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Arboretum opens

The Legacy Arboretum is open to the public for hiking, after the Staples Trails Committee held a grand opening on Aug. 13. Pictured, the ribbon-cutting ceremony has the ribbon held by Shane Tappe of Staples-Motley School District, which owns the arboretum land, and Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood Health System CEO, one of the project donors. Committee members cut the ribbon with tree-trimming utensils, from left, Lisa Fontaine, Mark Anderson, John Jewison and Daren Blanck. At right is John Maleski of the CLC Heavy Equipment program, which cut and shaped the trails. The arboretum is on Airport Road in Staples, at the corner of Summit Ave. See page 13a. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

School district expects enrollment growth

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At the Aug 18 school board meeting, Staples-Motley School District Business Manager Ellie Hill said they are projecting enrollment to be up this year, with growth at all school sites. She said that's good to see after five years of decline. She didn't give a specific number because a lot happens in the two weeks before school opens, with families moving in and out of districts.

Hill also told the board they will use a \$50,000 grant

for safety and security to pay the school's cyber insurance and purchase additional security cameras on school grounds.

School grounds

Building and Grounds Supervisor LeRoy Peterson told the board about the work that's been done over the summer. He noted that the new arboretum on school grounds has nearly a mile of hiking trails. Superintendent Shane Tappe hinted that they're planning a mystery feature

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Standing ovation

Stan Carlson of Staples received a standing ovation following his induction into the Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame Aug. 17. The ceremony was held at Centennial Auditorium in Staples, a performance hall built in the 1990s thanks in great part to Carlson's efforts. Pictured, from left, are Rose and Charlie Krumwiede

of Fargo, N.D., Carlson's sister and brother-in-law; his granddaughter Analise Ebert and daughter Lisa Carlson, both of St. Paul; and friends Sally Gorton of Staples and Loren Morey of Motley. Bill and Ruthann Carlson of Anoka, Stan's brother and sister-in-law were also present, but not pictured. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Co-honoree

Stan Carlson's wife Diane was also given an ovation at the hall of fame induction, after the speech by Becky Haselberg pointed out the important role she played in Stan's career. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Former students with beloved teacher

Dozens of former Staples-Motley High School (SMHS) students waited in line to greet Stan Carlson and his wife Diane following Stan's induction into the Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame Aug. 17, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. The former students, standing from

left, included Dana Bacon, Rosemount; Alan Bjerga, Potomac, Md.; Jeff Page, St. Cloud, all 1991 SMHS graduates; and Mark Anderson, Minneapolis, 1993 SMHS graduate. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

The Carlson choir

Stan Carlson's former students, chorus members and friends sang during the induction ceremony, directed by former music teacher Steve Hoemberg, who replaced Carlson when he retired. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Weather

2025 This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 27	82	54	Sunny
Aug. 28	74	46	P. Cloudy
Aug. 29	75	55	M. Cloudy
Aug. 30	76	56	P. Cloudy
Aug. 31	75	56	P. Cloudy
Sept. 1	77	58	Sunny
Sept. 2	78	59	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2024			
	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 27	71°	62	Sunny
Aug. 28	70	60	Cloudy
Aug. 29	80	64	P. Sunny
Aug. 30	79	53	M. Sunny
Aug. 31	82	60	Sunny
Sept. 1	72	52	Sunny
Sept. 2	73	49	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 75° Low = 55°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Mickey Farber

David Mertens



Alumni and Friends Choir rehearsal

The Alumni and Friends Choir, under the direction of Steve Hoemberg and accompanied by Sandy Paskewitz, rehearsed four songs prior to performing at the inaugural Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame Ceremony Aug. 17. The choir included former students and members of choirs directed by Stan Carlson of Staples who was being inducted that day. Their repertoire of songs included “For All the Saints,” “Gentle Annie” “Once Upon a Time” and “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.” Choir members hailed from across the United States and represented choirs from Carlson’s 45-plus years of directing in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Supportive friends

A number of Stan Carlson’s friends were in attendance at his induction to the Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame Aug. 17. Pictured, from left, are Bev Nelsen, Staples; Loren Morey, Motley; and Bruce Nelsen, Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



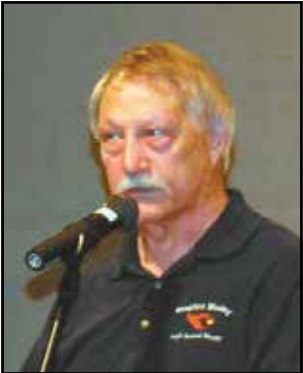
Choir accompanists

Staples High School alumni Mary Hegre of Chanhassen and Lori Lee of Laguna Beach, Calif., were in attendance at their former choir director Stan Carlson’s Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Hegre graduated in 1977 and Lee in 1979. Both women served as student accompanists for their high school choirs and continue to be active in music today. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



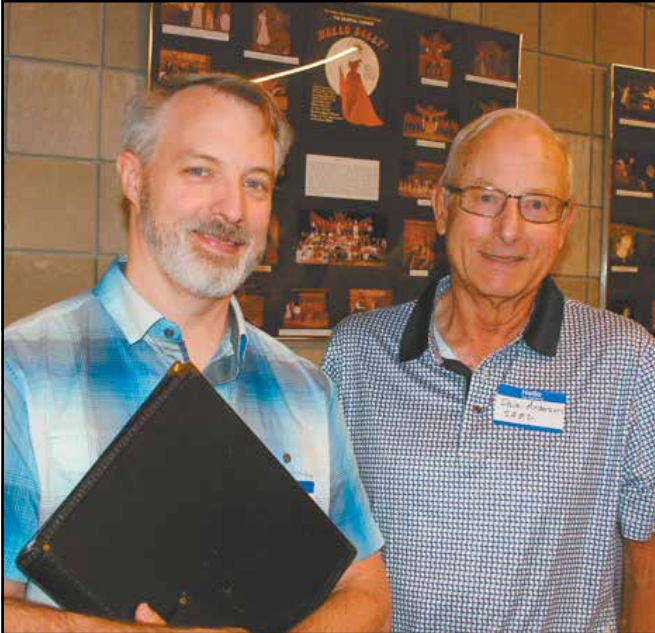
Choir, a family tradition

Being a part of renowned director Stan Carlson’s choirs was a tradition for many families native in the Staples and Motley communities, as was evidenced at Carlson’s recent induction to the Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame. Above, the Haglin siblings were all in Carlson’s Chamber Choir during their respective years at Staples High School (SHS). From left are Diane Markovich, of Eden Prairie, Class of 1979; Greg Haglin, Nashville, Tenn., Class of 1985; and Lorene Ashford, Class of 1975. Below are Mark Anderson, Minneapolis, 1993 SHS grad and member of Carlson’s choirs; and Mark’s dad, Dave Anderson of Staples, a longtime member of the Staples Area Men’s Chorus, which Carlson directed for many years. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Emcee

Kevin Olsen, Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame committee member, served as emcee at the inaugural ceremony. Olsen, a Staples High School grad and member of Stan Carlson’s choirs, sang in the Alumni and Friends Choir at the Aug. 17 ceremony.



Committee members

Jeanne Rohr, Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame committee member, welcomed people to the inaugural S-M Artistic Hall of Fame Ceremony.

Below, Luke Bates, a Staples-Motley High School alum and currently a student at Winona State University.



‘Our Purpose’

Julie Mertens, Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame committee member, spoke at Stan Carlson’s Induction Ceremony Aug. 17. She shared about the purpose of the SM Artistic Hall of Fame, which is to recognize significant accomplishments and contributions to artistic creation in the Staples-Motley community and to stimulate creativity in our schools, organizations and homes. Categories that will be recognized at an annual celebration include music, digital creation, debate, visual arts, dance, speech, writing and drama/theatre.



Speaker

Becky Hasselberg, former teacher at Staples-Motley High School, shared memories of working with Stan Carlson at the school, which included some humorous stories. She also paid tribute to his wife, Diane Carlson, a behind-the-scenes supporter of her husband and his musical endeavors. Hassleberg noted that Diane could very well recite the lyrics to “Stan(d) By Your Man.”

Speaker

Mike Smith, former choral director at Brainerd High School, shared memories of his work with Stan Carlson over the years. He spoke highly of Carlson’s skills as a music teacher and conductor, noting that his work has been highly regarded across the state and nation.

Great River

Eye Clinic

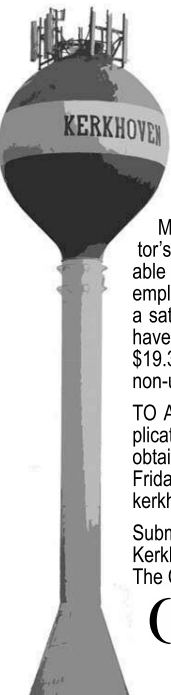
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Minimum requirements: Possess or be able to obtain a MN Class D Water Operator’s and Class C Sewer Operator’s License within two years of employment. Possess or be able to obtain a MN Class B Driver’s License within 6 month of employment. Have a valid MN Class D Driver’s License and a satisfactory driving record. All applicants will be required to have a physical and are subject to a drug test. Starting wages \$19.34-\$21.28 per hour/DOQ, plus excellent benefits. This is a non-union position.

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Submit completed applications in drop box or by mail to: City of Kerkhoven, 208 N 10th St, PO Box 116, Kerkhoven, MN 56252. The City of Kerkhoven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1950

• Aug. 31, 1950 - Motley defeated Aldrich in a post season game Aug. 27, by a score of 13 to 8.

• Aug. 31, 1950 - The Motley Study Club will hold its first meeting on Saturday, Sept. 2, with Mrs. Ed Morey as hostess. Mrs. Alice Corner will give a topic on “Mental Health.”

• Aug. 31, 1950 - A baby boy was found dead early Tuesday morning in the yard of Mrs. Rose Kingsley at 211 Dakota Ave. Mrs. Kingsley discovered the body around seven thirty in the morning when she noticed a dog playing with it in the yard.

The baby, believed to be only a few hours old when

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Dawn Timbs

it was killed, had been badly burned and it’s mouth stuffed with tissue paper. There was a skull fracture at the back of the head.

The laboratory technicians from the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension came from Minneapolis Tuesday noon, and at the coroner’s inquest held that evening, it was established that the baby met death by violence at the hands of a person or persons unknown.

• Aug. 31, 1950 - Two more Staples boys, Sgt. Clarence J. Johnson, Jr., and Cpl. Bennie Krantz are reported in active combat service in Korea.

Sgt. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Johnson, Sr., of Staples is with the 19th Inf. Regt. & 24th Division near Taeju.

Cpl. Krantz is the son of Alex Krantz of Staples, and has been stationed at Fort Knox in Louisville, Kentucky. He landed in Korea Aug. 13, and is with the fighting forces at Pusan. His wife, the former Loretta Johnson of Staples, is making her home in Louisville.

• Aug. 31, 1950 - A crowd of 150 attended the concert by the Gospel Four which was held Wednesday evening, Aug. 23, at the Wisconsin Ave. Church of Christ.

The quartet, composed of Edward Jones, first tenor; Kenneth Monson, second tenor; Jim Barton, baritone and Robert VanMeetren, bass, are all students at the Minnesota Bible College in Minneapolis. They were accompanied by Arlene Carey, who also gave several selections on the solovox.

Included in the program was a chalk picture by Jean Monson of Redwood Falls.

50 Years Ago - 1975

• Aug. 28, 1975 - The Methodist Church held their annual picnic last Sunday in the church basement because of the mosquito danger. A record crowd attended the potluck dinner served by the ladies. The food was delicious and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Their special guests were the Vietnamese families who are living here. Rev. and Mrs. Anderson and Dennis and Judy and family were also invited guests.

They reported that the Vietnamese families enjoyed themselves and passed up some of the specially made rice dishes for more American type food.

• Aug. 28, 1975 - Charles A. Holst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Holst of Staples, is presently serving aboard the USS Bagley, homeported at San Francisco.

• Aug. 28, 1975 - A fire at the Bernard Mumm farm home, located about eight miles southwest of Staples, caused considerable damage Wednesday morning, Aug. 20.

The members of the Staples Fire Department were called to the scene at about 11:55 a.m.

Leo Fahnlander, Staples Fire Chief, reported that the cause of the fire was undetermined, but that it may have been caused from the electrical storm earlier that morning.

• Aug. 28, 1975 - A storm with heavy winds, rain and hail swept through the Staples area Sunday afternoon,



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from 1975. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

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

Aug. 24. From reports coming into The World, it appeared that the hardest hit area was northwest of Staples, where considerable damage resulted.

The storm hit the area between 5 and 5:15 p.m. At the Roger Mertens home, located five miles northwest of Staples, an 80’ x 30’ machinery shed and garage was flattened. Damage was also reported at the Herman Rach farm, located about 4 -1/2 miles northwest of Staples.

• Aug. 28, 1975 - Diane R. Larson assumed her duties in Staples Aug. 15, as the new Community Youth Coordinator for the City of Staples and the Staples Public Schools.

25 Years Ago - 2000

• Aug. 31, 2000 - The 102nd Pillager Fair, in conjunction with the 100th year celebration of the birth of Pillager was held last weekend at the Pillager Fairgrounds. One of the first events was the crowning of miss Pillager Thursday. After a hiatus which spanned years, the event was revived by the Pillager Jaycees. The royal court included Jena Alt, Miss Pillager 2000; Samantha Smith, first runner-up; Amorette Borst, second runner-up; Becki Kadus and Elizabeth Smith.

• Aug. 31, 2000 - With some 40 players out this fall, the Cardinal football team is again going to be facing a lack of depth and experience. But Coach Ryan Beachy is going into his third season as a coach with optimism.

Senior Tony Johnson will be the Cardinal tailback and Number 1 “go to guy.” Johnson is one of two captains and will also play one of the corners on defense. The other co-captain is lineman David Anderson, who will play center on offense and possibly some defensive line play also.

• Aug. 31, 2000 - Ashlee DeLeon of Motley participated in the Miss Minnesota American Coed Pageant Aug. 12-14 at the City Center Marriot Hotel in Minneapolis. This was Ashlee’s first experience in a pageant. She won first runner-up and a trophy for her written sponsor thank you letter, part of the judging criteria.

Ashlee is the daughter of Richard and Brenda DeLeon of Motley. She will be a junior at Staples Motley high School.

• Aug. 31, 2000 - Pat Crawford turned over the presidency of the Staples and Motley Dollars for Schol-

ars to Alan Judd, who was elected at the chapter’s annual meeting Aug. 17.

• Aug. 31, 2000 - The Staples Volunteer Fire Department responded to four calls in slightly over 24 hours last week, after going about two weeks since their last call.

Fire Chief Joe Hassler reported the fire department handled a diesel fuel spill Wednesday night and then made two runs to the same rural fire scene Thursday night and early Friday. The last call also featured a simultaneous false alarm at the Staples Motley high School building.

10 Years Ago - 2015

• Aug. 27, 2015 - Debbie Ferdon, a teacher at Motley Elementary School (MES) for the past 13 years, will be returning this fall with a new title.

“I am now the administrative dean,” Ferdon said recently. It’s a new position for both the school and Ferdon.

For the past 10 years, Ferdon has taught kindergarten at MES. “My first two years here I taught first and fourth grades,” she said. Now she will have a new office located next to Tom Ritters’, the new principal at Motley Staples Middle School.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the Aug. 24, 2000 edition of the Staples World featured three local businessmen who were chili tasters during Railroad Days at the Chili Cook-Off. From left are Ted Ludovissie, Jerry O’Keefe and Lefty Cameron.

Frank and Amy Leidenfrost of Staples correctly identified all, as did Staples native Stephanie Heier, now of Waconia, who said, “I’m guessing the context of the photo is a ‘meeting of the minds.’”

Maryann (Ludovissie) Burrows of Rice recognized all and said she had a big smile after seeing the photo in the paper. “All three of those guys were great people and loved by many,” Maryann said. She went on to share that Ted Ludovissie was her grandpa, and that she’s the daughter of Don Ludovissie. Maryann’s husband, Andrew Burrows, is also from Staples.

Colleen (O’Keefe) Mayhew of Staples correctly identified all, adding that Jerry was her dad. She also knew that these three were judges for the chili cook-off during Railroad Days that year.

Mike Koppes said these three were “iconic men in Staples.” He went

on to share that Ted, who was married to Genevieve (Gen) (Resch), was his wife Yolanda’s uncle by marriage. Mike also recalled that the family always called Ted ‘Tater.’

Daniel Goff called and identified all. He said they were family and friends for 60-some years. “I hadn’t seen a picture of Ted Ludovissie for some years, it was nice to see that,” said Goff.

Lori and Brian Bates of Staples identified Jerry O’Keefe and Lefty Cameron, but thought Ted Ludovissie was Leo Fahnlander. They thought the photo might have to do with the fire department.

Staples native Kevin Roline, now of Nevis, wrote in to say, “Three legends of the Staples area: Ted Ludovissie (owner of Ted & Gen’s Supper Club in Aldrich - best ribs ever); Jerry O’Keefe (best jokester I’ve ever seen); Lefty Cameron (owner of Lefty’s Bar - where I might have been once or twice...Great time playing softball for Lefty’s back in the ‘80s). I’m thinking this might be an event at Terrace Golf Course, as they were all avid golfers.”

Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Court report Aug. 20

Long Prairie Police
Jason Clayton Adam Bailey, Long Prairie. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Dept. of Natural Resources
Emilio Castilla, Long Prairie. License required to take/buy/sell/transport/possess protected wild animals. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Galen Robert Donabauer, St. Joseph. Quality sunfish reduced daily limit (10). Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol
Seth Issac Becker, Little Falls. Seat belt must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Elliana Jewel Finck, Verndale. Expired driver’s license-under 21. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Brant Michael Lahti, Buffalo. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Mickey Dale Lamberth, Champlin. Duty to drive with care Acquired. Brooke Monet Martinez, Staples. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Natalie Irene Sarbaum, Staples. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Andrew James Schiemo, Bloomington. Speed 84/65. Fine \$60. Fine \$85.

Sawyer Jack Yitalo, Monticello. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Molly Jean Young, Staples. No proof of insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Andrew Ray Arneson, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Duncan William Breitlow, New Hope. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Olivia Lelyn Doering, St. Cloud. Speed 103/70. Fine \$150. Fee \$235.

Jason K. Eyolfson Regina, SN. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No proof of insurance. Fine \$200.

Jean Ronald Francois, Browerville. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Eithen Harvey Hiebel, Nelson. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Maycoll Alexander Johnson, Fargo, ND. Speed 75/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Nicole Ellen Jurud, Battle Lake. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Sara Ann Kisrow, Richfield. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Ashley Lopez, Long Prairie. Weaving over lane lines. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Fred Thomas Main, Buffalo. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Kai Lewis Manere, Waite Park. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Gregory Alexander Minier, Oxnard, CA. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Nicole Elizabeth Nieves Quiñones, North Las Vegas, MN. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Nicolas Mitchell Price, Brandon. Windshield line or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Steven Robert Price, Oviedo, FL. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Seth Michael Pundsack, St. Martin. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Charlie Edwin Rick, Fairmont. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Sally Wagih Shafik Salib, Winnipeg, MB. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60.

Fee \$85.

Jose Natividad Sanchez Garza, Morris. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Brandi Marie Sarff, Clarissa. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Samantha Ann Schmitz, Paynesville. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Julian Johnathan Valencia, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Sarah Jane Volk, Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Grant Charles Zick, Devon, PA. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff
Rubin Santiago Delgado, St. Cloud. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Nathanael Adam Kasper, Long Prairie. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Hailey Mae Kociemba-Finken, Melrose. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tyler William Draxten, Long Prairie. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Rafael Ivan Duran Malave, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Escaroly Franco Abreu, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County August 12, 2025.

Abraham Enoch Hale, Palmer Township, AK. Speed 99/60. Fine \$150. Fee \$235. Careless driving. Dismissed.

Cecilia Raquel Gonzales Lorenzo, Long Prairie. Open bottle law. Fine \$75. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County August 8, 2025.

Brittany Ray Ryappy, Brainerd. 3rd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. 3rd degree driving while impaired-alcohol content greater than .08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (354 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 299 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 1 day). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Home monitor. 60 days for 60 days. Driving after revocation. Dismissed. Careless driving. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County August 6, 2025.

DUI 2-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. DWI2-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration .08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 334 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 1 day). Fine \$800. Fee \$105. Probation changed to 4 years per 8-1-23. Local confinement (37 days, stay 0 yr mo 0 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fee \$300.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by Staples Police:

Aug. 13, Staples Police took a call about a welfare check for two children 4-6 years old, who keep showing up at a residence.

Aug. 15, at 10:30 p.m., Staples Police received a call about neighbors shooting off fireworks. Complainant has has kids trying to sleep.

Aug. 16, Staples Police

investigated a possible domestic assault. A woman said she was head-butted by her fiance, who left the building.

Aug. 16, Staples Police spotted a person at the street dance who is known to be on probation. Police saw a drink in the subject’s hand. Officers detained the subject for probation violation.

Motley area law enforcement

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

Aug. 19 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of an unwanted subject at the 3600 block of 270th St., Cushing.

Aug. 17 - The MCSO received a report of a

two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley. First responders included Motley Rescue, Staples Ambulance and MN State Patrol.

Aug. 17 - Motley Police responded to a report of an alarm at the Dollar General Store’s fire escape door in Motley. The building was found to be secure.

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Cardinal Showcase

School year starting with renewed mission

Shane Tappe
Staples-Motley School
Superintendent

The Staples-Motley School District is thrilled to welcome both staff and students to the 2025-2026 school year. We're also excited to introduce our new teachers, who are eager to make a meaningful impact in the lives of our students.

This summer, our administrative team reviewed and updated the District's Continuous Improvement Plan, refining our vision and mission to ensure clarity and conciseness.

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

****Vision:**** "GROW with purpose. LEAD with integrity. RISE with pride."

At the heart of our Continuous Improvement Plan are six Cardinal Priorities that guide our district. One of these priorities is communication. To enhance our communication efforts, we have implemented ParentSquare and StudentSquare, a widely used platform among K-12 school districts. This tool will enable coaches, teachers and the school district to establish a streamlined communication system for Staples-Motley families.

As we transition into the fall season, our extracurricular activities are already in full swing. Our volleyball, tennis and cross-country teams have hosted events, and the opening football game is this Friday night at 6 p.m. on our home field. We are immensely grateful for the support our community has shown to all our student athletes. Activity schedules are available on our website for your convenience at www.isd2170.org

Our "Getting to Know You" conferences at the elementary school have received positive feedback and have proven to be very successful. In light of this success, the first day of school for kindergarten and first grade will be Wednesday, September 3, allowing time for these important conferences. Students in grades second through 12th, along with our school readiness program, will begin on Tuesday, September 2.

As we look forward to another successful school year we would like to thank our families, staff and community for the continued support. Together, we are committed to empowering every student to thrive - in school and beyond.

Low and no cost shots for children in Todd County

Todd County Health & Human Services participates in the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program and is able to offer free or low-cost vaccines for eligible children age 18 years and younger. This helps ensure that children are vaccinated on time by not letting the cost of vaccines prevent a parent or guardian from having their child receive recommended vaccines. Vaccinating on time means healthier children, families and communities.

Children age 0 through 18 years who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive vaccines through the MnVFC program:

- Medicaid eligible - A child who's eligible for the Medicaid program. In Minnesota this includes programs such as:
- Medical Assistance
- MinnesotaCare
- Prepaid Medical Assistance Plan

• Uninsured - A child who has no health insurance coverage.

• American Indian or Alaska Native

• Underinsured

• Underinsured meaning the child has health insurance, but it:

• Doesn't cover certain vaccines (children are eligible for vaccines not covered by insurance), or

• Covers vaccines but has a fixed dollar limit or cap for vaccines. Once that fixed dollar amount is reached, a child is eligible.

• Underinsured children are eligible to receive vaccines at one of these public clinics: local public health clinics (LPH), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Centers (RHC), Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal health clinics.

To schedule an immunization appointment or for more information call Todd County Health & Human Services at 320-732-4500.



Opinion

Quote of the week

Wilderness to the people of America is a spiritual necessity, an antidote to the high pressure of modern life, a means of regaining serenity and equilibrium.
— Sigurd F. Olson

We want to hear the conversations, not be handed the conclusion

Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Whatever conversations led to the statement by Staples Mayor Ron Murray in last week's newspaper, that's the conversation that we should have heard at the city council meeting.

The letter cleared up some of the questions about how the council is dealing with complaints about possible environmental hazards associated with the new meat cutting facility in the Staples Industrial Park. But there was still no conversation at the public meeting, just one single proclamation read. We still don't know how the council is weighing the many factors involved.

There has been a trend recently, not just here but statewide and nation-

wide, for people in office to avoid the hard public conversations and try to present a unified front, as if what they are doing is the only way to do it. The public would rather hear the pros and the cons, and see them explore the possibilities, not just get the verdict. This is one of the reasons that trust in our institutions is at an all-time low, we don't know what factors are persuading them. It actually hurts the institution to force a unified appearance, because people will assume some sort of bias if the public doesn't hear the conversation.

Democracy should be messy, not unified. There should be a constant flow of give and take, with compromises and disagreements for the public to see.

City council and school board

members should be showing up with no idea about most topics unless they were on a committee that discussed it. They should all be asking a lot more questions than we are seeing currently. It is as if they are getting pre-formed opinions without having the ability or curiosity to explore each topic.

None of this is personal, we should still have the highest respect for the people who put their name on the line and go out into the public to try and improve our communities. Any decision they make, we should trust because they are doing the hard work of dealing with multiple inputs. But we also need to see the process of how they get to those decisions. That is the most important part so people at least know some of the reasoning.

DNR says no to swimmer's itch duck killing

During a July 4th holiday weekend filled with fun both in and on the water, I acquired my first case of swimmer's itch in many years.

When you have very young grandchildren, time in a lake often means time spent in the shallows near shore, with pails and shovels, inflatable "floaties," water guns, and other amusements. Thanks to an onshore wind, some of my granddaughter's water toys were repeatedly blown against the shoreline's rock riprap, including where a small pocket of lake muck—mostly decomposing vegetation—was collecting.

Several times I waded into the unappealing "soup" to retrieve and return them to deeper, clearer water where the fun was taking place.

When lake play ended and we moved on to other things, my son and young granddaughter rinsed off, toweled-down, and changed out of their swimsuits. I neglected these precautionary steps, and remained in swimwear while we had lunch on the deck. Later that afternoon, I noticed a random pattern of small red welts on my legs below the knee, accompanied by the first hints of itching. It required no medical degree to conclude that I had a case of swimmer's itch; "cercarial dermatitis" as it's known to biologists.

It's caused by a parasite whose life cycle involves waterfowl or semi-aquatic mammal hosts, and snails. The parasite lives in a host's intestinal lining, most often

in water birds like ducks, geese, swans, gulls, and herons. The parasite lays eggs, which the host then excretes into the water. These eggs hatch and infect aquatic snails, which in turn release a larval stage organism back into the water. These larvae then seek a new avian or mammal host—perhaps a muskrat, among the latter—burrowing into its skin to begin the next cycle.

If that host is a typical water bird or semi-aquatic mammal, the cycle will repeat itself. If that host is human, the larva will die. Nevertheless, it causes an allergic reaction that is manifest by temporary itching and red welts, until our body overcomes the allergic reaction. For some of us this reaction is worse than for others, and some strains of the parasite are alleged to cause reactions greater than other strains. In my case, the itching disappeared in several days, and the welts were gone in a couple of weeks.

Swimmer's itch is in one sense old news, and in another it has become notably newsworthy this summer. It is an age-old nuisance here in Minnesota and nearby Upper Midwest states. But this summer it has erupted into a larger environmental and policy tug-of-war.

Some who have lake property and have been affected—and lake associations that represent them—have sought ways to reduce the population of ducks that frequent their shorelines, believing that this will significantly reduce the swimmer's itch problem. Though ducks and geese of several kinds are swimmer's itch vectors, one duck in particular is the target. It is the common merganser, a variety of duck that—to a greater degree than most other ducks, or geese—feeds on fish, snails, and other non-plant aquatic life. It's

a "mistake duck" as far as most waterfowl hunters are concerned, given a strong flavor that is a consequence of its diet.

Two lake associations, in Otter Tail and Crow Wing Counties, recently petitioned the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) for permission to reduce the population of common mergansers, in order—they hoped—to reduce the incidence of swimmer's itch.

There is a history, and a precedent for, reducing common merganser numbers on popular recreational lakes. A Michigan firm, operating with USFWS and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approval, has for a number of years been capturing hens and young mergansers on several inland lakes there and releasing them on waters of the Great Lakes, where swimmer's itch is a non-issue. Whether the transported birds have survived the relocation in the long run is unknown, but the lakeshore owners have been happy to see them go.

There are differences of opinion as to whether such transplanting will meaningfully reduce a lake's population of mergansers, since migratory imprinting and migratory flock behavior may lead them back to the place of their birth the following spring.

It's also important to note that removing common mergansers from a lake does not remove the parasite. It may be true that a merganser's diet makes it a more efficient transmitter of the parasite than some other host species. But the parasite will still be there in the water, and other hosts will be capable of spreading it.

While relocating broods has been an accepted practice in the past, new fears of spreading avian influenza—bird flu—to other areas has now put a hold on that practice. With relocation currently not an option, the two Minnesota lake associations applied to the USFWS for a permit to capture and euthanize—to kill—up to 100 common merganser hens and young on the lakes in question.

The USFWS recently agreed to grant such a permit, similar in principle to those previously granted for cormorant control on Minnesota's Leech Lake. It has been noted that former North Dakota Governor and current Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior—of which the USFWS is a sub-agency—has a vacation property on one of the affected Otter Tail County lakes.

The Minnesota DNR, however, has for its part

since denied the requests of the two lake associations. Its reasoning, as stated in a July 18-dated document, was that the merganser removal would have only a limited and temporary effect on swimmer's itch, would have to be done annually to be effective, and would also require control of species other than just common mergansers. The DNR also expressed concern over setting a precedent that would open a Pandora's Box of "me too" requests for lethal control of waterfowl in other locations.

It's also worth noting that in February of this year the Mississippi Flyway Council passed a resolution opposing the issuance of federal permits for the relocation of waterfowl to control swimmer's itch. The Council is made up of representatives of fourteen states and three Canadian provinces, who have management responsibility for migratory bird management in the Mississippi Flyway. The Council is a point of contact with the USFWS for coordinating flyway management activities. Given its opposition to waterfowl relocation for managing swimmer's itch, it's probable that the Council would similarly oppose their killing for the same purpose.

What's next? Could the USFWS—ostensibly the ultimate authority in managing migratory birds—attempt to overrule the Minnesota DNR and enable the killing of common mergansers on these lakes? Would this solution even be considered if the target was mallards, wood ducks, or Canada geese, popular hunted species that can all play a role in swimmer's itch transmission? Will the issue end up in court?

In the meantime, as this plays out, there are well-accepted ways to minimize the threat of swimmer's itch, as noted at the Minnesota DNR's web site. Wear waterproof sun screen, or other skin oils, to reduce the parasite's ability to penetrate the skin. Have children wear "rash guard" clothing that creates a physical barrier to the swimmer's itch parasite. When you leave the water towel down immediately, and don't let water evaporate off the skin. Swim and play in deeper water—where the parasite is less likely to be found—and later in the day, if possible. And remember that oral antihistamines can reduce, or eliminate, your body's allergic response if you should be exposed.

To paraphrase an old saw, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of anti-itch treatment.

Quote of the week

You never know what worse luck your bad luck has saved you from.
— Cormac McCarthy

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Final summer concert

The Havana Quartet from Minneapolis performed at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples Aug. 17, an event sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts council. This was the final concert in the 'Music in the Park' series, held for seven consecutive Sunday evenings. Concerts were held at Northern Pacific Park in Staples, but

moved to the church in inclement weather. Below are members of the Staples Host Lions who served popcorn at the concert events. From left are Lion Dan Shaw, Lion Graham Badger and his daughter Chloe Badger. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



King's Ransom at Music in the Park

Brainerd area band King's Ransom performed a variety of classic rock and country/rock hits at Music in the Park in Staples Aug. 10. Members of the band

are Chris Dobson, lead guitar; Craig Englehart, bass guitar and vocals; and Bruce Backberg, drums. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Mark Your Calendar

August 28

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, Aug. 28, 7:30 - 10 p.m.,

at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Brian Freed, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

August 29

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.

August 31

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

Sept. 2

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.

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

RUBY'S PANTRY will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples.



Alumni and Friends Choir

The Alumni and Friends Choir, directed by Steve Hoemberg, performed at the Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame Ceremony Aug. 17, at which Stan Carlson of Staples was inducted. The songs performed were "For

All the Saints," "Gentle Annie," "Once Upon a Time" and "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying." (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Trappers Education Course offered Sept. 6

The 2025 Trappers Education Course will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Dewey's Taxidermy, 63539 340th Street in Wadena.

Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1989 that has never pur-

chased a trapper's license and would like to, must take a Trappers Education Class.

For questions and to register, contact Duane Schmitz at 218-631-4988. Pre-registration is required.

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.

Sept. 2-5

MONDAY - CLOSED, Labor Day.

TUESDAY - Beef roast, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, lemon pudding.

WEDNESDAY Scalloped potatoes w/ham, broccoli florets, whole kernel corn, peanut butter cookie.

THURSDAY - Cheese ravioli/marinara, country veggie blend, diced carrots, vanilla pudding, graham crackers.

FRIDAY - Sweet & sour chicken, steamed rice, stir fry veggie blend, green beans, fresh orange.

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Hello World

Obituaries

Mickey Farber

Mickey “Mick” Gene Farber, 83 of Motley, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on August 20, 2025.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, September 7, at 3:00 p.m. at the Motley United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held preceding the service from 2 to 3 p.m. at the church.

Mick was born March 22, 1942 to Lloyd “Greeno” Farber and Ida Fornshell Farber. He grew up on the family farm near Staples

and graduated from Staples High School in 1960. With his love of sports he lettered in football, basketball and track. Mick went on to work for Western Electric (AT&T) for 34 years retiring at the young age of 52 to continue doing the things he enjoyed. He especially loved spending time with his family and friends participating in snowmobiling, golfing, fishing, hunting, slalom skiing, woodworking, sudoku, puzzles, playing cards and traveling. He enjoyed volunteering at the local food shelf unloading trucks, grooming trails for Lincoln Lakes Area Snowmobile Club, volunteering as a trustee for the Motley United Methodist Church and teaching cribbage to middle schoolers in Motley.

Mick was known for his generous spirit and steady presence. Whether through work, friendships, or acts of compassion he made the world a better place. He had a unique way of making others feel loved and his warm smile could light up a room. A man of quiet determination and deep integrity, Mick never sought the spot-



light but was always there when it mattered most. His love for life was reflected in his appreciation of nature, good conversation and the simple joys of life.

He is survived by his wife Donna (Willis) of 63 years; one son, Todd (Shelley) Farber; one daughter, Tammy (Randy) Yourczek; five grandchildren, Courtney Farber, Taylor (Michelle) Farber, Michael Farber, Jordyn (Justin) Wilson and Alyssa Yourczek; one great-granddaughter, Charleigh Wilson; one brother, Art “Spud” (Carol) Farber and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Darlene Marte, Delores Wing and Sharon Smith.

Mick generously donated his body to the University of Minnesota Medical School to continue helping others.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Motley Area Food Shelf or take a moment to perform a quiet act of kindness in his name.

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Pamela Collins

Pamela Jo Collins, 75, of Staples, passed away August 18, 2025.

Funeral services have been held.

Pamela was born August 5, 1950, to LeRoy and Lois (Grabowski) Chapman in Chicago, Illinois.

She married Robin Collins on November 19, 1977.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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David Mertens

David Fredrick Mertens, 86, of Staples and Wadena, passed away peacefully on August 21, 2025.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held September 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Todd County Historical Society report

The August 4 meeting of the Todd County Historical Society (TCHS) was called to order by Vice President Ron Wienhold, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Secretary’s report was read and approved.

The Treasurer’s report was approved.

TCHS Vice President Wienhold will be the acting president until the election of officers in January 2026.

Due to the Labor Day Mon., Sept. 1, the next meeting will be held Mon., Sept. 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Marilyn Gibson’s lost

albums on the Todd County Barns have been found.

Thank you to Nancy Kjeldahl for a Memorial Donation gifted to the museum in honor of her husband, Syd.

Welcome new members Al and Mary Loken, who also presented the Museum with a donation from the Drumin Hills Coalition.

Thank you to Reta Dahlen who presented the program on the Runstone History.

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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
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
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
Father Greg Sauer

Mass: Sunday.....

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
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
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
City. 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

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
Vern-.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org

Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
MASS: Satur-.....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
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
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Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

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“Living Water”

Pastor Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

It was a great day on the Leaf River: ninety degrees and sunny with a slight breeze. With inflated tubes and snacks in water tight containers we “put in” at the bridge by Thomastown Covenant Church. Four hours later we had tubed the Leaf River and arrived at Old Wadena. Glorious day! What made this refreshing trip even more special was the unplugged time with our daughter and son-in-law.

In John 7:37, Jesus uses water as a metaphor for God’s provision when we are in need, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.”

Our days can get heated with the feverish pace of life. The stresses of providing for family in work and chores leave us parched physically and emotionally. The chaos of uncertainty in the world drains our spirit. Who can quench these thirsts? Jesus says, “Come to Me and drink of the living water.” Of course He is not referring to physical water, but the refreshing water of the Holy Spirit.

The Leaf River is truly a gem with spring fed freshness, minimal housing developments, kingfishers and bald eagles...a nature preserve of sorts that re-

freshes body and nourishes soul. A wonderful reminder of God’s ability to nourish our spirit when we take the time to unplug and spend time with Him.

The really awesome aspect of this idea of God refreshing us is that God does not stop with us. He always has a plan for our lives. He nourishes us knowing that we can be that nourishing spirit to others too. The next verse in John 3:38 is, “Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

The gift is that not only is our spirit refreshed but our refreshment becomes the source for refreshing others. When God removes the dryness of our lives and gives us the living waters of hope and peace and grace and love, these gifts to us are to be given in return. It is as if our own cup overflows. Remind anybody of Psalm 23? “You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.”

May we be filled to overflowing. And if you need a reminder, just take an afternoon tube down the Leaf River...it will nourish body and soul.

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Cardinals emerge on top in Highway 10 tourney

In a very close tournament with a lot of close matches, the Staples-Motley girls tennis team won their opening tournament of the year, through the strength of their top players in singles and doubles.

For this six team tournament, brackets were set up for double elimination and matches were one set up to eight games. Doubles matches were played at Staples-Motley and singles were at Wadena-Deer Creek.

Ronnie Noska breezed through the number one singles bracket with four straight convincing wins, 8-4, 8-1, 8-0

and 8-1.

Jaida Holst had one loss on her way to the championship at number two singles.

At three singles, Kaylee Perius also had one loss to reach the title match.

Sarah Kroll won three matches at fourth singles, but lost two, the second one in a tiebreaker in the finals.

The number one doubles team Madison Perius and Natalie Hanson had an early loss, but came all the way back through the consolation bracket to reach the finals, where they placed second.

Second doubles team Charlie Noska and Lydia Roelofs won their first match 8-2, then lost their next two, both in tiebreakers, 8-7.

Third doubles team of Mia Pesta and Carolyn Hoppe lost two matches, 8-2 and 8-5.

Team results

Highway 10 Tournament

Team scores: Staples-Motley 19, Little Falls 16, New London-Spicer 15, Wadena-Deer Creek 8, Detroit Lakes 7, Rocori 5



Lydia Roelofs



Mia Pesta



Carolyn Hoppe



Charlie Noska

Power and teamwork

The Staples-Motley number one doubles team of Natalie Hanson, left, and Madison Perius showed their power, above and their teamwork, below. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Pickleball at Beck's

The Railroad Days pickleball tournament at Beck's Burger Co. had a lot of teams competing. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





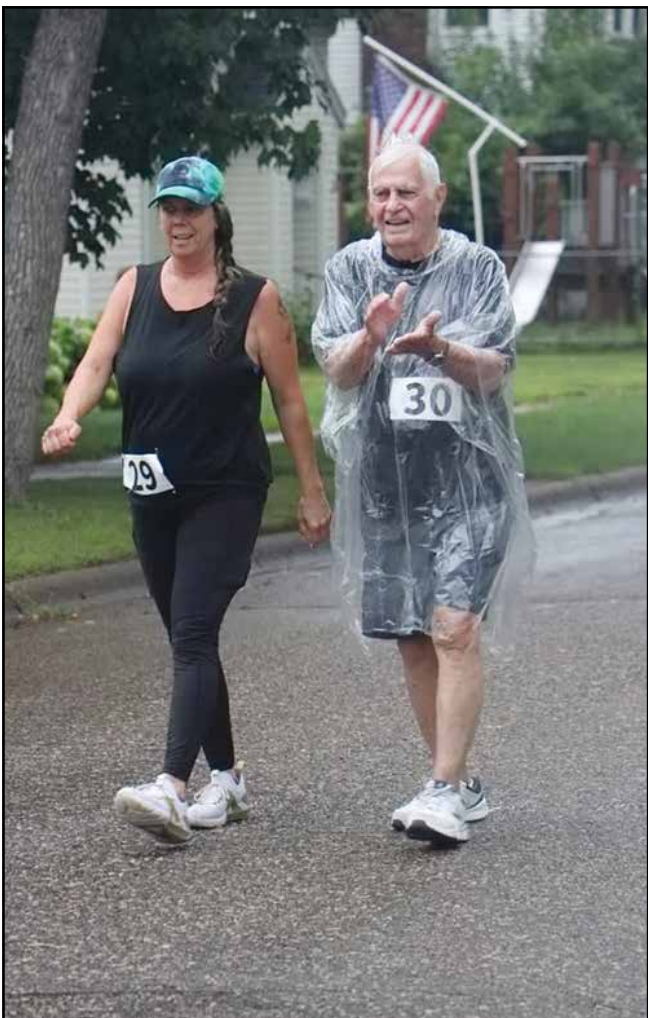
Rainy race for Ziegler 5K

Quite a few brave runners took off for a 3.1 mile (5 kilometer) race on Aug. 16, the Ziegler 5K in Staples. Racers included runners, walkers and several children. The race is run in memory of Jeffrey Ziegler, a runner

and U.S. Army Airborne Division soldier, and is organized by his family. Proceeds from the race are donated to the Staples Veterans Park. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson and submitted photos)



Children's race runners Liam and Lane Peterson. (Submitted photo)



Top finishers in the Ziegler 5k were Mark Youngbauer, center, 22:19; Emily Warner, left, 2nd, 22:25; and Brett Baumgartner, right, 23:00. (Submitted photo)



Murals, trophies ignite sports memories

The Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame revealed the new murals in the lobby of the Legacy Gym (the former varsity gym) during the open house on Aug. 15. The new trophy cases also showed off many state trophies

earned by Staples-Motley teams. Both displays brought out a lot of stories and photo opportunities for visitors. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





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Pre-Bid Meeting:
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BID DATE INFORMATION: 09-04-2025
Bid Time: 2:00 P.M. (CST)
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers
Attn: Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator
122 6th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479

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 Staples Community Center Remodel” and with the name and address of the bidder and the date and hour of the opening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the alteration and construction of renovating the existing men’s and women’s locker room, to make it more ADA accessible. The project will include demolition, new construction, including but not limited to CMU, aluminum storefront, toilet partitions, plumbing fixtures, HM doors and frames, updating Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical as required.

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. 9820173 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: Jerel Nelsen,
City Administrator
City of Staples
34-36pnc

**NOTICE
CITY OF STAPLES
ORDINANCE NO. 558
ORDINANCE
AMENDING CHAPTER
20-22, SECTION 3,
OF THE CITY CODE
OF THE CITY OF
STAPLES**

The City Council of the City of Staples hereby ordains as follows:

An amendment to **Sec. 20-22 - Discharge Prohibited**, to read as follows:

Except as herein specifically authorized, the discharge or use of deadly weapons within the city is hereby prohibited, except that the discharge or use of deadly weapons shall be allowed if all the requirements in at least one subsection described below are fulfilled where the discharge of the deadly weapon takes place:

(1) The property is in an agricultural district and the discharge is for hunting or predatory control purposes and written permission from the owners and occupants of any occupied buildings within 500 feet of the discharge has been obtained with the written permission to be in possession of the person discharging the deadly weapon, and all state and federal regulations and the requirements of 20-22(4) are obeyed.

(2) The property is in an agricultural district with a size of at least 40 acres, and the discharge is in conjunction with the slaughtering of livestock for purposes of human consumption, and the projectile does not carry beyond the property boundary line.

(3) The property is in one of the following described non-agricultural parcels, and only a bow and arrow

is used for hunting or predatory control purposes, and all state and federal regulations and the requirements of 20-22(4) are obeyed:

1. Wadena County:
a) Section 25, township 134N, range 33W. N1/2 of SW1/4
SW1/4 of SE1/4
S1/2 of NW1/4 of SE1/4
That part of NE1/4 of SE1/4 and SE1/4 of SE1/4, lying westerly of 12th Street NE, except the South 550 feet thereof
2. Section 26, township 134, range 33W SE1/4
3. Section 34, township 134N, range 33W SE1/4
4. Section 35, township 134N, range 33W NW1/4
NW1/4 of SW1/4
S1/2 of NE1/4 of SW1/4
5. Section 36, township 134N, range 33W
NE1/4 of NW1/4, except the North 185 feet of the West 330 feet
E1/2 of SE1/4 of NW1/4, except that part platted as High View Estates

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NW1/4 of SW1/4 of NE1/4, except that part platted as High View Estates
b) Todd County:

1. Section 2, township 133, range 33 N1/2 of NW1/4 NW1/4 of NE1/4
2. Section 3, township 133, range 33 NE1/4 SE1/4 lying north of Highway 10
- (4) For all hunting or predatory control purposes, the following requirements must be met:
a) All persons, except those with a handicap

exemption, must hunt from an elevated stand a minimum of six (6) feet above the ground. Approved handicap persons may hunt in a ground blind.

b) Only portable stands supplied by the person are allowed. Permanent stands are prohibited.

c) Screw-in type steps are prohibited. Stands must be accessed by strap on steps or ladders.

d) All portable stands shall bear the name of the owner visible within five (5) feet of the ground.

e) All persons must wear a safety harness while in a stand.

f) Only two stands per person.

g) Stands may be left in place; however, stands left unattended are at a person’s own risk.

h) The establishment of minimal shooting lanes is permissible. Only brush, small tree branches (1” in diameter or less) and buckthorn of all sizes may be removed for this purpose. No trees, big or small, may be cut down during the process.

i) The timing of the tracking of a wounded animal is up to the person. A bow may be carried while tracking on public property, but not private property. A person must ask permission before entering private property, whether it is posted or not.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Amendment shall become effective upon its adoption and publication according to law.

Adopted this 12th day of August 2025

/s/Tara Greet, Clerk,
City of Staples
36pnc

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**REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS
Staples Motley ISD #2170**

Pursuant to MN Statute 471.6161, notice is hereby given that **Staples Motley ISD #2170** requests proposals for Group Health Insurance.

Specifications will be available from the District’s agent of record, National Insurance Services, at 14852 Scenic Heights Road, Suite 210, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, phone 800-627-3660.

Proposals are due no later than **2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17th 2025** to Staples Motley ISD #2170, 905 4th St NE, Staples, MN 56479 and as specified in the RFP.

Staples Motley ISD #2170 reserves the right to reject proposals, waive formalities, and to select the proposal that best meets the **District’s** needs.

Criteria for the evaluation of proposals will be provided when the specifications are requested.
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**CITY OF STAPLES
Notice of Public
Hearing on Proposed
Assessments**

Notice is hereby given that the Staples City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on September 9, 2025, at 122 6th St NE to consider and possibly adopt assessments for non-payment of utility charges against property.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk’s office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

Published 8-27-25
Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples
36pnc

**NOTICE OF
DISSOLUTION
Swedish Baptist Church
of Reynolds**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 317A.727, Reynolds Baptist Church and Reynolds

Baptist Church f/k/a the Swedish Baptist Church of Reynolds (hereinafter, together, “Reynolds Baptist”) (EIN: 41-1463377) is providing written notice to known and potential creditors that the organization is in the process of dissolving. Reynolds Baptist was originally organized under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 315 in 1896. Thereafter, on March 23, 2007, Reynolds Baptist formed a Minnesota nonprofit corporation organized under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317A (File Number 2276906-2). More recently, on July 1, 2025, Reynolds Baptist elected to convert the Chapter 315 organization to a nonprofit corporation governed under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317A (File Number 1566778600042). It is believed that both legal entities used the same EIN and operated as the same organization. Reynolds Baptist’s Board of Directors executed a written resolution on October 24, 2024, voting via written action to dissolve the organization. The motion

passed unanimously 2-0, with no abstaining votes. On July 29, 2025, Reynolds Baptist filed a Notice of Intent to Dissolve with the Minnesota Secretary of State’s Office pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 317A.723. Any written claims against Reynolds Baptist must be presented by October 31, 2025 and mailed to:

Jennifer L. Urban, Esq.
Legal for Good PLLC
5353 Gamble Dr., Suite 320
St. Louis Park, MN 55416
33-36pnp

**NOTICE
LEADER COMMUNITY
HALL BOARD**

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet Thurs., September 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Mark Strom,
Secretary
36-37pnc

**NOTICE
TODD COUNTY HRA
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Todd County Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) will hold a Public Hearing on Weds., October 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. to approve the 2026 Capital Fund Projects, Changed Policies and the 2026 Annual

**TODD COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION**
215 First Ave. South
Suite 103
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

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

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

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Planning Committee Members and process review
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of August 7, 2025 Planning Commission meeting minutes
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Correspondence
- Site Visit Review

- Public Comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- 1. Brown Bear North Plat, Barry and Debra Brown:** Section 33, Turtle Creek Township, Pine Island Lake **Site Address:** 33848 Little Pine Drive, Cushing, MN 56443 **PID:** 24-0062200

1. Request to create a 2.23 Acre, one lot Plat in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

2. Donniel Robinson: Section 28, Moran Township **Site Address:** 40324 County Rd., 21, Browerville, MN 56438 **PID:** 19-00291021.

1. Request to build a 60’ x 120’ building to grow Cannabis indoors as a licensed microbusiness, according to Statute, in AF-2 Zoning District.

3. Rudy Miller: Section 33, Iona Township Site Address: 19202 270th St., Long Prairie, MN 56347 **PID:** 13-0032601

1. Request a CUP to operate a small-scale sawmill in AF-2 Zoning District

Adjournment.
**Next meeting:
October 2, 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
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With sincere gratitude,
The Family of
Janice Johnson
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THANK YOU! Heartfelt thanks to all of the people who did so much to have the Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame event be so special for Diane and me. The music groups were central to our lives for many years and this brought back great memories. The thoughtful speakers, sponsors, award clock, choral selections, treats, newspaper articles, along with the opportunity to see former students and dear friends were all just priceless. It was a great honor we will never forget.

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A cover letter, resumé, and application forms must be submitted to: City of Staples, Attn: Scott Grabe, 122 6th St NE, Staples, MN 56479, by September 8, 2025.

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Celebrating Staples-Motley wrestling

An open house for the new wrestling room at The Nest was held Aug. 15, revealing the new state champion posters, list of state placers and list of college all-Americans. Hundreds of people visited the new room to talk about the Staples-Motley wrestling legacy. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Wrestling room inspires activities

In addition to revealing the state champions posters, the wrestling room open house inspired a lot of people to

test out the new soft mats for wrestling, tumbling and other activities. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Wrestling family

The Sterriker family, Bob and Jean with their son Jeff, stand under Jeff's state championship poster. To the left is their other son Bob's state title poster.

Region Five awarded \$100,000 CoBank grant

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Rural Prosperity Grant Program, which fosters sustainable rural development and enhances regional collaboration by providing grant funding to designated rural development hubs.

In its inaugural year, CoBank has awarded \$1.5 million in total unrestricted grants to eight organizations nationwide that are selected to serve as catalysts for positive change within their

regions, representing non-profit organizations, community development financial institutions, community foundations, and statewide rural organizations. These rural development hub organizations act as place-rooted entities that work across sectors to advance equity, health, and prosperity in rural communities.

"CoBank is excited to bring together our eight grantees for the inaugural year of this initiative to help ensure a thriving, prosperous and resilient future for

rural America," said Leslie Hagele, CoBank's vice president of corporate social responsibility. "Through the Rural Prosperity Grant Program, we hope to amplify local voices while supporting community-led solutions to address the unique challenges many rural communities face."

The program and its grantees will work together to address critical needs within rural communities, with key focus areas including entrepreneurship and business development, lead-

ership and civic engagement, economic development and rural infrastructure, as well as rural health and well-being.

"This partnership with CoBank and the Aspen Institute gives rural regions like ours a unique opportunity to deepen our impact through shared insights, strategic planning, and systems change", stated Cheryll Hills, R5DC's executive director. "We're honored to be part of a national cohort that will help elevate rural voices and bring lasting

improvements to the people and places we serve."

About CoBank

CoBank is a cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. The bank provides loans, leases, export financing and other financial services to agribusinesses and rural power, water and communications providers in all 50 states. The bank also provides wholesale loans and other financial services to affiliated Farm Credit associations serving more than 78,000 farmers, ranchers and other

rural borrowers in 23 states around the country. CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture, rural infrastructure and rural communities. Headquartered outside Denver, Colorado, CoBank serves customers from regional banking centers across the U.S. and also maintains an international representative office in Singapore.



Outdoor movie at Batcher Block

An outdoor movie was shown at the Batcher Block’s “Little Italy” park on Aug. 13. More than 25 people attended, watching the old-fashioned musical film in a unique setting. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Batcher Block Opera House developing mission, events

Above the grand entrance of the Batcher Block Opera House, the inscription reads: “A place where dreams really do come true.” For owner Colleen Frost, who purchased the near-city-block-sized landmark with her twin brother following a terminal diagnosis, those words are more than sentiment—they are her living legacy. Alongside her son Adam Frost, she is writing a bold new chapter in the Opera House’s story.

The newly formed Batcher-Frost Foundation Friends have assembled a once-in-a-generation team to share the Opera House’s story with the world and breathe new life into this National Historic Theater. The result is an ambitious, ongoing event series designed to invite the public inside, blending live entertainment, history and hospitality in one unforgettable setting.

The weekly lineup includes:

- Wednesday Night Open House 5-10 p.m.
- Meet the Ambassadors and Learn the Mission
- Take museum tours and discover new exhibits weekly
- Enjoy live music upstairs in a setting that blends history and intimacy
- Preview what’s “coming next” in the Opera House’s evolving cultural programming
- Thursdays - Art in the Pub 5-10 p.m.
- An evening where visual creativity takes center stage. Sip, socialize and explore rotating art features in a relaxed pub atmosphere.
- Fridays and Saturdays – Live Music with Chris Frost in the New York Room | 5-11 p.m.
- Experience an intimate, soulful performance from Chris Frost, co-founder, inside the Opera House’s iconic New York Room, an environment designed for lingering conversation and timeless music.

Beyond Events: A Cultural Mission

The Opera House’s vision extends far beyond a performance schedule. It’s a community anchor and cultural catalyst, home to dance, theater productions, music, art and gatherings that connect past and present. The space itself is as much a performer as any artist on stage: its ornate details, restored architecture and layered history offer visitors a one-of-a-kind encounter with Minnesota’s heritage.

Every visit contributes to sustaining and expanding this legacy, ensuring that the Batcher Block Opera House remains a place where art, history and community thrive together.

Follow the journey: Batcher Block Opera House – “A Place Where Dreams Really Do Come True” on Facebook for weekly updates and special event announcements.



CARE Ministry donation

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to CARE Ministry, with the monies going toward their Back to School Backpacks. Pictured above, from left, are Lion Past President Dan Shaw; and Jeanne Hajek, CARE Ministry volunteer. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Donation to Hilltop

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$1,000 to Hilltop Regional Kitchen in Eagle Bend. Pictured, from left, are Rick Hest, President of Hilltop Regional Kitchen; and Lion Past President Dan Shaw. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Yummy refreshments

A variety of goodies were served at the reception following the Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame Ceremony Aug. 17. Above, committee member Gloria Palmer of Staples re-fills the cookie tray. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Classic August evening for classic cars

Visitors at Beck’s Burger Co. classic car show on Aug. 15 found some shaded areas to beat the heat. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Racer on display

Hunter Carlson of Staples brought his race car to the Beck’s Burger Co. Classic car show on Aug. 15. He said he has been racing nearly every weekend this summer. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Family hike at the arboretum

The Jewison family of Staples enjoyed a hike on the trails of the Legacy Arboretum in Staples Aug. 13, following a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured, from right, are John and Melissa Jewison, and sons Matthew and Mi-

chael. John Jewison is part of the Staples Trails Committee that helped jump-start the arboretum project. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Hiking the Legacy Arboretum and Nature Trail

Above: Staples-Motley Schools Superintendent Shane Tappe, left, led a group of hikers at the Legacy Arboretum and Nature Trail in Staples Aug. 13. Below,

a family of hikers sets out on the newly developed trails, with one of the boys following the trails map. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Cover crops protect soil health

From Todd County SWCD

With all the hype over the last number of years about cover crops, a person might believe we are nearing the end of the trend. Actually, cover crops and their correlation with improved soil health conditions are just getting started. Todd County SWCD will be receiving an amount in excess of \$180,000 to assist our local landowners in establishing soil health practices throughout our county.

By now you may be familiar with the benefits of cover crops, but let's briefly touch on that subject. The thought of tying cover crops to erosion control is accurate and that might have been the initial push, but since then we have learned about so many added benefits.

Some compaction ailing your fields? A radish cover crop could provide some help. Do you have weed issues and looking for some suppression? Cereal rye could fit the bill. Need some extra forage for the fall so your pastures can rest? Fall planted oats with a brassica crop could be the answer you are looking for. Want to wean yourself off of relying completely on commercial nitrogen? Let's look back to what our fathers and grandfathers did, and plant some legumes! Do you need extra forage for your cattle and still want to plant a cash crop? How about planting rye and harvesting

for forage in the spring and follow that with soybeans. Talk about a one-two punch.

By now we hope some thoughts have come into your mind. Maybe one of those thoughts are "This sounds good, but have you seen crop prices? I can't afford to plant cover crops." Well, would it help make your decision easier if we told you we offer up to 75 percent cost share of the steps involved in establishing a cover crop?

On September 25, Todd SWCD along with Ducks Unlimited will be hosting an exciting event. Soil Health & Grazing on Lake Latimer will be held at Her efords on Latimer Farm from 2-6 p.m. Join the SWCD for an afternoon of hands-on grazing rotations, soil health demonstrations and producer driven discussions. Other event highlights include: interseeding cover crops in wide row corn, rotational grazing systems – the how and why, and utilizing drone technology to establish cover crops. Address for the field event is: 19685 Ember Dr, Long Prairie, MN 56347. RSVP by calling the Todd SWCD office at (320)732-2644. RSVPs are appreciated by September 22 for meal count.

The Todd County SWCD is here to assist with plans and the cost share process. Call us at 320-732-2644 to express your interest in our cost share programs.



Watering the tree

As part of the Legacy Arboretum grand opening, children were invited to water the inaugural tree, a silver maple donated and planted by Williams Floral in Staples. This first tree represents the possibility of planting many more trees to fit with the educational purpose of the arboretum. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



More trails photos

A number of people walked the trails at the Legacy Arboretum in Staples following the ribbon cutting ceremony Aug.

13, including Jim and Mary Jo Hofer of Staples, above. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





Colorful golfers

The summer youth golf program held at The Vintage in Staples showed off their brand new golf outfits that they were given as part of the program.

Participants included (not in order) Elizabeth Gerten, Winona Pogreba, Wyatt Pogreba, Declan Odden, Bryce Hobson, Paxton Spandl, Nia Trierwieler, Addy Trierwieler, Hudson Vangness, Caleb Vangness, Milo Kaiser, Zane Leach, Miles Larrimore, Ace deCoupcrank,

Jason Sturm-Hughes, Shay Sturm-Hughes, Arthur Koenigs, Jonas Decker, Ethan Decker, Chris Decker, Ben Decker, Bennett Sonenstahl, Brennen Sonenstahl, Ronan Hoemberg, Lane Rasinski, Taetem Rasinski, Alek Kolodziej, Aldo Kolodziej, Everett Douts, Emerson Douts and Archer Qual. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Dancing under the stars

Dancers took to the street as the Eagle Valley Playboys played during Railroad Days on Aug. 16. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Jerry Moberg - Dynamic Cropping Systems
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- Local Foods Tour
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SESSION 2: 11:15-11:45am

- Field Research in Edible Bean Production
Juan Osorno - NDSU
- Children's Garden & Activities w/AgCentric Trailer
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Taylor Thompson - CLC Ag & Energy Center

Hazelnuts in Minnesota: Production Potential & Practices
Lois Braun - University of Minnesota

AFTERNOON EVENTS: 12-12:30pm

- **FREE Lunch Program**
Featuring Guest Speaker: MN FSA Executive Director Kurt Blomgren
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Tyler Grunwald - 218.894.5141

NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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Basketball, pickleball courts to be built at elementary

to be hidden in the trees some time in the future. Staples World reporter Mark Anderson said there were a lot of families at the grand opening of the arboretum, which shows that there's a market for nature in the community.

Elementary Principal Ryan Koenigs said the entry to the elementary building has been refurbished and looks completely different.

Outdoor changes on school grounds included a turf batting cage at the baseball field and basketball and pickleball courts at the elementary school will be built before the first day of school.

In other news, the board

- Approved adding a .62 time position for School Readiness, due to increased enrollment at the elementary school.
- Approved service agreement with SVL to do maintenance on all school boilers.
- Approved contract with The Vintage golf course for school activities, contract is the same as last year.
- Approved agreement with CTC for Internet services.
- Approved MSBA policies with minimal changes
- Approved 2025-26 middle/high school handbook and elementary handbook.
- Entered into closed session to conduct annual

superintendent performance review.

- Heard from Tappe about a tour of a CTE (career and technical education) at Park Rapids, which built their shop rooms to align with industry standards.

- Approved resignation of Marly Simmons, math teacher and coach.

- Approved resignations of paraprofessionals Angie Tyrrell, Michael Hager, Amanda Keplin, Francesca Hanson and Debra Eagle Tail.

- Approved resignation of coaches Rebecca Gonzalez, Tony Schotzko and Jace Thompson.

- Approved hire of Kristi Odden, special education; Melissa Wright, special education and ECSE; Amanda Keplin, special education and FACS; and Tina Mitts, FACS.

- Approved hire of paraprofessionals Jessica Williams, Taylor Miller and Katie Dolezal.

- Approved hiring of assistant football coaches Carl Larson and Steve Jennissen.

- Approved hiring junior high football coaches Kevin Trierweiler and TJ Rutten.

- Approved hiring Becky Thorne, junior high volleyball coach.

- Approved FMLA leave request from Allison Vangness.

For more information contact the school district office at 218-894-2430.



Railroad Days parade

Despite early showers causing a rain delay, the Staples Railroad Days parade was its usual success. Above: CLC; Dan Dukowitz. Below: Donna Mae Klebs. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



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