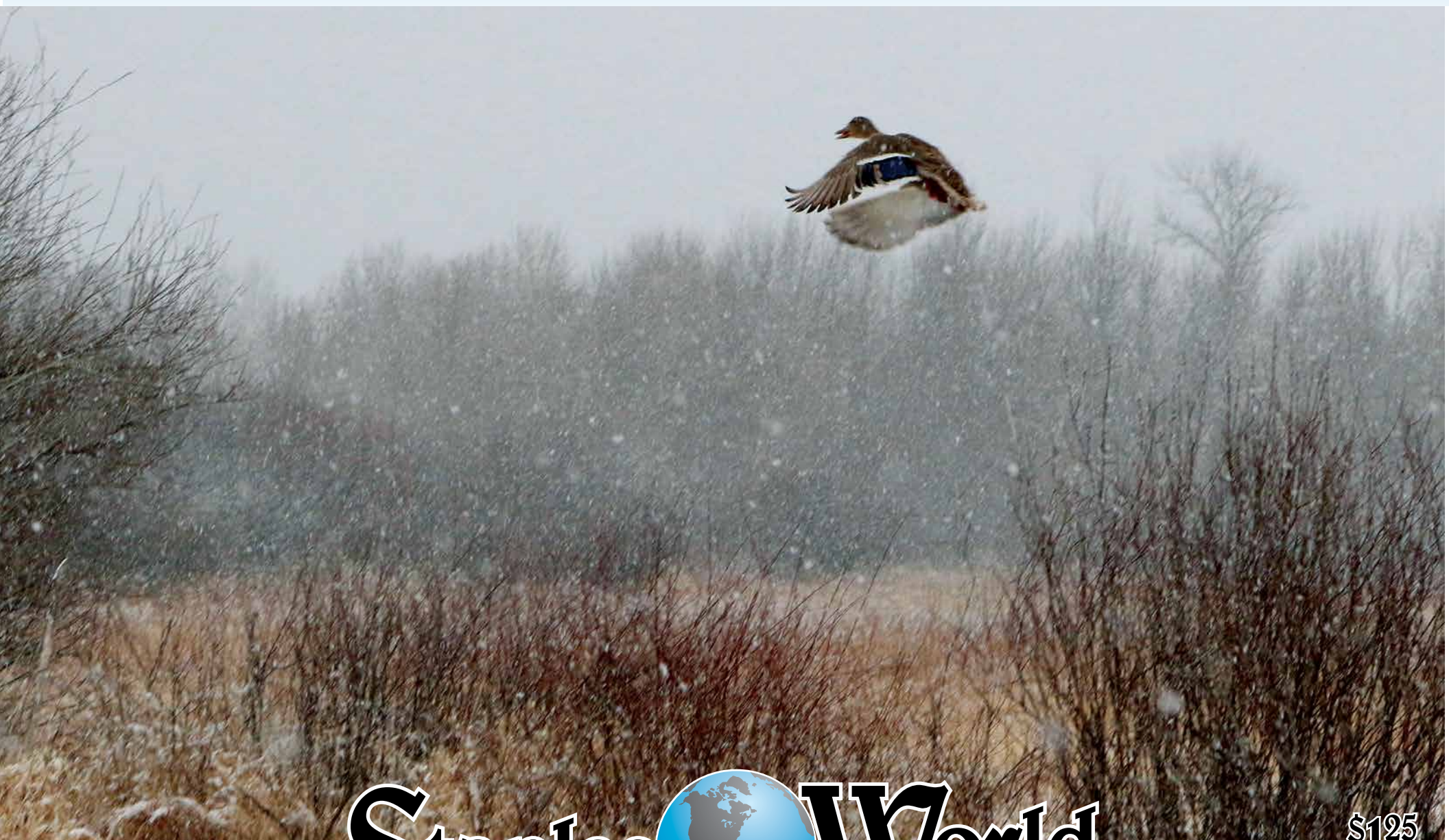


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Flocks of different feathers

Spring birds, robins and chickadees, flocked together to find spots where the snow wasn't covering the ground. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Todd County invites residents to shape future

Todd County is updating its Comprehensive Plan and is seeking community input to help create community-developed goals and aspirations to guide future planning efforts. Todd County community members are invited to attend a Community Visioning Session on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Browerville Community Center, 653 Main St S, Browerville.

Todd County residents

(both permanent and seasonal), business owners, community groups, students, artists and others are invited to participate in one or more of the following activities to share their views and help shape the plan: community open houses, an online survey, roundtable discussions and one-on-one meetings.

Todd County is collaborating with the Region Five Development Commis-

sion, which has developed numerous comprehensive plans for communities throughout the region, typically ranging in size from 300 to over 13,000 residents. To learn more about comprehensive planning, visit regionfive.org/comprehensive-planning.

For updates and details about Todd County's Comprehensive Plan, visit regionfive.org/todd.

Searching for Spring A mallard takes wing during a snowfall on April 1 in Staples. The two day snow event dropped up to a foot of snow in the area. Warmer weather is expected this week to melt the snow. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Five Wings gearing up to meet networking requests

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

In her first few months as Executive Director of the Five Wings Arts Council, Miranda Lape is finding that the goals of the organization continue to be the same, with perhaps more of a push for networking among artists and the public.

"There is a drive to connect artists with audiences," said Lape. "There is very strong support for the role of arts in the region."

Five Wings surveys the region every one to two years, more than the every four years that regional arts councils are required to do. Their most recent survey was discussed at the March 24 board meeting of the arts council.

The survey was mostly

completed by artists, arts organizations and citizens interested in the arts. The survey showed a desire for networking opportunities, artist workshops and grant writing assistance. Five Wings also conducted listening sessions with area arts organizations as part of the survey.

Lape said Five Wings had been increasing their networking events before Covid, but now the public seems ready to get back out for more in-person events. She said they will be reviving and adapting what has worked in the past.

When asked what Five Wings should prioritize for community arts organizations, survey respondents ranked grants first, workshops and training second and fundraising workshops/training third.

Lape said they will con-

tinue to offer grants for a variety of art projects and she will continue to work on getting the word out about available grants. She hopes to strengthen the main forms of communication from Five Wings, their newsletters, web site and social media.

Along with the networking, Lape said the Five Wings web site is planning a new arts calendar for the region.

"It's going to be a big revamp," said Lape. "Communities and organizations will be able to get their arts events out to the region."

One more change could be coming for the Five Wings organization, Lape said they are looking to hire a temporary intern to do marketing, research and help with broadening the demographics who are served by the arts council.



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Bruce Hayenga



Five Wings Arts Council board and staff

The Five Wings Arts Council board met March 24 at their office in Staples. Front row from left, Mary Dye Moen, Paul Nye (on computer screen), Karla Ziegler, Danniela Chavez Rodriguez and Don Hoffmann; back row, Miranda Lape (Executive Director), Vicki Chepulis

(Grants Coordinator), Heidi Haugen, Katie Retka and Steve Hoemberg. Other board members not pictured are Kristi Kellogg and Don Gorham. The board has representatives from the five county area of Todd, Wadena, Morrison, Cass and Crow Wing. (Submitted photo)

Weather

2025
This Week's Forecast
High Low Cond.

Apr. 9	56	34	Cloudy
Apr. 10	51	31	Cloudy
Apr. 11	59	36	M. Sunny
Apr. 12	67	44	Cloudy
Apr. 13	68	42	M. Sunny
Apr. 14	56	36	M. Cloudy
Apr. 15	54	32	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2024
High Low Cond.

Apr. 9	57°	36	Sunny
Apr. 10	64	49	Sunny
Apr. 11	55	38	P. Sunny
Apr. 12	50	33	Sunny
Apr. 13	57	49	Sunny
Apr. 14	68	54	Sunny
Apr. 15	62	46	M. Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 54° Low = 33°

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

Nathan Dewey is newest member of Lakewood Health System Oncology team

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Nathan Dewey, internist and palliative medicine physician, as the newest provider to its oncology team.

Originally from Colorado Springs, Colo., Dr. Dewey received his medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine and he completed his residency at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine in Virginia.

As a board-certified internist and palliative medicine physician, Dr. Dewey focuses on improving the quality of life for people with serious or life-limiting illnesses. He collaborates with a multidisciplinary team, including medical providers, nurses, social workers and chaplains, to address patients' physi-



Dr. Nathan Dewey

cal, emotional, social and spiritual needs. During visits with patients, he can provide symptom management for conditions such as cancer, heart failure, lung disease, neurological disorders and more. Dr. Dewey can also assist in creating

advance care plans and guiding patients and their families through major decisions in care. While it is not the reason for typical referrals, Dr. Dewey does offer end-of-life care, ensuring comfort and dignity for his patients.

Dr. Dewey and his wife are proud parents to their son and embrace an active, family-focused lifestyle. From hiking scenic trails and cooking delicious meals to camping under the stars, exploring new destinations and enjoying the latest TV shows, they treasure every opportunity to create meaningful memories together. They also take great joy in watching their son grow and staying closely connected with their extended family.

MREA seeks sustainable solar

The Minnesota Rural Electric Association, along with Minnesota's electric cooperatives, celebrates the inclusion of solar reform legislation in the Senate energy budget bill, sponsored by Senator Nick Frentz (DFL-North Mankato). The proposed bill seeks to update outdated legislation designed to help launch the solar industry in the 1980s.

The legislation has bipartisan support and has been heard in both chambers. The bill aims to modernize what is known as "net metering" to ensure co-op and municipal consumers are not overpaying for solar

electricity.

MREA seeks sustainable solar reform so that individuals who wish to install solar to offset their own energy use can continue to do so. The payback period for those who install a system sized to meet their energy needs will not change under the legislation. The proposed bill aims to change the compensation individuals receive when they build energy systems larger than needed and sell the excess back to local utilities.

Currently, a person can build a system many times larger than their home needs, and the utility is

required to pay them retail prices for all the excess electricity they sell back to the utility.

According to a Berkeley Lab study, those who install solar systems are typically higher-income consumers. The money paid for their solar energy comes from all other utility consumers at not-for-profit electric cooperatives and municipals.

"Utilities can purchase the same energy at about half the cost by buying or building systems at utility scale," said MREA CEO Darrick Moe. "And that means, we can get twice as much carbon reduction for the same price."

Minnesota housing shortage, gaps in affordability

From Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP)

MHP announces the release of the research report: Housing Trends & Takeaways: A Multi-Year Look at Minnesota, providing a 5- to 10-year perspective on the state's housing landscape. The data reveals deepening challenges:

- Minnesota's housing shortage is at nearly 100,000 homes,
- Eviction filings remain higher than pre-pandemic levels,
- Wages have failed to keep pace with rising housing costs, especially for the state's most in-demand workers, and
- Significant differences in homeownership

rates persist, reflecting long-standing challenges.

"Housing is more than shelter - it's what allows families to put down roots, workers to contribute to their communities, and local economies to grow," said Anne Mavity, Executive Director of MHP. "We need to move beyond short-term fixes and invest in real, lasting solutions that ensure every Minnesotan has a stable home."

The report also highlights the ongoing loss of affordable rural rental homes, with hundreds of federally backed units at risk of losing affordability protections in the next few years. Without action, these homes - many of which serve seniors, families,

and people with disabilities—are at risk of being demolished, sold, or subject to unsustainable rent increases.

"This report makes clear that Minnesota's housing challenges are not momentary - they are entrenched and worsening," Mavity added. "For too long, housing instability has been framed as an individual hardship rather than a structural issue we have the power to solve. When home health care aides, teachers, and essential workers can afford to live in the communities they serve, everyone benefits - local economies grow, schools thrive, and families build stronger connections."

Motley area law enforcement

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

Mar. 26 - Apr. 1

Mar. 31 - Motley Police observed a UTV driving in the traffic lane on Hwy 10 in Motley. After stopping, the officer asked the driver not to do that, and

explained that ATVs and UTVs are not allowed on state highways.

April 1 - The MCSO received a call from a Motley resident reporting a scam.

March 31 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a complaint of a suspicious person at Atlantic Rd., Cushing.

Motley City Council meeting April 14

The next regular Motley City Council meeting will be held Monday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m. An incorrect date was listed in a previous edition of the paper. The Staples World regrets the error.



Decked out for the ball

Students got dressed up in all their semi-formal finery for the second annual Candyland Ball at Staples-Motley Elementary School March 28. Pictured above from left, are third graders Flynn Weber,

Lane Zellgert, Brodey White. Below, from left, are first graders Lynkin Orr, Myles Larrimore, Greyson Winter. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





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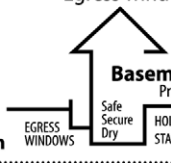
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Candyland chaperone

Brad Anderson of Staples served as a chaperone at the recent Candyland Ball at Staples-Motley Elementary School. Anderson, a former Staples-Motley School Board member, posed with students Coralynn Tappe,

Frances Reese and Mara Pesta. The event was sponsored by the SM Music Boosters. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Todd County Court report April 2

Long Prairie Police Department

Javier Alberto Candelario Melendez, Long Prairie. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Jeison Jomar Fransua Marte, Long Prairie. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100.

Lizardo Anibal Oviedo, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Michael Theodor Horstmann, Staples. Over Center line. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Mason Rain Nielson, Cushing. No insurance driver. Fine \$200. Fine \$85.

Benjamin Richard Anderson, Casselton, ND. Speed 94/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Katie Jo Arkfeld, Alexandria. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Theodore Jame Becker, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

James Swey Byland, Bertha. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ronald George Dewald, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Morgan Blue Ann Drussell, Miltona. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Wyatt Walker Erdmann, Barnesville. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Junior Fleuraime, Alexandria. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Phoebe Campbell Kans, Victoria. Speed 75/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Maren Swensen Kramer, Fargo, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. No MN Driver's License. Fine \$100.

Shawn Marie Krause Roberts, Breckenridge. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Pat Libutti, Remsenburg, NY. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$75.

Alyssabeth Josephine Love, Shoreview. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Cali Joy Lusignan, Elk River. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Comlan Senyo Mignagblongblon, Tonawanda, NY. Speed 94/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Jerry Pabon Padin, Long Prairie. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

James Edward Plafcan, Browerville. Taillights-two (working). Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Alex Roger Preston, Wendall. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Shawn Davis Rousseau, French Settlement, LA. Speed 68/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Dylan Jay Schwinghammer, St. Cloud. Speed 93/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Bruce W. Senti, Grand Forks, ND. Expired drivers license-over 21. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Elvis Sobo Nde, Fargo, ND. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Eugen Rudihans Wittemann, Elbow Lake. Speed 75/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Dept.

Mitchell Terrace VanAlst, Motley. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Windshield general prohibitions. Fine \$40.

Todd County Sheriffs Office

Austin Dale Bierwerth, Browerville. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Adam Paul Hillerud, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Delgin Manuel Sena Mendez, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Driving without a valid

license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100.

Shantel Marie Trinidad Soto, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Marie Annette Vance, Browerville. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Hayden Donald Westra, Battle Lake. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 26, 2025.

Adinson Alfonso Contreras Feliz, Long Prairie. 3rd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. 3rd degree driving while impaired-blood alcohol content greater than .08 within 2 hours. Careless driving. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 88 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Unsupervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$500. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Nathaniel D. Welte in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 25, 2025.

Vernon, Long Prairie. OHMs-Youthful Operators-Prohibitions on Owner. Sentenced. Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

Kadynce Beverly Tonn, Brainerd. Speed 70/60. Sentenced. Fine \$40. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 25, 2025.

Wesley Allen Matson, Carlsbad, CA. Speed 85/70. Continued for dismissal. Unsupervised probation, 6 mo. Fine \$60. Fee \$75.

Justin Lee Paquette, Maple Grove. Speed 74/60. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo. Fee total \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 21, 2025.

Gary Dean Prather, Clarissa. Assault-5th degree-inflict or attempt bodily harm. Dismissed. Assault-5th degree-fear or bodily harm or death. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct-offensive/abusive/boisterous/obscene. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 86 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 4 days. Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 20, 2025.

Romane Jeremy Pogreba, Browerville. Assault-3rd degree-substantial bodily harm. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Stay a reasonable distance away from victim's residence, 200 ft. Supervised probation, 3 yr. Community work service, 120 hours for indeterminate. Fine \$560. Disorderly conduct. Dismissed.

Kody Alejandro Ramirez, Long Prairie. 3rd degree DWI-refuse to submit to chemical test; breath or test refusal or failure. Local confinement (364 days, stay 363 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 1 day). Community work service, 50 hours for indeterminate. Fine \$500. Fee \$105. 4th degree DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed.

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

• April 13, 1950 - LeRoy Jenkins, owner of the Jenkins Appliances and Staples Locker System in Staples, was elected a member of the board of directors of the Minnesota Frozen Food Locker association at the annual meeting held in Minneapolis on April 5. He was elected for a three-year term.

• April 13, 1950 - Miss Esther Bottemiller, who has been teaching in the Staples schools for the past 25

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years, was guest of honor at a tea given for her Wednesday afternoon by the faculty. Fifty guests, members of the faculty and former teachers, crowded the Home Ec room at 4:30 to honor Miss Bottemiller for her 25 years of service.

She was presented with a silver candy dish from the faculty. Miss Bottemiller came to Staples 25 years ago last September, and during those years has always taught the first grade, first in the Lincoln School, and then on the North Side, where she has been for the past number of years.

• April 13, 1950 - According to a statement given to The World office the first of this week, the Staples Municipal Hospital showed a nice net gain during the past fiscal year, which ended on March 31, 1950. The total amount of cash on hand in the hospital treasury at that time was \$4,565.58, this was a gain of almost \$2,000 over the last fiscal year.

• April 13, 1950 - Staples' city new mayor, G. E. Fahnlander, and the new city council were sworn in at the meeting of the council held in the city hall on Tuesday evening, April 11. Prior to that time the old council concluded its business, and turned the books over to the members.

Appointed by the council to serve in the various capacities are :

Police Department - Chief, Lewis Dailey; Asst. Chief, Jess Marr; Patrolmen, Gerald Roscoe and Leonard Markfelder.

City Attn. - F.C. McGivern
City Clerk - Edward Carlson

City Assessor - Willard Warner

Street Commissioner - Howard Pattison

Janitor and Janitress - Charles Anderson and Emma Gaffke

Building Inspector - J. H. Hollister.

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

• April 10, 1975 - Two boys have earned the top scholastic honors of the graduating class of 1975 from Staples High school, according to information released today by the office of William

Uhrich, high school principal.

Earning the number one ranking in the class is Raymond Denning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Denning. He will graduate as the class valedictorian.

Ranking second in the class and graduating as the class salutatorian will be Steve Goligowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ardeen Goligowski.

• April 10, 1975 - Lorene Haglin and Audrey Thompson were in attendance last weekend at the Model United Nations Assembly in Winnipeg, Canada. Their appearance at the event was sponsored by the Staples Rotary Club. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donat accompanied them on the trip.

The Staples high school delegates represented the country of Guatemala and were among the 108 delegates in attendance. Issues discussed included the UN reaction to the energy crisis, the question of apartheid in South Africa and nuclear proliferation.

• April 10, 1975 - Patrick Held, social science teacher from Motley High School, was one of the 500 delegates to the MEA Delegate Assembly which was held April 3-5 at the Radisson South in Bloomington. The purpose of the assembly was to set future directions for the Minnesota Education, the largest professional teachers organization in the state.

• April 10, 1975 - Five returning lettermen head a list of 45 boys out for baseball at Staples High school this spring under head coach Jerry Riewer.

Returning to the Cardinal Nine will be co-captains Mark Craft and Dale Hagenson, along with Doug Stohlanske, Jeff Cizek and Steve Grossman.

• April 10, 1975 - The Staples Arts Council is scheduling an "Opening Night" dinner-theatre in connection with the opening of the high school musical, "Oklahoma," Thursday, April 17, in the high school cafeteria.

Only a limited number of tickets will be available for this event at a total cost of \$6 per person. This amount includes the barbequed rib dinner and a reserved seat for "Oklahoma." Following the performance, Stan Carlson, director, will be available to share in an informal question-answer session over coffee.

Richard Donat, council president, said, "The Arts Council is looking forward to this event for our community. It seems both a legitimate and desirable function of the council to support our local talent as well as bring in outside entertainment."

25 YEARS Ago - 2000

• April 13, 2000 - The leaders of the Class of 2000 at Staples Motley High School are Amanda Noska, class



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1975. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

valedictorian, and co-salutatorians Dana Hasselberg and Lyndsay Hoemberg.

• April 13, 2000 - District 4 State Sen. Tony Kinkel earlier this session hired Dana Bacon, son of Nolan and Ellen Bacon of Leader and a 1991 Staples Motley High School graduate, as his legislative assistant. "Dana brings a wealth of experience to the job and a deep appreciation for the needs of northern Minnesota, in particular southern Cass County," Kinkel said of Bacon who is married and lives with his wife, Michelle, in south Minneapolis, is also pursuing a master's degree in public administration at Hamline University.

• April 13, 2000 - Two Cardinal athletes, Jill Mertens and Alisha Miller, were named to the 1999 - 2000 Mid State girls basketball team.

Chosen as co-Most Valuable Players for the league were Jill Mertens of the Cards and Becky Schons of Detroit Lakes.

• April 13, 2000 - Senator Dallas Sams received the Association of Minnesota Counties' "Legislator of the Year" award from AMC President and Becker County Commissioner Carolyn Engebretson and Todd County Commissioner Tony Hasser.

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

• April 9, 2015 - Members of the Tower Pizza morning coffee group donated \$400 to the Staples Food Shelf, money that was collected by the coffee group during the month of March. The group has donated every March for the past six years, with their donations totaling \$2,344 for the food shelf.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the April 3, 1975 edition of the Staples World featured Cynthia Swecker, the newly elected sweetheart of the Motley FFA Chapter, and the Chapter President Kenny Zetah. Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Swecker of rural Motley.

MnDOT construction schedule includes Highway 10 through Wadena, I-94

MnDOT recently announced that travelers should prepare to slow down for construction work zones as road projects begin to ramp up across the state. The agency has nearly 180 road construction projects this season that will help maintain and improve Minnesota's roads, bridges and transportation infrastructure; improve safety and mobility; and support jobs that will be worked on statewide.

The 2025 construction season includes nearly 180 planned road and bridge projects, plus 51 projects that will improve airports, water ports, railroad crossings and transit infrastructure.

"With construction projects beginning in the coming weeks statewide, drivers should use caution as they see more work zones, more lane closures and orange cones and most importantly workers wearing their high

visibility safety gear along the highway," said Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger. "We're all safer when we pay close attention, slow down, remain patient and work together to safely share the limited space in a work zone."

More information about safe driving around construction work zones can be found on our MnDOT Work Zone Safety website.

Significant projects in central Minnesota this year include:

- Begin the first year of a three-year project to expand Highway 10 through Wadena to four lanes, plus resurface and update Highways 29 and 71. Combined work includes sidewalks, trails, signals, new roundabouts, underground infrastructure, city utilities and new traffic and pedestrian signals.
- Expand Interstate 94 to six lanes, three lanes in each direction, from Albert-

ville to Monticello, includes drainage and bridges. In 2025, crews will reconstruct westbound, replace the bridge over Wright County Road 19 and widen the bridge over the railroad tracks in Monticello.

- In the Twin Cities Metro Area, repair five bridges along I-94 in Minneapolis, including the Mississippi River bridge; repair 34 bridges and ramps along I-394 and I-94 in Minneapolis; repair 11 bridges, including the John Ireland



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Dine-in meal at Staples Community Center April 16

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A congregate dine-in meal followed by **penny bingo** will be offered at the Senior Dining Site, Staples Community Center senior's room on **Weds., April 16 at 11 a.m.** The Senior Dining Site is located at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples.

Bring your pennies for penny bingo which will be played following the meal.

The April 16 meal may be reserved through the nutrition site by calling Lu-Ann at 218-894-2556. **Those wishing to attend should order the meal by 10 a.m. Fri., April 11.**

April 16 menu: Smothered chopped steak, mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, wheat bread, oatmeal cranberry cookie, marg., 1% milk.

Senior Nutrition Site meals are offered at a nominal fee on a weekday basis through LSS Meals. For menu information or to order meals from the Staples site, call by 10 a.m. Friday for the following week.

The Meals on Wheels lunch delivery program is available by calling Lu-Ann at 218-894-2556. Meals are offered at a nominal fee weekdays through LSS Meals.

To volunteer as a Meals on Wheels driver, call 218-894-2556.



Preschool Storytime at Staples Library

The monthly Storytime program was recently held at the Staples Public Library with nine participants. The library offers many free programs for all ages. Check the webpage at www.griver.org or call 218-894-1401.

Front: Beau and James Dahlheimer, Gwendolynn Vanek, Ray Biggar; back: Maddie Dolgano-Ward, Alida Hanson, Acadia Biggar, Will Moon, Carson Sadlo. (Submitted photo)

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

April

◦ **JAZZ DAY CONCERT - FREE** Friday, April 11, 7 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Featuring Staples-Motley High School musicians and Jazz Authority. Special guests: Dr. Jonathan Laflamme & Jazz Authority.

◦ **SPEECH SHOWCASE** Monday, April 14, 7 p.m., at Staples-Motley High School. The public is invited to see a number of talented Cardinal speakers perform their pieces, and “find out why they make up one of the winningest (speech) teams is S-M history.”

Mark Your Calendar

- April, 10**
- ‘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>
- WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING** Thursday, April 10, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael’s Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. John Bittner, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.
- April 11**
- WOMEN’S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING** Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.
- April 13**
- CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS** are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.
- April 15**
- WOMEN’S AA MTG** Tuesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Staples Church of Christ, on Hwy 210, south of Staples.
- EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES** are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.
- April 16**
- STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG** Wednesday, April 16, in the lower level of Lakewood Health System’s main campus, starting at 5:30 p.m. Public invited. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.
- April 27**
- OLD WADENA SOCIETY’S ANNUAL MTG** will be held Sunday, April 27, at the Pirate’s Den in Verndale, beginning at 11 a.m. The official meeting begins at noon. Clarence Horsager will speak on the “Wheat Trail.” Coffee will be provided, meals available for purchase.



At the Regional Spelling Bee

Ryan Macheel was the Staples-Motley representative who participated in the Regional Spelling Bee. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Regional Spelling Bee held at Sourcewell

Josslyn Hansen is the region’s top speller this year. The Wadena-Deer Creek seventh grader took first place at the 2025 Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by Sourcewell, on March 19.

Hansen was declared the winner after successfully spelling the word “anatomical” in the final round. Hansen now moves on to represent the region in the 2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee in National Harbor, Maryland, at the end of May.

The top three regional finishers were:

- Champion – Josslyn Hansen, seventh grade, Wadena-Deer Creek
- Runner-up – Ava Kyro, seventh grade, Sebeka
- 2nd Runner-up – William Craig, eighth grade, Pequot Lakes

Each year, Sourcewell hosts the Regional Spelling Bee for third through eighth graders of member schools in the five-county service area of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties. The winner earns an all-expenses-paid trip to the national spelling bee for themselves and a parent/guardian.

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2025 Regional Spelling Bee winners

Regional Spelling Bee winners, from left, Josslyn Hansen, Ava Kyro and William Craig. (Submitted photo)

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Born to Naomi Line and Coty Mansager of Staples, a baby boy, Briggs Robert weighing nine pounds, 14 ounces April 3, 2025.

Obituary

Bruce Hayenga

Bruce Eugene Hayenga, 82, of Staples, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by family, on March 28, 2025.

Services will be held Saturday, April 19, 2025, at noon at the Landmark Inn in Staples. Visitation for family and friends will be held one hour prior to services at the Landmark Inn.

Bruce was born July 20, 1942, to Raymond and Mil-dred (Johnson) Hayenga in Staples.

He graduated from Glen-wood High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army. During his service, he was stationed in Germany, where he proudly repre-sented his country. Upon returning home, he met the love of his life, Jean Kalina, at the Lakeside Ballroom in Glenwood. It was love at first sight and they were married on August 26, 1967. Bruce and Jean built a won-derful life in Staples and enjoyed raising their three daughters in the close-knit community.

Bruce attended The Sta-ples Vocational School and earned a two-year degree in Culinary Arts. He worked as the Food Service Direc-tor for the Staples-Motley School District for over 30 years. Bruce managed con-cessions, was an assistant to the Athletic Director and was known to sweep a floor or two during half-time. He was the Executive Chef for the Madrigal Dinners put on by the High School Musi-cal Program and assisted Frau Gross in the annual German Program spon-sored Oktoberfest meal at the school. In 1986, Bruce was awarded Outstanding Layperson in Education by the Staples Education Asso-ciation.

As an entrepreneur, he owned and operated The Peppermill Restaurant in Staples for seven years.

A true sports enthusiast, Bruce enjoyed cheering on his favorite teams and sharing the excitement of every game. He enjoyed many glory years for the Staples Motley Cardinals but was happiest seeing his two grandsons on the bas-



ketball court for the Maple Grove Crimson. He was able to see both Noah and Kaleb participate in the MN State High School Bas-ketball Tournament. Bruce was an avid hunter and a passionate antique collec-tor and dealer. He spent the last seven summers at the Wadena Flea Market attempting to liquidate some of his “treasures”.

Bruce will be remem-bered for his unwavering dedication to his family and Tower Pizza. His legacy of hard work, love and laugh-ter will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife, Jean; three daughters, Jen (John) Champion, Becca (Andrew) Schroeder and Krista Hay-enga; five grandchildren, Noah, Kaleb and Jacob Champion, Cynthia and Simone Kooner; three sis-ters, Darlene Aaberg, Sandy (Bob) Pohlman and Marcy Revere; one brother, Jerry (Betsy) Hayenga; nieces, nephews and many other extended family members.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Roger; one niece, Dar-shayne Hayenga; one broth-er-in-law, Don Aaberg and one great-nephew, Nick Aaberg.

In lieu of flowers, dona-tions can be made to the Batcher Block Opera House or the Staples Historical Society.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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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.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

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Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
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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.....9 a.m.
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
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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
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MASS:
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
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MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
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847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
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Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman 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.

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5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
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Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW
Vermda,e.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday.....6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Wadena St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

"Toxic Empathy"

Rev. Robert Drake, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

Recently, I heard a term I had never heard before: toxic empathy. Someone on the radio was talking about a new book called, "Toxic Empathy: How Progressives Exploit Christian Compassion," by Allie Beth Stuckey (Sentinel, October 15, 2024).

Because the book just came out, I haven't read it yet. But I've been ruminating on that term "toxic empathy." After doing some digging, it seems like toxic empathy is a new trend among some Christian leaders, podcasters and churches.

Stuckey gave this explanation of toxic empathy in a recent interview: "It uses your feelings to make you blind to... factual and Biblical truth." Later in that same interview she said, "... any empathy that leads you to affirm sin, to tell a lie or to support a policy that is destructive, especially one that is against the created order, is no longer empathy. It's toxic empathy" (I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist, Dr. Frank Turek; www.crossexamined.org, October 18, 2024).

Stuckey does a good job of combining important aspects of faith, Scriptural truth, emotions, and public policy and directing us to think carefully about our private moral beliefs and our public ethical actions. But at the end of the day, I must admit that I am troubled by her catchy phrase - "toxic empathy," especially since she applies it so aggressively to cultural and political issues.

It's easy to see how empathy can be toxic and lead to self-harm when applied to personal situations, such as spousal abuse, money scams or unhealthy situations with family and

friends. We obviously need to protect ourselves from being taken advantage of, that's just common sense.

But how does empathy become toxic when applied to our personal beliefs on cultural and political issues?

In the quintessential New Testament example of empathy, Jesus tells a parable about a Samaritan man who breaks social traditions and religious laws by helping a man beaten on the side of the road. Before he arrives, a Jewish priest and a Levite walked past the man, ignoring him because they did not want to defile themselves by touching someone unclean.

What is key for us in this parable is that the priest and the Levite allowed tradition and law to suppress their natural inclination towards empathy. But in their own eyes, they were following their faith and God's truth as revealed in their Scriptures and supported by their laws.

For me, all this comes down to two things. First, what do we believe God is telling us in Scripture; and second, how do we see ourselves living out that belief in our morals and ethics.

For the priest and the Levite it meant avoiding empathy. But Jesus reminds us that empathy for each other is exactly what God is telling us in Scripture, and it is how we live out our faith as we work towards the kingdom of God.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said that the foundation of our Christian life is "... understood as participation in the kingdom of God." What does participation in God's kingdom mean if not compassion and empathy for all of God's children?

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Brownell sets school record at indoor meet

The Staples-Motley track and field teams participated in a massive indoor meet, the Thurndering Herd Classic at North Dakota State University on April 4, with some events having nearly 100 competitors.

Audrey Brownell lowered the school record in the 1,600 meter run with a time of 5:00, cutting two seconds off her own record. She won the race by 24 seconds.

The boys team also had one champion, Turner Beachy in the pole vault. He cleared 14 feet, equaling his personal best vault from last year.

Boys results

60 meter dash - 45. Benet Robbinson 7.78, 47. Jesus Gallardo 7.81, 56. Luke Bjerga 8.05, 68. Josiah Critten 8.20, 81. Adrian Gomez 8.42, 90. Carter Kist 9.01
200 - 35. Noah Larson 25.66, 38. Gallardo 25.78, 63. Alexander Helstrom 27.15, 83. Gauge Holst 29.65, 88. Kist 31.78
400 - 27. Dillan Robben 1:00, 32. Ivan Lozano 1:01, 44. Israel Ritter 1:03, 54. Owen Frisk 1:08
800 - 17. Logan Robben 2:14, 42. Andrew Dobson 2:34
1,600 - 17. L. Robben 5:01, 26. Blaine Plattner 5:20, 43. Lozano 5:41, 44. Dobson 5:42, 45. D. Robben 5:44, 54. Ritter 6:09
60 hurdles - 4. Larson 8.84 (prelims 8.81)
4x200 - 8. SM 1:39
4x400 18. SM 4:09
High jump - 3. Avandre Brandt 6'2", 14. Larson 5'8", 27. Carson Dewald 5'4", 33. Turner Beachy 5'0", 35. Blaine Plattner 5'0"

Long jump - 13. Brandt 19'8.25", 28. Critten 1'4.75", 48 Dewald 16'3.5", 62. Holst 14'3.25", 64. Kist 11'4"

Triple jump - 4. Sawyer Ferdon 40'8.25", 19. Gallardo 35'5.75", 20. Helstrom 35'4.75", 28. Critten 32'3.75"

Pole vault - 1. Beachy 14'0"
Shot put - 11. Drake Dukowitz 41'4", 24. Dustin Converse 38'0.75", 25. Gomez 37'9.5", 49. Bjerga 33'8", 73. Ben Oeltjenbruns 22'6.5"

Girls results

60 meter dash - 27. Sophia Luna 8.63, 32. Corrine Olson 8.68, 69. Kana Reese 9.48, 87. Iva Hinso 10.22, 92. Emilyynn Sullivan 10.62
200 - 36. Olson 29.83, 70. Arianna Grant 32.11, 84. Avery Japke 34.39, 97. Giovanna Santos 38.86
400 - 36. Lucille Maros 1:11, 48. Aubrey Vogle 1:15, 51. Suhaila Mikhaeil 1:15, 62. Elise Trif 1:18, 66. Madelyn Kist 1:20, 67. Lily Davis 1:21
800 - 37. Naila Mikhaeil 3:03
1,600 - 1. Audrey Brownell 5:00, 20. Aleea Holst 6:13, 22. N. Mikhaeil 6:21, 23. S. Mikhaeil 6:26, 32. Trif 6:47, 36. Kist 7:06
60 hurdles - 33. Abby Brichacek 12.0
4x200 - 26. SM 2:06
4x400 - 20. SM 5:06
High jump - 41. Onna Schmitz 4'2", 41. Grant 4'2", 45. Maros 4'2", 46. Japke 4'2", 51. N. Mikhaeil 4'0"
Long jump - 36. Ronnie Noska 13'1.75", 57. Luna 11'11.75", 67. Reese 10'0.5", 71. Davis 8'3"
Triple jump - 27. Brichacek 28'3", 33. Noska 27'7.25"
Shot put - 43. Marissa Heifort 24'5.5", 51. Josie Jennissen 23'5.5", 70. Schmitz 20'0", 83. Natalia Burciaga Perez 15'1"



Potter wins Class AA Football Coach of the Year

Staples-Motley Football Coach Drew Potter received the state Class AA Coach of the Year award at the Minnesota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Banquet on March 29 in Minneapolis. His Cardinals team reached the state championship game, where they had their only loss of the year.



"Almost all individual awards are a team award and this is no different," said Potter. "It obviously would not have happened without a great team that had incredible attitude, belief, character, desire, and effort. And an amazing community backing us up." (Submitted photos)

Going on a bear hunt? Applications open at DNR

Prospective bear hunters have until Friday, May 2, to apply for a bear hunting license from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Applications for the 2025 season can be submitted online, at any license agent or by telephone at 888-665-4236.

A total of 4,605 licenses are available across the 15 quota areas where licenses are limited for the 2025 season, which opens Monday, Sept. 1, and closes Sunday, Oct. 12.

The number of licenses available each year in the quota area is based on Minnesota's bear population trends for those areas. License quotas for the 2025 bear season include a moderate increase where population trends indicate sufficient growth.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources adopted changes to several bear permit area boundaries for the 2025 bear season. These changes affect areas that had previously been part of permit areas 12, 25, 46 and 451. Area 451 was dissolved and is now included in the no quota area. Boundaries for permit areas 12 and 46 have changed, with former portions of those two permit areas now included in the no quota area.

There also was a change that moves the Trout Lake unit of the Boundary

Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from permit area 25 to 22, and permit area 22 is now consistent with the entire BWCAW boundary. Changes to these areas are reflected in the Minnesota bear permit areas map available on the DNR website.

Lottery winners will be notified by Sunday, June 1. The deadline to purchase bear hunting licenses awarded by lottery is Friday, Aug. 1. Any remaining unpurchased licenses will be available over the counter starting at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

An unlimited number of bear licenses will be sold over the counter for the no-quota area that includes east-central and far northwest Minnesota. No-quota licenses are valid only in the no-quota area.

Hunters with either a quota or no-quota license who are interested in taking a problem bear should contact the DNR wildlife manager for their area(s) of interest to be added to a hunter contact list for any opportunities that might arise.

Complete instructions about how to apply for a bear hunting license, maps of permit areas and a listing of permit availability for each area are available on the Minnesota DNR website.



Multiple awards at football banquet

Staples-Motley Football Coach Drew Potter collected so many awards at the Minnesota Football Coaches Association banquet that he needed assistant coaches to help display them. From left, Staples-Motley Activities Director Josh Lee, assistant football coach Cory Lawrence holding Potter's Section Coach of the Year award,

Coach Potter with his statewide Class AA award and assistant coach Paul Mithun with the District Coach of the Year for the regular season.

"Celebrating with fellow coaches, friends and my wife Erin was a fitting ending to a magical season," said Potter. (Submitted photos)

Spring sports schedules

Following are the Staples-Motley spring sports schedules. As always, spring sports dates are subject to change with the weather. Check the school web site, isd2170.org for updates.

Boys golf

Friday, Apr 11, 2 p.m. at Detroit Lakes, Lakeview Golf Course
Tuesday, Apr 15, 10 a.m. at Frazee Golf Club
Monday, Apr 21, 10 a.m. at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, Tianna Country Club
Wednesday, Apr 23, 10 a.m. at Breckenridge
Saturday, Apr 26, 9 a.m. home at Vintage Golf Course, Staples
Friday, May 2, 9 a.m. at Park Rapids
Monday, May 5, 9:30 a.m. at Bemidji Town & Country Club
Tuesday, May 6, at Crosby-Ironton, Deacon's Lodge
Thursday, May 8, at St. Cloud Country Club
Friday, May 9, 9 a.m. at Barnesville
Wednesday, May 14, 12 p.m. at Perham
Monday, May 19, Conference Tournament at Balmoral Golf Club
Tuesday, May 20, at Gravel Pit Golf Course, Gull Lake
Wednesday, May 28, at Cragun's Legacy

Softball

Tuesday, Apr 8, 4:30 p.m. home vs. Osakis
Thursday, Apr 10, 4 p.m. home vs. Pelican Rapids
Tuesday, Apr 15, 4 p.m. home vs. Frazee
Thursday, Apr 17, 4:30 p.m. home vs. Pierz
Tuesday, Apr 22, 4 p.m. home vs. Perham
Thursday, Apr 24, 4:30 p.m. at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
Friday, Apr 25, 4:30 p.m. home vs. Wadena-Deer Creek
Monday, Apr 28, 4:30 p.m. home vs. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle
Thursday, May 1, 4 p.m. at Breckenridge
Friday, May 2, 4:30 p.m. home vs. Jamestown
Thursday, May 8, 4 p.m. at Barnesville
Friday, May 9, 4:30 p.m. home vs. Pillager
Tuesday, May 13, 4 p.m. home vs. Park Rapids
Thursday, May 15, 4:30 p.m. at Hawley

Girls golf

Friday, Apr 11, at Pequot Lakes, Crosswoods Golf Course
Monday, Apr 21, Conference Tournament at The Vintage Golf Course, Staples
Thursday, Apr 24, at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, Tianna Country Club
Friday, Apr 25, 9:30 a.m. at Bemidji Town & Country Club
Monday, May 5, 9:30 a.m. at Blackberry Ridge Golf Club
Tuesday, May 6, at Gravel Pit Golf Course, Gull Lake
Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. home at Vintage Golf Course, Staples
Friday, May 16, at Fergus Falls, Pebble Lake Golf Course
Monday, May 19, Conference Tournament at Balmoral Golf Club
Tuesday, May 27, at Wapicada Golf Club

Track and field, boys and girls

Thursday, Apr 10, 4 p.m. at Pillager
Tuesday, Apr 15, 4 p.m. at Perham
Tuesday, Apr 22, 4 p.m. at Park Rapids
Friday, Apr 25, at Hamline University Elite Meet
Thursday, May 1, 4 p.m. at Wadena-Deer Creek
May 2-3 Howard Wood Meet in Sioux Falls, SD
Tuesday, May 6, True Team Section at Pelican Rapids
Tuesday, May 13, 4 p.m. Conference Tournament at Barnesville
Thursday, May 22, 3 p.m. subsection at Minnewaska
Thursday, May 29, Section meet
Tuesday, June 10-Wednesday, June 11, State meet

Baseball

Tuesday, Apr 8, 4:30 p.m. at Osakis
Thursday, Apr 10, 4 p.m. at Pelican Rapids
Tuesday, Apr 15, 4 p.m. at Frazee
Tuesday, Apr 22, 4 p.m. at Perham
Thursday, Apr 24 4:30 p.m. home vs. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
Friday, Apr 25, 4:30 p.m. at Wadena-Deer Creek
Thursday, May 1, 4 p.m. home vs. Breckenridge
Tuesday, May 6, 4:30 p.m. at Sauk Centre
Thursday, May 8, 4 p.m. home vs. Barnesville
Tuesday, May 13, 4 p.m. at Park Rapids
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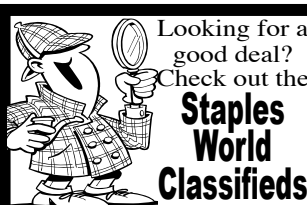
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Dated this 27th day of March 2025.

Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor/
Treasurer

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NOTICE
BYRON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Byron Township Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting will be held Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Becki Rassler, Clerk,
Byron Township,

15-16pnc
NOTICE
EVERGREEN HILL
CEMETERY CLEANUP

Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, will be conducting their spring cleanup on Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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Bob Reeck,
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NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE 553
AMENDING SECTION
109-5 OF THE CITY
CODE OF THE
CITY OF STAPLES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025, at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, to consider recommending approval of Ordinance 553 amending section 109-5 of the city code of the City of Staples.

The proposed ordinance is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter.

If you are unable to attend, you can e-mail or mail comments to the City Clerk at tgreer@ci.staples.mn.us. For more information call Tara at 218-541-5004.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples

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NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER
ORDINANCE 553
AMENDING SECTION
109-123 OF THE CITY
CODE OF THE CITY OF
STAPLES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025, at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, to consider recommending approval of Ordinance 554 amending Section 109-123 of the city code of the City of Staples.

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Tara Greer, Clerk
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Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
BOARD MEETING OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEB. 10, 2025

Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 10th day of February, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the agenda as presented.

Closed Session
On motion by Denny and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To close the session at 11:02 a.m. pursuant to MN Statute §13D.03 to consider strategies for labor negotiations.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 11:57 a.m.

Adjourn
On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

On a motion by Denny and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held February 10th, 2025 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 3, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Bob Byers, County Board
Chairperson

/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT
MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND TODD COUNTY
SWCD SUPERVISORS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 18th day of February, 2025 with all Board of Commissioner members present and with all SWCD Supervisors present.

Chair Byers called the joint meeting to order for the Board of Commissioners.

Chair Wendel called the joint meeting to order for the SWCD Supervisors.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Katterhagen and second by Williamson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

SWCD Presentation
Deja Anton, District Manager presented the following information for general knowledge and discussion between the board members:

- Introduction of New Supervisor/ Staff and Staff Updates
- Highlights of the draft 2024 Annual Report was provided for discussion.
- 2024 Program Highlights
- Dept 605 Goals and SWCD Contributions

SWCD
On motion by Williamson and second by James, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Todd SWCD 2024 Annual Report.

On motion by James and second by Katterhagen, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the Crow Wing MOA as presented.

General Discussion
An invitation was extended to attend the RD Offutt Farms Ag Water Quality Certification Tour and Luncheon on February 28, 2025.

The Todd County Annual Feedlot Meeting & Farmer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Central Lakes College starting at 10:00 a.m. for those interested in attending.

A summary of the MASWCD Legislative Priorities was provided for study.

Adjourn
On motion by Katterhagen and second by Williamson, the SWCD Board adjourned the joint meeting by unanimous vote.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adjourned the joint meeting by unanimous vote.

On a motion by Denny and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners and Todd County SWCD Supervisors meeting held February 18, 2025 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 3, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Bob Byers, County Board
Chairperson

/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEB. 18, 2025

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 18th day of February, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with removal of item 4.2 Anderson Resignation and addition of item 13.3 2025-2027 AFSCME-HHS Contract.

Consent Agenda
On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motions and resolution were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 27, 29, 31 and February 4, 2025 as presented.

To hire Kevin Valley as a Part Time Public Safety Telecommunicator. Grade 6, Step 4.

Accept the Resignation of Doug Thom, GIS Specialist effective February 28, 2025.

To promote Cheryl Klimek to fill the open Eligibility Worker position. Grade 6 Step 4, \$24.28/hr. Start date: TBD

To hire Stacie Ilgen to fill the open Eligibility Worker position. Grade 6 Step 1, \$22.22 /hr. Start date: TBD

Approve the resignation of Administrative Services Manager Jena Peterson, effective March 13, 2025.

To approve a one year Club On Sale & Sunday Liquor License for the American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) at the address of 16268 County 50, Long Prairie, MN in Little Sauk Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Birchwood Resort at the address of 22182 Birchwood Loop, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 15, 2025 through October 15, 2025.

To approve a one year Dance License for Rebecca L. Pratt dba Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a one year Off Sale and Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Rebecca L. Pratt dba Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a one year Wine License (including Strong Beer) for Rebecca L. Pratt dba Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for T.J.'s Diamond Point Inc dba Diamond Point Super Club/Lounge at the address of 12867 Bayview Dr, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for DT Lisson Inc dba Double Eagle Golf & Grille at the address of 31886 County 3, Eagle Bend, MN in Burleene Township effective April 1st, 2025 through October 31st, 2025.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Sauk Centre Country Club dba Greystone Golf Club at the address of 10548 Andrews Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Long Prairie Country Club at the address of 406 6th St SE, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a Seasonal Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 15, 2025 through October 15, 2025.

To approve a Setup License for Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale Wine License including strong beer for Donald Panitzke dba Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 15, 2025 through October 15, 2025.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Full O Fun LLC dba Saukinak Campground at the address of 21914 Bay Loop, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Shady's Golden Eagle at the address of 13218 County 103, Burtrum, MN in Grey Eagle Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale & Sunday Liquor License for the Shadys Midway Inc at the address of 17908 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Round Prairie Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve an On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Michael Shattuck dba Shattuck's Hub Super Club at the address of 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN in Burnhamville Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Rock Tavern LLC at the address of 11977 County 47, Grey Eagle, MN in Grey Eagle Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce at the Marthaler's Shed at the address of 10098 County 11, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective May 3, 2025.

GAMBLING PERMIT – SAUK CENTRE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce through this resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a raffle event at the Howard and Katherine Marthaler Shed in Kandota Township at the address 10098 County 11, Sauk Centre, MN on May 3, 2025.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was

introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403713 through 403742 in the amount of \$59,926.46 and (Regular) 58703 through 58742 in the amount of \$62,056.84 for a total of \$121,983.30.

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion as introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 806209 through 806254 and (Regular) 712786 through 712829 for a total of \$114,525.11.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601567 through 601587 and (Regular) 518268 through 518284 for a total amount of \$89,562.09.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2025 PARKS AND TRAILS APPROPRIATION FUNDS TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the 2025 budget for Todd County's allocation of funds to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board has been approved at \$9,000; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Parks and Trails Board requesting for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund for 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$9,000 from the General Fund to the Parks and Trails Fund.

Supervisor Joint Meeting

Chair Byers suspended the current meeting to allow for the Joint Meeting with the SWCD Supervisors to be held at 9:09 a.m.

Separate minutes of the Joint Meeting are attached.

Chair Byers resumed the regular board meeting at 9:29 a.m.

County Assessor

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To schedule the 2025 Todd County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for June 23, 2025; commencing at 6:00 p.m. and not ending before 7:00 p.m.

Public Works

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Becker and Neumann against: Approve the purchase of a new equipped plow truck (includes trade-in) per the attached purchase agreements for \$321,436.24.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the AFSCME HHS Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2025-2027.

Closed Session
On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute §13D.05, subd. 2(b) and to enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3(a) at 10:14 a.m. On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 11:23 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To terminate employee #597 for just cause effective 2/18/25. The summary of the closed session was a satisfactory evaluation of the County Coordinator.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on attending the MACO conference, provided unofficial election results from the Swanville School special election, reminded of the upcoming March Township elections and upcoming Osakis School special election on April 8. Also, the annual

mous vote: To approve the two opioid settlement community requests for funding to Better Days Treatment Center and First Baptist Church for an overall total of \$13,225.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve members serving on the Todd County Public Health Advisory Committee to include: Rona Bleess, Faith Community Nurse/Community Member; Cindy Denning, Staples-Motley ISD #2170; Kristen Defoe, CentraCare Health RN; Callista Lehner, CentraCare Health; Megan Kruse, Todd Wadena Community Corrections; Amber Rasinski, Community Member; Bernice Desotell, Community Member; Dr Alex Harsha, Lakewood Health System; Tanja Levin, LPGE ISD #2753; Jason Polovick, Central Todd County Care Center; Barb Becker, County Commissioner-District 1; Randy Neumann, County Commissioner-District 5; Jackie Och, Todd County Health & Human Services Director.

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Todd County Public Health Advisory policy/job description as reviewed by the committee.

Administration

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

ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO THE TODD COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners has recognized a need for a strong, up to date personnel policy, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners and Policies Subcommittee have had an opportunity to review the policy revisions put forth in Section 7.24 Employee Recognition Service Awards, of the Personnel Policy and find the implementation to be in the best interest of the sound administration of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of February 18, 2025, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that this Resolution replaces and supersedes all prior County Board actions, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve participation for the year 2025 in Sourcewell's Internship Program for the departments requesting to participate (Health & Human Services, Solid Waste, GIS, Planning and Zoning, Public Works, MIS, Sheriff and Administration).

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the AFSCME HHS Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2025-2027.

Closed Session
On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute §13D.05, subd. 2(b) and to enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3(a) at 10:14 a.m. On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 11:23 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To terminate employee #597 for just cause effective 2/18/25. The summary of the closed session was a satisfactory evaluation of the County Coordinator.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on attending the MACO conference, provided unofficial election results from the Swanville School special election, reminded of the upcoming March Township elections and upcoming Osakis School special election on April 8. Also, the annual

Todd County Township meeting is tentatively set for April 1, 2025.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator shared a thank you letter from Initiative Foundation.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended the Public Health, negotiation, and TWCC meetings.

Commissioner Neumann attended the Public Health, CMCOA, negotiations, Park Board, Solid Waste, and Rainbow Rider meetings.

Commissioner Noska attended regular meetings.

Commissioner Byers attended the finance, policy, dept head, public works, personnel, interviews, childcare, SWCD, and Lauderdale meetings.

Commissioner Denny attended the regular scheduled meetings including Policy, Finance, Personnel, SWCD, Interviews, Lauderdale hearing, Dept Head and Negotiations.

Adjourn

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of February 2025.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
ARC ELECTRIC	
SERVICE.....	\$10,328.91
BROWERVILLE TRUCKWASH/	
BIG BOYZ.....	7,986.70
CARGILL SALT	
DIVISION.....	31,067.63
CONFITREK, INC.....	2,400.00
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE	
TECHNOLOGIES.....	13,392.29
LONG PRAIRIE	
LEADER.....	3,178.50
MOMENTUM TRUCK	
GROUP.....	2,725.58
SHI CORP.....	3,808.00
WHITMORE INC.....	2,370.00
WIDEST SMITH	
NOLTING INC.....	19,644.00
60 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	25,081.69
Total:.....	\$121,983.30

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
DHS SWIFT.....	\$50,662.34
V#17455 - COST EFF	
HEALTH INS.....	2,709.11
LAKEWOOD HEALTH	
SYSTEM.....	2,552.41
RONALD MCDONALD	
HOUSE.....	2,500.00
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	12,800.80
SHI CORP.....	8,620.00
TODD COUNTY	
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ..	2,200.00
73 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	30,772.27
10 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	1,708.18
Total:.....	\$114,525.11

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
AKSAMIT	
TRANSPORTATION	
INC.....	\$10,516.4
#16704.....	7,012.2
#17598.....	4,189.0
GREATER MN FAMILY	
SRVS INC.....	2,500.0
HEARTLAND GIRLS	
RANCH.....	22,278.4
LUTHERAN SOCIAL	
SERVICE OF MN -	
ST PAUL.....	2,086.7
#12198.....	2,900.0
#17597.....	4,021.0
PRODUCTIVE	
ALTERNATIVES INC.....	2,070.0
PSJ ACQUISITION LLC.....	6,923.7
RESOURCE TRAINING	
& SOLUTIONS.....	4,944.4
#17734.....	2,785.6
26 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	17,334.3
Total:.....	\$89,562.0

Feedlot meeting was a success in Staples

From Todd SWCD

Todd Soil and Water Conservation District’s annual event took place at Central Lakes College in Staples on March 20.

The meeting was titled “Wanted: Dead or Alive!” Feedlot topics this year pertained to on the ground options for better farm and nutrient management, feedlot program updates, and carcass disposal management and composting for feed-lot owners.

The meeting had CFOs presenting on feedlot program updates and the relationship between land application of manure and groundwater. Participants appreciated a producer panel on cover crop successes and helpful advice to those starting out on their cover crop journey. Keynote presenters were Dr. Steve Baldwin with Freeport Veterinary Services discussed identifying avian flu and other airborne pathogens and feedlot building construction. Brady Wulf of Clear Springs Cattle Company discussed how they integrate grazing cover crops in their operation. Also, Terry Sistad from Board of Animal Health and Kourtney Frank with MPCA discussed carcass disposal management and composting.

The end goal was to get producers to think about long term animal agriculture resiliency and adaptation.



Feedlot meeting at CLC in Staples

Dylan Pratt, Todd SWCD Conservation Technician, talks at the feedlot meeting on March 20.

MPCA looking for more local water monitors

As spring arrives, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency needs help monitoring the state’s 12,000+ lakes and 92,000+ miles of streams.

The MPCA is recruiting volunteers to measure water clarity in numerous lakes and streams – including several high-priority sites in northwest Minnesota– and then report back to the agency. The Volunteer Water

Monitoring Program is the perfect opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts and those interested in protecting our state’s natural resources.

The University of Minnesota launched the Volunteer Water Monitoring Program in 1973 and transferred it to the MPCA in 1978. It has become the second oldest, and still active, volunteer water monitoring program in the nation, empowering

Minnesotans from all corners of the state to support the health of our beloved waters.

How does it work? Volunteers conduct a simple water clarity test in a body of water twice a month from April to September. We provide all the equipment and training; no experience is needed.

The MPCA uses the data to help determine wheth-

er lakes and streams are meeting water quality standards, which are designed to protect aquatic life and recreational activities (like fishing and swimming). In some cases, the information gathered by volunteers is the only monitoring done on a particular lake or stream.

Contact the MPCA Brainerd office at 218-828-2492.

Public Notice

**NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION
MEETING**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization of Staples Township will meet on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in this jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please

contact your assessor’s office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
16-17pnc

Todd County Commissioners

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MARCH 4, 2025**

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner’s Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 4th day of March, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with addition of 4.9 Resignation Part-Time Public Safety Telecommunicator Kayla Andersen, 4.10 Hire Part-Time Road Deputy Cole Yungbauer and 12.2 2025 Agreement Between Douglas County and Todd County for Shared Services of a GIS/E911 Coordinator.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner’s Meeting Minutes for February 10th and 18th, 2025 and Joint County/SWCD Meeting Minutes for February 18t 2025 as presented.

Approve the hiring of Mr. Tyler Odden to fill the vacant Public Works Sign Technician position at Grade 8, Step 1 (\$24.97/hour).

Accept the resignation of Investigator Cole Yungbauer effective 03/03/2025.

Approve the resignation of Social Worker Dixie Allen, effective March 3rd, 2025.

Approve the resignation of Public Health Nurse Kelly Messer, effective February 21st, 2025.

To approve an Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for TMF Resort Inc dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve a Setup License for TMF Resort Inc dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

To approve an On Sale Wine License including strong beer for TMF Resort Inc dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

Approve the resignation of Part-Time Public Safety Telecommunicator Kayla Andersen effective January 16, 2025.

To hire Cole Yungbauer to fill the open Part-Time Road Deputy position. Grade 10 Step 8, \$35.02/hr. Start Date: TBD.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the February 2025 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 904832 through 904914 in the amount of \$1,283,442.80 (Manual) 1047 through 1057 in the amount of \$72,761.20 and (Regular) 243982 through 244123 in the amount of \$895,966.63 for a total of \$2,252,170.63.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403743 through 403762 in the amount of \$24,986.35 and (Regular) 58743 through 58774 in the amount of \$16,688.56 for a total of \$41,674.91.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion as introduced and adopted by

unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 806255 through 806273 and (Regular) 712830 through 712865 for a total of \$141,969.78.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601588 through 601597 and (Regular) 518285 through 518305 for a total amount of \$87,268.91.

Public Works

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2025 BITUMINOUS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on February 25th, 2025 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-603-010, SAP 077-622-014, CP 25:73, CP 25:78 and CP 77-25-01, said projects for highway construction related work at various locations in Todd County, and; WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

*Mark Sand & Gravel Co., Fergus Falls, Minnesota: \$4,113,309.75

*Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota: \$4,125,035.93

*Anderson Brothers Construction, Brainerd, Minnesota: \$4,266,576.20

*Minnesota Paving and Materials, Rogers, Minnesota: \$4,399,198.03

*R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc., East Grand Forks, Minnesota: \$4,405,995.59

*Knife River Corporation, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota: \$4,823,858.39

*Duininck, Inc., Prinsburg, Minnesota: \$5,046,727.74

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby by accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Mark Sand & Gravel Co. of Fergus Falls, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$4,113,309.75.

Announcement of the FY2027 Federal HSIP Safety Project Grant from MnDOT was provided which is intended to be for the installation of 6” Ground-In Wet Reflective Stripes in the amount of \$342,000.

County Attorney

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the 2025 Agreement for Prosecution Services, Burtrum, Grey Eagle, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Bertha, and Hewitt.

County Sheriff

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To purchase the 2025 Chevy K1500 pickup from Alexandria Motors for the price of \$48,510.00.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – “AMBLING TRAIL PLAT” SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Applicants and property owners Michael and Jeanne Bushard applied to subdivide a property that is described as part of Section 23 of Birchdale Township with the plat to be known as “Ambling Trail Plat”;

WHEREAS, Ambling Trail Plat consists of two lots with an outlot; Block One, Lot 1, 117,991 square feet; Block One, Lot 2, 440,797 square feet; Block One, Outlot A, 55,044 square feet, located in Shoreland Recreational Development Zoning District in Birchdale Township,

ing District in Birchdale Township,

WHEREAS, On January 2, 2025, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance: That part of Government Lot 1 and that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW¼ NE¼) of Section 23, Township 127 North, Range 33 West, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 4, Block One, BIRCHDALE ESTATES, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 17 seconds East, assumed bearing along the southerly extension of the east line of said Lot 4, a distance of 12.22 feet, said point also being 142.11 feet north-erly of the northeast corner of Lot 1, ANDERSON’S SUB-DIVISION, FIRST ADDITION, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South 82 degrees 50 minutes 32 seconds West 535.18 feet to a point on the northerly extension of the easterly line of Lot 11, said ANDERSON’S SUB-DIVISION, FIRST ADDITION, said point also being 137.97 feet northerly of the northeast corner of said Lot 11; thence South 80 degrees 24 minutes 59 seconds West 428.44 feet to a point on a northerly extension of the easterly line of Lot 19, said ANDERSON’S SUB-DIVISION, FIRST ADDITION, said point also being 137.35 feet northerly of the northeast corner of said Lot 19; thence South 79 degrees 19 minutes 26 seconds West 361.80 feet to a point on the east line of BIRCHDALE ESTATES PLAT 3, according to the recorded plat thereof, said point also being 57.80 feet northerly of the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block One, said BIRCHDALE ESTATES PLAT 3; thence North 07 degrees 38 minutes 29 seconds West, along said east line of BIRCHDALE ESTATES PLAT 3, a distance of 862.40 feet to the centerline of Trunk Highway No. 28; thence North 48 degrees 44 minutes 23 seconds East, along said centerline of Trunk Highway No. 28, a distance of 632.34 feet to the westerly extension of the north line of Lot 1, aforesaid Block One, BIRCHDALE ESTATES; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds East, along said westerly extension of the north line of Lot 1, a distance of 114.26 feet to the northwesterly line of said Lot 1; thence South 48 degrees 44 minutes 23 seconds West, along said northwesterly line of Lot 1, a distance of 207.47 feet to the westerly line of said BIRCHDALE ESTATES; thence South 28 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds East, along said westerly line of BIRCHDALE ESTATES, a distance of 1102.96 feet to the southwest corner of aforesaid Lot 4, Block One, BIRCHDALE ESTATES; thence North 83 degrees 58 minutes 43 second East, along the south line of said Lot 4, a distance of 461.22 feet to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2025, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above-described property and approved the Ambling Trail Plat preliminary plat with two conditions:

- All new driveway accesses shall be approved by the local road authority prior to installation.
- Abide by all other applicable Federal, State, and Local standards.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of “Ambling Trail Plat” be approved as presented.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Accounting Contract as presented.

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion

was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve notification to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Todd County’s intent to administer and deliver the Energy Assistance Program for FFY 2026.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the elimination of the Public Health Nurse position in the Adult Services Unit.

Solid Waste

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To award the bid to Boyer Truck in the amount of \$154,448.10 for Western Star 47X Semi-tractor.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To award the bid of \$250,484.00 to North American Trailer for 2 walking floor trailers.

On motion Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve letter of support and contribution of \$6,000.00 to Ottertail County application of C&D Management Grant.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize Solid Waste Director to sign proposal with Barr for professional services for \$15,500.00.

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize Solid Waste Director to sign proposal with Widesth for professional services for \$18,500.

Administration

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Todd County Recorder as the Supervisor for the GIS department.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2025 Agreement between Douglas County and Todd County for shared services of a GIS/E911 Coordinator.

County Auditor-Treasurer’s Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reminded of the upcoming March Township elections and absentee for upcoming Osakis School special election on April 8th is now open. Also, the final preparation for CLA’s annual audit upcoming visit is nearing completion. The 2025 Property Tax Statements are nearing completion for release to mailboxes in the next week or so.

County Attorney’s Report

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

County Coordinator’s Report

The County Coordinator attended a broadband, lunch & learn, paycom software, wellness, Sourcewell, TCDC/LP Chamber and GIS contract with Douglas County meetings. County Commissioner’s Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended the Region V and TWCC interview meetings.

Commissioner Neumann attended the SRWD, 1W1P-SR and SR JD2 Miller’s Bay meetings.

Commissioner Noska attended regular meetings with nothing special to report.

Commissioner Byers attended the personnel and union discussion meetings.

Commissioner Denny attended the regular scheduled meetings including union discussions.

Recess

Chair Byers recessed the meeting until March 18, 2025.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....	\$4,671.00

CLIFTON LARSON	
ALLEN, LLP.....	17,430.00
GERTH/CHARLOTTE.....	2,000.00
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER.....	3,276.00
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC.....	6,184.75
VERIZON.....	6,901.34
WEST CENTRAL TECH SERVICE AREA.....	4,228.47
37 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	17,417.13
ACOM SYSTEMS.....	4,000.00
CARD SERVICES	
COBORNS.....	2,514.65
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	3,099.52
CENTRA CARE.....	12,714.58
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK.....	7,386.93
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL.....	8,590.01
HY-TEC	
CONSTRUCTION.....	432,250.00
LEADSONLINE LLC.....	3,106.00
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY.....	5,421.65
MINNESOTA UI.....	6,290.85
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	6,259.50
MORRISON COUNTY.....	16,369.50
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A. 7,475.00	
POPE DOUGLAS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.....	11,514.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY.....	93,473.61
PRAIRIE PHARMACY.....	2,286.69
SHIRLEY’S GAS & GROCERIES INC.....	3,668.98
STAPLES ADVANTAGE.....	3,290.31
STEP.....	10,473.70
TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....	8,828.23
TOWN OF BARTLETT.....	27,561.26
TOWN OF BERTHA.....	27,933.84
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE.....	41,743.71
TOWN OF BRUCE.....	29,347.47
TOWN OF BURLEENE... ..	27,110.21
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE.....	36,258.88
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY.....	41,062.61
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE.....	34,767.07
TOWN OF GERMANIA.....	35,570.50
TOWN OF GORDON.....	32,871.66
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE.....	28,194.96
TOWN OF HARTFORD.....	42,770.40
TOWN OF IONA.....	39,702.82
TOWN OF KANDOTA.....	26,375.89
TOWN OF LESLIE.....	29,441.33
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK... ..	23,866.63
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK.....	37,445.20
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE.....	35,161.97
TOWN OF MORAN.....	33,550.93
TOWN OF REYNOLDS... ..	32,061.22
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE.....	44,640.42
TOWN OF STAPLES.....	32,751.99
TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE.....	38,009.22
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK.....	18,826.58
TOWN OF VILLARD.....	40,194.81
TOWN OF WARD.....	36,460.81
TOWN OF WEST UNION.....	24,224.23
TOWN OF WYKEHAM... ..	37,096.38
ULINE 4,521.21	
VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.....	3,516.44
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.....	5,540.50
38 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	16,668.42
ALL STATE COMMUNICATIONS.....	2,890.00
ANOKA CO GOVERNMENT CENTER.....	8,375.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE.....	2,326.13
CARGILL SALT DIVISION.....	7,634.10
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	2,322.34
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	11,116.28
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY.....	8,006.00
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC.....	2,000.00
MADDEN GALANTER HANSEN, LLP.....	17,675.10
MINNESOTA POWER.....	20,737.03
MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS BOARD.....	7,700.00
MORRISON SWCD.....	4,183.23
STOECKEL JAHNER INC.....	2,730.00

WADENA COUNTY SHERIFF.....	2,997.50
35 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	14,606.22
SCHOOL DISTRICT #2170.....	7,140.67
SCHOOL DISTRICT #486.....	4,830.83
TOWN OF BRUCE.....	2,415.41
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE....	3,320.46
4 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	2,651.02
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....	2,580.12
DOHERTY STAFFING SOLUTIONS.....	2,627.35
EAGLE BEND FARM & LUMBER SUPPLY INC.....	2,280.59
EBSCO INC.....	327,049.63
MCIT.....	2,281.00
METRO SALES INC.....	3,860.48
MINNESOTA POWER.....	5,133.75
PEMBERTON SORLIE RUFER & KERSHNER.....	7,215.60
27 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	14,351.62
MN DEPT OF REVENUE.....	59,569.02
US BANK - CC.....	8,454.06
10 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	4,738.12
TOTAL:.....	\$2,252,170.63

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES.....	\$4,415.17
INTRADYN.....	2,080.00
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC.....	2,724.88
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER..	5,054.50
MCCC, MI33.....	8,695.00
NORTHSTAR PLUMBING, HEATING AND AIR.....	3,625.14
46 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	15,080.22
TOTAL:.....	\$41,674.91

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
DHS - SWIFT \$.....	46,390.48
FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT 6004.....	18,660.00
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC.....	42,819.75
QUALITY LOGO PRODUCTS.....	2,669.11
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER.....	15,096.10
50 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	16,334.34
TOTAL:.....	\$141,969.78

VENDOR NAME \$ AMOUNT

DHS - MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROG - 462.....	6,038.80
GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS.....	9,475.46
GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC.....	18,233.76
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS.....	2,049.05
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MN - ST PAUL.....	3,129.30
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC.....	3,272.14
NORTHWOOD CHILDRENS SERVICES.....	8,522.22
PRAIRIE LAKES YOUTH PROGRAMS ..	14,023.07
STEP 5.085.33	
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On a motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 4th, 2025 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 18th, 2025.

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



Winning speech team with their trophy

Team champions at the Perham Jacket Classic speech meet, back row from left, Nayomi Perez, Addie Brenny, Maddock Harvey, Jackson Bitzer, Alex Tkalcich, Caleb Bestland, Annabella Hurtig and Lydia Tkalcich; middle row, Kai Bestland, Lexi Ann, Tristan Rendon, Mol-

ly Hoemberg, Meredith Hoemberg, Jackson Alexander, Sadye Anderson and Hailey Richardt; front row, Joshua Cushing, Laken Hines, Olivia Opheim, Raina Mikhaeil, Landon Zeigler and Adelaide Toepper. (Submitted photo)

Cardinals win Perham speech meet

On Saturday, March 29, the Staples-Motley Speech team competed in the Perham Jacket Classic. Staples-Motley won the tournament, taking first place. Individual competitors also had an excellent day. In the category of Creative Expression, Laken Hines won first place, Joshua Cushing took fourth, and

Maddock Harvey took second place in the next-in final. Olivia Opheim won first place in Informative and second place in Discussion. In Drama, Meredith Hoemberg took fifth place in the next-in final. In Duo, Caleb Bestland and Alex Tkalcich took sixth place. In Great Speeches, Raina Mikhaeil took second place

and Tristan Rendon took sixth. Laken Hines won first place in Humor. In Original Oratory, Hailey Richardt and Annabella Hurtig took third and fourth place in the next-in final. In Prose, Lexi Ann took third place. Maddock Harvey won first place in Storytelling. This tournament also offered ribbons for the top three

“novice” competitors in each category. Staples-Motley recipients included: Meredith Hoemberg, Alex Tkalcich, Caleb Bestland, Jackson Alexander, Annabella Hurtig, Addie Brenny, Sadye Anderson, and Lexi Ann.



Melting footsteps

Footsteps made a trail in the melting snow after the April snowfall. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Snow still fun for children

While adults with snow shovels and snowblowers were grumbling about the extra April snowfall, students at Staples-Motley Elementary School kept having fun with winter, making snow people,

climbing snow drifts, jumping, digging, building, diving and rolling around in the snow. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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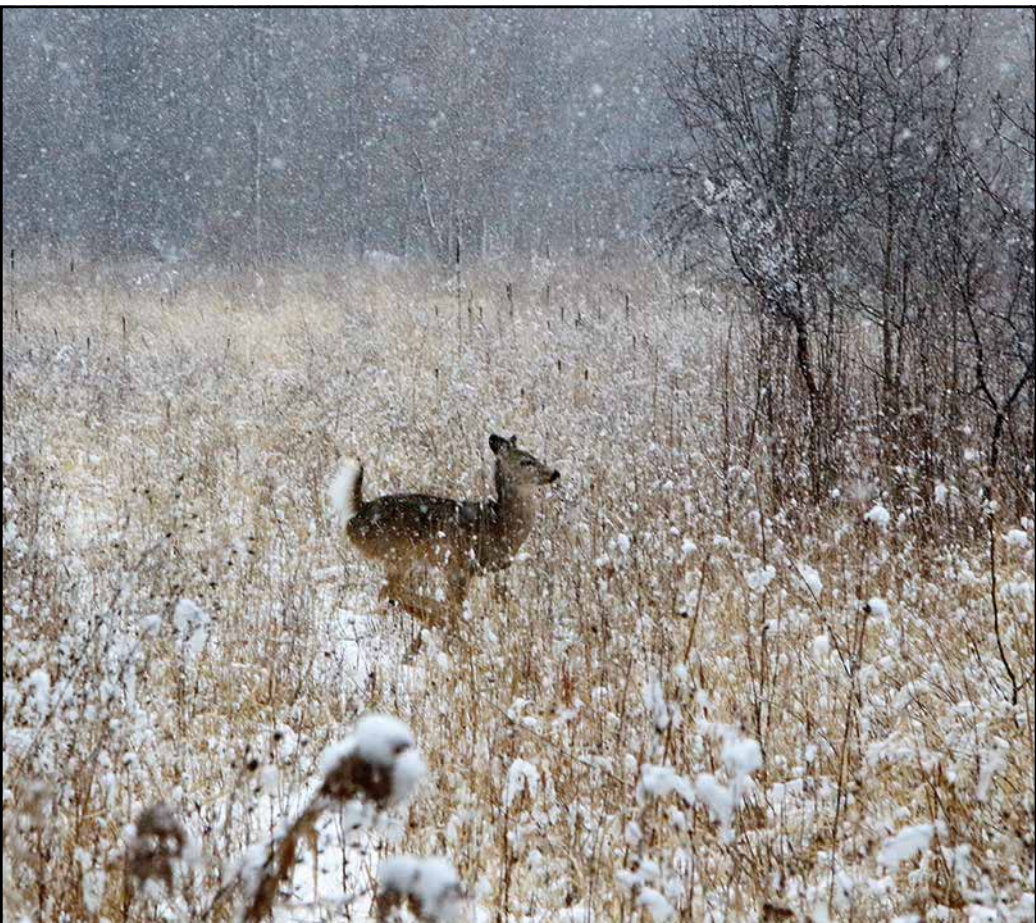


Free Community Breakfast in Motley

Dozens of people enjoyed a free breakfast of pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs at Motley United Methodist Church March 29. Pictured above, church member Jomyla Choate (left) serves guests. Below, a family from Motley enjoys breakfast. From left are Mya, Gwendolyn and Olivia Vanek; Beth Potratz and Jeremie Vanek. The church

hosts the breakfasts on the last Saturday of the month, September - May.

The next free Community Breakfast, in conjunction with CARE Ministry, will be held Saturday, April 26, from 9 - 10:30 a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, located at 847 3rd Ave. S. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Deer paths in the snow

A deer runs through nature during the snowfall on April 1 in Staples. Below, a path through the woods on the same day. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

