brownell, right, leads the pack at the Section 6A cross country meet.



Gabriel Kroll

Brownell wins section, headed for state

The Staples-Motley cross country teams had a good section meet and with one individual champion, Audrey Brownell in the girls race.

The girls team finished fourth and the boys were ninth in the Section 6A meet at the Minnewaska Golf Club on Oct. 23. Coach Bruce Fuhrman said "The kids learned a lot at the section. Both groups are young and new to varsity running. It showed a bit."

In the boys meet, Gage Bjerga started out with the second of runners racing for a state qualifying position. He faded a little in the second half of the race while Andrew Dobson had an amazing last mile to get into the top 25 and running his fastest time ever.

"The race was highly competitive with emerging runners and teams fighting to win the title," said Fuhrman. He noted that the top seed, Sauk Centre, was knocked out by Bertha-Hewitt and Wadena-Deer Creek for the two spots at state.

"This illustrates how important gaps between runners are to team scores," said Fuhrman, noting that this is one of the lessons the Staples-Motley runners learned.

"This is a young team of sophomores through 7th graders who have learned much this season," said Fuhrman. "We discussed how 'taking it on the chin' this season will make them seasoned runners in the years to come. They will be a group to definitely take notice of in the near future."

In the girls race, Brownell started in the lead with one competitor sticking with her until halfway through the 3.1 mile race. She pulled away steadily to win by 23 seconds.

"Audrey was great," said Fuhrman. "She is poised and polished in her strategy in running races."

As a team, the girls were looking at getting into second place, which would take a "flawless" race, according to Fuhrman.

"Every portion of the race is critical. Our team's start wasn't the best and we were pinched in, to fall off the pace early," said Fuhrman. "Wadena, Minnewaska, and New London-Spicer surged to the front, with Parkers Prairie and OTC also in front of us at the mile."

Elise Trif and Suhaila Mikhael moved up throughout the race. Aleea Holst was coming back from an injury and started in the second pack but fell back a little. With Elizabeth Kroll coming in soon after, the Cardinals moved up into fourth place.

"To come back to earn a fourth place finish is a good accomplishment," said Fuhrman. "This will be a group of girls to watch in the coming years."

This was Brownell's

third section title to go along with one second place finish at sections. She will run at the state cross country meet on Saturday, Nov. 1, at Les Bolstad Golf Course in Falcon Heights. The girls race starts at 10:45 a.m.

Boys results

Section 6A cross country meet

Bertha-Hewitt 51, Wadena-Deer Creek 65, Sauk Centre 89, Ottertail Central 132, West Central Area 142, Benson/Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg 178, New London-Spicer 201, Minnewaska 216, Staples-Motley 229, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 263, Ortonville 268, Osakis 300, Morris/Chokio-Alberta 363, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 367, Pillager 372, Border West 450

23. Andrew Dobson 17:46, 28. Gage Bjerga 18:06, 35. Garrett Bjerga 18:39, 72. Gabriel Kroll 19:45, 75. Jackson Odden 19:49, 78. Reed Leach 19:53, 94. Alex Leach 21:08

Girls results

Section 6A cross country meet

New London-Spicer 38, Wadena-Deer Creek 103, Parkers Prairie 132, Staples-Motley 146, Minnewaska 154, Ottertail Central 169, Sauk Centre 207, West Central Area 208, Morris/Chokio-Alberta 228, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 244, Pillager 278, Osakis 281, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 325, Border West 339

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Elise Trif



Andrew Dobson



Gage Bjerga

Volleyball team learns from playoff loss

The Staples-Motley girls volleyball team lost in the first round of playoffs at Pequot Lakes on Oct. 22, 2025.

The Cardinals finished the season with a 7-20 record and were 1-7 in the Heart 'O Lakes Conference.

Despite more losses than wins, the team improved over the season.

"We're a fairly young team as far as varsity playing experience," said Coach Gretchen Bestland. We had three returning players that were in last year's starting lineup, so we had many players seeing their first

"It's a big jump from C and JV to varsity, particularly in the HOL conference being as strong as it is right now, which includes the returning Class AA state champion.

We did see a lot of progress throughout the season and felt that our record didn't reflect the level the girls can play at.

While the team competed well at times, Bestland said they weren't able to stay at that level consistently.

"The coaches feel that the underclassman now know the work that's needed in the offseason to be able to

next fall," said Bestland.

Team results

Staples-Motley 0, Pequot 3; 9-25, 15-25, 14-25

Annie Schlosser: assists-6, kills-6, blocks-2, digs-5

Katelyn Schotzko: aces-1, assists-7, digs-5

Izzy Becker: aces-1, assists-2, kills-1, digs-19

Addie Potter: kills-3, blocks-1, digs-1

Hannah Cole: kills-2, blocks-5, digs-1

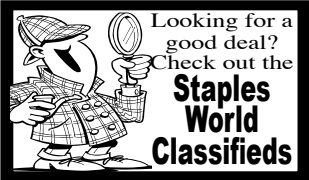
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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

Public Notices

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #4 Oct. 6, 2025 6:00 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Freeman at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken, members Wright, Frisk, Reeck, Trout and Freeman were present, comprising a quorum. Member Reese was absent. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Chair Freeman recognized those in attendance

Superintendent Performance Review Summary
was read by Chair Freeman

Consent Agenda
Approve minutes from

the September 22, 2025 board meeting

Approve the fundraiser requests from Volleyball

Approve the resignations of:

- Samantha Schmipp, JH Basketball Coach and Assistant Softball Coach
- Katie Muller, MS/HS Paraprofessional
- Evan Woodwick, Elementary Custodian
- Deanna Anderson, Assistant Softball Coach
- Kelsey Schmidt, Assistant Softball Coach
- Emma Gerard, Assistant Softball Coach

Approve the resignation/retirement of Lori Miller, MS/HS Paraprofessional effective 12/31/2025

Approve the hire of Patrick Mertens, IT Technician

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

Finance

Approve Better Health Collective/BCBS as the Staples-Motley School District health insurance provider, 1-1-2026 to 12-31-2026.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Freeman, to approve Better Health Col-

lective/BCBS as the Staples-Motley School District health insurance provider 1-1-2026 to 12-31-2026. **MC**

Presentation and review of Long Term Facility Planning by ICS

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **MC**

Trisha Larson, Clerk
ISD #2170 45pnc

Upcoming Meetings:
Mon., Nov. 3: School Board Work Session, District Office, 6 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 17: School Board meeting, District Office, 6 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 1: School Board Work Session and Truth In Taxation meeting, District Office, 6 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 10: Policy Committee meeting, District Office, 7:45 a.m. (Reese, Trout)
Mon., Dec. 22: School Board meeting, District Office, 6 p.m.

CITY OF MOTLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that that the City of Motley Planning Commission will convene for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Motley City Hall, 316 US Highway 10 South, Motley, to conduct the following public hearing:

1. Rezone application RZ-25-13 to classify the property located at 132 1st Ave. South from "Downtown Mixed Use" to "Industrial." Property Identification Numbers: 410200000, 410201000, 410202000, 410204000, 41020500, 410206000, 410207000, 410208000, 410209000, 410210000, 410094001, 410236000, 410237000, 410238001, 410239000, 410240000, 41024100. Property owner: Daniel P. and Isabella L. Druk. Applicant: Starlight Cannabis LLC - Lyle Gillson.

All interested persons are invited to attend these hearings and be heard or send written comments to City Hall or via email at cityofmotley@brainerd.net. Staff reports will be made available at City Hall, typically one week before the scheduled meeting.

Tami Brotherton, Clerk/Treasurer
City of Motley 45pnc



Suhaila Mikhaeil



Luke Bjerga (56) tackles a running back.



Ayden Blue (74) and Owen Roline (65) sack the Holdingford quarterback.



Turner Beachy makes a tackle

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: December 10, 2013

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$100,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jason C. Wehking and Lisa Wehking, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Central Minnesota Credit Union

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 16, 2013 as Document Number 487596 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: AgFirst Farm Credit Bank by assignment recorded on September 5, 2025 as Document Number A547672 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North 330 feet of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2NW1/4) Section Twenty-Five (25), Township One hundred Thirty-One (131) North, Range Thirty-five (35) West. Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 35084 COUNTY 3, EAGLE BEND, MN 56446

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$37,769.63

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Central Minnesota Credit Union

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 28-0021600

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1011283-0600029151-2

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: January 08, 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 January 8, 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 24, 2025

AGFIRST FARM CREDIT BANK
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.
By: /s/
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25 Dale Street North
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 45-50pnc

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An aeration system will be in operation, west shoreline of Lake Shamineau, lots 34568 and 34524 from cover 2025 to ice out 2026.

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