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Starting October with a colorful festival The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce hosted Octoberfest on Oct. 4. Pictured, children with Halloween costumes sit in the pumpkin patch at Northern Pacific Park in Staples, waiting for judges to announce the winners of the costume contest. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples City Council sets preliminary levy

At their Sept. 23 meeting, the Staples City Council approved a preliminary tax levy with a 6.75 percent increase, marking that number as the highest they can set the levy when they approve the final levy in December. The preliminary levy is sitting at \$1,200,972, up from the \$1,125,000 levy last year.

This is down slightly from the 7.64 percent increase that had been discussed at previous meetings. Although the tax levy is going up by that much, the city portion of property taxes will be going up at a smaller level, around one percent. That is because of an increased tax base in the city.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said it could come down a little more before they set their final levy.

“We’re waiting for more numbers to come in,” said Nelsen. Among the uncertain items are insurance, the

cost of seal-coating and the cost of a new street sweeper.

The council also scheduled their truth in taxation hearing for their Dec. 9 meeting. This is the meeting where they explain how they spend the city property tax money.

In other news, the council

- Approved raffle requests for Knights of Columbus, Ottertail Ducks Unlimited and Wahoo Valley Deer Hunters Association.
- Approved continuing with CarlsonSV for 2025 audit services.
- Approved State of Minnesota grant contract agreement for \$234,000 for the Staples Community Center entrance ramp and technology upgrades.
- Heard from Nelsen about the city’s Planning and Zoning Commission

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A beautiful day for a ‘Walk with the Doc’

Dr. Adrienne Moen, family medicine physician at Lakewood Health System in Staples, facilitates the weekly ‘Walk with a Doc’ program at Lakewood. Free and open to the public, the walks offer a great way to get some exercise, meet new people, and have the opportunity to learn about a current health topic. On Oct. 2, with temps nearing 80 degrees, the group enjoyed walking along the Legacy Trail off Airport Rd. in Staples.

Pictured above, Dr. Moen led a discussion on some of the misconceptions pertaining to the use of Tylenol by pregnant women that have emerged recently, one of which is that it can cause autism spectrum disorder.

‘Walk With a Doc’ is held every Thursday at Lakewood’s main campus (49725 Cty. 83 - Staples) at 5:15 p.m., with the exception of the first Thursday of the month held at the care center during the warm months. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



The Pulse radio show stops in Staples

The Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples was headquarters for the Pulse Radio’s ‘Fika Friday’ remote morning show Oct. 2. The Pulse, 104.3, is a Christian radio station located in Pequot Lakes. Pictured, from left, are members of the Homan family of Leader - Jesse, Julian, Carly, Jen and Ryder; husband and wife radio show hosts Amanda (Da) and Joe Ledford; and P.J. and Charlie Bolstridge of Motley. P.J. Bolstridge, the Center Di-

rector for Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center (LAPS) in Brainerd and Staples, shared a bit on the air about the program. The Homans said they are fans of the Pulse Radio’s Morning Show. The radio’s hosts explained that ‘fika’ is a Swedish tradition that involves taking a coffee break with family, friends or colleagues. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)


Weather


2025

This Week’s Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 8	67	48	Sunny
Oct. 9	70	48	M. Cloudy
Oct. 10	69	42	Sunny
Oct. 11	70	53	M. Sunny
Oct. 12	73	51	Showers
Oct. 13	60	42	P. Cloudy
Oct. 14	57	46	P. Sunny

Last Year, 2024

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 8	70°	42	Sunny
Oct. 9	71	43	Sunny
Oct. 10	80	44	Sunny
Oct. 11	64	52	Sunny
Oct. 12	62	47	M. Cloudy
Oct. 13	55	43	Sunny
Oct. 14	47	35	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 57° Low = 38°

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

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Gary Stracek
Kenneth Kriesel

Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame inducts four athletes into class of 2025



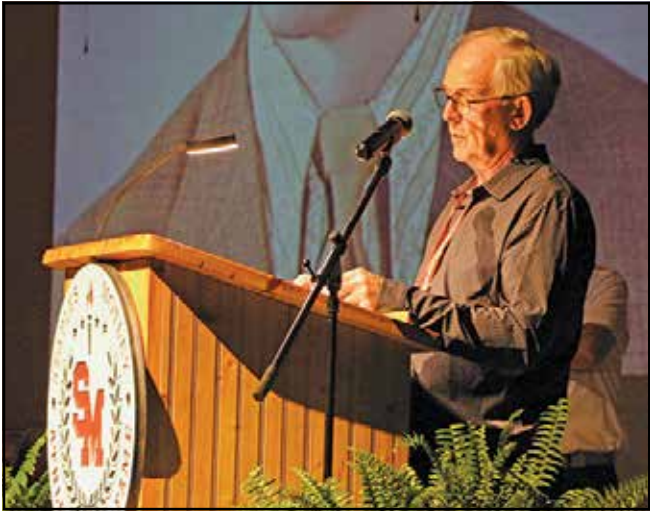
Al Griffiths, center, was inducted by from left, Isaiah Christenson, Ama-ya Baker, Elijah Christenson, and Kevin Kristenson.

Wolhowe hall of fame

Basketball and tennis start Kristi (Wolhowe) Halverson was inducted into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame by her family and teammates. Pictured above, from left, Tom Wolhowe, Kari (Wolhowe) Hartley, Kristi, teammate Kyra (Odden) Quast and Craig Wolhowe. Right, Kristi speaks about her athletic career during the induction ceremony. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Loren Bendson, center, was inducted into the hall by former coaches Greg Leiferman and Norm Card.



Loren Bendson gives his hall of fame speech.



Kevin Johnson, center, was inducted into the hall by John Riewer and MaryAnn Riewer.



Bremer enters hall of fame as community contributor

Staples High School graduate Dick Bremer went on to a long career in the broadcasting industry and for many years was the voice of the Minnesota Twins for television. Left, Bremer touches his heart during his Hall of Fame induction speech. Center, his basketball coach



Tom Wolhowe and wife Heide presented his award. Right, Bremer was overjoyed to see his old speech coach, Frank Odell at the ceremony. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



LAKEWOOD WELCOMES



Sheilaine Mabanta, MD
RADIATION ONCOLOGIST

Lakewood is pleased to welcome radiation oncologist, Dr. Sheilaine Mabanta, to its oncology team. Dr. Mabanta specializes in using advanced radiation therapy to treat cancer by creating personalized treatment plans that destroy cancer cells while protecting healthy tissue. In her free time, she enjoys walking, hiking, cooking, and is an aspiring golfer. She will be seeing patients at the Lakewood Cancer Center in Staples.

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Love Hotel sale in the works

meeting, where they discussed a conditional use permit to turn the Love Hotel into apartment housing. Nelsen said Cody Nelson is looking to purchase the hotel and turn it into housing. Nelsen said they will consider the conditional use permit when the possible sale gets closer.

- Learned that the Sta-

ples Police Department passed their review by the State of Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards & Training.

- Learned that the Dower Lake Recreation Area storm shelter has the concrete roof on and will be ready for use when the park reopens in spring.

Todd Cty. court report Oct. 1

Long Prairie Police
Milton Antonio Mendoza, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No proof of insurance. Fine \$200.

Alberto Sarmiento-Perez, Sauk Centre. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Dakota Steven Smieja, Long Prairie. Wireless communication device. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Dept. of Natural Resources
Sydney Elizabeth Pavak, Oakdale. Take fish without angling license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Wesly Michael Pearcy, Long Prairie. Fail to display valid ATV registration/decals as required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Brent Landon Ricketson, North Branch. Fail to have legal lifesaving device on board watercraft or waterfowl boat. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Alex Jerome Ritter, Villard. Violate federal regs. Migratory birds. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol
Christopher Mark Bierman, Plymouth. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Trey Fletcher Davis, St. Cloud. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Angel Monique De Leon, Shakopee. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Stacy Marie Hiemenz, Long Prairie. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Alyson Marie Jasmer, Staples. No proof of MV Insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Abdikher Dakane Jimale, St. Cloud. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Kirk Justin Kamin, North Mankato. Hands free law. North Mankato. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Keegan Joseph Kwasniewski, Janesville. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Malachi Jacob Landowski, Burlington. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Lester Javier Marroquin Alonzo, Melrose. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No insurance driver. Fine \$200.

Phillip Andrew Masog, West Fargo, ND. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Cole Allen Miller, Osakis. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jan Mohammed Mohammed, Moorhead. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Konner James Murray, Mechanicsville, IA. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Frank Aaron Neumann, New Prague. Speed 92/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Bryan David Novak, Albany. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Allyson Irene Ohlgren, Fargo, ND. Speed 89/70.

Garrett Earl Oland, Sheldon, ND. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100.

Shedrick Gbormie Quobia, Roseville. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Huberto Seraphin, Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jared Timme Sherman, Detroit Lakes. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Haley Elizabeth Larue Springman, Billings, MT. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Osakis Police Dept.
Emmanuel Ortiz Rosario, Starbuck. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Dept.
Wade Scott Cummings, Browerville. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Kevin Joseph Heschke, Staples. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.

Robbyn Nicole Watland, Staples. Dog running at large. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff
Jose Guadalupe Ambriz Hernandez, Osakis. Speed 88/60. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Javier Gerardo Aquino Gerardo, St. Paul. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30.

Monica Lyn Boyer, Browerville. Speed greater than reasonable. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Lori Lee Dierkes, St. Cloud. Speed 79/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30.

Michael Belden Frey, Plymouth. Speed 75/55. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Brandon James Goebel, Freeport. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Juan Sevastian Ambriz Hernandez, Grey Eagle. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Jordan James Kern, Wadena. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Mitchell Gordon Raihle, Otsego. Speed 64/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Anna Marie Sales, Staples. Speed 73/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Kieran John Thompson, Eden Prairie. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County September 22, 2025.

Jason Brent Bauck, New York Mills. Issue dishonest check-value more than \$250-\$50. Continued. Restitution. \$390.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County September 18, 2025.

Samantha Rose Warzecha, Vining. Unsafe lane usage on laned highway. Continued for dismissal. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction. Fine \$75.

Stephan Clay Nelson, Staples. 2nd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. 2nd degree driving while impaired-blood alcohol content greater than .08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine \$900. Fee \$75. Open Bottle. Possession. Dismissed. Driving after revocation. Dismissed. Careless driving. Dismissed. No proof of insurance. Dismissed.

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

- Oct. 12, 1950 - During the severe storm on Sept. 30, lightning struck the barn on the Rodney Miller farm north of Staples, and killed four of his valuable milk cows which were in the stanchions at the time of the storm.

It is believed that the lightning went into the barn through the electrical wires in the hay loft, then down until it came to the milking machine, and along the steel stanchions. The peculiar thing about the lightning is that all of the cows were in the barn at the time and only four of them were killed, which is indeed fortunate for Mr. Miller.

- Oct. 12, 1950 - Queen Bar-

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Dawn Timbs
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bara Batcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Batcher of Staples, reigned over the homecoming festivities of the Staples high school last weekend, and will reign during the remainder of her senior year in Staples high school.

Queen Barbara was crowned by Leon Cross, president of the student body, at fitting ceremonies. The beautiful crown was brought in by Mary Frances Stone. In the queen's court were Miss Elaine Thompson, Miss Mary Lou Marden, Miss Fernel Mattson, and Miss Kovel as the attendants. All were candidates for the queen honors at the election by the student body Wednesday of last week.

- Oct. 12, 1950 - L.C. Smith Typewriter For Sale. Complete with table and chair. \$35. John C. B. Edwards, phone 344-J.

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

- Oct. 9, 1975 - At impressive ceremonies held Monday evening in the Staples Auditorium, Melaine Miller was crowned the 1975 Homecoming Queen of Staples High school.

A senior at SHS, Queen Melaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blayne Miller. Queen Melaine was selected by a popular vote

Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 2000. 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.

of the students of SHS in grades nine through 12. Others vying for the honor and now serving as attendants to the newly crowned queen are Kathy Lund, Peggy Finn, Sue Becker and Donna Brown.

- Oct. 9, 1975 - Douglas Grossman, past president of the Staples Lions Club, was awarded 100 per cent pin at last Monday's evening of the local organization.
- Oct. 9, 1975 - Brothers Bruce and Kevin Crocker led the Staples Cross-Country team to a second place finish in the Mid-State Conference meet at Little Falls Oct. 2.

In the process, Bruce and Kevin both qualified for the all-conference team. Bruce placed fifth individually in the meet and Kevin finished sixth. Bruce is a senior and Kevin is a junior. Both are five-year lettermen on the varsity cross-country squad, coached by Jerry Riewer and Tom Danculovich.

- Oct. 9, 1975 - Cast members for "Dark of the Moon," the fall production of the Brainerd Community Col-

lege Theatre have been announced by Director Bob Dryden.

Included in the cast is Homer Clark of Staples, who will portray Jed Barker; and Coleen Swecker of Motley who plays the role of Ella Bergen. The play is a "folk drama and fantasy with music" written by Howard Richardson and William Berney.

- Oct. 9, 1975 - A grass fire at the Adolph Ger-mann farm, located about 2 1/2 miles north of Staples, burned over several acres last Saturday afternoon, Oct. 4.

Leo Fahnlander, fire chief, said that the grass fire apparently started from an electric fence. The fire, aided by the high winds, threatened buildings in the area, but no serious damage resulted.

- Oct. 9, 1975 - In memory of Arthur Ahlbrecht, who passed away this week, the Staples Public Library will be closed Saturday afternoon, the day of his funeral.

Mr. Ahlbrecht was a former mayor and businessman of Staples. His daughter, Elsie, has served as librarian at the Staples Public Library for a number of years.

- Oct. 9, 1975 - Frederick Reed, a 1975 graduate of Staples High school, was killed in a one-car accident Thursday evening, Oct. 2.

According to the report of the Todd County Sheriff's dept., the accident happened shortly before 11 p.m. Thursday, north of State Hwy 27 on County Rd 37 on the east side of Osakis Lake.

Reed was a passenger in the car driven by Randy Peyton of rural Long Prairie. Other passengers in the car were David Pertula, 18 of Esko, Randy Berg, 18, of Duluth, Steven Johns, 18, of Browerville, and Veril Tordsen of Evansville.

The sheriff's dept. reported that young Reed was dead at the scene. The other five occupants of the vehicle were all taken to the Alexandria hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in the mishap, and one was later transferred to St. Cloud.

25 YEARS Ago - 2000

- Oct. 12, 2000 - The high school fall play entitled, "The Worst High School Play in the World" will be performed Oct. 19, 20 and 21, with all performances at 7:30 p.m. The comedy farce is written by William Gleason.

Becky Hasselberg and Coni Hoffert are co-direc-

tors. Hasselberg describes this play as taking place (if this all were really true) in the "Robin Hood" era, the year 1200.

- Oct. 12, 2000 - Fifth grade students from local schools will join folk singer and composer Charlie Maguire as a special feature during his performance Friday, Oct. 13, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

Maguire's concert is the first Centennial Auditorium Series event for the 2000-2001 season.

Approximately 120 fifth graders from Staples Elementary, Motley Elementary and Sacred heart Elementary schools have been studying with Maguire in daytime classroom sessions this week as part of an Artist-in-Residency program sponsored by the Staples Motley School District.

- Oct. 12, 2000 - Ken LeVasseur has always taken much interest in the weather. Now he's hoping for even more calm, windless days.

That's because the retired high school science teacher is reverting back to his younger days and has taken up flying - and parachuting - again.

This past summer, after preparing a short runway on his property southeast of Staples, Ken purchased the machine with the red, white and blue sail. In early August, he went up for his maiden voyage.

"It sure was quite a time. That's the first time I've flown in 17 or 18 years," the former Army paratrooper said.

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

- Oct. 8, 2015 - First International Bank & Trust in Staples recently donated new jackets to officers of the Staples Motley FFA chapter. "We're very proud of this group and want to support them for all of their efforts," said Amy Brichacek, First International employee. "We wanted to make sure they had these jackets before they attend the FFA National Convention in Louisville, Ky., at the end of October."
- Oct. 8, 2015 - The 'History of Old Wadena,' led by Ranger Glenn Motzco, was one of seven learning stations offered at the Old Wadena campsite during 'Conservation Days' Sept. 29 and 30. The field trip, sponsored by Wadena County Soil and Water, was offered to area fifth and sixth graders, with over 200 attending over the two days.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Nov. 17, 1977 edition of the Staples World featured the returning lettermen of Coach Don Dravis' Wrestling Squad at Staples High school relaxing a moment after a hard workout in preparation for the Staples Jaycee Tournament that weekend. Pictured from left: Glen Johnson, Mike Heldman, Gene Johnson, Greg Dravis, Randy Carlson, Dave Sikora, Joe Bacon, Jeff Finn, Dean Schletty and Mike Sadlo. Absent was Phil Sowers.

Greg and Jeanne Leifermann recognized Greg Dravis, Randy Carlson,

Dave Sikora, Joe Bacon Jeff Finn and Dean Schletty. They also thought one of the boys was Mark Bendson.

Bill Finn of Staples, and 1974 SHS grad, recognized his younger brother Jeff Finn, and several other wrestlers.

Annette Heldman of Staples recognized her son, Mike, and a few of the other boys. Mike Heldman, 1979 SHS grad and one of the wrestlers in the photo correctly identified all. Mike currently lives in Oroville, Calif. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

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Quote of the week

“The press is called the Fourth Estate not because it is above the people, but because it must answer to them.”
— Margaret Sullivan

Quote of the week

“If liberty means anything at all it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.”
— George Orwell

Quote of the week

“The free press is the despot’s enemy, which makes the free press the guardian of democracy.”
— John McCain

Quote of the week

“We need the media to hold people like me to account... power can be very addictive and it can be corrosive.”
— George W. Bush



Letter to the Editor

Finding Common Ground

In a climate of political disagreement and unrest, maybe we can find peace and comfort in the things that most of us appreciate. My list includes the following:

- Democracy,
- Our Constitution,
- Respect for our vets and active service members,
- Free speech and freedom of the press,
- The truth,
- Free and fair elections,
- Accurate history,
- Equal justice under the law,
- Open debate,
- Respect for diversity,
- Supporting world democracies,
- Due process,
- Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid
- Unity,
- Inspectors General,
- The Department of Education,
- Food and medical assistance for starving people.

It seems like most Americans appreciate these things. Based on these issues and for the common good, can we come together to heal and grow our Democracy?

Cheryl Koll
Motley, Minn.

M-i-g-r-a-t-i-o-n spells survival for some

Autumn is a time of life and death changes in the natural world.

A landscape that for months has been dominated by shades of green now turns to almost uncountable tones of yellow, gold, orange, brown, and red. The transition is brief, as maple, birch, ash, aspen, oak, and other trees and their shrubby understory all too soon drop their colorful leaves, leaving barren branches that will resemble a pen-and-ink landscape until spring comes, sap flows, and life stirs again within them.

Fragile herbaceous plants, wildflowers among them, will disappear into the leaf litter on the forest floor. Some, the perennials, will emerge again in spring from tubers, bulbs, or rhizomes. Others, the annuals and biennials, will rely on maturing seeds for the survival of their kind.

Some mammals, like black bears, will hibernate. Others enter a state of greatly slowed metabolism to minimize food needs and survive the coming winter. More delicate forms of life, like insects, may not survive our Minnesota winter, but leave behind eggs, larvae, or pupae from which the next generation will emerge in spring.

Other wild creatures “tough it out” like hardy Minnesotans, with seasonal changes in body or behavior that help them survive. Whitetail deer develop a winter coat of hollow hairs that helps insulate them and conserve body heat, while reduced activity allows them to lower their metabolism. When snow is deep they “yard up,” gathering together and maintaining travel pathways in more limited areas that offer shelter and a good food supply.

Many familiar songbirds, those more dependent on seeds and wild fruits than on insects or nectar, will remain with us and be seen regularly at our feeders throughout the winter, supplementing wild foods with the suet, cracked corn, and other handouts we provide.

And then there are the many that migrate. It’s estimated that 85 to 90 percent of the bird species that nest in Minnesota migrate to more favorable winter environments.

In some places, like the mountain West, migration can mean moving from a high elevation to a lower elevation, both to escape the harshest weather, and to be nearer to more dependable sources of food. Some hardy bird species, like the blue jay, may relocate southward



Mike Rahn

only several hundred miles, and thus are not migrants in the true sense. But for those that truly do migrate, it’s a full scale evacuation. Like human “snow birds,” they won’t be seen ‘til spring.

For waterfowl—the ducks, geese, swans, loons, and others—survival requires open water. Some ducks, geese, and swans are at home on dry land, and may feed in agricultural fields on post-harvest grain until snow prevents it. But without open water for feeding, resting, and safety from predators, most waterfowl would not survive. Some—the exceptions that prove the rule—may remain on open water stretches of larger rivers, like the Mississippi. But most do not, and head south to places where average temperatures are above freezing and there will be open water all winter.

Other birds, like flower nectar-dependent hummingbirds, and heavily insect-dependent birds like many warblers, migrate more for reasons of food availability than from an inability to withstand cold temperatures. Some that nest in Minnesota will migrate to the southern United States, while others keep going all the way to Central and South America.

Beyond the sheer physical effort needed to fly distances of several thousand miles, or more, is the question of how migrants find their way. How do they get to wintering grounds favored by their kind, and find their way back in spring—often with amazing precision—to right where they were born?

Is navigation ability learned, or inborn? H. Albert Hochbaum, whose work at the Delta Waterfowl Research Station in Manitoba led to his classic book *Travels and Traditions of Waterfowl*, theorized that the migratory navigation skill of ducks and geese was in large part the product of experience, of learning routes “on the wing” from the flock with which young birds traveled. This could certainly be the case for those species that commonly migrate in large, mixed-age groups, like many waterfowl.

But it’s also well understood that in some species the adults leave on their migratory journey before their offspring. This is true of Minnesota’s state bird, the loon. It is also true of certain shorebirds, like sandpipers and plovers. Depending on where they are born, some loons migrate to the Atlantic Coast, some to the Pacific, and some—including many born in the Midwest—to the Gulf of Mexico. For these birds that migrate without an experienced parent as their guide, it would seem there must be an inborn navigation mechanism. Scientists point to the earth’s magnetic field, and the navigational value of the sun and stars, as guidance aids that may be linked to inborn instinct. In answer to the question “how,” perhaps the most we can say is “some combination thereof.”

What triggers migratory departures? The most obvious answer is food. This is the case for waterfowl that subsist on wild rice, pondweed, snails, aquatic insects, or small fish, which are unavailable when open waters

freeze. Ditto for songbirds that are dependent on insects, or on flower nectar.

But other factors, independent or interrelated, are likely to be in play, too. Diminishing hours of daylight, the sun’s angle to the earth, weather, and physical changes to their environments likely play roles in informing birds that it’s time to leave. Despite recent unseasonably warm weather, as early as mid-September could be seen large Vees of geese in high-altitude southward flight, birds clearly coming from points north, and not merely traveling between local resting and feeding areas. Hummingbird feeders that have not been taken down for the winter are now mostly deserted, their hummer clientele being absent now for several weeks; this, despite some flowers still in bloom.

Even birds that cannot migrate may sense the migratory triggers. Captive songbirds of migratory species, well-fed and in no need to migrate, have been known to exhibit restlessness and even attempt flight within the confines of their cages at the time when their kind would be departing on a migratory journey.

While dangers are present on northern breeding and nesting grounds, migration adds other elements of danger. For some birds that nest in Minnesota, the round-trip journey of fall and spring can be several thousand miles. The common nighthawk, seen here most often at dusk as it collects fly insects on the wing, winters in South America. The longer the migratory journey the greater the potential risks.

Apart from predators that will endanger migrants at stopover points, and at their final destination, there are a growing number of dangers that stem directly from human activity. Tall buildings with reflective surfaces lure many birds into fatal collisions. Microwave communication towers, power lines, and electricity-generating wind turbines are also collision hazards. Severe weather events can force migrating birds off course. All are hazards in both fall and spring migration.

How many survive the migratory journey? Hard numbers aren’t easy to come by. Nor can what limited statistics are available necessarily be inferred to others. Still, some numbers may be better than none. One study of black-throated blue warblers found that roughly 50% survived the migratory journey, which would mean 50 percent mortality. Another study, this one involving barnacle geese, found that 35 percent of juveniles perished during their first migratory journey, compared to just five percent of adults. Such trustworthy sources as Ducks Unlimited have shared that ducks in general have first-year survival rates that vary between 30 and 50 percent, not all of which is attributable to migration.

Some of the answers to migration questions are more or less well known. Others seem to be a blend of science and speculation. But the more we know about migration, the more the phenomenon seems both a mystery and a biological marvel.

Local journalism is the heartbeat of informed communities

From the Minnesota Newspaper Association

Oct. 5-11, 2025, marks the 85th celebration of National Newspaper Week. Since 1940, Newspaper Association Managers has sponsored and supported National Newspaper Week, a week-long promotion of the newspaper industry in the United States and Canada.

Local journalism is the heartbeat of informed communities. It brings stories to light that national outlets often overlook - stories about school board decisions, city council debates, neighborhood events, and local heroes. In a world increasingly shaped by global headlines and social media noise, reconnecting with local news is vital for civic engagement, accountability, and community resilience.

Why Local Journalism Matters:

Informed Citizens: Local reporting empowers people with the information they need to make decisions in

Quote of the week

“The health of a democracy depends not just on free elections, but on a free press to tell us what those elections mean.” — Bill Moyers

their everyday lives—from voting to attending town hall meetings.

Accountability: Local journalists often serve as watchdogs, uncovering corruption or negligence that directly impacts their communities.

Community Connection: Local news fosters a sense of belonging by highlighting stories that resonate on a personal level.

Economic Development: Thriving local media can support small businesses through advertising and partnerships, strengthening the local economy.

A Call to Action:

To build a better future, we must support local journalism through subscriptions, donations, sharing stories and encouraging young reporters. Schools, libraries, and civic groups can also play a role in educating the next generation about media literacy and the importance of a free press.

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“A nation that hates its press is a nation that fears the truth.”
— Walter Cronkite

Quote of the week

“Journalism is the first rough draft of history.”
— Philip L. Graham

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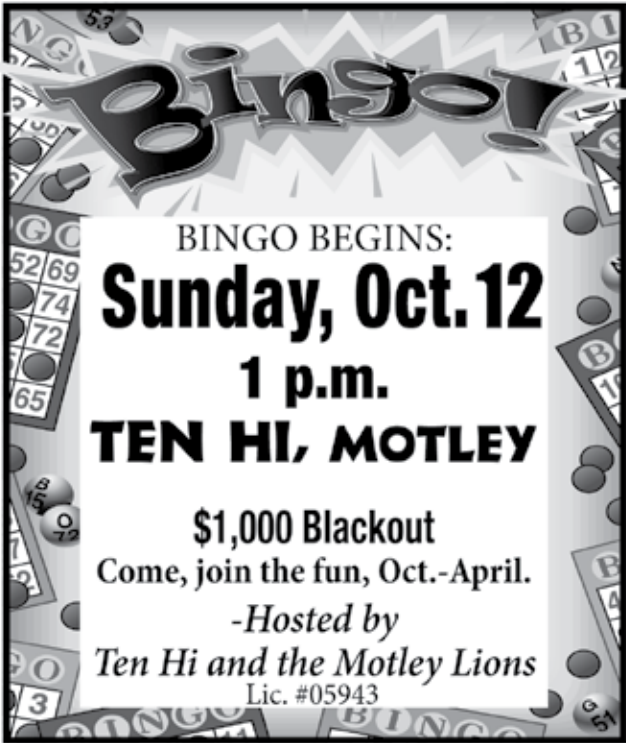
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Oct. 9
STAPLES AREA FARMERS MARKET Thursdays, 2 - 5 p.m., in the clinic patient parking lot at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples.
'WALK WITH A Doc' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>
WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Oct. 9, 7 - 9:30 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Abe Maier, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

Oct. 10
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.

Oct. 11
MOTLEY FALL FEST Saturday, Oct. 11, 2 - 10 p.m., at the Motley Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Motley Community Events Orga-

nization (MCEO).
Oct. 12
CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.
Oct. 14
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.
Oct. 15
STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION'S board mtg Wednesday, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m., lower level of Lakewood Health System's main campus. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139. Public invited.



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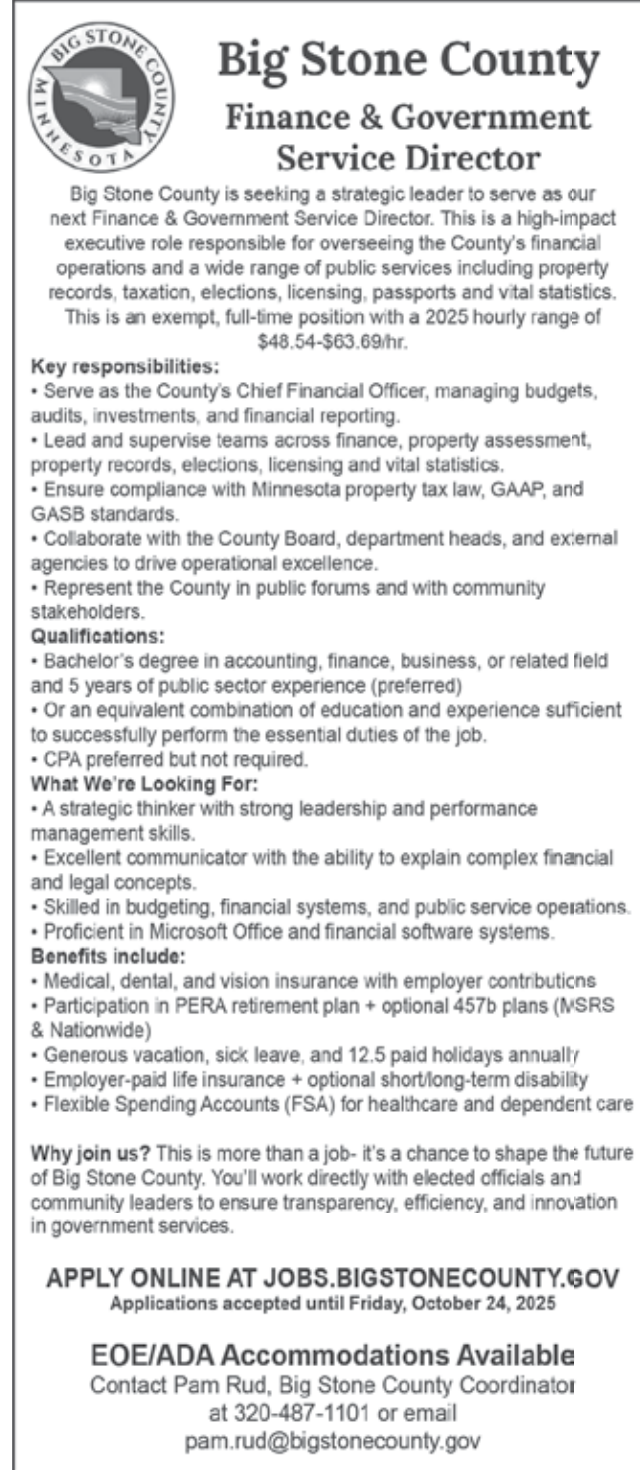
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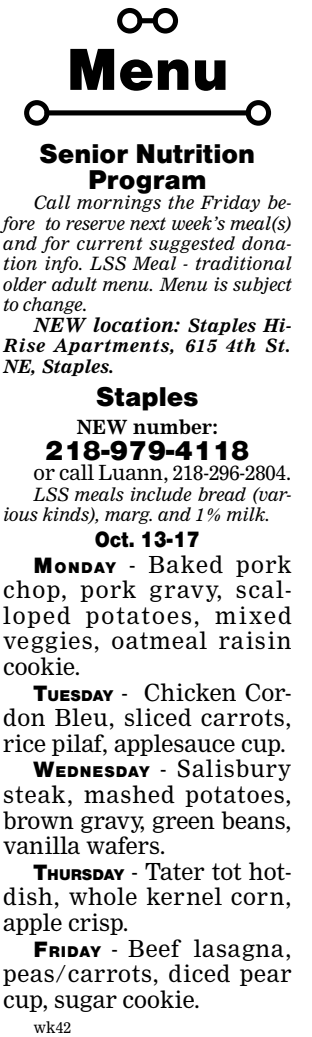
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Big Stone County Finance & Government Service Director
Big Stone County is seeking a strategic leader to serve as our next Finance & Government Service Director. This is a high-impact executive role responsible for overseeing the County's financial operations and a wide range of public services including property records, taxation, elections, licensing, passports and vital statistics. This is an exempt, full-time position with a 2025 hourly range of \$48.54-\$63.69/hr.
Key responsibilities:
• Serve as the County's Chief Financial Officer, managing budgets, audits, investments, and financial reporting.
• Lead and supervise teams across finance, property assessment, property records, elections, licensing and vital statistics.
• Ensure compliance with Minnesota property tax law, GAAP, and GASB standards.
• Collaborate with the County Board, department heads, and external agencies to drive operational excellence.
• Represent the County in public forums and with community stakeholders.
Qualifications:
• Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business, or related field and 5 years of public sector experience (preferred)
• Or an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job.
• CPA preferred but not required.
What We're Looking For:
• A strategic thinker with strong leadership and performance management skills.
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Contact Pam Rud, Big Stone County Coordinator at 320-487-1101 or email pam.rud@bigstonecounty.gov



Menu
Senior Nutrition Program
Call mornings the Friday before to reserve next week's meal(s) and for current suggested donation info. LSS Meal - traditional older adult menu. Menu is subject to change.
NEW location: Staples Hi-Rise Apartments, 615 4th St. NE, Staples.
Staples
NEW number: **218-979-4118**
or call Luann, 218-296-2804.
LSS meals include bread (various kinds), marg. and 1% milk.
Oct. 13-17
MONDAY - Baked pork chop, pork gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, oatmeal raisin cookie.
TUESDAY - Chicken Cordon Bleu, sliced carrots, rice pilaf, applesauce cup.
WEDNESDAY - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, vanilla wafers.
THURSDAY - Tater tot hot-dish, whole kernel corn, apple crisp.
FRIDAY - Beef lasagna, peas/carrots, diced pear cup, sugar cookie.
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22nd Annual REAL MEN REAL SING! REAL MEN SING jr! A Choral Festival for Young Men
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025
Staples-Motley High School Legacy Gym
Workshops and rehearsals begin at noon
Concert at 7 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m.
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Guest Conductor: Dr. Isaac Lovdahl, Director of Choral Activities, Bemidji State University
Guest Conductor: Mr. Paul Hartmann, Choral Director, Hancock High School
This project is made possible by a grant provided by the Five Wings Arts Council with funds from the McKnight Foundation supplemented with Legacy funds.



Help guide the future of Staples-Motley Schools: We want to hear from you!
The school year is in full swing, and we are off to a great start at Staples-Motley School District.
As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we want to ensure that every decision reflects the voices of our community—students, families, staff, and residents. That's why we are launching a district-wide effort to better understand how we can strengthen and maximize the value of our school buildings.
We are not beginning with answers—we are beginning with questions. What's working well? What areas need attention? How can our facilities better support student learning and success?
We've already held listening sessions with staff, and now we are inviting the entire community to join the conversation. Please share your perspective by completing our survey. Please go to <https://bit.ly/SMfacilities> or scan the QR Code.
Your feedback will help guide priorities for our schools. This input will shape solutions that align with our Continuous Improvement Plan and our Cardinal Commitments of Pride, Respect, Relationships, Excellence, Communication, and Integrity. To support this work, the district is also partnering with ICS and MLA + Brag, two firms with extensive experience in PreK-12 school assessments and planning.
Whether you are a parent, graduate, student, staff member, business owner, or neighbor, your voice matters. Together, we can fulfill our mission: Empowering every student to thrive—in school and beyond.
If you have questions or ideas, or would simply like to learn more, please contact me at superintendent@isd2170.org or call 218-894-5400.
Thank you for helping us live out our vision: Grow with purpose. Lead with integrity. Rise with pride.
Shane Tappe
Superintendent
Staples-Motley School District

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Kenneth Kriesel

Kenneth Roy Kriesel, 86, of Motley left this world peacefully on October 3, 2025.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Nov. 14 at the Peterson Grimsco Funeral Chapel, 250 East Broadway, Monticello. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. with the memorial service starting at 11 a.m. Friends and family are invited to attend and pay their respects. There will be a luncheon following the service for those who wish to share stories and memories.

Kenneth is survived by two daughters, Diane Kriesel of Big Lake and Kimberley (Walter) Mainrich of Taconite; two sons, Dennis (Terri) Kriesel of Lake Shore and Rick Kriesel of Maple Grove; one



step-daughter, Tina (Mike) Kahlhamer of Little Falls; one step-son, Neil Fischer of North Port, FL; six siblings, Richard (Sharon) Kriesel of Cushing; Harold (Deb) Kriesel of Mankato; Leroy (Aimie) Kriesel of Mounds View; Nancy (Mario) Tegola of Thunder

Bay, ON; Vivian (Douglas) Steglich of Las Vegas, NV; Blaine (Carol) Kriesel of Coon Rapids; 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maria Kriesel; one son, Gary Kriesel; one step-daughter, Paula Ferguson; parents, Roy and Irene Kriesel; three brothers, Emmet, Steve and John Kriesel and two sisters, Kathleen Kriesel and Rosemary Schuette.

Donations can be sent in Kenneth's memory to the Dementia Society of America. <https://www.dementiasociety.org>.

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Obituaries

Gary Stracek

Gary Stracek, 83, of Browerville, passed away peacefully with his family by his side September 26, 2025.

Mass of Christian burial was held October 6, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville.

Burial was held at St. Isidore's Catholic Cemetery, rural Browerville.

Gary James Stracek was born June 15, 1942, the son of James and Adeline (Prokes) Stracek of rural Moran Township. On June 30, 1962, Gary married the love of his life, Rita Robben. The young couple was blessed with six children, Sherry, Terry, Mary, Steve, Missi and Bob; raising them all in the Catholic faith.

After graduating from Staples High School, Gary worked in Minneapolis as a machinist. He moved back to Browerville where he established Stracek Construction and Lumber, operated numerous businesses in Browerville and continued his machining and fabrication talent by helping to repair area farmer's equipment in his home machine shop.

When Gary wasn't working or spending time with his family, he dedicated himself to serving his community. He gave generously of his time through many organizations, including the Lions Club, The Knights of Columbus, his church parish council and the Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative nominating committee. Gary was a true history buff with a deep love for geneology, so his time spent with the Todd County Historical Society and the Clarissa Museum was especially meaningful to him. He also enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, searching for agates, collecting antiques, writing and traveling. A natural artist, Gary poured his creativity into wood-working and crafting one-of-a-kind pieces that he and Rita proudly displayed and



shared. Above all, Gary was known for his selflessness. He was a loyal friend, devoted father, grandfather and husband who cherished Rita with all his heart until the very end.

In 1993, Gary was blessed with a second chance at life due to a generous heart donor. He received a heart transplant that gifted him 33 more precious years with family and friends.

Left to carry on his memories is his wife of 63 years, Rita; four daughters, Sherry Crider, Terry (Dave) Hoglund, Mary (Tom) Schmitz and Missi (James) Larson; two sons, Steve (Lisa) Stracek and Bob (Nikki) Stracek; 18 grandchildren, Josh (Brandice) Crider, Lacey (David) Long, Emily (Chad) Olson, Hannah (Peter) Ampe, Jacob (Elly) Hoglund, Ashley (Paul) Winge, Amber (Graham) James, Brandon (Brooke) Schmitz, Josie (Austin) Stracek-Williams, Jim (Kaleigh) Stracek, Jon (Ahna) Stracek, Christian Scheler, Elliot Stracek, Scarlett Stracek, Eli (Megan) Birkholtz, Ava Birkholtz, Carson Howe and Kynlee Larson and 19 great-grandchildren.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Kenneth Stracek; one granddaughter, Amanda Crider and one uncle, George Prokes.

Funeral arrangements are with Iten Funeral Home in Browerville.

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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 9:00 a.m.

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296

Church 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314

Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
Father Greg Sauer
Mass: Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
Pastor Joshua Jerecek
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

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1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443

Phone: 218- 575-2449

www.lincolnefree.org

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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad

SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.

YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.

Cushing Baptist

26298 Bear Rd., Cushing

Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible study 7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470

Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament

Sunday Worship
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

Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314

Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310

Father Greg Sauer

Sunday 10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist

847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466

Pastor Greg Leslie

www.motleyumc.net

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen

218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316

Pastor Neal Malcore

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist

717 River Street S, Pillager, MN

218-746-3775

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays

.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God

Pastor Dan Johnson

N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.

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.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale

Pastor Robin Fish

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist

10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale

218-445-5108

Pastor Jill Pawlowski

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Central Community Church

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)

Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church

20 Mason Avenue NW

Verndale 218-894-2296

info@marysacc.org

Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314

Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310

Father Greg Sauer

MASS: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church

Bluegrass 218-894-2296

info@marysacc.org

Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314

Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310

Father Greg Sauer

Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6

Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.

Wadena

St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN

218-631-3928

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

St. Ann's Catholic Church

514 1st Street SE, Wadena(218) 631-1593

Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314

Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310

Father Greg Sauer

Mass: Sunday 10 a.m.

"The Light of the World"

By Pastor Donald Reigstad, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church, Cushing

Darkness grows. This time of year, each day sees the night steal a little more of the light. Twice a day these sworn enemies meet each other in an uneasy parley of power. Light or dark. They chase each other; they repel each other. They are simply incompatible.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world." (John 8:12) The Apostle John adds, "The light shines in the darkness but the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) The prince of darkness has sought to over-

come the light from the dawn of creation - unsuccessfully.

Make no mistake about it. The conflicts we face as a nation, in Washington, in Staples-Motley and within each of our own hearts, are played out on battlefields of a greater, cosmic arena of spiritual warfare the Bible makes plain to us. No wonder the Apostle warns that light can have no union with darkness. (2 Corinthians 6:14)

Better choose your side.

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Ronnie Noska



Madison Perius

Tennis team prepares for section playoffs with high level matches

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team finished their regular season with matches against ranked opponents Minnewaska and Litchfield. Although they lost, they showed they can play with some of the top teams in the state.

The Cardinals will be the number one seed in the Section 8A tournament, starting with a first round match on Thursday, Oct. 9, starting at 10 a.m. at Fargo Courts Plus in North Dakota.

Against Minnewaska, the Cardinals were the harder-hitting team but were not nearly as consistent as the 2nd ranked Lakers. Staples-Motley forced much of the action but ended up losing some of those points.

The number one doubles team of Madison Perius and Natalie Hanson won their match by keeping their opponents on their heels, especially in the 10 point tiebreaker for the third set.

At number one singles, Ronnie Noska was not hitting her spots in the first set, but came roaring back in the second set, smashing ground strokes down the line for multiple winners. She ended up dropping the 10 point tiebreaker.

Against fourth ranked Litchfield, the matches couldn't have been much closer. Noska lost again to a

ranked opponent, but Jaida Holst and Charlie Noska won their singles matches, while Kaylee Perius lost in a tiebreaker. The top doubles team won again and the other doubles matches were very close, showing this match could have gone either way.

The section team tournament finishes on Friday, Oct. 10, with individual play starting that day. Ronnie Noska is the top seed in singles and Charlie Noska is playing the other singles spot. The doubles teams will be Holst and Madison Perius, who are the third seed, and Hanson with Kaylee Perius in the other spot.

Team results

Staples-Motley 1, Minnewaska 6

Singles: Ronnie Noska L 2-6, 6-1, (4-10); Jaida Holst L 5-7, 1-6; Kaylee Perius L 1-6, 2-6; Charlie Noska L 2-6, 1-6

Doubles: Madison Perius/Natalie Hanson W 6-4, 4-6, (10-7); Lydia Roelofs/Mia Pesta L 0-6, 0-6; Lauren Dolezal/Alexa Dolezal L 4-6, 4-6

Staples-Motley 3, Litchfield 4

Singles: R. Noska L 2-6, 4-6; Holst W 7-5, 4-6, (10-7); K. Perius L 6-3, 4-6, (5-10); C. Noska W 6-0, 6-3

Doubles: M. Perius/Hanson W 6-0, 7-5; Pesta/Roelofs L 3-6, 2-6; L. Dolezal/A. Dolezal L 3-6, 4-6



Kaylee Perius



Pam Lawrence hits a volleyball serve in front of the Cardinal student section. See story, page 11a.

Brownell wins 'Meet of Champions' for second time

Audrey Brownell won the prestigious Alexandria Lions Meet of Champions on Oct. 4, a meet of mostly big schools and Twin Cities schools that travel to Alexandria for the meet. This was her second win at this event, with her first title in 2023, but the team did not run the race last year.

Because it was a big

did not place well as a team and some of the athletes didn't perform well on the hot and windy day.

In the boys race, Gage Bjerga was the only Cardinal finisher in the top half of the varsity field.

Team results

'Meet of Champions'

Girls results

SM defense steps up to preserve football win

In a rematch of last year's state tournament game, the Staples-Motley football team defeated Barnesville 20-16 on Oct. 3. As much as last year's game was an offensive display with a 46-44 final score, this year's game was a defensive struggle as both teams were able to make big stops at important times.

Colbe Tappe was the offensive spark for the Cards, as he scored on a long run, a punt return and another touchdown run for the three Cardinal scores.

The game opened up with a defensive battle in the first quarter, both teams punting the ball back and forth.

Conner Kuhns reversed the field position game with a long punt return. When the Cardinals faced third and long, Tappe took a direct snap, broke through the line, got stopped in the secondary but didn't go to the ground so he bounced off and kept running for the touchdown. The team missed on the extra point to make the score 6-0.

Barnesville responded with a long pass for a touchdown and they punched in the extra point to take a 8-6 lead going into halftime.

The second half also started as a game of field position. Luke Bjerga struck a blow with a long punt that brought the ball down to the five yard line. Barnesville got one first down, when Adrian Gomez sacked their quarterback on third down to force a punt. Tappe took the punt, ran around the right side, cut back to the middle for a 57 yard punt return touchdown. Staples-Motley took the lead back at 12-8.

The Cardinal defense took over again stopping Barnesville on their next drive. Barnesville failed on a fake punt, as Staples-Motley stopped them short and gained good field position again. Tappe took advantage with another direct snap play, weaving through the line and running it in for a touchdown. SM passed for the two point conversion to take a 20-8 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Barnesville made a long drive for a touchdown narrowing the score to 20-16.

On the next drive, SM hurt themselves with penal-

ties and punted again, leaving the defense to save the game in the final five minutes.

Staples-Motley stopped Barnesville on their run attempts and Kuhns broke up a pass on fourth down to get the ball back.

Trying to run out the clock, Tappe ran for a first down and Bjerga making a big run for another first down. Needing just one more first down, Tappe took a third down carry to the five yard line, and the Cards were able to kneel the ball and save the win.

The win sets up a battle of the unbeaten teams, as Pillager 6-0 comes to Staples-Motley 6-0, Friday, Oct. 10, with game time at 7 p.m. The game also has implications for the section tournament, with the winner locking down the first or second seed, depending how high the teams ratings go.

Section 6AA has the top three teams in the state, according to Minnesota-scores.net, web site that ranks teams for post-season play. Pillager and Staples-Motley are tied for second in the state. Another undefeated team in the section, Holdingford, currently has a higher rating but plays two teams, in their final two games, who are winless which will prevent their rating from growing much. The 10th ranked team in the state, Osakis, is also in the section with a 5-1 record, their only loss to Holdingford.

SM finishes their regular season at Pelican Rapids on Wed., Oct. 15, at 7 p.m.

Soccer results

Soccer games continue play at Staples Motley Elementary School. Results include:

1st Grade - 3rd Grade division:

Sept. 13

Ace Hardware Tornados, 5; Japke's Flooring Hurricanes, 1

Hubbard's Hardware Thunder, 4; Central Building Supply Lightning, 8

Sept. 20

Japke's Flooring Hurricanes, 4; Central Building Supply Lightning, 2

Ace Hardware Tornados, 5; Hubbard's Hardware Thunder, 3

Sept. 27

Central Building Supply Lightning, 0; Ace Hardware Tornados, 5

Japke's Flooring Hurricanes, 1; Hubbard's Hardware Thunder, 11

Oct. 4

Hubbard's Hardware Thunder, 11; Central Building Supply Lightning, 0

Ace Hardware Tornados, 5; Japke's Flooring Hurricanes, 1

3rd Grade - 6th Grade Division

Sept. 13

Holst Acres Smashers, 7; JT's Handyman Kickers, 0

Jon's Family Food Sliders, 6; Monte Azul Blasters, 9

Sept. 20

Jon's Family Food Sliders, 1; Holst Acres Smashers, 7

Monte Azul Blasters, 15; JT's Handyman Kickers, 0

Sept. 27

Monte Azul Blasters, 6; Holst Acres Smashers, 2

JT's Handyman Kickers, 2; Jon's Family Food Sliders, 4

Oct. 4

Holst Acres Smashers, 5; JT's Handyman Kickers, 2

Jon's Family Food Sliders, 5; Monte Azul Blasters, 10

Upcoming games will be held Saturday mornings, 9 a.m., Oct. 11, 18, 25 at the Staples Motley Elementary School fields.





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PUBLIC NOTICE
A
NOTICE OF
CANCELLATION OF
CONTRACT FOR DEED

YOU ARE NOTIFIED:

1. Default has occurred in the Contract for Deed ("Contract") dated April 25, 2025, and filed for record on April 28, 2025, as Document Number A545543, in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota, in which MID-SOTA CONSTRUCTION, a sole proprietorship, as Seller, sold to CLIFFORD DIXON, as Purchaser, the real property in Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Lot Eighteen (18) and Lot Nineteen (19), Block One (1) Little Pine Shores, according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the Todd County Recorder;

2. The default is as follows:

No payment received for the months of May 2025 through August 2025, totaling \$1,600.00.

3. Minnesota Statute 559.21 Subd. 4. (f) has been complied with

4. THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT BY THIS NOTICE THE SELLER HAS BEGUN PROCEEDINGS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 559.21, TO TERMINATE YOUR CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR THE

REASONS SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE. YOU ARE ALLOWED NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT AND THE CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE NINTY (90) DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE UNLESS BEFORE THEN:

(A) THE PERSON AUTHORIZED IN THIS NOTICE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS RECEIVES FROM YOU:

(1) THE AMOUNT THIS NOTICE SAYS YOU OWE; PLUS

(2) THE COSTS OF SERVICE (TO BE SENT TO YOU); PLUS

(3) FOR CONTRACTS EXECUTED ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 1980, ANY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS BECOMING DUE UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE SELLER AFTER THIS NOTICE WAS SERVED ON YOU; OR

(B) YOU SECURE FROM A COUNTY OR DISTRICT COURT AN ORDER THAT THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT BE SUSPENDED UNTIL YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES ARE FINALLY DISPOSED OF BY TRIAL, HEARING OR SETTLEMENT. YOUR ACTION MUST SPECIFICALLY STATE THOSE FACTS AND GROUNDS

THAT DEMONSTRATE YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES.

IF YOU DO NOT DO ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE ABOVE THINGS WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE, YOUR CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD AND YOU WILL LOSE ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE PAID ON THE CONTRACT; YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO ASSERT ANY CLAIMS OR DEFENSES THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE; AND YOU WILL BE EVICTED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY.

5. The name, mailing address, street address or location and telephone number of the person authorized by the seller to accept payments pursuant to this notice is:

Nicole M. Philippi, 27297 Ode Circle, Browerville, Mn. 56438. (320) 428-9448.

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NOTICE
EVERGREEN HILL
CEMETERY MEETING

Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, will hold a meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at the Mausoleum.

Following the meeting a fall clean-up of the cemetery will be held. Flowers must be maintained in an attractive manner or they will be removed. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove before Oct. 14.

Robert Reeck
Secretary

41-42pnc

NOTICE
LAKE SHORE
AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU

Aeration system will be in operation, shoreline of Lake Shamineau, Lot #2196 from ice cover 2025 to ice out 2026. Purpose: to prevent shoreline damage due to ice expansion. Be aware of open water or thin ice.

42-43pnp

PUBLIC NOTICE
AERATION WARNING

NOTICE: An aeration system creating thin ice will be in operation on the southeast shoreline on Lake Shamineau, 33203 and 33211, during ice conditions Fall of 2025 and continuing through Spring 2026. The purpose is to protect the shoreline from ice expansion.

Please be aware of open water and thin ice.

42-43pnp

TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT
215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

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

Questions? Call or email 320-732-4420 or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Agenda
•Call to Order
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
•Approval of agenda
•Approval of September 25, 2025 Board of Adjustment's meeting minutes
•The applicant is introduced

•Staff report
•Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
•Site Visit Review
•Public comment
•Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. **Doug and Mary Quade:** Section 11, Grey Eagle Township, Mound Lake

Site Address: 34004 Buckhorn Drive, Burtrum, MN 56318

PID: 11-0069800

1. Request to reduce the 100-foot structural setback from OHW to 42 feet, for a dwelling addition in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

2. **Sheila Asmus:** Section 23, Turtle Creek Township, Big Lake

Site Address: 36000 Northern Drive, Cushing, MN 56443

PID: 24-0024200

1. Request to increase the allowed square footage for a guest cottage from 700 sq. ft. to 880 sq. ft. to make it ADA wheelchair accessible.

2. Request to increase the allowed building height of a guest cottage from 15' to 20' to make ADA lift clearance and medical equipment storage needs.

3. Decrease the OHWL structural setback from 100' to 80' to meet ADA standards for wheel chair accommodations, all in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

Adjournment.

Next meeting:
November 20, 2025

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Russell Vandenheuvel, Chair

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WADENA COUNTY OWNED ON-LINE LAND SALE				
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 - OCTOBER 24, 2025				
https://www.publicsurplus.com/sms/wadenacore.mn/list/current?orgid=1062975				
ADDITIONAL FEES AND TERMS OF THE SALE ARE AS FOLLOWS				
Recording Fee: \$46.00STATE DEED TAX: .33% OF PURCHASE PRICE ** ADMINISTRATION FEE: \$ 100.00**PUBLIC SURPLUS FEE: TBD				
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISCLAIMER				
IT IS THE BUYERS RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY OUTSTANDING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS THAT MAYBE "REASSESSED" TO THE PROPERTY AFTER IT IS PURCHASED				
LAND LOCKED PARCELS				
IT IS THE BUYERS RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE ADJACENT LAND OWNER AND/OR PETITION THE TOWNSHIP IN WHICH THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED TO ESTABLISH AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS				
**For More Information Please Contact Missy Lund @ 218-631-7785 or missy.lund@wcmn.us				
ITEM #	TOWNSHIP/CITY	DESCRIPTION	PROPERTY ADDRESS	MINIMUM BID
LEAF RIVER TWP				
#1	05.008.4010 & 05.009.3040	SECT-08 TWP-135 RANG-35 20.00 AC - PT SE1/4 SE1/4 TRACT"A" 100-1 BEG AT SE COR OF SAID SEC 8; THN WSTLY ALG TH S LI OF SD SEC 8 627';THN IN A NTHLY DIRECTION PARALLEL WITH THE E LINE OF SAID SEC 8 FOR A DIST OF 1287';THN ESTLY PARALLEL WITH THE S LI OF SEC 8 TO THE E LI THEREOF; THN IN A STHLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EAST LI OF SAID SEC 8 TO THE POB*EXC PT CONVEYED TO CNTY FOR RD **AND** SECT-09 TWP-135 RANG-35 36.00 AC - 36 A OF SW1/4 SW1/4*EXC BEG AT THE SE COR OF SAID SW1/4 SW1/4; TH WTLY ALNG THE S LI OF SW1/4 SW1/4 200';THN NTHLY PARALLEL WI E LI OF SAID 40 TO A POINT 165'S & 20'W FROM THE NE COR OF SAID SW1/4 SW1/4;THN WSTLY PARALLEL WI THE N LI OF SAID 40 180'; THN NTHLY PARALLEL WITH THE E LI OF SAID 40 TO THE N LI OF SAID SW1/4 SW1/4;THN ESTLY ALNG THE N LI OF SAID 40 TO THE NE COR THEREOF; THN STHLY ALNG THE E LI OF SAID SW1/4 SW1/4 TO POB	12214 200TH STREET - WADENA **THESE 2 PARCELS ARE SOLD - TOGETHER**	\$250,000.00
#2	05.016.2035	SECT-16 TWP-135 RANG-35 2.30 AC - THAT PT OF N1/2 NW1/4 DESC AS FOLLOWS: BEG AT A PT ON THE N LI OF SAID SEC 16 SAID PT BEING 1167'ESTLY FRM THE NW CORNER OF SAID SEC 16;THN IN A STHLY DIR PARALLEL WITH THE W LI OF SEC 16 400'; THN IN AN ESTLY DIR PARALLEL WITH THE N LI OF SEC 16 250';THN IN A NTHLY DIR PARALLEL WITH THE W LI OF SEC 16 400TO THE N LI OF SAID SEC 16;THN IN A WSTLY DIR ALNG THE N LI OF SAID SEC 16 TO POB		\$4,000.00
RED EYE TWP				
#3	10.019.1020	SECT-19 TWP-137 RANG-35 10.00 AC - E1/4 OF NE1/4 NE1/4		\$7,500.00
WADENA CITY				
#4	22.006.1050	SECT-06 TWP-134 RANG-35 5.43 AC - THAT PT OF THE SW1/4 NE1/4 LYING NTHLY OF A LI DESC AS FOLLOWS:COMM AT THE NW CORNER OF SW1/4 NE1/4;THN S 00°29'29"W ON AN ASSUMED BEARING ALNG THE W LI OF SW1/4 NE1/4 9.37' TO POB OF SAID LI;THN S 89°28'35"E 51.60';THN SESTLY ON A TANGENTIAL CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SW HAVING A RADIUS OF 1500'& A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 27°10'07"FOR AN ARC DIST OF 711.27';THN S 62°18'28"E 656.08'TO THE E LI OF SW1/4 NE1/4 & SAID LI THERE TERMINATING *SUBJ TO EASEMENT		\$25,000.00

WADENA COUNTY TAX FORFEITED ON-LINE LAND SALE				
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 - OCTOBER 24, 2025				
https://www.publicsurplus.com/sms/wadenacore.mn/list/current?orgid=1062975				
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ASSURANCE FEE: 3% OF PURCHASE PRICE (as per Minnesota Statute 284.28, Subd. 8) **STATE DEED FEE: \$ 25.00 **RECORDING FEE: \$ 46.00				
STATE DEED TAX: .33% OF PURCHASE PRICE ** ADMINISTRATION FEE: \$ 100.00PUBLIC SURPLUS FEE: TBD				
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MEADOW TWP				
#1	07.032.3030	SECT-32 TWP-137 RANG-34 8.21 AC - SW1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 *EXC E 118'	16952 280th ST Sebeka	\$40,000.00
ORTON TWP				
#2	09.014.1040	SECT-14 TWP-137 RANG-33 40 AC - SW1/4 NE1/4 **LAND LOCKED**		\$56,000.00
THOMASTOWN TWP				
#3	13.001.2020	SECT-01 TWP-134 RANG-33 LOT 5 **LAND LOCKED**		\$10,000.00
#4	13.001.2025	SECT-01 TWP-134 RANG-33 LOT 8**LAND LOCKED**		\$4,000.00
#5	13.127.3010	SECT-27 TWP-135 RANG-33 .20 AC - LOT 2 **LAND LOCKED**		\$2,000.00
#6	13.380.0010	SECT-12 TWP-134 RANG-33 SCENIC SIMON LAKE LT 1 BLK 1 & OUTLOT A	14411 273rd Ave Staples	\$75,000.00
MENAHA CITY				
#7	17.300.0460	ORIGINAL TOWNSITE - W 30'OF LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 2		\$500.00
SEBEKA CITY				
#8	19.370.0640	SLOVER & ANDERSON'S ADDITION - N 150'OF LOT "H"	10 Slover Ave N Sebeka	\$45,000.00
#9	19.134.4030	SECT-34 TWP-137 RANG-35 .15 AC - PT SW1/4 SE1/4; COM AT PT ON N LI OF MN 169' E OF ROW GNRY;THN N PARA WITH ROW 150';W AT R/ANG 46'; TH S PARA WI R/W 150';THN E 46TO POB	208 Minnesota Ave E Sebeka	\$24,000.00
#10	19.370.0090	SLOVER & ANDERSON'S ADDITION - LOT 9 BLK 1	212 1st ST NE Sebeka	\$76,400.00
WADENA CITY				
#12	22.530.0080	SUNNY VIEW LOT 8	1028 2nd ST SE - Wadena	\$16,300.00

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Einerson promoted to Senior Business Lender at MMFCU

Cody Einerson has been recognized with a promotion to Senior Business Lender at Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union (MMFCU) serving businesses in Ada, Detroit Lakes, Staples, Wadena and surrounding communities.

“Cody has a proven track record of driving growth, fostering trusted member relationships and demonstrating expertise in business lending strategy. This promotion reflects his hard work, leadership and commitment to delivering exceptional member experience. In this new role, Cody will mentor junior team members and contribute to the long-term vision and success of supporting businesses in the communities we serve,” said Joe Reed, MMFCU Chief Revenue Officer.

The credit union difference of “people helping people” is lived out by Einerson by supporting local business owners in achieving their dreams, serving on the Becker County United Way Board and on the ice as an assistant coach



Cody Einerson

for the Detroit Lakes High School Boys Hockey team. His trusted experience is built on 15 years working in financial services and a degree in Business and Investments from the University of North Dakota.

“The best part of my job is being able to have the opportunity to support and help the people around me while making a positive impact in the community,” said Einerson.

The MMFCU Business Services team brings decades of expertise supporting businesses through growth and expansion.

There are team members who have been small business owners themselves as well as those who actively contribute to their community by coaching at the local high school. Together we put our combined expertise to work helping you and your business.

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MMFCU has 13 locations and participates in CO-OP Shared Branching offering an additional 5,900 locations nationwide. Deposits are federally insured by NCUA and we are an Equal Housing Lender. Learn more at mmfcu.org.



Motley Lions donate to SM High School

The Motley Lions recently donated \$5,000 to Staples-Motley High School to help replace the mats in the high jump pit at the track and field. Pictured, from

left, are SM Community Ed/Athletic Director Paige Ahrendt; track coach Bruce Fuhrman and Motley Lion Sherry Frisk. (Submitted photo)

Motley area law enforcement

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

Sept. 23 - The Morrison County Sheriff's Office received a report of a motorcycle crash east of Hwy 10 on Azalea Rd, approximately one mile south of Motley. The report was received at 4:24 p.m.

According to the sheriff's office, a motorcycle driven by 19-year old Bri-

an Vorbeck of Motley was traveling west on Azalea Rd. Vorbeck lost control of the motorcycle when two dogs ran out on the road, forcing him off the road. Vorbeck was transported to Lakewood health System Hospital in Staples by family members. Vorbeck was wearing a helmet. A Morrison County deputy was assisted at the scene by the Motley Police.

Sept. 23 - Motley Police issued a citation to Andrew

Michael Kronenberg, 36, for expired tabs.

Sept. 17 - Motley Police responded to a two vehicle crash at the intersection of Hwys 10 and 210 in Motley. According to the report, Andrew Bahr made a left turn from Hwy 10 on to Hwy 210 east bound, on a green light, but he failed to yield on to coming traffic. Bahr crashed into James Urbaniak, who also had a green light and was traveling west bound on Hwy 10.

MDA putting \$11 million into irrigation programs

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), in partnership with local and regional organizations, has been awarded \$11.16 million through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to expand conservation practices on irrigated agricultural land across the state.

The funding, provided through the USDA's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), will support a five-year project focused on improving irrigation efficiency, protecting groundwater resources, and promoting sustainable nitrogen management in 25 counties statewide. This year's funding builds upon \$3.5 million awarded to MDA for similar projects in 2021.

“This partnership with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is invaluable to MDA's mission to preserve and protect Minnesota's water resources,” said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. “Irrigation is critical for many of our farmers, and this funding allows us to support producers with the tools and technology they need to conserve water and improve outcomes.”

“This project and these

partners are a great example of what the Regional Conservation Partnership Program can accomplish,” said Keith Kloubec, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Programs. “The group's past success has already delivered measurable impacts, and we look forward to continuing this work to increase adoption of irrigation technologies that benefit both water quality and farm sustainability.”

Led by the MDA, the project will provide financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers using irrigation systems. Efforts will focus on:

- Promoting precision irrigation technologies
- Encouraging improved nitrogen management
- Supporting optimized irrigation water management
- Protecting groundwater quality and quantity
- Expanding the adoption of conservation practices on existing irrigated farmland

Financial assistance for producers is expected to become available in late 2025. The program will be administered in collaboration with 25 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), covering the following counties: Anoka,

Becker, Benton, Cass, Clay, Dakota, Douglas, East Otter Tail, Grant, Hubbard, Isanti, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pope, Sherburne, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Wadena, Washington, West Otter Tail, Wilkin, and Wright.

In addition to direct support for producers, the project also will:

- Build technical expertise among SWCD, NRCS, and industry staff
- Support training and peer learning across agencies and partners
- Host field days and demonstration events showcasing irrigation technologies

This initiative brings together a broad coalition of partners, including (NRCS, local SWCDs, Central Lakes College Ag & Energy Center, AgCentric – Minnesota State, University of Minnesota, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, state agencies, and irrigator associations and industry partners. Together, these organizations will help advance Minnesota's leadership in water stewardship and agricultural innovation.

For more information on the Regional Conservation Partnership Program and this project, visit the RCPP website.

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Abby Brichacek winds up for a spike. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



The Cardinal wall slowed down Pillager volleyball attack. From left, Addie Potter, Abby Brichacek and Clara Maros.



Members of the Staples Area Men's Chorus sang the national anthem at the Sept. 30 volleyball game, as a promotion for their Real Men Sing event on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Cardinals build momentum in volleyball win

The Staples-Motley volleyball team put everything together to sweep Pillager in three sets on Sept. 30. Their hitters were finding lanes and angles to score frequently and the back row was stellar in getting the ball to the setters. In other action, the team lost three to Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, playing well at times but allowing big runs late in every set. The team completed their week at the Perham tournament, losing three games 2-1 and winning their final one 2-0.

In the Pillager game, the Cardinals dropped the first five points without Pillager even touching the ball, other than to serve. But they must have gotten all their mistakes out early, because they battled back and finally tied it at 13 after an ace serve by Katelyn Schotzko. They took their first lead at 22-21 after a long point where the Cardinals wouldn't let the ball hit the floor and they ended up with the point. After a kill by Addie Potter, they won the first set with an ace serve by Clara Maros.

In the second set, Staples-Motley amped up their momentum. Abby Brichacek had multiple kills and an ace block. Jada Ellingsen was hitting hard and had two kills, including one to make the score 24-12.

The third set was more of the same, with the Cardinals getting an early lead and keeping it. Pam Lawrence finished the match with three straight ace serves.

In the Perham tournament, the Cardinals split games in each of their first three matches, but lost the tiebreaker game. They finally won two in their last game against Walker-Hackensack-Akely.

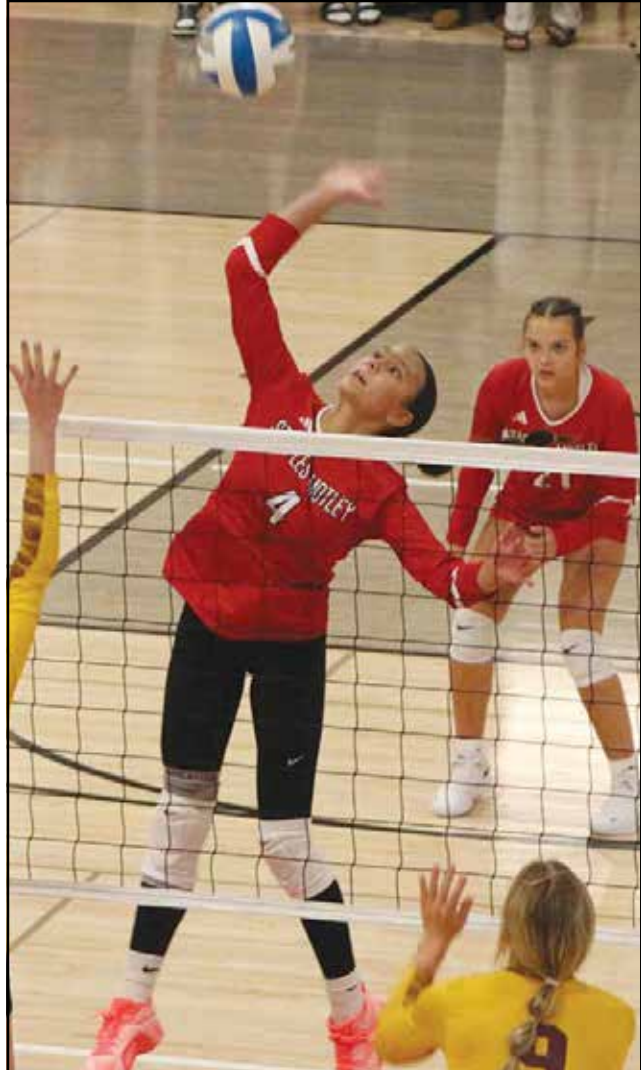
Team results
Staples-Motley 3, Pillager 0; 25-23, 25-14, 25-14
Annie Schlosser: Aces-

1, Assists-13, Kills-5, Blocks-1, Digs-3
Izzy Becker: Kills-2, Digs-22
Katelyn Schotzko: Aces-1, Assists-10, Kills-1, Digs-4
Addie Potter: Assists-1, Kills-4, Blocks-1, Digs-1
Hannah Cole: Kills-5, Blocks-2
Pam Lawrence: Aces-3, Assists-2, Digs-16
Abby Brichacek: Kills-9
Chloe Trantina: Aces-1, Kills-1, Digs-13
Jada Ellingsen: Assists-1, Kills-4, Digs-3
Clara Maros: Aces-2, Kills-2, Digs-5
Staples-Motley 0, DGF 3; 12-25, 10-25, 9-25
Becker: Aces-1, Assists-1, Digs-18
Schlosser: Assists-9, Kills-2, Blocks-1, Digs-1
Schotzko: Assists-2, Digs-3
Potter: Kills-5, Blocks-2, Digs-1
Cole: Kills-1
Brichacek: Kills-1, Blocks-2
Trantina: Digs-6
Lawrence: Digs-7
Maros: Kills-4, Digs-5
Kyleena Rudlang: Digs-1
Perham KLN Invitational vs. Parkers Prairie 1-2; 26-24, 13-25, 7-15
Becker: Kills-2, Digs-10
Schlosser: Assists-9, Kills-3, Blocks-4, Digs-1
Schotzko: Aces-1, Assists-8, Digs-5
Potter: Kills-4, Digs-1
Cole: Kills-4, Blocks-5, Digs-1
Brichacek: Kills-1
Maros: Aces-2, Kills-4, Digs-3
Rudlang: Kills-2, Digs-4
Trantina: Assists-2, Digs-4
Lawrence: Digs-2

vs. Fosston 1-2; 20-25, 25-22, 12-15
Becker: Kills-1, Digs-17
Schlosser: Assists-7, Kills-5, Blocks-2, Dig-7
Potter: Kills-2, Blocks-1, Digs-1
Cole: Kills-1, Blocks-1, Digs-1
Brichacek: Kills-3, Blocks-3, Digs-1
Maros: Kills-3, Digs-5
Rudlang: Kills-3, Digs-3
Trantina: Digs-4
Lawrence: Aces-2, Digs-8
vs. Park Rapids 1-2; 19-25, 25-17, 8-15
Becker: Aces-4, Assists-1, Digs-8
Schlosser: Assist-8, Kills-4, Blocks-1
Schotzko: Assists-9, Digs-5
Potter: Kills-6, Blocks-2
Cole: Assist-1, Kills-5, Blocks-2
Brichacek: Kills-2, Digs-2
Maros: Aces-1, Assists-1, Kills-4, Blocks-2, Digs-4
Rudlang: Kills-3, Digs-1
Trantina: Digs-9
Lawrence: Aces-1, Digs-6
vs. Walker-Hackensack-Akely 2-0; 25-12, 28-26
Becker: Aces-1, Assists-2, Digs-16
Schlosser: Aces-1, Assists-6, Kills-3, Blocks-1, Digs-7
Schotzko: Aces-1, Assists-7, Kills-2, Digs-3
Potter: Kills-5, Blocks-1
Cole: Kills-2, Digs-1
Brichacek: Kills-2, Blocks-2, Digs-1
Maros: Aces-1, Kills-3, Digs-2
Rudlang: Kills-3, Digs-3
Trantina: Digs-3
Lawrence: Digs-8
Mariah Sullivan: Aces-2
Jasmyne Hove: Kills-1



Jada Ellingsen



Hannah Cole



Hall of Fame basketball team - 1981 and 1982 Cardinals

The first Staples-Motley basketball team to make it to state, and they did it twice, the 1981 and '82 team, following their induction into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame. Front row from left, Tom Olson, Dale Stoll, John Riewer, Randy Card, Bo Olson and DJ Anderson;

back row, Head Coach Lynn Peterson, Kevin Nelson, Dean Slaby, Pete Backberg, Paul Howard, Gene Peet, Tom Hollister, Craig Wolhowe, Joe Cunningham, Dan Meyer and Assistant Coach Tom Wolhowe. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



The 1981 and '82 basketball team formed a high five line in the hallway following their HOF induction.



State champions now in Hall of Fame

The 2002 and 2003 Staples Motley girls cross country teams were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame Sept. 27. From left, Coach Gene Mattila, Natasha (Wenzel) Myers, Naomi (Landecker) Nelson, Stephanie (Jares) Schmidt, Amanda (Reichel) Fox, Kelsey (Griffith) Baker, Liza (Milles) Thompson, coach Jerry Reck.

Not present at the ceremony, Brittany (Brenny) Martin, Hannah (Landecker) Covert, Courtney (Robinson) Johnson, Ashley (Jordan) Fox, Amy (Bernstrom) Lepinski and Kayla (Smith) Grant. Below, the team reminisces following their induction. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Steph Schmidt and Amanda Fox discover their mural at the Legacy Gym.



Hall of Fame family, coaching staff

Tom Honek surrounded himself with family and former assistant coaches as he was inducted into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 27. From left, Michelle (Honek) Linz, daughter; assistant coaches Bob Koenig, Kevin Olsen

and Jerry Reck, Coach Honek, Carrie (Honek) Preiner, daughter, Dave Anderson, fellow teacher, Tim Honek, son, and Bill Honek, Tom's brother. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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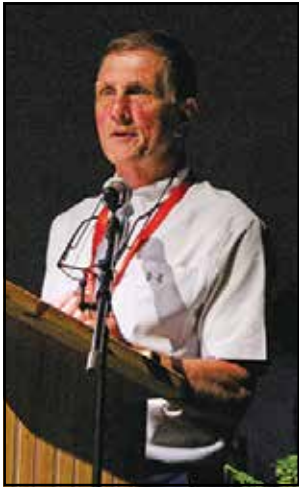
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Coach speech

Tom Honek talks about his coaching days during the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Honek and Norm Card were the two coaches inducted into the Hall of Fame on Sept. 27. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Larger than life

Above, Lynn Dierkes reads her father Norm Card's Hall of Fame biography as photos of him are shown on the screen behind her during the Hall of Fame induction. Right, Dierkes with Norm and Randy Card. Son Darrell Card was unable to make the event.

