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Waterworks Above, tee ball players pelt their coaches with water balloons.
Photo by Mark Anderson

Concerns about odors of meat processing facility

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Three Staples residents voiced concerns about the new meat cutting facility being constructed at the Staples Industrial Park, including permit violations and odor concerns.

At the June 24 Staples City Council meeting, Amanda Hinson told the council that she and her husband Steve moved their family out of Long Prairie because of the smell of the rendering plant there. She noted that the Long Prairie facility is owned by the Minnesota Farmers Union, the same company putting in the meat processing facility.

Hinson said she doesn't want the same company that she moved away from to do the same thing to her

home in Staples.

"As soon as I found out about this, I put our house up for sale," said Hinson.

The facility, which held a groundbreaking on June 6, is more than half a mile from the nearest home and about a half mile from the tarred trail running along Airport Road.

Hinson also brought up concerns about the permitting process. She said according to the City of Staples' policies, when a conditional use permit is granted, work must start within 60 days of granting the permit. The permit also expires if the site isn't being used for the purpose stated in the permit. She said the Minnesota Farmers Union permit was issued in 2023, so it should have expired under

both rules.

She urged the council to deny the permit.

"You have the right to deny based on health, safety and general welfare of residents," said Hinson. "We moved to Staples for a healthy life."

Larry Knosalla, a neighbor of the Hinsons, said he came back to Staples to retire in this community. He said both he and his wife have health issues that can be affected by bad air.

"Our lungs can't take any of this pollution," he said.

Knosalla also did research on the permits issued for the project. He said the initial proposal in 2022 was for five to eight animals being processed in a day. Then when the permit was issued, it had been raised to 10 to 15 animals. He said at the groundbreaking he found out that there could be 15 cattle or up to 30 hogs processed in one day.

"That's one of the biggest schemes of bait and switch I have seen in a long time," said Knosalla. "That's going to cost our community. Once they are here, there isn't much you can do."

Following the council meeting, the Minnesota Farmers Union released a statement that they will be sticking to the permit that calls for harvesting 15 cattle

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"Show time" for Lady Slippers

The iconic Pink and White Showy Lady Slipper (in the genus (Cypripedium reginae)) made their debut in June, decorating a ditch south of Staples. In 1902 the Show Lady Slipper became Minne-

sota's State Flower. Another variety abundant in Minnesota are the Yellow Bearded Lady Slipper. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

School zeros in on mission, vision, budget

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School District is concentrating their mission and vision into simple statements.

At the June 23 Staples-Motley School Board meeting, Superintendent Shane Tappe said a recent leadership retreat produced mission and vision statements that are shorter and easier to remember.

The proposed statements

are:

Mission - "Empowering every student to thrive - in school and beyond."

Vision - "Grow with purpose. Lead with integrity. Rise with pride."

The new statements will complement the school's continuous improvement plan, said Tappe.

In a similar vein, school Business Manager Ellie Hill said her office is trying to express the budget more in terms of how it fits into the continuous improve-

ment plan, to show how the money being spent supports the school's mission.

"We have \$16.5 million, what does it take to do all this?" said Hill. As an example, she said "Staples-Motley has a Level 3 (specialized services) in each building, not a lot of schools get that," she said.

Hill also pointed out that the school district has a large number of students participating in activities.

"Our plan for the budget is to more of a story of what

we do," said Hill.

Board Chair Mary Freeman said adding the story of the budget makes it more transparent. Board member Ryan Wright added that it makes it more digestible so that the public can understand it better.

Some increases in the budget include higher health insurance costs. Legislative changes will affect the budget. The general education formula was kept

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Weather

2025

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
July 2	88	62	Sunny
July 3	86	69	P. Cloudy
July 4	87	67	M. Cloudy
July 5	82	61	Showers
July 6	81	60	M. Sunny
July 7	81	62	M. Sunny
July 8	82	63	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2024

	High	Low	Cond.
July 2	65°	57	Cloudy
July 3	78	60	Sunny
July 4	70	61	Rain
July 5	78	60	P. Sunny
July 6	75	49	Sunny
July 7	73	56	Sunny
July 8	79	57	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 80° Low = 58°

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

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Wadena Cty Zoning 9A

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Robert Choate

Motley Fire Chief Brad Olson retires

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

After 24 years serving as a firefighter, Motley Fire Chief Brad Olson decided it was time to retire. His official last day in this role was July 1, 2025.

He’s enjoyed the friendships made since joining the Motley Fire Department (MFD) 16 years ago, Olson said, and there’s a sense of fulfillment to be part of a team that’s helped numerous people in dire situations.

It was the opportunity to serve his community that first inspired Olson to become a firefighter.

“I was living in Iowa at the time, working as a line-man,” Olson shared, adding that he served on the fire department in that state for eight years.

A Brainerd native, Olson said he was happy to move back to this area from Iowa

nearly two decades ago, having found work as a lineman at Brainerd Public Utilities. He and his wife, Kris, have called the Motley area home for several years. They have two grown sons, Dakota and Jayke, and a new granddaughter, Harper.

Upon moving back to central Minnesota, Olson knew he wanted to continue serving as a firefighter. During his 16 years on the MFD, Olson served two years as an Assistant Chief, and the past eight years as the Motley Fire Chief.

There were some tough times, for sure, serving on the fire department. Olson recalled those many instances of arriving at the scene and finding people who were injured, and in some cases, dead. When asked how firefighters deal with responding to traumatic calls like that Olson said, “You have to block it

out, and do your job.”

And, it was a job well done, according to those who served with him. First Assistant Chief Todd Judd, said, “Brad was a great guy to work with. He did an awesome job as chief and we’re sad to see him go.”

Council member Nikki Bjerga, and liaison to the fire department, said, “Chief Olson has always provided a positive partnership between the fire department and local government which is essential for the well-being of the community. Thank you for your years of dedication and service to the City of Motley.”

Yes, he’ll miss the camaraderie of the Motley Fire Department, but Olson’s looking forward to having more time with his family at home, and taking on his new role as ‘grandpa.’



Final days at the Motley Fire Hall

Motley Fire Chief Brad Olson stood outside the Fire Hall June 14, after driving one of the fire department’s trucks in the June Fest Parade. Olson, who served on the Motley Fire Department for 16 years, would retire about two weeks later on July 1. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Receiving the ‘One Matters Award’

Motley United Methodist Church, along with its pastor, Greg Leslie, was recently presented with the ‘One Matters Award’ at the 2025 Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in St. Cloud. Pictured, from left,

are Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink, Conference Superintendent of the Headwaters District, Rev. Leslie, and Rev. Carol Zaagsma, Assistant to the Bishop for Connectional Ministries. (Submitted photo)

Motley United Methodist Church recognized at MN Annual Conference

The Motley United Methodist Church (UMC) and Rev. Greg Leslie received the ‘One Matters Award’ at the 171st session of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, held at the River’s Edge Conference Center in St. Cloud June 11 - 13.

This recognition honors Motley UMC’s outstanding service to the community and its significant contributions to the mission of ‘Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.’

Karla Hovde, communications specialist for the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Meth-

odist Church, shared the following:

The One Matters Award is given to one congregation from each annual conference that has demonstrated significant revitalization in discipleship, marked by an increase in professions of faith and baptisms, from zero to at least one in the previous year. The award comes with a \$1,000 gift from Discipleship Ministries.

This year’s recipient is Motley UMC and its pastor, Rev. Greg Leslie. With 154 members, Motley UMC celebrated 10 adult professions of faith and one child baptism in 2024.

Since Leslie was appointed to Motley UMC in 2017, the congregation began sharing Christmas gifts with community kids. Each year, they serve about 100 kids and give more than 500 gifts. An unchurched mother with children who attended this “Santa Day” in December found the warmth of the community so appealing that she returned to Motley UMC. This growth is a testament to the people in the congregation who build friendships, accept everyone, and promote a family-friendly culture in the church.

Staples-Motley High School honor roll

Staples-Motley High School recently announced the Fourth Quarter honor roll for 2024-25.

A Honor Roll

Grade 12
Sophie Albie, Tucker Braith, Jack Carlson, Sawyer Ferdon, Ryan Gosch, Laken Hines, Brooklynn Huwe, Ivan Lozano, Jessica Lundquist, Naila Mikhaeil, Peyton Mithun, Corinne Olson, Olivia Opheim, Benet Robinson, Hayden Rutherford, Miranda Schotzko, Skyler Self, Jade Storry, Kristofer Taylor, Benjamin Tyrrell, Trentan Zetah, Heidi Zimmerman.

Grade 11
Elliot Allen, Sadye Anderson, Brynn Bestland, Abby Brichacek, Audrey Brownell, Natalia Burciaga Perez, Isabel Cole, Charles Dabbs, Isabelle Dobson, Elijah Greenwaldt, Parker Hammer, Jameson Harvey, Avery Japke, Walker Johnson, Noah Larson, Pamela Lawrence, Raina Mikhaeil, Cecily Moe, Riley Reese, Eli Rutten, Annie Schlosser, Onna Schmitz, Colbe Tappe, Ruby Thoe, Livia Trif, Alaina White.

Grade 10
Brooke Bendson, Emerson Bettis, Hannah Cole, Mabel Haehnel, Reece Headley, Conner Heifort, Bella Hines, Thomas Johnson, Madelyn Kist, Bali Minoletti, Ronnie Noska, Madison Perius, Mia Pesta, Bryant Peterson, Carter Sarbaum, Katelyn Schotzko, Evan Schultz, Charles

Simkins, Chloe Trantina, Tyson Turner, Paige Warren, Kylie Wilson, Cloey Wingert, Gracie Wolpert.

Grade 9
Gage Bjerga, Andrew Black, Adalyne Brenny, Beau Carlson, Alexa Dolezal, Lauren Dolezal, Jada Ellingsen, Kain Erickson, Leah Greenwaldt, Carolyn Hoppe, Casey Kaehn, Sarah Kroll, Lyndon Laney, Chloe Larson, Karter Lynch, Clara Maros, Josiah Mumm, Nayomi Perez, Ally Pesola, Addison Potter, Lydia Roelofs, Alyce Scheler, Scarlett Stracek, Anika Tureson, Brooklyn Winter, Kalee Winter.

B Honor Roll

Grade 12
Shannafaye Arthur, Jacob Becker, Grant Bestland, Violet Dahlvang, Tristen Drevlow, Drake Dukowitz, Alexander Helstrom, Jaden Johnson, Griffin Judd, Emma Lamke, Olivia Lorber, Brianna Mitchell, Anika Mollner, Blaine Plattner, Jaden Radermacher, Mateus Rincon, Dillan Robben, Logan Robben, Logan Samborski, Giovanna Santos, Kendra Shoup, Lilly Tyrrell, Aidan Winter.

Grade 11
Mason Albertson, Ashton Anderson, Summer Anderson, Katriane Beach, Avandre Brandt, Owen Carlson, Kody Dause, Geoffrey DeCamp, Emmalee Dobson, Addison Fonteyn, Alexander Harren, Peyton Jares, Reid Judd, Hunting-

ton Kleinschmidt, Gabriel Kroll, Mason Michael, Xander Moench, Ember Munger, Reed Olds, Andrew Paklonsky, Lillian Parisien, Elizabeth Tangeman, Skyla Tepley, Kyra Wolpert, Keila Zavala.

Grade 10
Isabelle Becker, Corben Berg, Leighton Bettis, Ayden Blue, Chase Blue, Josiah Burton, Marie Casillas, Joshua Cushing, Natasha Dause, Lily Davis, Savanna Davis, Allison Dukowitz, Atreyu Eagle Tail, Jonathan Faulkner, Jacob Hansen, Maddock Harvey, Minden Hoffman, Caden Kramer, Loudon Krotzer, Jocelyn Lenk, Suhaila Mikhaeil, Justin Olson, Joseph Opelia, Tyler Pruitt, Tristan Rendon, Hailey Richardt, Logan Serich, Gavin Stevens, Landon Thotland-Quenzer, Daniel Zimmerman.

Grade 9
Jacob Brandsma, Connor Buss, Ruben Dahlvang, Charlotte Daniels, Andrew Dobson, Bryson Dumpprope, Roman Engbretson, Michael Falcon, Lexi Fishman, Jesus Gallardo, Natalie Hanson, Ryan Heifort, Gauge Holst, Jaida Holst, Jasmyne Hove, Sophia Luna Santiago, Nathaniel Macheel, Jadalynn McKenna, Maci Mithun, Landon Moench, River Munger, Chasten Paulson, Kana Reese, Brooke Reisenauer, Emillynn Sullivan, Angelica Zavala, Haydn Ziegler.

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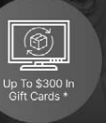
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Raising funds for Staples All Veterans Park

Attendees at the Customer Appreciation event at Ace Hardware in Staples June 21, had the opportunity to enjoy grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as make a donation to the All Veterans Park in Staples. A total of \$600 was raised. Customers pictured included Mykayla, Matthias and Bernadette Merida; and Evelyn, Esther and

Eleanor Cooper, who were all on their way to Dower Lake in Staples. Ace Hardware employees (and one volunteer) included Wendell and Kim Schultz, Jason Poynter, Joel Quance, Ken Salber, Jack Fugere, Kevin Albertson. Ace Hardware is owned by Hal Swanson and Mike Wiebolt. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Lions support reading

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$300 to Freshwater Education Department (FED) to go toward their reading program. Pictured, from left, are Lisa Wick, Early Education Coordinator at FED; and Lion President Dan Shaw. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Todd County Court report June 25

Long Prairie Police
Oscar Javier Gonzalez Rodriguez, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Lesly Georgina Gonzalez Rosso, Browerville. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Elizabeth Ramirez Gonzalez, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Kalvin Ruiz Gomez, Long Prairie. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
MN Dept. Natural Resources
Ryan Robert Bjorstrom, Long Prairie. OHMS-youthful operators-prohibitions on owner. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Dylan Michael Kolodji, Oak Grove. Watercraft-fail to affix valid registration sticker. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Matthew Ryan LeRoy, Waconia. Take fish without a license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
MN State Patrol
Jasmin Lea Hansen, Eagle Bend. Speed 65/60. Fee \$40. Fine. \$85.
Anna Frances Lahl, Bloomington. Speed 84/65. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Daniel Dakota O'Neil. Ham Lake. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Samuel Stein Parker, Minnetonka. Speed 80/65. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Brendan James Sanvik, Hawley. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Miguel Angel Abonce, Melrose. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Luc Andrew Albert, Fargo, ND. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Nicholas Michael Ambrosius, Minneapolis. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Scott Bradley Berglund, Alexandria. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Zoe Caitlyn Biggs, Eden Valley. Hands free law. Fine \$275. Fee \$85.
Jason Michael Bjerketvedt, Nelson. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Yahir Isai Botello, Alexandria. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Maynard James Clausen, Winona. Basic Speed 55/45.
Shane Merwin Crider, Long Prairie. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Sierra Nicole Day, Nevis. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Thomas James Bebaere, Tyler. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jeremy Lee Edelman, Pierz. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Maxwell Richard Ehrhart, Dickinson, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jose Antonio Garcia Rodriguez, Long Prairie. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Luis Manuel Graterol, Minneapolis. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Instructional permit violation-18 years or older. Fine \$50.
Shannon Colleen Guernsey, Minneapolis. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Scott Michael Harris, Sauk Centre. Speed 77/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Heitel Xavier Hernandez Rivas, Sauk Centre. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. No proof MV Insurance. Fine \$200.
Peter Hildebrand, Winkler, MB. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
William James Howitz, Maplewood. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Tara Lee Kadrie, Moorhead. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jena Marie Klemish, Sauk Centre. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Kevin Michael Krawiecki, St. Paul. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Yamiles Lebron Del Valle, St. Cloud. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200.
Lori Jean Leistritz, St. Paul.

Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Kara Ann Lunneborg, Mesa, AZ. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Brenda Macias Contreras, Ashboro, ND. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Ylanda Maldonado-Pisco, Minneapolis. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Michael Terrell Manning, Williston, ND. Speed 96/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.
William Joseph McCoy, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Gabriella Ann Messer, St. Paul Park. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Rebecca Joan Miller, Cottage Grove. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Benjamin Joseph Nelson, Minneapolis. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Roanna Padilla Pena, Browerville. Speed 79/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Jack Thomas Rothfork, Tower. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Alaa Nashat Saleh, Fargo, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Kimberly Ann Schmidt, White Bear Lake. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Lindsey Marie Smith, Breckenridge. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fine \$85.
Tiffany Dawn Sullivan, Port Townsend, WA. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$86.
Molly Kay Torres, St. Michael. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Tommie Marie Treptau, St. Michael. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Paxton Charles Westerberg, Long Prairie. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Cody James Wolbeck, Grey Eagle. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Staples Police Dept.
Mitchell Raymond Bugge, Minneapolis. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Reba Ann Twa, Bertha. Driving after Revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Todd County
Adrian Ambriz Raya, Sauk Centre. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Kaylin Marie Beach, Hewitt. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$85.
Howard Clifford Brastad, Aldrich. Dog kills/pursues domestic livestock. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Clemente Florentino Del Rosario, Little Falls. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Christopher Michael Haney, Willmar. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Roberto Lima Guzman, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Edwin Reyes Ocasio, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type.
Brian Norman, Jr. Vorbeck, Staples. Vehicle windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee 85.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County June 17, 2025.
Margaret Ann Blair, Pierz. Traffic collision. Continued. Unsupervised probation, 6 mo. Fine \$75.
Frantz Leroy Mengual, Browerville. Duty to drive with due care. Local confinement (90 days, stay 90 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 0 days). Unsupervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$100. Fee \$1376. Instruction permit violation-18 years or older. Dismissed.
Noah Timothy Bearson, Osakis. Careless driving. Continued for dismissal. Unsupervised probation, 6 mo. Fine \$50.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

• July 6, 1950 - Russ Dahl, son of Mrs. Maude Dahl of Staples, who is with the United States Army air forces at Davis-Monthan Air Base near Tucson, Ariz., escaped possible fatal injury recently when he was accidentally shot in the left shoulder while in one of the mess halls at the air base.
The men were called to “mess” and one of his buddies entered the hall carrying his gun, which when he placed it on the floor, accidentally discharged, grazing Russ’s chest, and tearing into the flesh of his left arm.
He was immediately rushed to the base hospital

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where he remained for several days, and was finally released to the convalescent ward, where he still remains at the present time.
• July 6, 1950 - Corporal Dewayne Kurpius, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jule Kurpius of north of Staples, who is stationed at Shemya, Alaska wrote home recently that he had been having serious trouble with a wisdom tooth, and that he flew by plane from Shemya to Adak, Alaska, a distance of 400 miles, to have the tooth extracted
He left his base at 9 a.m. and returned there at 9 p.m. making a total of 800 miles flown to get the “ornery member” out of his mouth.
• July 6, 1950 - LOST - Strayed: Holstein bull calf, 5 mos. old. William Holub, Motley.
• July 6, 1950 - LOST - Hub cap off Studebaker, lost 2 weeks ago. Contact Harry E. Peirce, phone 315-J.
• July 6, 1950 - A run-away panel truck, belonging to the Oak Hill Dairy of Staples, started down the slight incline on Fourth Street Monday afternoon and banged into two cars parked alongside the curb.
Young Lloyd Sapp had driven the car in front of the National Tea company store to deliver some milk. He forgot to set the brakes of the panel truck.
When he came out his truck was gone.
In the meantime, the car of Mrs. Hazel Welch of Motley, a 1941 Ford tudor; and that of James Dvorak, of Philbrook, a 1948 Chevrolet sedan, were crashed into. The mother of Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Lewis Smith, and her two grandchildren of Motley were seated in her car when the accident

happened, but none of the occupants were injured.
Considerable anxiety was caused and it was not long before quite a crowd had assembled in front of Anderson Hardware, where the cars came together.

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

• July 3, 1975 - Guy Doud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Doud of Staples, will be appearing in the play “Arsenic and Old Lace” which will be put on at the Brainerd Community College in Brainerd. The play starts July 2, the final performance will be on July 12.
• July 3, 1975 - With Mark Redemske pitching one of the best gamas of his career, the local VFW nine had little trouble overpowering Little Falls on their diamond June 24.
Giving up only one hit, Staples won handily by a 7-0 score.
Coach Jerry Riewer said that Redemske’s fast ball was really humming and he kept the hitters honest with a good change-up curve to record nine strikeouts. Control did give Redemske some problems as he walked seven.
Tim Miller led the Staples attack with six stolen bass and three runs scored.
• July 3, 1975 - “I can’t sit around and do nothing as I would then be bored, so I keep busy all the time,” said a smiling Mrs. Anne Stoen of this city, who will observe her 100th birthday July 10.
Alert, active and in good health, with a keen sense of humor, best describes this lady of our community, who could possibly pass for the age of 65, according to The World reporter, who had an interesting and friendly chat with the centenarian-to-be.
To recognize her 100th birthday, an open house will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church Sunday, July 6, from 2 - 5 p.m.
• July 3, 1975 - Governor Wendell R. Anderson gave special recognition to the City of Staples following last week’s sixth annual tour of Minnesota Progress in outstate Minnesota.
The comments on the Staples community were in the weekly Governor’s Column, which is special to Minnesota weekly newspapers. In it he noted, “...In Staples, for example, just a few years ago the city’s economy was based on a single industry. When that declined, many people thought the town would have difficulty surviving.
But the people of Staples



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from 1989. 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.

wouldn’t accept economic disaster. They organized their community, formed a development corporation, and set about building the economy of the city. The results are dramatic, and the people of Staples are proud of what they have accomplished.

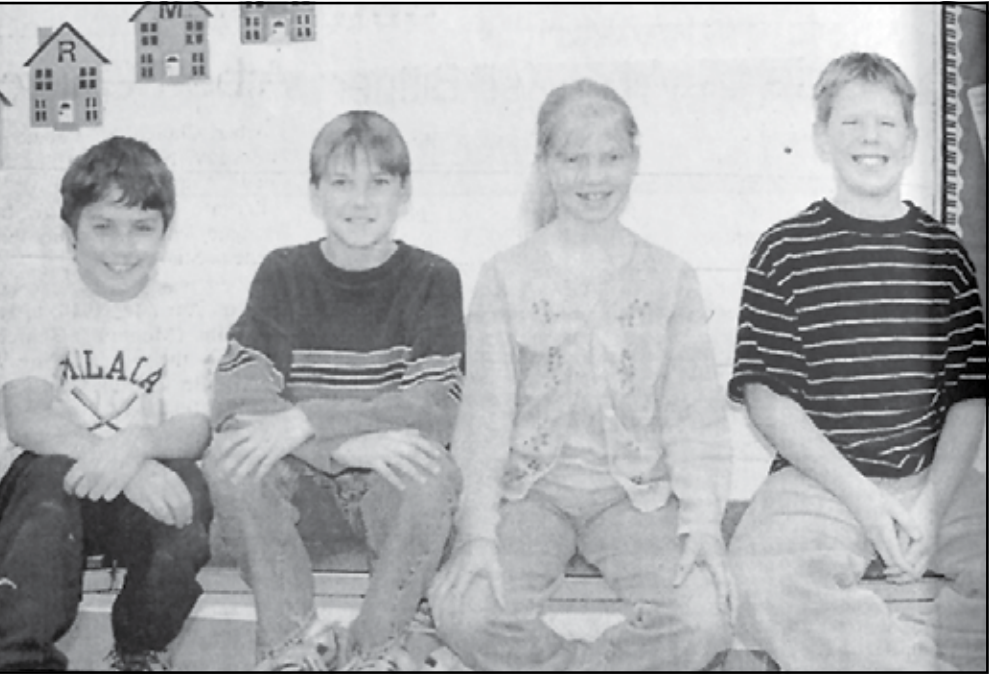
25 YEARS Ago - 2000

• July 6, 2000 - The new officers of the Motley Lion’s club are Patricia Blue, president; Marilyn O’Regan, secretary; Ginger Olson, treasurer. At their recent meeting, former Motley Lion President Al Evans presented Lion Janet Greig with her 25 year member pin.
• July 6, 2000 - An excerpt from a Letter to the Editor from Gov. Jesse Ventura: I would like to publicly thank Senator Dallas Sams (11) for working to put unicameral on the ballot and giving the people the right to choose the structure of their government. He supported “letting the people decide” in the face of broad opposition,

from almost every interest group lobbying at the Capitol. It takes courage to stand up inside of a system and say that it can be better. I commend Senator Sams for taking a leadership role and doing the right thing.
• July 6, 2000 - Over 1,200 people returned to Staples for the All School Reunion July 1 - 3. At times Saturday morning people had to wait to get their registration materials.
The All School reunion Alumni Concert included 36 singers spanning 49 class years from 1949 to 1998, and two conductors: Stan Carlson and Les Dehlin. Carlson recently retired from the music department at Staples Motley High School. He took over for Dehlin who was the music instructor from 1955 - 1965. They each conducted three songs for the concert.
• July 6, 2000 - A local family with three daughters have been temporarily staying in the Los Angeles, Calif. area since January of 1997 studying and working in the television and film industry. Dad, Bruce Tepley, has stayed at home in Browerville supporting them from a distance. Mom, Kathleen is in L.A. with the daughters - Jennifer, 20, who goes by the stage name Jennifer Bennett; Kristina Lee, 14; and Stefanie, 10.

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

• July 2, 2015 - Neither Diane Japke nor Jos Melse were born in the United States, but both now call it “home” and will be waving the American flag with pride this Fourth of July.
Diane’s roots are in Great Britain and Jos hails from the Netherlands. Both currently reside in the Staples area.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the Nov. 18, 1999 edition of the Staples World featured four musicians from Staples Elementary who were accepted into the Minnesota Elementary

Honors Choir, a group sponsored by the Minnesota American Choral Directors Association. Pictured, from left, are David Gast, Christopher Olsen, Becky Iversen and Wade Anderson.



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For the
Staples World

Appreciation for city workers, people improving Staples

By Ron Murray
Staples Mayor

Greetings to everyone and happy summer. I was walking down one of the city streets yesterday, sun was shining, and beautiful day and I reflected again on what a great city we have in Staples. Of course, every city has things it can improve but all in all we have a lot to be thankful for here. Some citizens have mentioned to me it would be nice to have a dog park in town and I know this has been brought up a number of times over the years. Please let me know your thoughts on this and where you think it should go in our city.

I am seeing much fruit from the grants received from the small cities grants for rehabilitation of homes. I would like to recognize some people from our city. First of all, again I want to thank all the staff that work for our city. Especially, our waste water operators for being recognized by the MPCA for exceptional compliance with our permit and timely and accurate reporting without violations. These men are behind the scenes working so we have good safe water to use in our homes. The men who work in our light department were also recognized by the American Public Power Association for Excellence in reliability due to the short outage time our customers experience throughout the year. These men also work behind the scenes to make sure our city has safe reliable energy to run our homes.

At SMHS again there are student athletes who excelled in their respective sports. Congratulations to Audrey Brownell and Turner Beachy for their state championships in 1600 meters and pole vault respectively. Congratulations for all state qualifiers from track and field as well as Carter White and Walker Johnson for golf. The baseball team also deserves congratulations with another deep run in the playoffs getting to fourth round for second straight year. Not to be out done, the arts did very well in state completion with two state champions in Olivia Opheim and Laken Hines. Congratulations. Our speech team seems to be growing in numbers.

I also want to recognize and con-

gratulate the Staples-Motley FFA chapter did very well down at state competition back in April. I want to thank Dan Rowe advisor. Students did well with Heidi Zimmerman received first place. Some of the students were also in an FFA band. These students along with arts and athletics are pretty special. Speaking of students, I really enjoyed driving down 4th street to see all the banners with our senior's names and pictures. It was nice to put names with faces and to see all the smiles. Very grateful for all this youth in our city. Such a great idea.

Our community center is busy. There are a great deal of people who utilize the gym space for pickle ball each week and the pool is quite busy between aquasize and swim lessons. I also attended my first defensive driving course at community center. (Save money on insurance.) Looking forward to the remodel of community center to begin later this summer with locker room remodel and installation of a new boiler. We are hopeful to be getting new exercise equipment in the fitness center and the facelift to the community rooms and the front handicapped access.

I volunteer at the Legacy gardens during summer and we could sure use more volunteers. We gather at 9-11 a.m. on Tuesdays to help upkeep of the gardens with light weeding and other various duties as needed. It is a fun group.

We have begun to do some overlays on the streets in town which is always welcomed by those affected. Soon, you will see new banners up on the light poles on highway 10 and around downtown to draw attention to our great city and to welcome visitors.

A subcommittee of our city leadership group, LEAP, a trails committee is moving on three new trails to be added to the Staples trail system so many of you use now. One will be across airport road from the school baseball fields, one out at the Ag Center by Living Legacy gardens and another to and from Dower Lake. Discussions for a future trail possibly to Lakewood Health System is happening as well. Very exciting to work with engaged and dedicated citizens to beautify and improve our city.

There will be more building going on in Staples to the north part of town. Most things are finalized for housing to begin in the Valley View neighborhood. Hammers construction is going to build up to 14 units and based on the preliminary drawings and plans they will be very nice and anticipate they will fill quickly. That neighborhood is going and expanding. Lakewood's new addition of the cancer center is also coming along great with a late fall start up. What an amazing organization adding a needed service for us here in Staples and the area.

I had a chance to participate in the ribbon cutting of a new ownership at the Vintage this spring. Congratulations to Paul and Alison Augustinack. Great course and staff. Also was honored to cut the ribbon on the new pickle ball courts over by the area of the skating rink and the fire hall on the south part of our city. What a great addition. As I said at that ceremony, it is great to have people in town who have a vision and carry out the hard work of fundraising and making it a reality. All the sponsors are appreciated. Williams Floral also changed owners and we wish the best to Kripa Reese.

We are planning now for capital improvement plans for upcoming years and soon budget preparations for 2026. I encourage you to go on our website and find our agendas to look at our budgets and capital plan and also make time to watch our council meetings on YouTube live to keep up to date on what is happening in our city.

I so enjoy spending time reflecting on what our city is up to and to be thankful for all we have here in Staples. We are truly blessed in so many ways. If you know someone who is having a tough time, lend a hand. If you think we can help let us know. And as always, please let me know if you have concerns or would like to talk over something.

“Unlike disagreement and conflict, persistent and courageous dialogue does not make headlines, but quietly helps the world to live much better than we imagine”. - POPE FRANCIS

Quote of the week

“Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.”

— Mark Twain

Boat operator permits to be required for younger drivers

By Bryan Welk
Cass County Sheriff

The onset of spring and summer brings us to a new season of recreational opportunities. With these opportunities are new laws governing the safe and legal operation of youth and watercraft. In Minnesota, starting July 1, 2025, anyone born on or after July 1, 2004, is required to take a boater education course and receive their watercraft operator's permit before operating a motorboat on Minnesota waters. Anyone under the age of 12 may operate a motorboat with less than 75 horsepower if accompanied by a competent adult on board. As of July 1, 2025, Minnesota will require operators 21 years of age and younger to possess a valid watercraft operator's permit for motorboats and PWC. No one under the age of 12 may operate a PWC, even with an adult on board.

For many years, the DNR has offered an online course that was required for youth ages 12-17 to operate boats. Starting July 1, 2025, a new law will require operators aged 21 years and younger to possess a valid watercraft operator's permit for motorboats and personal watercraft. As such, anyone born on or after July 1, 2004, must take an online course. Over the next three years, this requirement will expand to other older age groups, so by 2028, anyone born on or after July 1, 1987 will have to take the course and have a permit before operating a boat.

This law will be phased in over three years. Born on or after the following dates:

- July 1, 2004 (effective July 1, 2025)
- July 1, 2000 (effective July 1, 2026)
- July 1, 1996 (effective July 1, 2027)
- July 1, 1987 (effective July 1, 2028)

You can obtain an operator's permit by successfully completing the Minnesota, NASBLA approved boating safety course. It is available at www.mndnr.gov/boating-course

The Cass County Sheriff, under MN Rules Chapter 86B.105, is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for search, res-

cue, patrol and inspection of watercraft on the lakes, streams and rivers in Cass County. The role of the Boat and Water Safety Division is to: Enhance safety on the waterways of Cass County, respond to water emergencies, abide by Minnesota Statute 86B1.5, promote boat and water safety and enforcement, buoy designated waterways for navigation and hazards and train and equip personnel for water search and rescue.

While on patrol of these lakes Deputies are enforcing both state laws and county ordinances relating to boat registration, licensing, personal floatation devices, navigation lights, fire extinguishers, as well as unsafe operation of watercraft. The Boat and Water Safety Division also responds to complaints of unsafe watercraft use and watercraft accidents.

Each Spring, our Recreational Deputy staff is engaged in teaching Boat and Water Safety Training in partnership with several school districts in our County. The last few years have shown record number (roughly 275 youth) completing the boat and water safety courses and obtaining their certification. In addition, the Cass County Sheriff's Office partners with the WHA Community Education for a boat and water safety course to be held June 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., contact WHA Community Education for registration information. And a long-time partnership with a class in the Hackensack area on July 3, 2025 - contact Mark Sand at marksand-vh@gmail.com for registration and course details. A class in the Outing area is being scheduled. A list of all Youth safety-training courses can be found at the MN DNR Website here: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/events/safety_training.html

Through the long-term commitment of offering education and safety trainings with multiple partner's county wide, we have seen the return on investment in terms of very few boat crashes and a much safer, educated boating community, especially in youth operators.

We already know how to drive a boat

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Years ago on a family reunion vacation in Idaho, we decided to rent a boat to tour the lake nearby. The lodge owner showed us the boat to use and gave us the key. He said “This is the part where I show you how to operate a boat, but you guys are from Minnsota, so you already know how to operate a boat.”

We looked around and said “Yes, we all know how to operate a boat.” There were no instructions necessary.

That's why the new Minnesota law requiring boating permits seems antithetical to our culture. Yes, they're doing it for safety reasons and yes, there are some drivers out there who need the training, but Minnesotans are boaters, we already know how to operate a boat. If a guy from Idaho knew that, how did our lawmakers miss it?

In just three years, anyone born after 1987 will be required to take a permit test to legally drive a motor-

boat on our lakes or rivers. I'm sure they have statistics that show this will help lake safety and it should cut down on a lot of the self-policing we do on the lakes. There might be a lot less fist shaking as boats pass too close on the wrong side at unsafe speeds.

The permit test isn't hard, I passed the test years ago when the town I was in started a program to take senior citizens out on a lake cruise, and you needed the permit to go on the trip.

The point is that now a lot of boat drivers who've been driving for years legally, will now be illegal drivers. Maybe a better solution would be to issue “fix-it tickets” to boat drivers who break rules, requiring them to take the course.

That might require more sheriff's boats out on the lakes, which I would love to see anyway. Currently they mostly patrol the busiest lakes, it would be nice to see them on more lakes more of the time, and it would give more deputies a chance to have a day on the lake.

Keeping children active in summer

From University of Minnesota

As the school year ends, Katie Schuver, a lecturer in the School of Kinesiology, discusses why it's important for children to stay active over the summer.

Q: Why is physical activity important for kids?

Schuver: While it might just seem like a way to burn off energy, regular movement plays a powerful role in child development and has the potential to impact everything from physical health, emotional well-being and academic success. Regular physical activity helps build strong muscles and bones, supports a healthy weight and improves cardiovascular health. Additionally, studies show active children tend to perform better in school, as it improves concentration, memory and behavior outcomes.

Perhaps most importantly, encouraging kids to be regularly physically active at a young age lays the

foundation for a lifetime of healthy habits and may reduce the risk of chronic diseases later in life.

Q: What tips do you have for encouraging kids to be active during the summer?

Schuver: When it comes to keeping kids active, variety, fun and age-appropriate activities are key. According to the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, children and teens ages six to 17 should get at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily. For preschoolers aged three to five, the goal is to stay active throughout the day with plenty of movement woven into play. Here's the good news: staying active doesn't have to mean structured workouts or rigid routines. Research shows kids are far more likely to stay engaged when physical activity feels like play.

Think water balloon battles, backyard obstacle courses or nature scaven-

ger hunts, these aren't just fun, they're powerful tools for boosting physical health and sparking creativity. For younger children, simple activities like hopping, climbing, dancing and imaginative games can provide all the movement they need. To keep energy levels high and boredom at bay, break activities into short, manageable bursts of 15 to 20 minutes and prioritize outdoor play whenever possible. Limiting screen time and giving kids a say in what they do also helps build lasting motivation.

Q: How can families support staying active?

Schuver: Parents and guardians are powerful role models when it comes to shaping children's attitudes toward physical activity, and the most effective way to inspire movement is to join in. Being active together doesn't just benefit physical health, it also strengthens emotional bonds and has the potential to create

lasting memories. Whether it's a morning walk around the block, a weekend bike ride or a spontaneous living room dance party, these shared moments turn exercise into something joyful and deeply connected.

When kids see their caregivers participating enthusiastically, regardless of age or ability, it sends a powerful message that movement is for everyone. It's not about perfection or performance, it's about showing up, having fun and making activity a natural part of daily life.

Creating a home environment that encourages movement is important and easier than you might think. Keep jump ropes, balls and other play gear within easy reach. Replace some sedentary screen time with fun, movement-based activities that your child enjoys. Set aside time each day for active play and give children a say in what activities they do. Encourage outdoor play whenever possible.

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'Americana' musician Tony Cuchetti at Music in the Park July 6

Tony Cuchetti will kick off the Music in the Park concert series hosted by the Staples Area Arts Council. He will play at Northern Pacific Park in Staples on Sunday, July 6, starting at 7 p.m.

This will be the first of seven straight Sunday evening concerts at the park.

Cuchetti's music is described as "Americana", with influences from all over the country.

A press release describes his music: "From the jazz, Motown and opera he inherited from his parents to the rock, blues and funk his siblings passed down, the only things really missing from Cuchetti's palette were country and folk. Discover-



Tony Cuchetti

ing them became the basis for his later development in the current wave of Americana music."

More about this artist can be found at tonycuchetti.com.

In case of inclement weather, a concert may be moved to Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

Minnesota agriculture businesses boost economy

By U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

Minnesota relies on the strength of our state's rural communities and farmlands. As your Senator and as one of the leaders of the Senate Agriculture Committee, it's important to me to hear directly about the challenges you're facing. Every year I go to all 87 of Minnesota's counties, and last month, I went on a 19-county tour to visit farms, small businesses and other organizations throughout rural Minnesota.

Everywhere I went, I got to talk to small business owners who were proud to contribute to their local economy, neighbors who went the extra mile for each other and people who loved their community and their way of life.

In Freeborn County, I met the owners of Green Acres Milling, a farmer-owned oat processor with a plan to make our state a major player in the oats industry. In Isanti County, I visited the Braham Food Shelf and got to know some of the dedicated volunteers who work to get food and essentials to families. In Rock County, I celebrated the grand opening of the Kids Rock Child Center in Luverne, which added nearly 200 child care spots, making it easier for people to work in the community and support their families.

But in every place I visited, I met people who were

facing challenges with their livelihoods, including the impact of the new White House tariff policy.

When I spoke at the VINE Adult Community Center in Blue Earth County, I spoke to seniors who were concerned that the administration's decision to reduce Social Security field offices, staffing and change policies at the Social Security Administration could make it harder for them to get the checks that they earned. And I met with local leaders in Martin County who understand that cuts to Medicaid threaten nursing homes in the area. There's no excuse for putting older Americans' livelihoods and wellbeing on the chopping block. That's why back in the Senate, I am fighting to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicaid.

I also heard a lot of frustration with the administration's tariff policy, which risks increasing prices, permanently losing export markets and driving down tourism to our country. The administration's across-the-board tariffs are projected to cost the average American family over \$3,000 per year at a time when so many people are already struggling to stay afloat.

These concerns were front and center for the farmers I heard from at the town hall I hosted with the Minnesota Farmer Bureau and the Minnesota Farmers Union in Howard Lake. Between high input costs, ex-

treme weather and disease outbreaks like avian flu, a lot of farmers are already operating on narrow margins. In Moorhead, a Minnesota Soybean board member told me that the administration's tariffs could cause other countries to purchase soybeans from Brazil instead of the United States. These tariffs have also undermined relationships with countries like Canada that our state's tourist attractions and associated hotels, restaurants and local businesses depend on.

That's why I've taken action in the Senate. In March, along with Senator Tim Kaine, I successfully led bipartisan legislation that passed the Senate to undo President Trump's tariffs on Canadian imports. I have also joined a bipartisan group of 14 senators 7 Republicans and seven Democrats, to introduce a bill to reassert Congress' authority to set tariffs. This bill would ensure Congress must review and approve new tariffs within 60 days. And as a leader of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I am committed to ensuring the U.S. Department of Agriculture is an advocate to the farmers who put food on our tables.

I am grateful for everyone who took the time to talk to me over the course of my 19-county rural tour. I'm bringing their stories back to Washington, where I will never stop fighting for rural Minnesota.



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July 3

'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>

July 4

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

July 6

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are

held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

July 8

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

July 9

FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC - SPONSORED BY MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH Wednesday, July 9, 5 p.m., at Converse Park in Motley. Food, live music and games.



Legislative committee on rural cancer

Dr. Wade Swenson, left, seated by Senator Rich Draheim, testifying before the Jobs and Economic Development

Committee. Swenson is an oncologist at Lakewood Health System. (Submitted photo)

Boost for rural cancer support

From the Rural Cancer Institute

The Rural Cancer Institute welcomes the passage of Minnesota's budget package, signed this week by Governor Tim Walz, which allocates \$250,000 in 2026 and 2027 to support the Institute's rural oncology workforce initiative.

This funding will enhance efforts to expose medical students, residents, fellows, physician assistants, and nurse practitioner students to oncology practice in rural settings. The goal is to inspire and prepare a future generation of healthcare professionals to serve rural communities, where access to specialized cancer care continues to be a challenge.

"We are encouraged by this investment in building a stronger, more resilient oncology

workforce for rural Minnesota," said Dr. Wade Swenson of the Rural Cancer Institute. "This initiative addresses a clear need while aligning with Minnesota's broader goals of health equity and improved access."

Dr. Emily McGovern of the Rural Cancer Institute added, "This support will contribute to a more equitable cancer care system statewide and build a stronger pipeline of committed rural oncology professionals."

The Rural Cancer Institute extends appreciation to Senator Rich Draheim for his leadership and to the broad bipartisan group of legislators who supported this initiative. This investment reflects a growing recognition of the disparities rural Minnesotans face in accessing cancer treatment and the importance of decentralizing care to reduce burdens on patients and families.



Floats for fathers

Faith Lutheran Church honored fathers on Sunday, June 15, with root beer floats. Serving, from left, were Annette

Good, Mary Marquardt and Ron Storbakken. (Submitted photo)

Motley area law enforcement reports

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

June 24 - The MCSO received a report of theft at 900 Eastwood Ln. S., Motley.

June 24 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at the Friendly Inn in Motley. Subsequently, Jessica Windy Bethume, 37, was arrested for a Crow Wing County warrant.

June 24 - The MCSO paged Motley Fire and Rescue for an accident at 7321 Hwy 64 SW in Motley involving a car and semi truck. No known injuries reported.

June 23 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of an assault at the 800 block of Cimarron Dr., Motley. Subsequently, Aaron Niel Schmitz, 28, was arrested.

June 23 - The MCSO received a call from Unity Bank reporting a counterfeit bill.

June 18 - A Morrison County deputy assisted MN State Patrol and Todd County with a search warrant at the 50000 block of

285th Ave., Staples.

June 20 - Motley Police reported a crash at Hwy 10 S and Eastwood Ln in Motley. According to the report, James Johnson was traveling westbound on Hwy 10, and Joshua Prather was at the stop sign heading across the westbound lane to head east on Hwy 10. Prather caused the crash.

June 11 - Motley Police received a report from the Motley Lions Club that they'd found two fraudulent checks, both in the amount of \$1,000.

June 16 - The MCSO received a report of theft at the 1900 block of Ridge Rd., Motley.

June 14 - A Morrison County deputy assisted Motley Police with a call at the 1100 block of 3rd Ave., Motley. The caller stated she heard someone pounding on her walls. Upon their arrival, law enforcement discovered it was fireworks.

June 14 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a civil process at the 33000 block of Dogwood Ln., Motley. Michael John Alger, 47, was arrested on a warrant.

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Student Achievements

CARISSA PETERSON, Pillager, was recently named to the 2025 Spring Semester Dean's List at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON recently announced its 2025 Spring Semester Dean's List. To

qualify, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester and achieve at a high level academically. Local students named include:

- Spencer Porter, Pillager, Dean's List
- Sabina Moe, Staples, Dean's Honor List

Obituaries

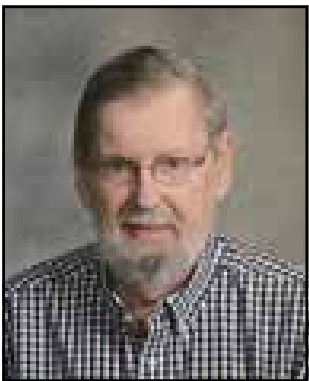
Robert Choate

Robert W. Choate, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday afternoon, December 31, 2024, after a five-year battle with lung cancer.

A service to celebrate Bob's life will be held at 3 p.m. at the Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S, Motley, MN on Monday, July 7. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service at the church and following the service over light refreshments.

Robert W. Choate, Jr was born to Robert W., Sr. and Carol M. Choate on April 17, 1947, in Dayton, OH. He graduated from Fairmont West High School Kettering, OH in 1965 and from Purdue University in June of 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management. Bob was united in marriage to Jomyla Hasty in January of 1969 and they have two children.

He had a long business career beginning with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance, then with NCR for over 25 years and finally retiring from AT&T. During his work with AT&T, he had the opportunity for international travel which took him to an 18-month stay in Australia. He enjoyed putting together videos of his travels and sharing the adventures with others. In 1997, Bob and Jomyla moved to the family property and built their home on the east end of Lake Alexander. Bob also had a home-based business for five years producing aerial views of the



many lakes in Minnesota.

Bob very much enjoyed photography, model rail-roading, computer games and reading history, especially WWII, and Science Fiction. He was a member of the Motley UMC and served on various committees of the church. For several years he assisted in the sound room and made videos of the numerous church activities to share with the congregation.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jomyla; one daughter, Wendy and wife, Jennifer; one son, Matt and wife, Nicole; five grandchildren, J.T., Madi, Kat, Garrett, and Raegan; one sister, SanDee; one sister-in-law, Carolyn and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and brother-in-law.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Motley United Methodist Church (PO Box 119, Motley, MN 56466) or the American Cancer Society.

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Richard Allen

The funeral service for Richard "Dick" Allen of rural Staples, was held Friday, June 27, 2025, at the Domian-Anderson Chapel in Bertha.

On Sunday, June 22, 2025, Richard passed away with family by his side at the Williams Living Center in Parkers Prairie, with attentive care by the staff and Hospice of Douglas County.

Richard, "Dick", was born to Evan and Ada (Kilmer) Allen on August 4, 1934, in Montezuma, IA. He attended grade school in Iowa and South Dakota with high school years at Eagle Bend and he graduated from Staples High School. He continued his education and attained a Graphic Arts degree at Staples Vocational School. In March 1955, Richard entered the US Army and served as a Private 1st Class until his honorable discharge at Ft. Bragg, NC in 1957.

Richard married Leila Minnie Irish on August 3, 1957, in Staples. They resided in several places eventually calling Staples home for the last 50-plus years. Richard was an avid fisherman and hunter who took pride in teaching firearms safety classes. He had a passion for farming and other hobbies included playing cards, dancing, and trips to the casino.

Preceding Richard in death were his wife, Leila (2022); parents, Evan and Ada; infant daughter, Pamela; siblings Eva Heller, Helen Riggs and Elsie Riggs.



Remembering Richard will be his children: Richard "Rick" Allen of Staples, Terri (Jim) Trantina of Browerville, Sherry (Dennis) Booth of Elk River, John (Kelsey) Allen of Staples, Lloyd (Loree) Allen of Browerville and Dale (Jennifer) Allen of Staples; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Charlotte Guse; along with extended family, friends and neighbors.

Military honors were presented by MNAGHG and the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena.

Burial was in Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Memorials in Richard's name may be directed to Lakewood Health System in Staples (www.lakewood-healthsystem.com/) or Hospice of Douglas County (hospicedouglascounty.org/donate/)

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services' Domian-Anderson Chapel, Bertha, (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE., Staples 218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

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

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

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

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley 218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday 10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wadena

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

"What Does the Bible Say About Bombing Iran?"

Pastor Robert Drake, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples/ Bethany Lutheran Church, Cushing

With the recent bombing of Iran's nuclear weapons facilities, I decided that it might be a good idea to see what the Bible says about war, duty to country, and relations between nations.

We should always read our Bible through a combination of heart, soul and mind. Reading with just our heart leaves us prone to sentimental passions. Reading with just our soul ignores the realities of our earthly responsibilities. Reading with just our mind reduces the Bible to a useful book about history, philosophy and sociology.

We need all three parts: heart, soul and mind. Afterall, God gave us all three so we might as well use them.

When I started digging into this topic about war and the Bible, I came across something called "Just War Theory." It's an idea that was first put forward by St. Augustine, a Christian philosopher who died in the year 430.

What Augustine was trying to understand is: "When is it ethical for a nation to go to war and how should it employ violence against another nation?" His question is something we continue to ask today.

Being a Christian, Augustine started with the Bible, and one of the first passages he looked at was Deuteronomy 20. This is a long chapter, so let me summarize the main points. First, God promises to be with the nation of Israel when it goes to battle against other nations. Second, there's a whole bunch of exemptions for men who are not prepared to fight. Third, Israel must start with terms of peace. Fourth - and this part is hard for us to fathom today, Israel must kill "every male", while taking all women, children and cattle as spoils of war. Fifth - and now it gets even harder for us to fathom, Israel must kill everything that lives and breathes when it goes to war against a nation specifically of Canaan. And sixth, don't chop down fruit trees.

Yes, that last part really is in there: "Are trees in the field human beings that they should come under siege from you?"

As we can see from this summary, it is impossible for us today in our modern world to just read our Bible literally and do what it says. In the bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities, I'm sure more than

a few fruit trees were destroyed. More seriously, America is not the type of rogue nation that ignores its ethical responsibilities to non-combatants.

What Augustine understood in this passage is that a nation needs first to trust God in volatile interactions with other nations and second, a nation must establish ethical rules of warfare based on current cultural contexts.

The second scriptural passage Augustine based his Just War Theory on came from Paul's Epistle to the Romans 13:1-8. Paul writes that everyone is subject to governing authorities because authority comes from God and therefore God ordains earthly governing authorities. Put simply: We must obey the government because God put the government in charge.

Sounds simple, right?

But my guess is that for most of us this depends on which political party is currently in charge. But this is not what the Bible says. Remember that Paul was under the authority of the Roman government, and yet he willfully resisted the authority of Rome. At the same time, Paul willingly bore the penalty of his disobedience by submitting himself to being beaten and imprisoned by Roman authorities.

What Augustine understood from Paul's passage and Paul's experience is that the moral authority of a government is grounded in the moral behavior and ethical decisions of its leaders. We must then ask, "What constitutes moral behavior and ethical decisions for those who lead government?" For Augustine, his criteria was if a leader is acting in good faith for the common good.

So, when it comes to the bombing of Iran, what does the Bible say?

Reading my Bible using my heart, soul and mind, and employing the Christian philosophy of St. Augustine, I would answer that a nation is allowed to proactively defend itself and its allies. At the same time, our nation's leaders must truthfully explain to us how their decisions lead to the greatest common good for the greatest number of people, no matter who they are or where they live.

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For the Staples World



Tee ball splash

Staples-Motley tee ball players had a water balloon day on June 24, with players able to explode balloons off the tee and then grab balloons to throw at family members watching outside the fence. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Bruins and humans co-exist, mostly

If you live or spend time in rural Minnesota, sooner or later you can expect to come into direct or indirect contact with a bear. This is especially true in the northern forested region of the state.

You might catch a glimpse of a fast-moving black blur as one crosses a road. This is a rarity, given the typically shy nature of black bears, the variety that is Minnesota's only bear species. Indirect evidence might be an overturned and raided garbage container that's been put out to await pickup on garbage day. The probability is heightened if it contains something particularly aromatic, perhaps "leftovers" from cleaning a mess of sunfish or crappies.

Or the evidence might be a bent and twisted metal shepherd's crook, that familiar pole with one or more hooks at the top from which we hang bird feeders. A large bear is fully capable of bending a straight one into an impressive curve in order to bring a feeder's "goodies" within easier reach.

All of these for-instance events took place within just the past week in the rural neighborhood that my wife and I call home. The first happened as I, my wife, daughter, and granddaughter rolled out of our driveway on our bikes at the start of an early morning ride. We had barely gone far enough on the county road to shift out of first gear, when we were hailed by another pair of bikers. They had just seen two bears, and wanted to warn us. The bears were seen along the road we had intended to take through a stand of tall red pines, in some of whose treetops

nest. Black bears are not generally known for aggressiveness, but we quickly shifted to Plan B, and took another road. We didn't want to risk an encounter in which a mother bear might mistake our presence as a threat to her cub. That is one of the few scenarios in which hostility might be a black bear's response.

On another morning, standing on our deck with the day's first cup of coffee, I noticed that the next-door neighbor's iron pole that holds his hummingbird and oriole feeders had been bent from its vertical position, to roughly a thirty-degree angle to the ground. One feeder was still attached, while the other lay on the ground nearby. I sent a text message to the owner, who is a "weekender" here, expecting that the security camera that monitors his property might have caught the offender in the act. Unfortunately, it had been a dark night, with a heavy overcast, and we therefore had no evidence that would hold up in court, though we had little doubt as to who the prime suspect was.

Bears' attraction to garbage is well known. In places where garbage is disposed of and not immediately covered, bears can become regular customers, as they root around for something edible. It's not the image we like to envision for a creature that we otherwise see as a symbol of resourcefulness, power, and wildness.

We name sports teams for the virtues we see in wild creatures; the bear no less than any other. Teams like the Chicago Bears of the NFL, Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League, Chicago Cubs of Major League Baseball, and many others at college, high school, and other amateur levels. We see the virtues, and can ignore the sometimes unsavory side of their behaviors.

On our frequent walks and bike rides on several nearby county roads, it's

to see an overturned garbage container at a driveway entrance. As often as not, some of its contents will be strewn about. While raccoons are also known for their garbage plundering, given the weight of these containers it would take a team of raccoons working in perfect synchrony to overturn one. A bear has no such limitations. Not only might a container be overturned, but an adult black bear is perfectly capable of separating a hinged lid from a garbage container's body, or even greater damage.

A bear's sense of smell is what lures it to your bird feeder, or to a garbage container. There is some disagreement as to just how far that range is, with some researchers claiming it is several miles, others as much as 20. Some of the variability may have to do with the power of the attracting odor. Common scents to which bears respond include bird seed, dog food, the grease on outdoor grills, fruit, and fish entrails. Another way to look at it is that a bear's sense of smell is said to be as much as 2,000 times as acute as our own.

Should we fear black bears? There have been 10 recorded black bear attacks on humans in Minnesota since 1987, according to records kept by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). None of these have been fatal, but some have required medical treatment. This includes an attack on a woman near a cabin in the Gull Lake area of Minnesota's Cass County in 2023, which required treatment at a hospital emergency room. In this incident the victim's dog had been let outside the cabin near midnight. It was believed by the DNR that the bear had been startled by unexpected contact with the dog, and the sudden appearance of its owner.

It should be noted, however, that a Minnesota woman was killed in an encounter with a black bear in 2010 in Outagamie

Pine Island in Rainy Lake, that huge body of water that borders both Ontario and Minnesota. The woman reportedly left her family's cabin to check on their dogs, which were barking at a trio of bears. As one bear researcher puts it, dogs seem often to be part of the equation when a human is attacked.

Surprising a bear seems to be a common denominator in those few-and-far-between encounters in which a human is—or feels—threatened. A bear that knows you are present is more likely to seek an opportunity to retreat than to seek a confrontation. But again, the presence of a cub, or cubs, can change that dynamic, since all bears—including black bears—are extremely protective.

As for my wife and I, we intend to obtain a compressed air-powered noise maker. This is a small, handheld canister that when activated emits a loud, piercing sound. It is best used when a bear is at a distance, and has an opportunity to retreat, or leave the area. There are also spray deterrents, known as "pepper spray," that are extremely irritating to the eyes, nose, and lungs. These are usually reserved for actual threatening encounters when a bear attack seems probable.

Perhaps the most valuable advice as far as either deterrent is concerned is that the device shouldn't be kept in a backpack, belt pack, or otherwise require time or distance to bring it into action. "At the ready" means just that when it comes to bear deterrence.

Such devices will not keep a bear from plundering your garbage can or pillaging your bird feeder during the overnight hours. But those are minor outcomes compared to an unlikely—but possible—confrontation between you and a bear, when one of these devices could come to your rescue.

As might be said of some human relationships, we and the bear get along best at a distance.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 31, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$92,857.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joel Ambriz Carrillo, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 3, 2015 as Document Number 495310 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on September 10, 2019 as Document Number A515937 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East One Hundred Sixty-Five (165) feet of the South Seventy-six (76) feet of the North Eighty (80) feet of Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Budgett's First Addition to the Village of Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 215 6TH ST SE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$80,064.88

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0077000

TRANSACTIONAGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100312-0001250034-1

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 12, 2026.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

M O R T G A G O R (S) RELEASED FROM FINAN-

CIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: May 05, 2025

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Alexa Marsh, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (25-0371-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 11, 2026.

Dated: June 24, 2025

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ *N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Alexa Marsh, Esq. 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (25-0371-FC01)

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NOTICE TODD COUNTY SECTION 00 1113 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

HISTORIC COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR REPAIRS

Contractor's sealed proposals for the construction of Historic Courthouse Exterior Repairs will be received by the Owner in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by:

ARCHITECT WIDSETH 7804 Industrial Park Road Baxter, MN 56425 SITE VISIT INFORMATION

Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: 06-24-2025, at 10:00 A.M. (CST)

BID DATE INFORMATION: 07-08-2025

Bid Time: 2:00 P.M. (CST) Location: Todd County Historic Courthouse, Board Room

Attn: Mitch Johnson, Facility Manager 221 First Ave. S, Long Prairie, MN 56347

at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the construction of the above named project. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, clearly marked on the lower left-hand corner "Bid Enclosed for Historic Courthouse Exterior Repairs" and with the name and address of the bidder and the date and hour of the opening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will consist of the removing and replacement of the existing exterior trim and the removal, repair and reinstallation of the historic windows.

Each bid must be accompanied with a cashier's check, bid bond, U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) or certified check equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal. Security is payable to the Owner as a

guarantee of prompt execution of the contract in accordance with the proposal and Contract documents, along with furnishing Payment and Performance Bonds of One Hundred percent (100%) of the bid amount acceptable to the Owner.

Bids received after the deadline will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form provided in the project manual. Bids not received on the Bid Form will be cause for rejection.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at https://widseth.com. Click "Bid Documents" in the top right corner of your screen or go to www.questcdn.com and enter the Quest project No. 9726984 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and working with this digital project information. You may download the digital plan documents electronically for \$30. An optional paper set of project documents is also available from CES Imaging for a non-refundable price of \$30 plus printing costs. If you choose a paper copy you will get all addenda as paper copies and will be charged for the printing costs. Please make your check payable to CES Imaging and send it to 1701 James Circle N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430. Please contact CES Imaging Repro Dept at (763) 560- 9098 or (800) 831-8587 for pricing and if you have any questions.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a

responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes a false statement under oath verifying compliance with the minimum criteria will be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project and the submission of a false statement may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits the false statement. A prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Before execution of a construction contract, a prime contractor shall submit a supplemental verification under oath confirming that all subcontractors and motor carriers that the prime contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the prime contractor, through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer, that they meet the minimum criteria for a responsible contractor.

Bids may not be withdrawn within forty-five (45) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids without consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

No bid will be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the requirements of this invitation and/or other bidding and contract documents. Any deficient bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

By: Mitch Johnson, Facility Manager Todd County

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WADENA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE #1

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday the 17th day of July, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Auditorium of the Wadena County Courthouse to consider amendments to the Zoning

Ordinance #1, Sections 11 B-1 Highway Service Business District, Section 12 General Business District, Section 13 Industrial District, Section 15 General Regulations, and Section 9 Signs & Billboards.

These amendments are proposed to provide direction for development in the Zoning Districts for B-1 Highway Service Business, B-2 General Business, and I-1 Industrial, as well as to encourage development of business and industry in the areas zoned as such. With the recent expansion of the B-1 Highway Service Business District, the Planning Commission agreed regulation of and performance standards for signage, especially large signs and billboards should be implemented to better promote the health and safety of travelers on the roadway and the general public, and to help preserve the rural character of the landscape along the major transportation routes.

The full context of these amendments can be found on the County website cal-

endar at www.co.wadena.mn.us by clicking on the date on the calendar. All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. Written correspondence must be received by the Wadena County Zoning Office, 415 Jefferson St. S., Room 234, Wadena, MN 56482 before close of business the day of the hearing in order to be accepted and must include the full name and address of the person sending the correspondence in order to be accepted for presentation to the Planning Commission at the public hearing. The correspondence may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the Zoning Office but it MUST include the required information.

Dated: June 11, 2025

By: Wadena County Planning Commission

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING June 9, 2025 6:00 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Roll Call was taken, members Wright, Frisk, Freeman, Reese and Trout were present, comprising a quorum. Member Reeck was absent. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Recording Clerk Larson, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson, Business Manager Hill,

staff and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Frisk, second by Wright, to adopt the agenda. MC

Chair Freeman recognized the Public in attendance

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 School Board Meeting

Approve the resignation of Christopher Scharen, MS/HS Custodian

Approve the hire of Troy Brandsma, MS/HS Custodian

Approve the 25/26 MSHSL cooperative sponsorship application for Boys Hockey

Motion by Trout, second by Freeman, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC Centennial Auditorium Committee Presentation

(Mike Gold, Tim Rice, Kevin Olsen, Renee Kroll)

Motion by Wright, second by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. MC

Trisha Larson, Clerk ISD #2170

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Upcoming Meetings: Mon., July 21: Board meeting, District Office, 6 p.m.

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Youth softball teams playing in Staples-Motley traveling league

Staples-Motley summer recreation’s U10 softball team is a in the traveling league, playing teams from other towns and traving to their town. Pictured, Staples-Motley players at their game on June 23. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Alumni basketball returns July 11-12

The Staples-Motley alumni basketball tournament will be held Saturday, July 12, with a three point shooting contest to kick off the festivities on Friday, July 11. The alumni tournament is an opportunity for former Staples-Motley basketball players, coaches, and any former students to participate in a competitive five on

five basketball tournament. Organizer Colton Thompson said there are six or seven men’s teams and three women’s teams entered so far. The gym will be open for practice on Friday, July 9, with the three point shooting contest happening throughout the evening. The finals of the three point

contest will be held at 8 p.m. On Saturday, July 12, the tournament games will begin at 9:30 a.m., with games every half hour. Basketball fans are welcome to attend all events. There will be a free will donation for anyone who wants to contribute to this semi-annual tournament.



Chamber of commerce and related organizations in Staples

The Staples Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in 1964, according to the organization's records. However, local civic organizations that might be considered precursors to the chamber of commerce have been in Staples for many years before that and one story hints that it goes back much further.

In a Staples World story from 1971, Dutch Harter and Earl Brown closed their store, Harter's Men's Store. In the story, Harter said he had been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1924. He may have been talking about an organization that was equivalent to the chamber or that morphed into the chamber.

Here are a few of the early organizations listed in Margaret Anderson's book Northside-Southside, Stories of Staples:

The town was first organized by musicians: the Staples Glee Club was formed in 1894, at a time when the official name of the town was Presto. The Staples Citizens Band and Staples Orchestra all formed within the next few years. In 1906, the Civic Improvement League disbanded and became the Staples Library Association. In 1912, the Masonic Grand Lodge was formed. A parade in 1918, during World War I, included the Staples Red Cross, Odd Fellows, Army League, Navy League, Knights of Pythias, Woodmen Circle, Kakantanka Campfire Girls, Baseball Boosters and Fraternal Order of Eagles. In 1919, the ladies of the Staples Civic Association purchased land to build Pine Grove Park. In 1938, the Staples Commercial Club was a local group. In 1961, a story mentioned the Civic and Commerce Association.

If anyone knows more about the history of the chamber of commerce or other early organizations in Staples, please let us know.

National chamber

Just like Staples was forming community groups before the city was officially named, chamber of commerce organizations were common before we were even a country. The Charleston Chamber of Commerce dates back to 1773. That same year, Boston's Chamber of Commerce organized The Boston Tea Party to protest taxes from Britain.

Local chamber of commerce organizations proliferated around the country for more than 125 years before the U.S. Chamber of Commerce was organized in 1912.



Staples supports Women of Today

Staples-Motley Area Women of Today, represented by Nicky Anderson, left and Shelly Zaffke, right, with Staples Mayor Ron Murray at the June 24 Staples City Council meeting. The council approved a proclamation to celebrate the organization's Founders Day on July 1.

The Minnesota Women of Today and the Staples-Motley Area Women of Today are dedicated to actively promoting public awareness and service programs. Locally they provide birthday bags and

detergent bags for local food shelves, tie blankets for Staples Care Center and Children's Hospital, photos for high school seniors, sponsoring a meal for families at Thanksgiving and Christmas and host the Railroad Days Car Show, among their many projects. Statewide, Women of Today supports programs such as Crescent Cove Respite & Hospice Home for Kids, Wishes & More, True Friends/Camp Friendship, and the March of Dimes. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Motley Free Methodist Church at the parade

Members of Motley Free Methodist Church participated at the June Fest Parade, announcing their upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS). The theme of the float,

as well as their VBS week was, "True North - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Leading the parade

Kaitlyn Schroeder of Pillager, riding her horse Kahve, was at the head of the June Fest Parade in Motley June 14. She was followed by dozens of other floats and participants, including the Motley American Legion Color

Guard, first responders, law enforcement, service organizations, churches, businesses, city staff and others. June Fest was sponsored by Motley Community Events Organization. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Salute to water quality certification

With the new water quality certification sign, from left, Jim Lahn, Area Certification Specialist; Alyson Levig, Wadena SWCD, Patricia Berg and Ken Berg.

Berg farm achieves water quality certification from SWCD

Ken Berg, who has served as a board supervisor for the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) since 2000, has recently become water quality certified under the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). The decade-old program offers a voluntary opportunity for farmers to become certified by implementing conservation-minded practices that protect water quality. Berg's farm achieved certification in April of 2025, accompanying over 1,500 producers farming over one million accredited acres throughout the program.

"It's nice to be recognized for the work you do," Berg said. "Especially when we're trying to maintain the land for future generations to use."

Berg's farm is unique in the sense that it collaborates with two additional local producers, Jon Krause and Twin River Seed Farms, both of which are also water

quality certified within the same program, to complete a row crop rotation of edible beans, corn, barley, and potatoes. Vertical tillage is the primary residue management tool while cover crops are utilized after the bean and barley harvests and natural riparian buffers maintained surrounding the meandering ditch. As both fields are sandy, irrigation is consistently applied with the assistance of the irrigation scheduler program through the Wadena SWCD.

Vertical tillage refers to soil tillage of up to 4 inches without direct inversion so that residue isn't completely incorporated into the soil. This type of tillage aims to enhance soil health by increasing water infiltration and reducing soil erosion. The SWCD's irrigation scheduler program enables Berg and associates to monitor the soil moisture status of their fields and, in turn, adjust their irrigation water management as needed

throughout the growing season, thereby improving water-use efficiency.

"We've noticed that the soil moisture probes are fairly accurate," Berg commented. "Which is great as every growing season is completely different."

Altogether, Berg's management practices in his unique collaborative farming operation result in the conservation of natural resources within Wadena County where water quality is protected and soil erosion reduced.

"The MAWQCP program requires farmers to follow good conservation practices to help protect the soil," Berg said. "Which is great because soil is what farmers are using to generate their incomes."

For more information about the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, contact the East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation office at 218-346-9105 or visit their website: www.eotswcd.org.



Donation to Veterans Park

Ruby's Pantry/Staples United Methodist Church (UMC) recently donated \$500 to the All Veterans Park in Staples for the Fourth of July celebration. Pictured, from left, are Joanne Carpenter, with Ruby's Pantry/Staples UMC and Kevin Jenkins, with Staples All Veterans Park. (Submitted photo)



Tee ball water balloon smash.

