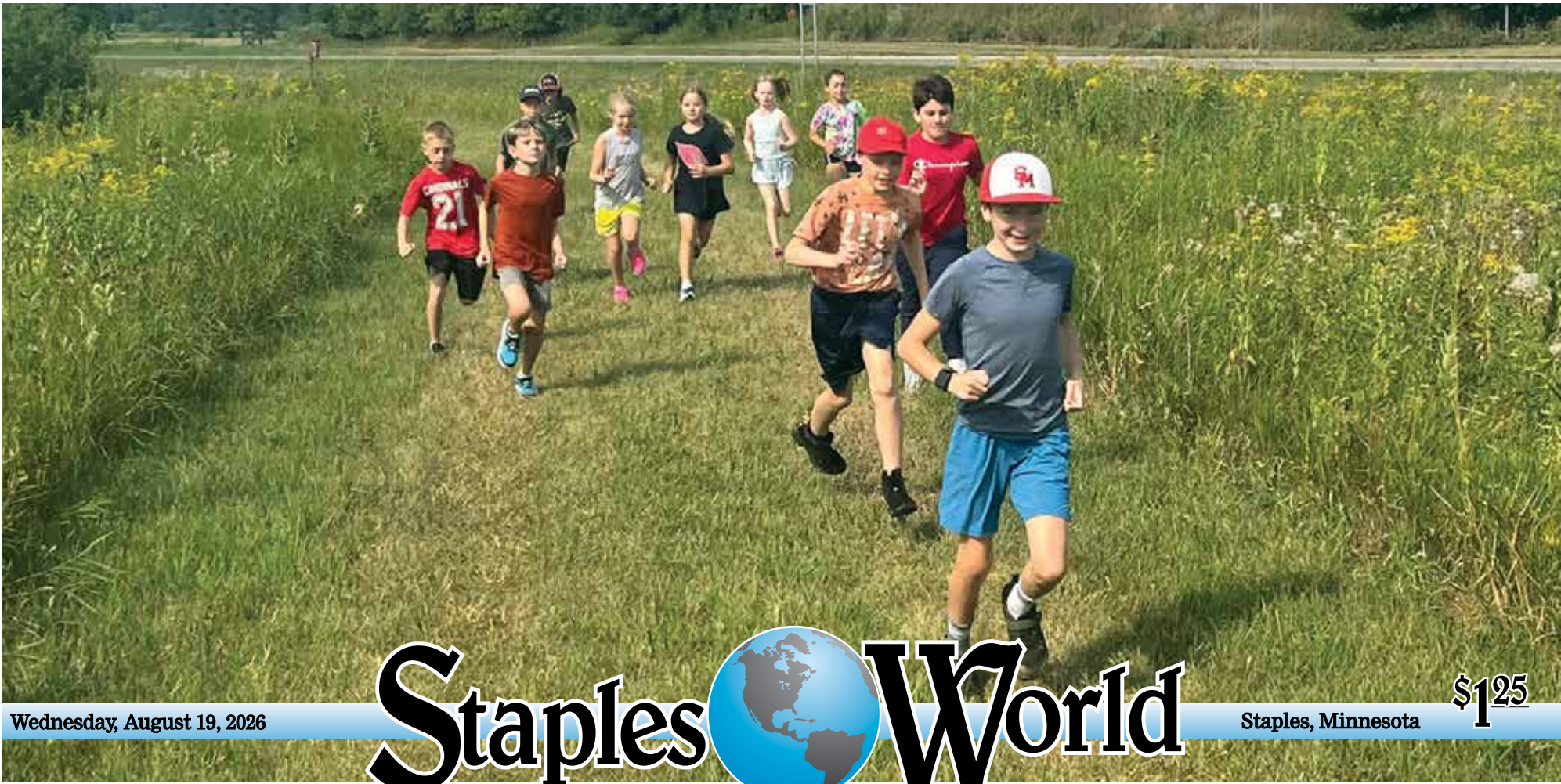


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Savaloja, Scott emerge in Sheriff race

Bryan Savaloja and Milo Scott were the top two vote earners in the primary election for the Wadena County Sheriff, and will be the two candidates on the ballot in the general election on Nov. 4, 2026. Savaloja had 1,333 votes for 43 percent of the total and Scott had 560 votes for 18 percent. Other contestants were Troy Wangsness, 471 (15 percent), Cory Carr 437 (13 percent) and Aaron Schiller 276 (9 percent).

Todd County and Morrison County did not have primary races because they did not have more than two

candidates for a county seat. **Wiener wins senate primary** State Representative Mike Wiener edged State Senator Paul Utke in the Republican primary for the Minnesota District 5 senate seat, getting 208 more votes out of 11,000 voters. Wiener's strength in Todd County overcame Utke's gains in Hubbard and Becker counties. Wiener received 77 percent of the vote in Todd County. He will move on to face Skylar Fynboh in the general election.

Andert jailed for theft of merchandise trailer

Robert Andert, 74, of Staples, is charged with felony theft and felony damage to property for the theft of an Honor Flight trailer taken from the American Legion in Moorhead in the early morning hours of Aug. 3. According to a criminal complaint filed in Clay County court on Aug. 10, Moorhead Police identified Andert's red truck from a surveillance video showing a truck driving away with the trailer. On Aug. 7, investigators used a search warrant to go to Andert's property in Staples, where they found

a burn pile that had evidence of the materials that had been in the trailer. The items in the trailer included shirts, tumblers, tables and carts, valued at \$30,000 and the trailer itself was estimated to be worth \$7,500. The complaint states that Andert admitted to having the trailer and burning the contents. Andert was arrested on Aug. 9 and was detained in the Clay County jail.



Prairie running Staples-Motley youth cross country runners had their first practice on Aug. 13, for grades 3-6, at the Legacy Arboretum in Staples. The program is part of Staples-Motley Community Education. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Former Motley School building has sold

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The former Motley School building will soon be home to American Eagle Roofing & Coating, a branch of its parent company in Clear Lake, Wisc. Mose Borntreger, owner of the business, was at the Motley City Council's regular meeting Aug. 10, to introduce himself and his work, and share plans for the space. The building entails nearly 89,000 sq. ft. and as they will not need all of it for their roofing business, Borntreger said they are open to renting out some of the space. However, he went on, they only want to rent to things that would "benefit the community." Borntreger mentioned that perhaps the gym could be something the community could use. Council member April Skeesick-Larson asked about the possibility of an open gym, which Borntreger seemed open to. Police Chief Al Yoder expressed some concern, wondering who would be there to monitor the building.



Bringing their roofing company to Motley

The owner/managers of American Eagle Roofing & Coating are pictured outside the former Motley School building Aug. 10. From left, Edwin Borntreger, Mose Borntreger, Anna and Emanuel Shetler. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Emily Blackburn of Motley asked if there were plans for the former football field. She'll be a sophomore at Brainerd High School this fall, where she plays on the soccer team. Blackburn said that there is nowhere in the Motley community to practice, or play soccer, and she hoped Borntreger would consider this as a possibility for the field. She went on to note that they'd need soccer nets, and the council suggested that perhaps the Motley Lions or American Legion could help pay for those. Borntreger thanked people for their suggestions. He went on to say that they'd be bringing in a sign for their business, as well

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New administrators find CLC has room to expand

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

While most Central Lakes College academic programs have had robust enrollment the last couple of years, new administrators Kimberly Lynch and Erich Heppner said the college has one unique asset: space. "This is unusual, most colleges don't have this same level of space," said Lynch, the new interim president for CLC, replacing Hara Charlier, who took a job at a college in Massachusetts. Starting with the large shops and gathering space at the main campus building, plus large outdoor spaces at the Ag and Energy Center and Heavy Equipment campus, Staples has one of the largest community colleges in the state. Heppner said the large main campus was created that way because that's what Mike Matonich wished for when he was in charge of the college as it was starting up. "This campus is built for volume and to create a workforce," said Heppner, the new Dean of Staples Campus.



New CLC administration

Kimberly Lynch is the new Central Lakes College President, and Erich Heppner is the Dean of Staples Campus. The two new administrators are working to get the word out about the many programs on the Staples campus. Lynch comes to CLC after working in the Minnesota State system and she also has been an administrator at Northwest Technical College in Bemidji and Anoka-Ramsey Community College. After spending time talking to people in the Staples community, she said there is a "clear directive" of what she needs to do. "We need to spread the word that isn't apparent,

that we have great programs here and great community partners," said Lynch. "That will lead to mutual success." Heppner said they have already gotten started with increased marketing for the career programs at the college, branching out with billboards, radio, mailings, print materials and social media. Most of all, they want to have more personal interactions. "We want to get more people aware, get them into the labs and shops," said Heppner. They are also looking for adult learners who are ready to learn a new skill or switch careers. Before becoming Dean of the Staples Campus this year, Heppner was the head of student services and the student senate at the college. He said he will continue to be student-focused in his job as campus dean. "We have a well tuned-up team," said Heppner. "We speak that student language." Heppner said the college students have been intentionally getting involved

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This Week's Forecast

High Low Cond.

Aug. 19 80 54 M. Sunny

Aug. 20 83 60 Sunny

Aug. 21 83 53 M. Sunny

Aug. 22 80 50 M. Sunny

Aug. 23 80 58 M. Sunny

Aug. 24 79 57 Cloudy

Aug. 25 80 59 M. Sunny

Last Year, 2025

High Low Cond.

Aug. 19 77° 62 P. Cloudy

Aug. 20 82 63 Sunny

Aug. 21 80 66 Rain

Aug. 22 73 58 M. Sunny

Aug. 23 63 53 M. Cloudy

Aug. 24 60 61 Sunny

Aug. 25 66 44 Sunny

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WCCO's Staples area

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Lisa Teigland

New owners at The Boxcar focused on serving great food

By Mark Anderson
Publisher

Shawn Sorlie and Nichole Erickson purchased The Boxcar in Staples real food in an inviting atmosphere.

They spent a lot of time cleaning and updating the space.

“We wanted an experience people can enjoy,” said Sorlie. “We have clean ingredients and a friendly atmosphere that is inviting to people.”

While the previous version of The Boxcar was focused more on the bar, Erickson said they purchased it to be food-focused. They want to become more of a family-friendly restaurant and have put a lot of thought into their menu.

“We spent time picking through the ingredient labels, we are selling the best quality items we can find,” said Erickson.

They started by making the kitchen free of seed-oils because of the negative health concerns about those types of oils.

“We’ve done that in our personal life for three years,” said Erickson, “more homes are eating that way now.”

Their menu is mainly hamburgers, pizzas, salads and sandwiches, but they allow customers to personalize each meal. Their “build your own” menu has a ton of toppings and sauces. They also have a



Operating The Boxcar

Nichole Erickson and Shawn Sorlie at The Boxcar. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

new “pick list” menu with some of the more popular combinations so people can just pick one thing instead of many. They also offer a “Pick of the Day” to narrow it down to one favorite.

Some customers have been very creative with the menu. For example, one person ordered a burger with a double patty, pineapple, corned beef, black olives and blue cheese.

“That was unique, but he

said it was the best burger he ever ate,” said Erickson.

While customers are encouraged to get creative, the menu also allows them to match their appetite or budget.

“If someone doesn’t want fries, they don’t have to order them,” said Sorlie. “If they just want a sandwich, they can order just a sandwich, and they aren’t charged for a full meal.”

Customers can also

just order a side dish and add toppings, cheeses and sauces.

“A lot of people order loaded fries or loaded tots,” said Erickson, in which they pick a side dish and load it up with the build-your-own menu items.

The Boxcar has gotten good feedback on their homemade ranch sauce. Erickson crafts most of the sauces they serve.

With their varied menu, they also plan to keep the kitchen open late, often until 10:45 p.m. or so.

Erickson and Sorlie said the community has been very welcoming to having a new type of restaurant in town, but there are also some people who are resistant to change.

“People are telling us it is nice and friendly,” said Sorlie. “We are getting rave reviews saying the food is good, too.”

Being located at the corner of Highway 10 and 4th Street NE, The Boxcar is starting to pick up more highway traffic.

“People driving through pull up the restaurants on their phone and go to the closest one,” said Sorlie. “Getting good reviews puts you towards the top of the list.”

As they settle in to their new venture, Sorlie and Erickson are looking forward to the future. They said they have ideas to expand their restaurant, either into the space next door or open the basement space to customers.



New business in town

‘Maverick’s’ in Staples is the place to go for lemonade on Thursdays. The young entrepreneur sets up his stand outside the former Longbella Drug Store during the garage sale for veterans that’s held there each week on that day. (Submitted photo)

Drinking water testing

Todd County has received a grant to help residents ensure their drinking water is safe. This initiative provides free water testing kits to eligible households and offers financial assistance to help address identified water quality issues.

The program aims to promote regular safety checks for private wells. To participate, residents must meet the following requirements:

- Eligibility: Must be a Todd County resident using a private well.

- Limit: One kit per household.

- Retesting: Available for households that have recently installed a water treatment system.

Residents can pick up their free kits at the Todd County Planning and Zoning office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information or to ask questions about the program, call 320-732-4420. The grant expires April 30, 2027.

Shop Local!

We have what you need right here
Check out these local businesses

Home, Hardware

Staples Ace Hardware	210 2nd Ave NE, Staples
Central Building Supply	820 2nd Ave. NW, Staples
Williams Floral & Nursery	1010 2nd Ave. NE, Staples
Motley Hardware	117 Highway 10 S., Motley
The Great Indoors	877 2nd Ave. NW, Staples



Groceries & food

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

Automobiles & vehicle repair

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



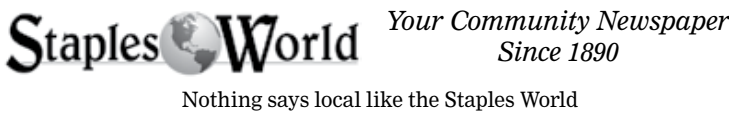
Retail, gift and thrift stores

Longbella Drug By Lakewood	1210 Highway 10, Staples
Old 10 Apparel	508 2nd Ave NE, Staples
STEP On In	116 5th Street NE, Staples
Like-Nu Gun & Pawn	214 2nd Ave. NE, Staples
Ray's Tobacco	215 2nd Ave. NE, Staples



Restaurants and bars

Tower Pizza	414 2nd Ave NE, Staples
Frosty's Spirits & Social Club	5th Street & 2nd Ave. NE
Spot Cafe	116 2nd Ave NW, Staples
Beck's Burger Co.	119 3rd St NE, Staples
The Boxcar	102 4th St NE, Staples
Still Lefty's	423 2nd Ave NE, Staples
DQ Staples and DQ Motley	Highway 10 in Staples and Motley
B&B Sports Bar & Grill	115 2nd Ave. NE, Staples
Stomping Grounds	213 4th St NE, Staples
Bremer's Booze Bank	48 Main Street W, Motley





Back to School donation

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to CARE Ministry for their 'Back to School' event. From left, Jeanne Hajek, with CARE Ministry; Staples Host Lion President Bob Schafer. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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AUGUST 12, 2026
Long Prairie Police
Jewealeah Rose Denise Bechtold, Clarissa. Operate vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Luis Hecdiel Caraballo Pastrana, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Bryan Rosario Fulgencio, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Taylor John Huston, Grey Eagle. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Tristen Allen Kircher, Burtrum. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Dusty KC Rosenfeldt, Minneapolis. Operate vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Tiffany Lynn Rosenow, Long Prairie. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Luis O'Neill Santana Acosta, Saint Cloud. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Todd County Sheriff
Delavan Louis Cole, Staples. Operate vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Barry John Hartman, Bertha. For-estry-Open burning-prohibited materials. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Brent Allan Hoverud, Browerville. Driving after revocation. Dismissed. Driver must carry roof insurance. Unsupervised probation, 1 Yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$50
Tristen Allen Kircher, Burtrum. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Walter Frank Lipa, Osakis. Domestic Assault-Fear. Dismissed. Disorderly Conduct. Continued.
Victor Emanuel Lopez Rolon, Long Prairie. Speed 45/30. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Driving without a valid license. Fine \$100.
Lee Duane Pierce, Deer Creek. Driver Approaching Intersection Fails to Yield Right of Way. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jesus Brayan Castillo Silva, Idaho Falls, ID. Driver must carry proof of insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driving without a valid license. Fine \$100.
Alec Eugene Stoecker, Clarissa. Speed 64/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$115. Driver must carry proof insurance. Dismissed.
Staples Police
Wade Scott Cumming, Browerville. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Klinton Mark Johnson, Braham. Fish and Game. Take fishing without angling license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Matthew Ryan Storck, Browerville. ATVs-Fail to renew registration. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. ATV-Prohibitions on youthful operators/passengers, under 18 helmet required. Fine \$50
Joas L. Yoder, Crystal. Fish and Game. Take or possess fish over limit.
MN State Patrol
William Michael Blanchard, Pasadena, CA. Speed 45/35. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Odeen Peter tufto, Scottsdale, AZ. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. \$85.
Todd Alan Zimprich, Sioux Falls, SD. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. \$85.
Yasemeen Sabri Al-Meri, Alexandria. Hands-Free Law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Reena Diamond Ansu, Bismarck, ND. Speed 99/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.
Tyler Jay Beach, Staples. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Diogenes Alberto De La Cruz Burgos, Long Prairie. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155
Tanya Le Dingmann, Belgrade. Speed 78/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Michael L. Downs, Lidgerwood, ND. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
James Andrew Gregg, Las Vegas, NV. Speed 78/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Randel David Jacobson, Osakis. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Zagalot Of Jean, Long Prairie. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Damien Kane Kerr, Wadena. Fail to yield right of way stop signs/blinking. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Henson Ronier Leal Diaz, Surprise, AZ. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Wayne Thomas McNally, Clitherrall. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Mark Joseph Miller, Woodbury. 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
William Edward Leo III Nathe, Freeport. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Rachel Rose Schwankl, Fridley.

Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Raul Alberto Wood, Long Prairie. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No proof mv insurance. Fine \$200.
Sandra Jo Wussow, Alexandria. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County August 3, 2026.
Heather Michelle Cogbill, Buffalo. Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours. Dismissed. Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours. Local Confinement 90 Days, Stay 0 Yr 0 Mo 87 Days For 1 Yr Credit for time served: 3 Days. Unsupervised probation, 1 Yr. Fine \$200. Fee \$300.
Lucas John Maland, Eagle Bend. DWI - Fourth-Degree Driving While Impaired. Dismissed. Speed 70/55. Dismissed. Careless Driving. Dismissed. DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours. Local Confinement 90 Days, Stay 0 Yr 0 Mo 90 Days For 2 Yr. Supervised probation, 2 Yr. community work service, 8 Hours For Indeterminate. Sentenced. Fine \$500. Fee \$600.
The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County August 5, 2026
Dwight Carroll Jr. Miller, River Falls. Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence. Dismissed. 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp. MN Correctional Facility - St. Cloud, 12 Mo, Stay For 5 Yr. Local Confinement 365 Days, Stay 0 Yr 0 Mo 320 Days For 5 Yr Credit for time served: 45 Days. Community work service, 16 Hours For Indeterminate. Supervised probation, 5 Yr. Sentenced. Fee \$125.
Steven Albert Marty, Burtrum. Driving Restrictions-Alcohol/Controlled Substance. Local Confinement 364 Days, Stay 0 Yr 0 Mo 364 Days For 1 Yr. Unsupervised probation, 1 Yr. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee \$125. Open bottle law. Dismissed
Lynna Violet Cummins, Long Prairie. 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual. Supervised probation, 3 Yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$50. 4th Degree DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Any Amount Schedule I/II Drugs/metabolite; Not cannabis/hem Dismissed.
Drugs - 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp Dismissed.
Paul David Deboer, Browerville. 5th Degree - Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual - Not cannabis/hemp. Continued. Local Confinement 59 Days, Stay 0 Yr 0 Mo 0 Days Credit for time served: 59 Days. Supervised probation, 4 Yr. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee \$125.
Natali Azeneth Garcia Montanez, Long Prairie. DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours. Local Confinement 364 Days, Stay 0 Yr 0 Mo 357 Days For 4 Yr Credit for time served: 7 Days. Supervised probation, 4 Yr. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee \$850. DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours. Dismissed. DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol. Dismissed.
The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County July 29, 2026.
Alonzo Raya-Morelos, Long Prairie. Intentional discharge of firearm that endangers safety. Dismissed. Reckless discharge of firearm within a municipality. Probation to the court, 2 Yr. Local confinement, 3 Days, Stay, 0, Yr 0, Mo 0 Days credit for time served: 3 days. Fine \$300. Fee \$75. Carrying pistol while under influence of alcohol concentration 0.10 or more. Dismissed.
The following cases were heard before Michelle L. Clark, Seventh District Court in Todd County August 4, 2026.
Armando Jesus Sanchez Rodriguez, Long Prairie. School Bus- Red lights flashing. Other driver must stop. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.
Jeffrey Lange Griffin, Avon. Liquor-Consumption by persons under 21. Sentenced. Fine \$100. Fee \$75. Traffic - Open bottle law;

75 YEARS Ago - 1951

• Aug. 16, 1951 - Word has been received by relatives in Staples that the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeMars, who were stricken with polio at Van Nuys, Calif., are all recovering satisfactorily at the present time.
Patricia, age 11, the last of the six to contract the disease, was released from the hospital first.
• Aug. 16, 1951 - It was several weeks ago that this column mentioned the starting of the new Catholic Church in Motley, which is located on the corner just south of the present location. The digging of the basement was dug the first week of May but it wasn't until the first week of July that work was begun on the

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building proper. The work, a lot of it, is expected to be done by donated labor, with Louis Gottwalt of Pierz, contractor.
• Aug. 16, 1951 - On Friday evening, Aug. 10, a group of F.F.A. members went to Little Falls to enter a swine judging contest. The contestants were Charles Blake, Don Frisk, Gordon Opheim, Don Berg, Jerry Barnes and Joe Sullivan. The awards for the four top boys were an F.F.A. jacket and a trip to the National Barrow Show at Austin, Sept. 12.
Don Frisk won the contest with a possible score of 280 points out of 300. Gordon Opheim tied with a Little Falls boy for third and fourth. Jerry Barnes was close to winning a jacket but ended up fifth.
• Aug. 16, 1951 - The first practice of the 1951 football season is called for Monday morning Aug. 20, at the athletic field for the Staples Railroad football squad.
Coach Spike Johnson, in issuing the call for men, stated that regular practices will be held each morning from then until the time school opens on Sept. 4.

50 YEARS Ago - 1976

• Aug. 5, 1976 - For Sale: Cute 6 week old part-Lab puppies and like new bathroom sink with faucets \$10. Call 894-2715, Melvin Wiens.
• Aug. 5, 1976 - Mary Hegre of Staples was among the 144 of Minnesota's top high school musicians on the Bemidji State University campus recently as part of the 1976 Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Band.
Selected through auditions from over 1,000 students, the members rehearsed for five days under the leadership of conductor Michael Polovitz.
• Aug. 5, 1976 - The Staples Alliance Church will be showing the film, "The Deceiver," Sunday, Aug. 8, at 8 p.m.
The film shows the Christian that he must be living in daily dependence upon God's Almighty power to combat the devil and his demons, according to Rev. Bill Arant, local pastor.
• Aug. 5, 1976 - Bill Pontius of the lake area south of Motley scored a hole-in-one at the Terrace Golf Course Monday, July 19. Pontius hit the ace on hole No. 2, using a five-iron.
• Aug. 5, 1976 - Wednesday, July 28, the Staples Pony team finished in fourth place in the Staples Pony Tournament. Members of team included Blaine Dravis, Phil Corbett, Paul Sanda, Johnny Riewer, Jim Crawford, Steve Peterson, Todd Crawford, Tom Olson, Bo Olson, Ken Meyer, Jamie Marden, Craig Wolhowe and Dave Hagenson.
• Aug. 5, 1976 - Master Charge. The Interbank Card. STOP IN NOW and get your application blank for your own Master Charge card at Staples State Bank in Staples, Minn. Phone, 894-1522.
• Aug. 5, 1976 - Showing at drinking and consumption Dismissed.
Karen Jean McLennan, Browerville. School Bus - Red lights flashing - Other drivers must stop. Fine \$50. Fee \$125.
Reed Clifford Moulzolf, Albany.

Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 2001. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 3, 2001 edition of the Staples World featured Sheila Jenniges, left, and Dianne Heldman, right, congratulating volunteer members for their special recognition at the P.A.C.K. volunteer event at the Motley School. The volunteers, from left, are Sherri Zetah, Cindy Zetah and Jackie Nurnberger.
Dianne Heldman, Staples, and

Sheila (Zetah) Jenniges, Oak Grove, recognized all in the photo and remembered well the volunteer appreciation event they were a part of. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.
Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Sherri Zetah, Cindy Zetah and Dianne Heldman. She thought Sheila Jenniges was an Eckes. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

the Cozy Theatre in Wadena Aug. 4 - 10 - Ode to Billy Joe. What the song didn't tell you the movie will.
• Aug. 5, 1976 - There were costumes galore as about 50 boys and girls participated in the Kiddies' parade of the Staples Crazy Days celebration last Friday.
First place winners in the various categories were Lee Ann Redemske for bicentennial, Amy Meyer for fantasy land, Aaron Smith for mobile unites, Cal Smith for miscellaneous and Brenda and Mary Edwards for crazy costumes.
Second place awards went to Peter Odell, Brenda Edwards, Mike Petrich, Amy Martin and Marjorie Martin, with third place winners being Stacy Johnson, Patty Martin, Joe Peterson, Lisa Jenkins and Cheryl Huebner.
Judging the contestants were Lu Wilson, Gordon D. Sellnow and Mike Umbrecht.

25 YEARS Ago - 2001
• Aug. 16, 2001 - Joe Birmingham is the new president at Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples. He replaces retiring Sally Ihne, who will be honored Aug. 24, in a community tribute at Cragun's Legacy Pavilion, East Gull Lake.
On his first day at work, Birmingham met the public at a reception that included State Sen. Dallas Sams of Staples, and James McCormick, new chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.
• Aug. 16, 2001 - The Motley Rodeo will be held at

the Motley Fairgrounds on Aug. 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. each evening. This is the fourth year the URA and MRA sanctioned event is headed by Bill Wyffels and Co. of Pillager.
• Aug. 16, 2001 - Imagine the culture shock of arriving from your home in (choose one: Brazil, Ukraine, Siberia, Finland) and coming to Motley for a two-day stay at the Eastwood Motel?
That's the opportunity about 65 young people, all planning on a year's stay in America, had last week.
Diane Japke, Youth for Understanding coordinator for central Minnesota, staged a first ever 'landing orientation' last week for the exchange students she has placed for the coming school year. They arrived at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport throughout the day last Thursday and were bused to Motley, arriving in two bus loads about 8 p.m.
• Aug. 16, 2001 - Jackie Bueckers and Jeremy Triepke, Staples Motley High School FFA members, are both assured of national FFA honors. Jeremy learned this week his proficiency degree entry earned a gold award. Jackie also learned her entry is still in the running for a top national award at the national FFA convention in October.
• Aug. 16, 2001 - The

Louis Kemp seafood plant at Motley is about to add 50 jobs, but they won't exactly be new jobs.
They are being transferred to Motley from the Louis Kemp plant in Duluth, which is being closed.
"The Louis Kemp Plant in Duluth is being consolidated with our operations in Motley, with our Duluth employees offered first opportunity for those jobs," a spokesperson for ConAgra, the parent company of Louis Kemp, said from offices in Irvine, Calif., on Tuesday.
10 YEARS Ago - 2016
• Aug. 11, 2016 - The 26th Annual Old Wadena Rendezvous & Folklife Fest will be held Aug. 13 & 14, 2016, at Old Wadena Park, north of Staples. Featured acts include Curtis & Loretta, Caitlin Robertson, Dave Virnala, Leane Flynn, Margo McCreary Puppet Show, Dick Oehlschlager, Jake Kaehne, John Gorka.
• Aug. 11, 2016 - Liz Koskineniemi, a member of the Staples Motley Area Women of Today, was recently awarded with a State Presidential Pin for her volunteer services with the local chapter. The Presidential Pin is awarded to an exclusive number of state members who go above and beyond to make their communities a better place.

StaplesWorld

The Staples World office, moved to 207 4th St. NE open every weekday, 8 a.m. - noon.

•For afternoon availability, call 218-894-1112.

Regular advertising and copy deadline is Friday, noon.

The office closes at noon on Friday.

Across from the old Staples Theatre marquee



Find Treasure Within

Time for a moon dance

By Frank Odell

There comes a moment in life when a person must make a serious decision.

A mature decision.
A wise decision.
Should I dance... or should I sit in this chair making groaning noises every time I stand up like an antique rocking horse with back problems?

That, my friends, is the question.

Some people believe celebration belongs only to the young. They think dancing is reserved for teenagers with functioning knees and enough energy to survive on two tacos and poor judgment. But I disagree. Strongly disagree. In fact, I believe there comes a season in life when celebration matters even more.

Now when I say “moon dance,” I am not suggesting anyone over sixty attempt breakdancing. Let us not tempt gravity unnecessarily. Gravity already works overtime after age forty. At this point in life, tying your shoes feels like a hostage negotiation with your hamstrings.

No, this is not about dancing foolishly.

It is about celebrating faithfully.

There is a difference.

As children, we celebrate because life is exciting.

As adults, we celebrate because life is exhausting.

That cake at age ten says, “Yay! I’m growing up!”

That cake at age fifty-five says, “Praise the Lord, I survived another year without becoming a headline.”

Perspective changes everything.

When we are young, birthdays mean presents.

When we are older, birthdays mean people squinting at us before saying, “Well... you’re looking good.”

Which is adult code for: “You appear medically stable.”

Still, there is something beautiful about people who refuse to stop celebrating. They understand life is not merely endured—it is enjoyed. They know joy is



Frank Odell was an English Teacher 30 years, MN State Fair Food vender 27 years and P.B. Toastmaster of Year 2020 - 2021.

not childish. Joy is survival with rhythm.

And perhaps that is why dancing has always mattered. Dancing is rebellion against despair. It is the soul refusing to rust.

King David danced in the Bible with such passion people thought the man had lost his dignity. But maybe dignity is overrated sometimes. Maybe there are moments when gratitude should outweigh appearances.

Because nobody reaches the end of life wishing they had spent more time looking sophisticated while sitting silently beside the potato salad.

No one says, “I wish I had attended fewer weddings, laughed less loudly, and remained emotionally unavailable near the desert table.”

No. We crave celebration because deep down we know life moves fast.

One minute you are sneaking snacks into a movie theater. The next minute you are hiding vegetables in your diet and discussing fiber with frightening enthusiasm.

Accelerates life does like a shopping cart with one crooked wheel. Faster spins the calendar while slower creak the joints. Suddenly your idea of “cutting loose” is using both packets of sauce at a fast-food restaurant.

Have you seen people my

age? We buy birdfeeders and become emotionally invested in squirrels. We own seventeen plastic containers without matching lids. We make accidental noises while sitting down. We clap when airplanes land as if we personally assisted the pilot.

Dance a little slower if needed.

Stretch beforehand if necessary.

Keep aspirin nearby like trusted backup singers.

But dance.

Dance because your heart still beats.

Dance because your family still gathers.

Dance because somewhere along the road, sorrow did not win.

Life gives us enough funerals, failures, and frustrations. Enough tears arrive without invitation. So when joy knocks on the door wearing music shoes, we ought to answer it.

Even if the moon dance becomes more of a cautious side-to-side shuffle.

Honestly, at a certain age, any movement that does not require physical therapy counts as choreography.

And maybe that is the real lesson.

Celebration is not pretending life is perfect. It is recognizing life is precious anyway. It is laughter echoing through tired lungs. It is grandparents swaying in kitchens. It is friends singing off-key. It is wrinkled hands clapping beside birthday candles that look dangerously close to starting a brush fire.

It is proof the spirit can remain young while the knees file formal complaints.

So tonight, if life gives you even the smallest reason to celebrate—take it.

Put on the music.

Call the people you love.

Laugh too loudly.

Eat dessert first.

Dance carefully but enthusiastically.

Because eventually the song ends for all of us.

Until then?

It is time for a moon dance.

Rural women running for office

By Mikki Morrisette
Minnesota Women’s Press

At a large gathering of rural voices in June, a potluck party along the river in Palisade, a Minnesota town of less than 200 people, women shared their perspectives about culture, politics, and the nature of mutual aid in all communities.

Shanai Matteson, who co-created the event, said she was inspired because she started to hear in many spaces the story that women cannot win, women cannot be leaders, “no one will accept us as leaders, especially in (rural small) towns like this. That just doesn’t resonate with my experience, because I grew up here and I was raised by strong women and I know many of you were too. Whether you live in little towns like Palisade or on the reservations in this region or you live in some of the big little towns, you know that women are already leading us. It’s women who are the caregivers, who are the strategists. We’re don’t just clean up messes, although we do clean up a lot of messes. We are imaginative and creative, and we have vision for what will make our community stronger.”

She invited people in the audience to come up and share what kind of support they’re looking for, which included organizers concerned about mining and data centers. “We all need help. We’re not rich here, we’re not going to be able to make the changes that we need by raising a bunch of money. We need to get back to the basics of taking care of each other.”

Matteson acknowledged the people raising kids and grandkids, doing day jobs and “solving the problems that we all face in our families and communities, gathering their neighbors to talk about things that are important to us, helping each other out. That’s the kind of leadership that will help us move into a better future.”

Whether it’s arts and culture groups expressing themselves, or door-knockers for candidates, she added, she sees that a majority of those organizers are women.

Here are comments from some of the women Matteson helped to gather in a small town by the Mississippi River:

Gaylene Spolarich, Palisade mayor and Ojibwe grandmother

“We’re concerned about things that need to change. Am I right?”

In Palisade, she said, visitors might think her little town is idyllic, yet like every community it needs



Dawn Espe (photo by Johnny Barber)

mutual support to work well. “It’s a little city with big city problems. We’ve got infrastructure problems. We’ve got ordinance problems. But the beauty is that I have a council that is very strong, that is as vested as I am. We’ve lived here forever and we care, so our job is to build this little city back into a little metropolis that we can keep coming back to, a bench on the Mississippi.”

Nevada Littlewolf, Women Winning Director

Littlewolf said she was encouraged early in her life to be part of the political sphere. As a young artist and community organizer in Virginia, Minnesota, she said, it was “not necessarily a space that I wanted to be in or thought of myself as being in.”

But with that encouragement, at age 31, she ran for city council, where she served for ten years. “I had never seen a native woman serving in local office.” Littlewolf had seen women leading in every tribal council in Minnesota, but not much beyond that community. Now she leads Women Winning, a statewide organization that works to recruit, support, train, endorse and elect pro-choice women at all levels of office, particularly at local levels. “Much of the work I’ve done has been in rural communities with rural women. I get excited about seeing gatherings like this, particularly the idea that we can learn from our tribal communities and tribal women. There are a lot of gifts and knowledge there.”

Trina Swanson, candidate

“At this point last year, I was working for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. I had been a public servant for almost 25 years. At that point, I had dedicated my entire adult life to giving back to this country and doing things that I thought were valuable for America. Then Trump 2.0 came in.”

Hallie Pond, Brainerd Lakes Area Indivisible

She said community members have been coming together in solidarity, largely to respond against the Crow Wing County sheriff’s decision to sign an agreement that “basically depu-

tizes local sheriffs to carry out tasks on behalf of ICE in our communities. It’s harmful work. It breaks the precious trust in the fabric of our communities that we rely on to survive and to keep each other safe. These intergovernmental support agreements turn our local jails into deportation pipelines.”

Pond decided run for a county commissioner seat to work toward overturning harmful decisions. “We know that we are the change we want to see.”

Dawn Espe, candidate

As someone who has worked 20 years in community development, as founder of The Sowing Room and formerly at Region Five Development Commission, Espe is running for District 4 county commissioner in Crow Wing. She had been thinking of running for several terms to help address county issues, because part of her work long has been “about listening to the people that actually live and work in our places versus the higher ups making all of our decisions. My walk through life has taken me in more directions than I ever thought possible. I have always come back to rural because this is where I belong.”

Kim McLaughlin, candidate

“Public education is near and dear to my heart. Across Minnesota, across the Northland, we need to do something different. I am in my tenth year on the Hibbing School Board. I’ve worked in public higher education for almost 30 years, first as an internal auditor and now as a business manager. So, I have a probably a different perspective than many of the people in the state senate. I’m a CPA and I’m a fraud auditor. Although I’m one voice, it’s really driving me kind of nuts when I hear people throwing around the word fraud. I’ve worked in that arena in various capacities. I’ve dug into information. I’ve done reports. I’ve taught people policy. My opponent keeps pointing fingers, and I hope to go to St. Paul and be somebody that can offer alternative solutions.

Mary Carlson, candidate

She’s a mother, restoring a 100-year-old farm, has launched two successful businesses and serves on the local school board. She’s dealt with sometimes unintentional sexism toward women in leadership. Some party leaders might not think she can win against a male incumbent, “but they’ve never met me.”

Minnesota Women’s Press is found at womenspress.com

MDA call for emerging farmers

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is seeking 11 members to serve two-year terms on the Emerging Farmers’ Working Group (EFWG). Minnesotans interested in enhancing opportunities for new and emerging farmers to start or sustain an agricultural business are encouraged to apply by Monday, Sept. 14.

“The goal of the Emerging Farmers’ Working Group is to ensure that the experiences and ideas of farmers from across Minnesota help shape the resources intended to serve them,” said Assistant MDA Commissioner Patrice Bailey. “As we continue to build out our Emerging Farmers Office and its programs, the group’s guidance will be essential to meeting farmers where they are. We are grateful to past and departing members, whose perspectives have shaped this work and strengthened support for emerging farmers across the

state.”

Established by the Minnesota Legislature in 2020 under the Walz-Flanagan Administration, the EFWG was the first state-level advisory group of its kind in the nation. Since then, 62 members representing 32 Minnesota counties have served across six cohorts, helping ensure that emerging farmers have a voice in shaping state programs, policies, and resources.

Members will serve from November 2026 through May 2028. Meetings are held in person or virtually. Members may choose to receive a stipend for their service. Applications for the EFWG must be submitted by 11 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14. Visit the Emerging Farmers’ Working Group webpage to apply and learn more. Questions may be directed to the Emerging Farmer Office at mda.emerging.farmers@state.mn.us.

Farm costs, debt compared to 1980s

By John A. Nelson
The Rural Blog

In a report for Wisconsin Public Radio, Hope Kirwan reminds listeners of an agricultural downturn of 40 years ago when “a decline

in crop prices and farmland values, massive amounts of farm debt and high interest rates led to a landslide of farmers forced to leave the industry. By the end of the decade, an estimated 300,000 farms went bankrupt or foreclosed.”

While the comparison is understandable — a conflict with Iran, higher fuel and fertilizer prices — farmers and economists alike recognize that unlike then, the federal government now provides more safeguards, such as crop insurance. But the difficulties still are threatening, as Kirwan reports, “Profit margins for U.S. corn and soybeans have been negative for the past two years, according to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.”

The WPR report quotes Seth Meyer, an agriculture economist at the University of Missouri, who says today’s safeguards “won’t keep people from exiting” but can allow “a more orderly result. So folks aren’t knocked out by one bad situation, some of which is out of their control.”

One such situation has California lettuce growers plowing their crops back into the ground. The Wall Street Journal reports that the outbreak of the cyclospora virus, even though it has not been connected to

domestic production, has instilled so much fear in consumers that “growers can’t afford the expense of picking and storing crops they might not be able to sell.”

In response to the challenges farmers are facing, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced on Tuesday at Minnesota Farmfest that the federal government is implementing “a series of data modernization payment flexibility, and enhanced crop insurance options to benefit farmers.” In a USDA press release, Rollins said, “We’re modernizing how USDA serves farmers, providing common sense flexibility when it’s needed most, and strengthening the risk management tools producers depend on.”

The Wisconsin farmer quoted in the WPR report said he’s hoping to hang in there until commodity prices begin to rise again. “Everything we do is managing risk, and there’s a cost to that,” he said, while expressing optimism.

The California lettuce farmer quoted by WSJ seemed to agree. “You can’t afford to be downcast very long,” he said. “You better pick yourself up, dust yourself off and keep pushing forward.”





CLC Field Day Aug. 28

Central Lakes College will host its 2026 Field Day on Friday, August 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the CLC Ag & Energy Research Center, located at 26505 County Road 2 in Staples.

The annual event gives farmers, agricultural professionals, families and community members an opportunity to explore current agricultural research, technology and educational activities taking place at the center. Field Day is free and no preregistration is required.

Morning sessions will be offered from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and repeated from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Topics include:

- Rethinking the Row: 60-Inch Corn, Cover Crops and Soil Moisture Sensors, presented by Taylor Thompson of the CLC Ag & Energy Center and Amy Robak of Centra Sota
- Drone Applications, presented by CRK Aerial
- Field Research in Edible Bean Production and Partnerships in the Plot, presented by Juan Osorno of North Dakota State University and Andy Hacker of Bonanza Bean LLC
- Living Legacy Garden Tours, led by Tammy Rick
- Precision Irrigation Systems, presented by Grand Irrigation

Children's Garden activities will be offered during the second session from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Young visitors will have an opportunity to dig potatoes, cut flowers and learn about agriculture through hands-on activities.

Field Day will also feature tractor and combine Ride-N-Drive opportunities provided by Midwest Machinery, refreshments and agricultural vendors inside the Main Shed.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Legacy Ag Trail will take place at 11:45 a.m. The trail creates a new walking route around the Ag & Energy Research Center and was developed through partnerships involving Central Lakes College, the City of Staples, CLC Heavy Equipment and Ideal Construction. Partners and supporters who helped make the trail possible will be recognized during the lunch program.

A free lunch and program will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. and will feature Minnesota Farm Service Agency Executive Director Kurt Blomgren as the guest speaker.

The afternoon will continue with Ride-N-Drive activities from 1 to 2 p.m. A free ice cream social will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Living Legacy Gardens, featuring live Scandinavian violin music by Skal Klubben. The ice cream social is sponsored by the Central Lakes College Foundation.

For additional information, visit www.clcagandenergy.org/events or contact Tyler Grunewald at 218-894-5141.

About the CLC Ag & Energy Research Center

The Central Lakes College Ag & Energy Research Center in Staples conducts applied agricultural research, demonstrates emerging practices and technologies, and provides educational opportunities for students, producers, agricultural professionals and community members.

Sturm, newest emergency medicine provider at LHS

Lakewood Health System, Staples, recently welcomed Dr. Kasey Sturm to its emergency medicine provider team.

Originally from Wadena, Dr. Sturm earned her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University and received her medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School in Duluth and Minneapolis. She completed her residency training in emergency medicine at Regions Hospital in St. Paul and is a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

As an emergency medicine physician, Dr. Sturm provides care for patients of all ages, treating a wide range of conditions, from



Dr. Kasey Sturm

minor illnesses and injuries to life-threatening emergencies. She is committed to delivering thoughtful, efficient and compassionate care while helping patients and their families feel sup-

ported during some of their most challenging moments.

"I'm excited to join Lakewood and practice the full breadth of emergency medicine while serving a community that feels like home. It's a privilege to provide that care in an area where my own family has deep roots."

Outside of work, Dr. Sturm enjoys spending time with her husband and their four children. The family embraces an active, family-focused lifestyle and is excited to return to rural Minnesota. They look forward to putting down roots, planting a garden and raising their children in a close-knit community.

Mark Your Calendar

August 20

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

STAPLES CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, FOR THOSE CARING FOR SOMEONE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA meets the third Thursday of each month, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. For info., contact Cristina: Cristina.Rodriguez@vivie.org or 320-460-7226.

August 21

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Fridays in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

August 23

MUSIC IN THE PARK - FREE Featuring The Red Letter Band. Sunday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m., at Northern Pacific Park, 625 6th St. NE, Staples. Sponsored by Staples Motley Area Arts Council.

Menu

Senior Nutrition Program, Staples
Staples: Call mornings (218-979-4118) the Thursday before to reserve next week's meal(s) and current suggested donation info. LSS Meals - traditional menu (subject to change).
LOCATED AT: Staples Hi-Rise, 615 4th St. NE, Staples. Seniors welcome to dine-in at 11:00 a.m., with meal reservations.

• Staples Site: 218-979-4118.
• Motley Site: 218-824-3820.
August 24 - August 28
MONDAY - Tuna noodle casserole, peas, hot spiced peaches, dinner roll, marg., vanilla pudding/topping, 1% milk.

TUESDAY - Sloppy Joe/bun, country veggie blend, fruit crumble, summer pasta salad, 1% milk.

WEDNESDAY - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, dinner roll, marg., lemon jello w/mandarin oranges, 1% milk.

THURSDAY - Tater tot hot-dish, whole kernel corn, apple crisp, wheat bread, marg., 1% milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken Cordon Bleu, sliced carrots, rice pilaf, applesauce carp, wheat dinner roll, marg., 1% milk.

August 31
MONDAY - BBQ chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, peas, wheat bread, marg., brownie, 1% milk.

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

August 25

WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICANS MEETING Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m., at the Wadena VFW. Come early to eat and visit with like-minded people.

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

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*All State & Federal candidates have been invited.

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England Prairie 47th Annual PIONEER DAYS

Fri., Sat., Sun. Aug. 21, 22, 23, 2026
14229 County Road 1, Wadena, MN 56482

Friday Night Fundraiser
Barn Dance on the Prairie
4:30-6:30 Pulled Pork or Beef on a Bun, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Pickle Spear & Beverage - \$14.00
6:00-8:00 Blommel Family Band
5:00-8:00 Pie & Ice Cream, Root Beer Floats

SAT., AUGUST 22
7:30 a.m. Gates open
7:30-11 a.m. Thresher's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Flag Raising with Scouts
11:00 a.m. Antique Tractor Pull
11:30 a.m. Kid's Coin Hunt
11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Parade - JOIN IN!

SUN., AUGUST 23
7:30 a.m. Gates open
7:30-11 a.m. Thresher's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Draft Horses field demos
11:30 a.m. Kid's Coin Hunt
1:00 p.m. Parade - JOIN IN!
2:00-4:00 p.m. Bingo
4:00 p.m. Raffle prize drawings
5:00 p.m. Gates close for the season

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Map / info: www.England-prairie.org email: pioneer@England-prairie.org

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Saturday, August 22, 2026

SALE TIME: 9 A.M. RESTROOMS LUNCH AVAILABLE

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Winchester, Marlin and Red Ryder
Craftsman Rider, 24 hp
Aladdin lamps
Double and single bit axes
Pocket watches
Wrist watches including 2 Rolex
Pioneer receiver and speakers
Turn tables: Pioneer, Magnavox, JVC
Lighted signs, beer, cigarette and Coca Cola
Many metal signs: Yamaha, tire, etc.

Jet ski on trailer
Over 20 hatchets
Belt Buckles
2 belt buckles
Jack knives
Pioneer receiver and speakers
Turn tables: Pioneer, Magnavox, JVC
Lighted signs, beer, cigarette and Coca Cola
Many metal signs: Yamaha, tire, etc.

Vintage copper Savage Arms Co. washer and dryer, unique
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Over 700 vintage hub caps
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Rifles/shotgun shells
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Vintage clocks
Carli hook
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Tackle box
Buck saw
Deer Antlers

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G. Burton electric guitar
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Staples depot bench
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Many more items too numerous to mention
Dave Ringwelski, owner

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1987 Twins World Championship mug
7 Up glasses
Church keys, Coke, Hamm's, 7 Up

INDIAN MANDALANS
MANY: Collectible Troika, large and small
Julien plates from Sweden
Small collector's plates
Toy horse and other items
Custom plates
Hoover cleaner/vac
Electric typewriter
Shelves

Cabinets
Knick knacks

Private Party
Henry Rifle, Golden Boy 22
Kimbler 30mm (Must have Permit to purchase hand guns)
Misc. Ammo
Clip loader
20-gun safe
Table w/ 6 chairs
Chest
Sewing machine
Tools
Small air compressor

Glen Williams, Owner

PRINTS
All by James Meager
Co-signed by Herb Brooks
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"One More Pass", #4/35
"Host TV Healer", #4/35
Les Knutba print: Pronghorns at Waterring Hole, #246/1400

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Pabst Blue Ribbon, Schlitz, Budweiser, Grain Belt, more
MANY MORE ITEMS

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Target pistol (Must have Permit to purchase hand guns)
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Obituaries

Lisa Teigland

Lisa Teigland, 59, of Long Prairie, passed away August 3, 2026, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A Celebration of Lisa's Life will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on August 23 at the American Legion in Long Prairie.

Lisa was born January 6, 1967, to Clement and Lois (Peterson) Teigland in Browerville. She attended Clarissa High School, graduating in the class of 1985. She went on to attend technical college and worked as a medical transcriptionist for over 20 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Brooke Simonson; one sister, Pam (Larry) Cook; two brothers, Mark (Lisa) Teigland and Dean (Lorraine) Teigland and



many nieces and nephews. Lisa was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Michael Teigland and Lynn Teigland. w35p A00006B2026AU19

Wayne Greenwaldt

The funeral service celebrating the life of Wayne LeRoy Greenwaldt was held August 17, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township with Pastor Stephen Melcher presiding.

Wayne Greenwaldt of Alexandria went to heaven August 11, at the Staples Care Center at the age of 75.

Wayne was born in Bertha, to Kenneth and Erma (Snakenberg) Greenwaldt on November 12, 1950. He graduated from Staples High School in 1971 and attended Staples Technical College for one year.

Wayne enjoyed many different things but first and foremost was his love of fishing. He always enjoyed dropping a line in the water, and if he couldn't fish, he'd talk about fishing. Wayne was musically inclined from a very young age, and he learned how to play guitar by ear from his dad. He was also a great singer, and over the years they enjoyed many little jam sessions together. In his younger days, Wayne enjoyed deer hunting, with his biggest thrill being the year he shot a 6-point buck on the home farm. Wayne loved people and he made friends easily wherever he went. While living in Alexandria he enjoyed bowling with friends, sharing a meal with friends at the Pizza Ranch and scoping out bargains at the local flea market. Playing pinochle with his mom and sisters on the weekends he came home to visit was a highlight for him, as was watching college football and basketball on television and cheering loudly for his favorite teams. Wayne led a very fulfilling life and made lasting friendships with



many individuals over the years. These friends, along with his family, will dearly miss him.

Wayne endured a multitude of health issues over the years, but despite this, he never lost sight of the fact that he was a child of God and that he would one day walk beside his Lord and Savior in heaven.

He is survived by his mother, Erma Greenwaldt of Staples; siblings Jan (Tony) Jares, Sid (Vicki) Greenwaldt and Nancy (Gary) Weber all of Aldrich, and Bonnie (Joel) Kassen of Goodhue; 12 nieces and nephews along with many great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Greenwaldt and great nephew, Elliot Kenneth Jares.

Honorary pallbearers were Jason Jares and Ryan Kassen.

Serving as pallbearers were Derek Greenwaldt, Travis Jares, Chris Weber, Jesse Greenwaldt, Nick Jares and Justin Kassen.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, caring for Bertha, Verndale, Wadena and surrounding communities in Minnesota. (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor John Pavlica, Lead Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
Weds., 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
2743 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

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Verndale Alliance
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Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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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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Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.

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Ephesians 4:11-15

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Staples-Motley fall sports schedules

Staples-Motley fall sports teams officially started practice on Aug. 17. Below is a preview of their schedules.

Volleyball

Ths Staples-Motley volleyball team will have plenty of home games for local fans to check out this season. They will play eight games in the extremely tough Heart O’ Lakes Conference, plus a couple of big Saturday tournaments.

Volleyball schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 1 Home vs. Verndale, 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 8 Home vs. Osakis, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10 @ Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12 @ C-I Barb Neprud Tourny, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22 Home vs. Park Rapids, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 24 @ Pelican Rapids, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 28 Home vs. Pine River-Backus, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1 Home vs. Frazee, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 5 Home vs. Pine City, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 6 @ Pillager, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8 Home vs. Breckenridge, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10 @ Perham KLN Invitational, 9 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 12 Home vs. Aitkin, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 13 @ Barnesville 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 15 @ Wadena-Deer Creek 7:15
Monday, Oct. 19 @ Hawley, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 22 Home vs. Perham, 7:15 p.m.

Cross country

The Staples-Motley girls and boys cross country teams have their first meet of the season at home on Aug. 31, will run a full schedule and then return home for the Section 6A meet on Oct. 29.

Cross country schedule

Monday, Aug. 31, Home, Central MN River Run, 9 a.m. @ The Vintage Golf Course, Staples
Friday, Sept. 4, @ MSU-Moorhead Dragon Twilight, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17, @ Pine River Backus Invitational, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22, @ Bagley
Tuesday, Sept. 29, @ Bertha-Hewitt, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1 @ Fergus Falls John Hermes Invite, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 6, @ McGregor
Saturday, Oct. 10, @ Alexandria Lions Meet of Champions, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 13, @ Perham Harrier Invite, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 22, @ Hawley, Heart O’ Lakes Conference Meet, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 29, Section 6A Meet at The Vintage Golf Course



Tennis practice starts

Staples-Motley tennis players showed up for their first official practice on Aug. 17.



Tennis

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team has scheduled many matches against some of the top teams in the state, with at least seven teams that were ranked in the top ten in Class A last year.

The team added a big road trip on Aug. 28, when the Cardinals are scheduled to drive south for three hours to visit the defending state champions at the St. James Invite that includes big schools Chanhassen and Hutchinson.

Big home meets include section rival Roseau on Sept. 11 and state-ranked Pine City on Oct. 2. They play their other section rivals Crookston and Thief River Falls at the Brainerd match on Oct. 8.

Tennis schedule

Friday, Aug. 21 @ Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 25 Highway 10 Tourny - doubles at Staples-Motley, singles at Wadena, 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 26 @ Greenway/Grand Rapids, 10 a.m.
Friday, Aug. 28 @ St. James Invite, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 8 Home vs. LP-Grey Eagle/Upsala
Friday, Sept. 11 Home vs. Roseau, Parkers Prairie, 12 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12 @ St. Cloud Tech, 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 14 @ Pequot Lakes, 2 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17 Home vs. Wadena-Deer Creek, Park Rapids, 3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 21 @ Melrose, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 26 @ Litchfield Invite, 9 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 28 Home vs. Osakis, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2, Home vs. Pine City
Tuesday, Oct. 6 @ Minnewaska
Thursday, Oct. 8 @ Brainerd, 3 p.m.

Football

This year’s football regular season is exactly the same as last year’s tough schedule, only the home games are now away and the away games are now home.

Football schedule

Saturday, Aug. 29 scrimmage @ Melrose
Thursday, Sept. 3 @ East Grand Forks, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 @ Roseau, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18, Home vs. Hawley, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25 @ Perham, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2 Home vs. Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9, Home vs. Barnesville, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 14 @ Pillager, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 20 Home vs. Pelican Rapids, 7 p.m.



New DNR duck plan is controversial, to say the least

As is typical this time of year, farmers are making their second cutting of hay, acorns are beginning to break loose from their moorings and drop from oak trees, and the first deciduous leaves are turning yellow and beginning to fall. And, many of us are entertained by the thoughts of the hunting seasons, the first of which are just weeks away.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has hunting on its collective mind, too, as evidenced by its recent news release that solicited input from Minnesota hunters on a new duck season proposal to be considered for the 2027 season. This proposal is a radical departure from traditional regulations that have long governed our waterfowl hunting.

Under this plan, when duck hunters purchase a license they would have a choice. They could choose either the familiar format—with a larger overall limit; currently six—that has harvest restrictions on the number of birds by species and sex. Or, they could choose instead a three-duck limit with no restrictions on what ducks they could harvest. Some call this second approach the “splash duck” option. In other words, whatever duck splashes down after you shoot is

legal. It is currently being tried on an experimental basis in South Dakota and Nebraska.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) sets overall harvest frameworks for each of the four North American Flyways; ours is the Mississippi Flyway. States can then add restrictions as befits their local conditions, and the duck species that breed there or migrate through that state.

This season in Minnesota a hunter can harvest four mallards—only two of which can be hens—three wood ducks or pintails, two canvasbacks, black ducks, or redheads, and only one or two scaup (blue-bill), depending on timing within the 60-day season. Most other species, notably teal, do not have by-species limits. The reason for these differences by species is their relative abundance, and what USFWS scientists consider safe levels of harvest for them.

The DNR’s reason for proposing the alternative any-duck option is declining license sales due to declining duck hunter participation. The DNR’s stated goal is to “recruit, retain, and reactivate waterfowl hunters, while maintaining sustainable populations,” as a top DNR official put it when quoted recently in the weekly Minnesota Outdoor News.

Boosting license sales is a worthy goal, because it costs money for DNR staffing, and to fund habitat acquisition, improvement, and management. License and state duck stamp sales have historically been the most important source of that funding. While the

DNR’s “three R’s” include retaining existing hunters and reactivating hunters who have given up duck hunting, the real motivation for the new any-duck proposal is recruiting new duck hunters.

Those behind the proposed change believe that difficulty in identifying ducks may be an obstacle that is preventing some from taking up the sport. By making any duck a legal target, this supposed obstacle would be removed. Others, including many former wildlife managers and waterfowl specialists—now free to speak their minds without endangering their careers—are vocally opposing the idea. As a group that coalesced out of the Minnesota Duck Summit held in March of this year, they collectively are asking how—after decades of science-based rules that have limited the harvest of our least abundant ducks—DNR’s new any-duck proposal can be defended.

In answer to DNR’s stated hope that eliminating duck identification as a barrier may grow the number of duck hunters, they contend that the primary reason for the decline in hunter numbers is duck numbers that are “at an all-time low.” They are of the opinion that “the only way to increase duck hunter numbers is to increase duck numbers in the fall.” They see the new proposal as potentially doing more harm than good.

The any-duck proposal is not the first rules change DNR has made in order to make duck hunting more appealing. By more appealing is meant enhancing

hunters’ tangible success in numbers of birds bagged. These changes have included an earlier opening day, eliminating the noon start on opening day, eliminating the early season 4 p.m. quitting hour intended to protect locally-nesting birds, moving the daily shooting hour from sunrise to a half hour before sunrise—when more birds fly, but fewer are easily identified—liberalizing the harvest of wood ducks and hen mallards, and adding a five-day early September teal season. These changes have been applied to all duck hunters. Also added was Youth Waterfowl Weekend for those age 17 and under when accompanied by a non-shooting adult, held between the early September teal season and the general waterfowl hunting opener.

Apart from widely diverging opinions on what it might take to increase duck hunter numbers, and on whether the DNR’s new any-duck proposal is—or is not—a risky departure from science-based duck management, there are also the matters of sportsmanship and skill. We expect deer hunters to be able to distinguish between bucks and does if they do not have an antlerless permit. We expect hunters to be able to tell the difference between a rooster and a hen pheasant, and shoot only the rooster. We expect hunters to respect the game they pursue, and have the restraint to harvest ethically and as humanely as possible. Some fear the DNR’s new proposal will lower the bar, and potentially blur the line between “hunter” and “shooter.”



Cross country season

Staples-Motley cross country teams held their first official practice on Aug. 17 at Pine Grove Park in Staples.



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

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

Questions? Phone 320-732-4420 or Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

- Agenda**
- Call to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Introduction of Planning Committee Members and process review
 - Approval of agenda
 - Approval of August 6, 2026 Planning Commission meeting minutes
 - The applicant is introduced
 - Staff report
 - Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
 - Correspondence
 - Site Visit Review
 - Public Comment
 - Board review with applicant, staff and public

1. Gaylen Sandgren: Section 32, Long Prairie Township, Lashier Lake
Site Address: 23570 210th St., Long Prairie, MN 56347

PID: 18-0040001
1. Request to Rezone from Natural Environment Shoreland to Commercial Zoning District.

2. Kaylee Pratt: Section 19, Staples Township
Site Address: 47709 225th Ave., Staples, MN 56479

PID: 22-0018700
1. Request for CUP to expand an existing Greenhouse business by adding a second Greenhouse (30'x 40') in AF-1 Zoning District.

3. Douglas Raber: Section 20, Ward Township
Site Address: 35071 245th Ave., Browerville, MN 56438

PID: 26-0019301
1. Request for CUP for the Manufacture of Poly lawn furniture in AF-2 Zoning District.

4. Wayne Swart: Section 01, Ward Township, Turtle Lake
Site Address: 38706 281st Ave., Browerville, MN 56438
PID: 26-0000100

1. Request for CUP for Mini Storage in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning District.

5. Mose Miller: Section 33, Eagle Valley Township

Site Address: 33223 County Road 11, Clarissa, MN 56440
PID: 07-0039400

1. Request for CUP for Temporary Family Housing in AF-2 Zoning District.

6. Proposed Amendment to Section 9.04 Prohibited Structures, of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance.

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

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

Adjournment.

Next meeting: October 1, 2026

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

Todd County Planning Commission
Jim Pratt, Chair

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TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

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

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Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of July 23, 2026 Board of Adjustment's meeting minutes
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Site Visit Review
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. Mike Kloos: Section 29, Grey Eagle Township, Big Birch Lake
Site Address: 10491 Co Rd 47, Grey eagle, MN 56336
PID: 11-0060800

1. Request to reduce the 100' OHW setback to 46' for the addition of a two-foot cantilever in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

2. Tamara Marlene Odland: Section 33, Ward Township, Horseshoe Lake
Site Address: 33928 251st Ave., Browerville, MN 56438
PID: 26-0038700

1. Request to reduce the 150' lake setback to 131' for a garage addition in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning District.

3. Tom Brichacek: Section 22, Moran Township
Site Address: 40919 County 21, Browerville, MN 56438
PID: 19-0022300 & 19-0021700

1. Request to reduce the Road Right-of-Way setback from 35' to 20' for the placement of additional office space in AF-2 Zoning District.

4. Dennis Waldvogel: Section 25, Birchdale Township, Big Birch Lake
Site Address: 10736 Angler Trail, Grey Eagle, MN 56336
PID: 03-0059200

1. Request to reduce the Road Right-of-Way setback from 20' to 10' for the replacement of the garage.

2. Request to increase the allowed height for a non-conforming accessory structure from 18' to 25' for the replacement of the garage.

3. Request to increase the allowed roof surface coverage from 15 percent (%) of the total lot size to 19.18 percent (%) for the garage replacement all in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

5. Jason Arnzen, St Rosa Lumber: Section 25, Birchdale Township, Big Birch Lake Property Owners: Nate and Allie Schmidt
Site Address: 10714 Anger Trail, Grey Eagle, MN 56336
PID: 03-0058700

1. Request to reduce the OHW lake setback from 100' to 70.29'

2. Request to increase the roofed impervious surface area from 15 percent (%) to 25.4 percent (%)

3. Request to increase the total impervious surface coverage from 25 percent (%) to 27.9 percent (%) all for the dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

Adjournment.

Next meeting: Sept. 24, 2026

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Russell VanDenheuvel, Chair

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Emergency training

Lakewood Health System EMS, Staples Police Dept. and Staples Fire Dept. held a large-scale training session at the Staples-Motley Elementary School Aug. 11. The training was focused on collaboration, communication and being prepared to serve community members when it matters most.

"It was impressive to watch it all come together," said Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood President/ CEO, an "observer" at the training as teams worked through two exercises. (Submitted photos)



Lakewood volunteers stepped in as victims meeting with other participants in the SM Elementary School gym. Following the exercises, observers provided valuable feedback and thanks to the dedicated law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMS professionals.



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Voting for the first time



Ronnie Noska of Staples turned 18 on Aug. 6, which meant she was eligible to vote five days later on Aug. 11. Noska, who lives in Wadena County, voted at the Staples Community Center. She and her dad, Nathan Noska, arrived around 6 p.m. and were voters No. 87 and No. 88, respectively. At top, Ronnie signs in for the first time. Assisting her were election judges, from left, Jennifer Dabbs, Tammy Miller, Lori Bates. In lower photo, election judge Lisa Kajer checks to make sure she has their correct addresses.

At left, Ronnie holds up her first "I voted" sticker. She said she'd done her research on the candidates before voting, going on to say that it "feels good to contribute" toward things she feels strongly about in her country. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



City of Staples decertifies three TIF districts

By Mark Anderson
Publisher

Three large properties will be fully on the tax rolls in 2027, as the Staples City Council decertified three tax increment financing (TIF) districts at their Aug. 11, 2026 meeting.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the districts are being decertified because they have met their time limit or have reached the maximum amount of funding provided under the conditions of the TIF.

The first is the Prairie View Apartments, on Airview Dr and Airport Rd in Staples. This district was established in 2004 and was scheduled to end in 2031.

The second is Staples Townhomes, where the city established a TIF district

in 2016. It was scheduled to run until 2043.

The third TIF district is the Timberlake Hotel property, established in 2016. This is a 10-year district that had been scheduled to end after 2026.

A TIF district allows a developer to pay some of their property tax to development costs. The city and other government partners in the TIF district receive the same amount of tax revenue as the unimproved parcel, while the tax revenue from the improvement goes into development of the property.

Nelsen said the city will contact the county assessors and auditors to let them know the districts will be ending and the full assessed property tax will go to the city, county and school district. The council

approved the three decertifications unanimously.

In other news, the council

- Learned that the Public Works Commission is building a program that will help homeowners remove diseased trees. The city would remove the trees and homeowners would pay a five year assessment to cover the costs.

- Approved Staples Fire Dept. and Staples Police Dept. applying to Sourcewell Impact Funding. The fire dept. is applying for a new skid unit for grass trucks and the police dept. is applying to purchase a new squad car. The grants are up to \$50,000.

Approved Sacred Heart Catholic Church to conduct bingo and a raffle on Oct. 18.

Fourth Street construction on schedule, paving to start Aug. 24

By Mark Anderson
Publisher

The construction project on 4th St NE in Staples is on schedule to have the portions near the schools paved before the first day of school on Sept. 8, but there

will still be construction going on in between those two stretches of the street. That schedule was in the original plan stated before the project started.

The road paving will begin Aug. 24.

Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they

won't have the road paved before the downtown celebration for Railroad Days on Aug. 22. He said the parade on that day will cross one small section that is not paved, but they said it will be graded so parade units can cross easily.

Anchor North coming to CLC

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Anchor North, the famous lakeside restaurant on Lake Alexander near Cushing, is branching out to Staples.

The restaurant has signed on as the new food services provider at Central Lakes College in Staples.

Erich Heppner, Dean of Staples Campus, said the arrangement is beneficial to the

restaurant and to the college. He said the restaurant slows down in the winter, so with this arrangement they are able to retain summer employees and have a longer season. In return, the Staples campus gets great food at their cafeteria.

"It's like having a new restaurant in town," said Heppner, "the food court is open to anyone."

The CLC cafeteria is open for breakfast and lunch on the Staples Campus.

Child support in Todd County

From Todd County Health and Human Services

The Minnesota Child Support Division strives to allow children to depend on their parents for the support they need. In carrying out its vision, workers promote children's well-being and family self-sufficiency by delivering quality child support services.

Todd County provides state and federally mandat-

ed child support services, which includes: enforcement of orders – collection and distributing payments, locating absent parents, establishment of paternity, establishment of court orders for child support, and review and modification of orders.

How to apply for child support services:

- Contact the Todd County child support office at 320-732-4511 to request an appli-

cation.

- Visit the MN Department of Human Services website for additional options to print an application or apply online.

For more information, contact the Todd County office at 320-732-4511, the State Office of Child Support at 800-657-3954, or visit the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services website.



Family water break

The Walsvik family takes a water break at the old fashioned pump at Old Wadena Park during the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chataqua on Aug. 9. From left, Kirsten with Elizabeth, Amelia, Silas and Alex. They

are the new owners of The Great Indoors in Staples, formerly Japke Decorating. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. included:

Aug. 2, Staples Police assisted with a stalled motor home in the turning lane at Hwy. 10 and Timberlane Rd. Vehicle was not in main driving area.

Aug. 3, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed, going through stop signs in Staples, near 6th St NE.

Aug. 4, Staples Police investigated report of a male party lying in a ditch near Airport Rd, lawn mower near them, unsure if breathing. Ambulance was called.

Aug. 4, Staples Police investigated report of neighbor shooting a BB gun at a cat. Owner of the cat said the cat has had BB wounds all summer long. Witness was unsure whether the unknown female was holding a stick or BB gun. Unknown if the cat was actually shot or just ran into woods.

Aug. 5, Staples Police stopped vehicle for expired registration. Driver had bloodshot eyes and odor of alcohol. Driver was arrested on 4th degree DWI, released to a sober party.

Aug. 5, Staples Police investigated report that a person was maced. Party was

holding a bag of vomit.

Aug. 6, Staples Police investigated debit card fraud. Party reported \$6,000 and \$2,200 withdrawn from account. The card was used to purchase phones that were sent to Milwaukee.

Aug. 6, Staples Police spoke to person about an assault by a co-worker. Person did not want to pursue charges and will seek out getting a restraining order.

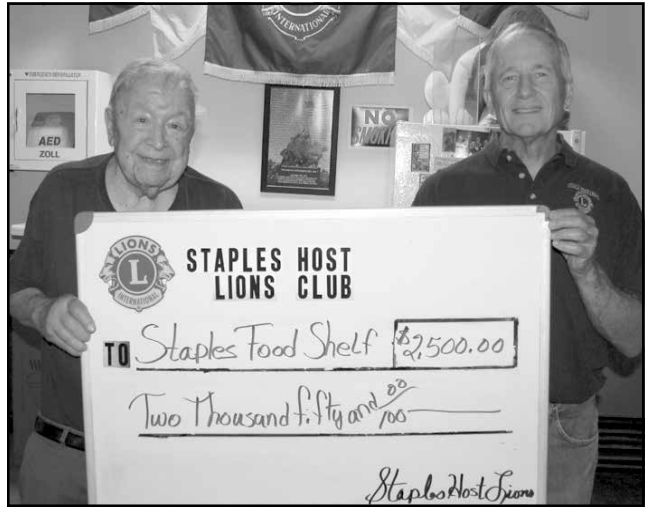
Aug. 7, Staples Police investigated report of a person yelling and hitting two children in a vehicle at a drive-through line.

Aug. 7, Staples Police assisted with a report of cows on the road near Prairie Ave. NW.

Aug. 7, Staples Police investigated a missing child at the Dower Lake pier. Child was found and returned to parents.

Aug. 8, Staples Police received a report of a person swearing and saying people were after him. Party stated he was going to shoot himself. Police found intoxicated party who was helped by LHS Ambulance. Party's mother said he does not have access to weapons.

Aug. 8, Staples Police assisted driver who tried driving through construction area and is stuck. Tow truck called.



Donation to food shelf

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$2,500 to the Staples Area Food Shelf (SAFS). Pictured, from left, Frank Leidenfrost, SAFS volunteer; Staples Host Lions President Bob Schafer. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Parkinson’s Foundation awards grant to Lakewood Health System

Lakewood Health System has been awarded a \$10,000 Community Grant from the Parkinson’s Foundation, making it one of only two organizations in Minnesota selected to receive funding during the Foundation’s 2026 grant cycle.

The PWR!Moves program is supported by a Community Grant from the Parkinson’s Foundation, made possible thanks to the generosity of the estate of Stanley and Gloria Brams. The grant will support Lakewood’s PWR!Moves class, an evidence-based exercise program designed specifically for individuals living with Parkinson’s disease. The class focuses on maintaining mobility, balance, strength and everyday function through targeted movements that can be adapted to meet participants’ individual needs.

“We are honored to be recognized by the Parkinson’s Foundation and selected to receive this funding,” said Michelle Anderson, physical therapy assistant and PWR!Moves instructor. “This grant allows us to continue offering the class at no cost to participants for another year, helping more individuals access specialized exercise and support

close to home.”

The Parkinson’s Foundation recently announced more than \$1 million in community grant funding to support local programs that improve the health, wellness and quality of life of people living with Parkinson’s disease.

This funding helps ensure the continued availability of Lakewood’s PWR!Moves program, but ongoing community support remains essential to its long-term success. Donations to the Lakewood Health System Foundation help sustain the program beyond the grant period and provide resources, equipment and opportunities that enhance the experience and outcomes for participants.

For more information on the Lakewood Foundation, visit lakewoodhealthsystem.com or call 218-894-8711.

Through the support of both the Parkinson’s Foundation and local donors, Lakewood Health System remains committed to providing innovative, community-based services that help people living with Parkinson’s disease and their families thrive close to home.

Capistrant to perform free concert at The Landmark Inn in Staples

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Singer/songwriter Andrew Capistrant will be performing Saturday, Aug. 22, from 7 - 9 p.m. at The Landmark Inn in Staples. The concert is free and open to all ages.

Expect to hear a number of Capistrant’s original tunes, which the Staples native describes as ‘hand crafted, heartfelt ballads.’

“I write about life...reflections on my life,” Capistrant said recently, noting that the upcoming concert will feature his music from the past 10 years or so. One of his newest-penned songs, “Part of My Plan,” has never been performed outside his house and he’s looking forward to sharing it with the audience at The Landmark Inn. “I’ve been working on it for two years,” Capistrant said of the tune.

Locals may recognize Capistrant from his work with the Chris J. O’Brien band, of which he’s a part of, adding vocals and bass guitar. They play a variety of music, he said, including alternative rock and reggae, along with some originals. Capistrant performs those styles on his own as well, but his concert at The Landmark will feature songs mainly classified as Americana, he said.

He enjoys a wide variety of music, Capistrant said, going on to say that he’s been passionate about it since he was a kid.

“I got my first guitar the summer before sixth grade,” he said, adding that he “made a lot of noise” in the early days. “I’d say I learned to *play* when I was 15,” he laughed.

Capistrant credits his dad, Mark, with teaching him the basics of guitar and for instilling rhythm. “Dad’s family did a lot of gospel and bluegrass,” Capistrant said, adding that he was influenced by these styles, but “leans into Americana.”

A 2008 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, Capistrant went on to college where he studied automotive technology. He’s done quite a bit of mechanic work since that time, but music has always been somewhere in the



Singer/songwriter

Staples native Andrew Capistrant is pictured at the Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples, where he recently met for an interview with the Staples World. Capistrant will perform a free concert at The Landmark Inn in Staples on Saturday, Aug. 22, 7 - 9 p.m. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

background.

“I met my wife, Annie, through music,” Capistrant said, going on to share that he was playing at a benefit concert along with some other area musicians, one of which happened to be Annie’s dad. Sometime during that concert Andrew and Annie were introduced and the rest is history.

“We’ve been together since 2011,” Capistrant said. They learned early on that they share a love of the arts (Annie draws and paints), as well as good coffee, which lead them both to serve as baristas at the Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples for a spell. Along the way they welcomed their daughter Arlo, now 11.

Family inspires much of what he writes, the tunesmith said. He shares that he often jokes to his daughter, whom he describes as extremely creative and stubborn, “Well, here’s another song about you.”

His creative time is

around 10 a.m., Capistrant said. “I sit at home, drink coffee...my mind is fresh.”

When asked if he’s written a song about coffee, Capistrant nods “no,” but adds that “a lot of my songs are *fueled* by coffee.”

Yes, he’s been drinking java since before he could drive. Capistrant recalled being on a fishing trip with his dad and a friend, the three of them sitting around drinking black coffee. “I was probably nine or 10,” he laughed.

These days, he still likes a strong cup of French roast, but has also developed a taste for good craft beer. Should you come to Capistrant’s upcoming show, you just might hear a funny line or two in a song that claims his wife “keeps me drinking.”

In addition to inspiring some of his lyrics, Capistrant said Annie has been a big support to him as he’s pursued his musical dreams. He also credits her with designing the artwork on T-shirts that will be for

sale at his gigs.

Capistrant has plans to record an album (vinyl) and no doubt Annie’s creativity will come into play when it comes time to design the cover.

He’s been enjoying listening to a lot of albums these days, since they replaced their home TV with a record player. On his “go-to” list is anything by the late singer-songwriter John Prine. The Turnpike Troubadours are his favorite current band, and he’s a fan of Robert Ellis as well.

Capistrant’s kept very busy playing music over the years. He recalls one of the first bands he was in, Aitas, along with his best pal Chris O’Brien and others from the Staples area. “Our first live performances were at the Stomping Grounds...Chris and I were both 15.” He’s done a lot of solo gigs, too, Capistrant said. He plays many favorite cover tunes at his shows, but is trying to incorporate more of his original work these days.

When he’s not doing music, Capistrant works for the Staples-Motley School District as a bus driver. “It’s the perfect job,” he says, noting that the kids are fun, he loves driving, is a skilled bus mechanic, and appreciates having a lot of free time to pursue his avocation.

Capistrant notes that he now lives on the property where he grew up in rural Browerville. In fact, their house sits on land that was his playground when he was a boy.

The land, with its rolling hills and woods, situated near the edge of a white pine forest, spoke to him as a kid and still speaks to him today.

When he’s playing music at home, Capistrant sometimes wonders if his 12-year-old self would like his current self. “Would he?” this reporter asks during our interview at the Stomping Grounds. He takes a sip of coffee and nods his head, “yes.”

Capistrant’s upcoming concert will be held during Railroad Days at The Landmark Inn, located at 631 3rd Ave., Staples. A cash bar will be available.



Music at Veterans Park in Motley

Singer/guitarist Eric E. performed at Veterans Park in Motley Aug. 9, part of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council’s ‘Music in the Park’ summer series. The concert included a variety of music from across decades, including blues, country and rock. For part of his set, Eric E.

invited audience members to call out a year and he would play a song that was popular at that time. The final Music in the Park will be The Red Letter Band at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 23 at Northern Pacific Park in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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American Eagle roofing company owner originally came from Amish community

as one advertising 'space for rent.' "I'm not in a huge hurry," Bornrtreger said, going on to say that he'll be "picky in what I bring in."

In a later conversation with the Staples World, Bornrtreger shared that he was looking forward to expanding his business in Motley. "I see this building as having endless opportu-

nities," he said.

He's been in the construction business since he was 21, but it's a trade he comes by naturally.

Bornrtreger, who turns 30 in September, shared that he was raised in an Amish community. His father had a sawmill during much of Bornrtreger's childhood and later a lumber yard, which

is where he learned many skills. When Bornrtreger was 16, he worked in a metal shop.

Their family (mom, dad and 16 children) moved around a lot, Bornrtreger said, mentioning being a part of communities in Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri.

He eventually left the

Amish community, Bornrtreger said, sharing that he did not agree with all of their rules. Of the nine boys in his family, seven have left. The youngest of his brothers was just 14 years old when he left. He is now 16.

Bornrtreger went on to share that he was working for 'Bornrtreger Construction' when he was 21. After leaving the Amish community, he switched the company name to American Eagle.

The roofing company, headquartered in Wisconsin, has continued to grow over the years. At one point, they had 15 employees, Bornrtreger said. He loved the hands-on construction part of the roofing company, but since becoming owner, has not been a part of that for the past four or five years.

Bornrtreger shared that he is married to Emma and they have two children. Regarding American Eagle, Bornrtreger said that he will remain at their Wisconsin location, working alongside

his brother, Edwin Bornrtreger. The managers at the Motley location are husband and wife Emanuel and Anna Shetler.

They plan to have their business on the north end of the Motley building, Bornrtreger said. Except for putting in a new garage door, Bornrtreger said they are almost ready to go. He noted that several water pipes had to be fixed before they could move in, but that Emanuel Shetler been diligently working on those, and they were nearly fixed.

They only need around 8,000 - 9,000 sq. ft. of space, so definitely will be renting out much of the other space, Bornrtreger noted again. But, even if they don't rent out anything, they feel the business will be profitable.

Bornrtreger said that they paid about \$132,000 for the Motley building, which he felt was a good deal. He noted that the previous owner had purchased the school for a lot less (around \$40,000) but he still felt that the building was a good



Business owner

Mose Bornrtreger of Clear Lake, Wisc., introduced himself at the Motley City Council meeting Aug. 10. He recently purchased the former Motley School building, with plans to set up a roofing company in the space.

investment. He already has a lot of ideas for the space, he said, adding, "My brain is always working."

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CLC administrators continue community involvement

in the community over the past decade. Every program has a student club that volunteers for various projects around the area.

"If the city needs help, we have student groups who want to give back and get involved in the community," said Heppner.

After touring the city and meeting with many of the local partners, Lynch was impressed by how much the local community is integrated with the college.

"The magnitude that's here, there is a lot of excitement. There are so many partners like Sourcewell as a local resource and AgCentric working with area farmers along with students," said Lynch. "There is breadth and depth, it is a different energy. You should be proud of the work that

gets done here. People love working here, that's a gift, it doesn't happen at every college."

Lynch said the best thing the college has done this year is to promote Heppner to the dean position. "He has roots here, that deep-rooted presence, that brings value to the campus," said Lynch.

Heppner is a graduate of two programs at CLC.

"My dad went through the farm mechanics program and I had brothers and other family members go here," said Heppner. "I've see a lot of great futures turned into careers."

He gave an example of a recent meeting of the Machine Tool Advisory Board. Around 30 people attended the meeting, most of them graduates of the

program and many of them owners of companies around the country.

The machine tool program is one that they are trying to promote more because of the need for machinists in manufacturing. Heppner said last year they talked to a group of seniors and most of them didn't know what a machinist did, how to become one or even why to become one.

Heppner said it goes back to CLC's motto, "We Build Futures." Trained machinists, like most of the trade programs, have nearly guaranteed jobs after graduation with good pay scales.

"With one or two years of training, it really helps people grow," said Heppner. "You are able to support a family, afford a house and live a sustainable life."

CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE
AG AND ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER

FIELD DAY

Friday, August 28, 2026 **26505 County Road 2, Staples, MN**

9am - 12pm Events

- Registration & Refreshments
- Vendors Inside the Main Shed

• Tractor & Combine Ride N Drive
- Midwest Machinery

Session 1 - 9:30 - 10:30am

- Rethinking the Row: 60-Inch Corn, Cover Crops and Soil Moisture Sensors: Taylor Thompson - CLC Ag & Energy Center and Amy Robak, Centra Sota
- Drone Applications - CRK Aerial
- Field Research in Edible Bean Production and Partnerships in the Plot: Juan Osorno - NDSU and Andy Hacker, Bonanza Bean LLC
- Living Legacy Garden Tours: Tammy Rick - Living Legacy Garden
- Precision Irrigation Systems - Grand Irrigation

Afternoon Events - 12 - 3pm

- **FREE Lunch & Program - 12 - 1:30pm**
Featuring Guest Speaker: MN FSA Executive Director Kurt Blomgren
- **Ride N Drives Continue - 1 - 2pm**
- **FREE Ice Cream Social - 1 - 3pm**
Sponsored by CLC Foundation - Featuring LIVE Scandinavian violin music by Skal Klubben










Session 2 - 10:45 - 11:45am

- Repeat of Session 1
- Children's Garden & Activities - Judy Barka - AgCentric

Special Ceremony - 11:45am

- Legacy Ag Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new Legacy Ag Trail



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HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHTS

RAILROAD DAYS

★ Member Line Up ★



BECKS

- Monday, August 17: \$8 Cheeseburger & Fries, Music through the decade's trivia 6:30pm
- Tuesday, August 18: Asian Menu 11a-4pm, Bingo hosted by the Staples Fire Department starting at 6pm
- Wednesday, August 19: Meals for Mentors 11am-8pm (all money raised goes to SPARKS), live broadcasting with LIVE K-106
- Thursday, August 20: \$3 16 oz Select Tap Beer, \$20 Single topping pizza and a pitcher of select beers from 8pm-11pm.
- Friday, August 21: DJ from 9pm
- Saturday, August 22: 2016 Class Reunion, DJ 9pm.

UNCLE MUSKRAT
AUG 16 7 PM
FREE EVENT

RED LETTER BAND
AUG 23 2 PM
FREE EVENT

THE BOXCAR

- Monday, August 17-Thursday, August 20: 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM (Last call for food and drinks at 10:45 PM)
- Friday, August 21 & Saturday, August 22: 11:00 AM - Midnight (last call for food and drinks at 11:45 PM)
- Friday, August 21 & Saturday, August 22: the kitchen will serve pizzas only & where you get your Pizza by the slice!

RAILROAD DAYS Art Activities
AUGUST 22 & 23, 2026
AT NORTHERN PACIFIC PARK

ALL ACTIVITIES (EXCEPT TINY SCHOOL) ARE AT THE LANDMARK INN
631 3rd Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479

BATCHER BLOCK OPERAH HOUSE

- Thursday, August 20 & Friday, August 21: Live music in the evening
- Saturday, August 22: \$15 Tours 11am-4pm & Live music in the evening

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
All Saturday Events are **FREE!**



SOFT METAL EMBOSsing
for ages 4 and up with parents
2:00 - 3:00 PM



NEEDLE FELTING
for children 12+, followed by another class for adults
3:15 - 5:00 PM
LIMITED TO 15 STUDENTS

ARTIST TALK & EXHIBIT 6-7PM



MARIA ERVASTI - A Staples Artist in Residency. On a Journey in Petro
FREE!

LIVE ANDREW CAPISTRANT MUSIC 7-9PM

Andrew Capistrant

Live Music
Dancing
Cash Bar

FREE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Registration is required ahead of time!

CLASS - BITTERSWEET BARN QUILT
12:00 - 6:00 PM



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EVENT BEGINS SHORTLY AFTER - 1:45 PM
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SE corner of the park near the little bridge
A tall shade tree, behind the speakers.
Come, create, be inspired, and enjoy the music!

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KIAH KREATIONS

- Saturday, August 22, OPEN 10am-3pm.

STOMPING GROUNDS

- Saturday, August 22: Open 7-10am

STAPLES SMOKE SHOP

- Saturday, August 22: Normal hours: 9am-8pm

TOWER PIZZA

- Saturday, August 22: Open Normal Hours 11am-8:30 pm
- Pizza sold by the slice out front with a Pizza Eating Contest at 2pm.

STILL LEFTY'S

- Saturday, August 22: OPENING at 9am-Close, Burgers and Brats on the Grill, BBQ out front
- Bag Tournament: Registration starts at 11, Bags fly at noon!

BECKS

Friday, August 21: Car & Bike Show from 5-8pm.

WOMEN OF TODAY
Saturday, August 22:
Car Show 11am-3pm.

Car Show

RAILROAD CROSSING