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SCDP meeting April 10 for home, business improvements

The Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) is kicking off in the City of Staples. The Central Minnesota Housing Partnership has scheduled informational meetings for homeowners, rental property owners and commercial property owners in Staples who are interested in participating in the program.

The meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at Staples City Hall in Staples. That date will represent the official start of the Small Cities Development Program, which was first put in motion over one year ago. “It’s a long process to receive this funding, but the hard part is over”, said Program Manager Dustin Switters of the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership. “Now it’s time for the rewarding part; fixing up homes, rental houses and commercial properties”.

The homeowners meeting is scheduled to start at 6 p.m., the rental property owners meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. and the commercial property owners meeting

at 8:00 p.m. Those attending will learn about program eligibility requirements, the application process and construction steps. Applications will be available at the meeting. “Attending the meeting is very important as applications will be available for the first time and funding is awarded on a first come, first served basis”, said Switters.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awarded funding in September to the City of Staples. A total of \$948,750 was awarded to complete a minimum of 20 homeowner projects, five single-family rental homes, and five commercial properties. The award also covers the cost of administration for the term of the grant.

Questions about the Small Cities Development Program can be directed to Dustin Switters, Central Minnesota Housing Partnership, Inc. Program Manager at 320-258-0681 or dswitters@cmhp.net.

Early season golf Gene Mattila putts the ball towards the hole as his golfing partner Dan Shaw watches. The two were out on The Vintage Golf Course earlier this season. After a snowfall paused the golf season for a week, players are back out on the course now. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Police complaint outlines four accusations against Myers

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Natasha Myers, Vernadale, is scheduled to make her first appearance in Todd County Court on April 16, in front of Judge Daniel Benson.

Myers is being charged with one felony and one gross misdemeanor for financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult. Myers was an employee at Lakewood Health System, Staples working at Lakewood Manor and Lakewood Pines, both senior care facilities, when the alleged crimes occurred. Any resident of a licensed facility is defined as a vulnerable adult, with all staff considered caregivers.

According to the complaint filed in court, Myers collected cash rent from one resident but Lakewood couldn’t find a record of the cash being deposited. The complaint says \$6,400 was collected in that manner. Paying rent with cash is not allowed under Lakewood policy.

A second incident concerned \$975 in cash missing from the Sunshine Corner resident store at Lakewood Pines. The complaint states that Myers would withdraw cash from the store with no record of the purpose for the withdrawal.

The complaint outlined a third concern, in which it claimed that Myers deposited rent checks into an account that was designated for “incidentals,” or items that the facility uses for common use. The complaint said Myers used a debit card from this account to make cash withdrawals at banks and bars for a total amount of \$6,633.

The complaint also claims that Myers used a Lakewood business debit card for personal charges, such as groceries, trips and hotel rooms, totalling \$1,856 in expenses.

Added together, the complaint identifies \$15,865 of money that it claims Myers took.

Minnesota Statute 609.2335.1 allows for a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and /or a \$20,000 fine for the alleged crime.

CLC students to make innovation pitches

The North Central Small Business Development Center at Central Lakes College announced its inaugural student pitch competition—the Raider Cup. This event aims to showcase the creativity and innovation of students at Central Lakes College, while providing them a platform to share their ideas with the community.

The Raider Cup Pitch Competition will be held on April 25 at noon in the Chaberg Theater at the Central Lakes College Brainerd Campus. This event promises an hour of inspiration as students from various academic programs pitch their business concepts to a panel of local entrepreneurs and experts and a live audience.

Following a vetting process, seven students have been selected to be a part of the competition. They are working closely with North Central SBDC professional business consultant John Gunstad to turn their concepts into pitches and will be pre-recording their pitch with the help of Crombie Marketing LLC. The winners of the Raider Cup will receive gift cards.

“Higher education and entrepreneurship go hand-in-hand,” said Katie Heppner, Regional Director of the North Central SBDC. “We are fortunate to have so many talented and innovative students at CLC. The Raider Cup gives them the opportunity to grow their entrepreneurial skill set and get real-world feedback on their concepts. Entrepreneurship isn’t just about starting a business—it is a mindset routed in problem solving, resilience, and adaptability.”

The Raider Cup Pitch Competition is funded in part through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development’s Small Business Assistance Partnership Grant.

To learn more about the North Central SBDC and to register for services visit www.clcmn.edu/small-business-development-center or contact Katie Heppner, Regional Director, at katharine.heppner@clcmn.edu.

City of Staples recognized for operational excellence

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) recognizes the City of Staples Wastewater Treatment Facility for outstanding operations in 2023. To receive this recognition, Staples’ certified operators demonstrated consistent compliance with monitoring, operations, and maintenance requirements; and submitted accurate and on-time reports to the MPCA throughout the year.

The City of Staples maintains seven lift stations and operates a new wastewater treatment facility that was completed in 2022, which treats 283,000 gallons per day (3-year average). The treatment plant operators are also tasked with operating the water treatment plant.

Public Works Director Scott Grabe stated that “this award is a testament to the quality of our operators. They do great work, day in and day out. They work hard and they pay a lot of attention to detail.”

The MPCA recognizes outstanding wastewater operators each year. Approximately 1,600 municipal and industrial wastewater treatment facilities operate across Minnesota. The MPCA reviewed a total of 767 facilities, from communities of all sizes, with 253 qualifying for the outstanding operations recognition.

Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 10	65	41	P. Cloudy
Apr. 11	55	35	M. Cloudy
Apr. 12	57	40	Sunny
Apr. 13	70	45	Sunny
Apr. 14	70	44	Sunny
Apr. 15	69	45	M. Sunny
Apr. 16	59	42	Showers

Last Year, 2023

High Low Cond.

Apr. 10	52°	27°	
Apr. 11	65	46	Sunny
Apr. 12	55	40	Sunny
Apr. 13	68	40	P. Sunny
Apr. 14	54	40	Sunny
Apr. 15	40	36	Rain
Apr. 16	41	27	Snow

Average Temps:

H = 53° Low = 34°

Enjoy the warm weather

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Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Bullard:

Moran:

Moose Lake:

City of Staples:

Villard:

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Obituaries

Dorothy Balken

Ray Garland

Gilmore Plattner

Virginia Rollins



Awarded for performance Staples Wastewater Treatment Facility operators with their MPCA award, from left, Cody Drewes, Delavan Cole and Tony Evans. (Submitted photo)

Cardinal musicians do well at Region 6A instrumental contest

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Staples-Motley High School was host to the Region 6A Solo/Ensemble Contest April 3, which boasted of 76 instrumental performances throughout the day.

Kristina Haataja, Instrumental Music Director at SM, reported that nine schools brought high school students to perform that day. These included Staples-Motley, Wadena-Deer Creek, Pine River-Backus, Sebekka, Menahga, New York Mills, Pequot Lakes, Bertha-Hewitt, and Vern-dale.

It had been a few years since this event had been held. Haataja shared that, “We’ve not attended a solo/ensemble contest since I’ve been here at Staples-Motley the past four years. They were cancelled due to COVID restrictions and then snowstorms the last two years.”

At the recent contest, Staples-Motley band and orchestra had 19 entries, with ten receiving Superior ratings (35-40 points), and eight receiving Excellent ratings (28-34 points). Students who received a Superior rating have the

opportunity to perform again at the state contest in May, held at M-State in Fergus Falls.

Haataja went on to explain that students can earn up to 40 points and are judged on tone quality, rhythm, balance/blend, technique, interpretation/musicianship, and other instrument specific aspects.

Cardinal musicians earning a Superior rating included:

- AJ Nienow - cello solo (he also was awarded Best in Site)
- Raina Mikhaeil, Olivia Opheim, Sabina Moe, Geoffrey DeCamp - string quartet
- Emali Jimenez - violin solo
- Isabel Birkholtz - viola solo
- Emery Lorber - tenor saxophone solo
- Geoffrey DeCamp - marimba solo
- Keller Anderson - snare drum solo
- Gabriel Ritter - clarinet solo
- Kyra Stangle and Steffany Sullivan - clarinet duet
- Sabina Moe and Cecily Moe - mallet percussion duet

Cardinal musicians earning an Excellent rating included:

- Rylee Nielson, bass clarinet solo
- Raina Mikhaeil - cello solo
- Olivia Lorber, Sophie Albie, Miranda Schotzko and Josie Jennissen - misc. string ensemble
- Bella Hines - violin solo
- Olivia Vogt and Kaylee Eckel - violin duet
- Avery Japke - viola solo
- Tyson Turner, Thomas Johnson and Charles Simkins - alto saxophone trio
- Lily Davis - clarinet solo

There were six judges at the contest at Staples-Motley. They included the following music directors/instructors: Jonathan Laflamme, Central Lakes College, Brainerd; Thomas Bandar, Concordia College-Moorhead; Heather Guidry, Bemidji State University; Miriam Webber, Bemidji State University; and Dwight Nelson, retired band director.

Haataja said that the contest went well, adding, “It is a difficult thing to perform and accept criticism from people you don’t know and I am so proud of how everyone did. I hope that this excites students and pushes them to keep working hard and aim to do a little better next year.”



Marimba solo

Geoffrey DeCamp, a sophomore at Staples-Motley High School, played a marimba solo at the Region 6A Solo/Ensemble Contest April 3, receiving a Superior rating. Following his performance at

Centennial Auditorium, DeCamp received feedback from Jonathan Laflamme (below left), Music Director at Central Lakes College in Brainerd. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Getting tips from a college instructor

Following her performance of “To a Wild Rose” at the solo/small ensemble instrumental contest at Staples-Motley High School April 3, Avery Japke received some feedback from Thomas Bandar, left, an instructor at Concordia College in Moorhead. Bandar praised Japke’s vi-

ola performance, and encouraged her to think about how the notes ‘feel’ while playing. One suggestion he had was to think about ‘pulling the sound’ with a down-bow, and ‘pushing the sound’ with an up-bow. Japke, a sophomore at SM, received an Excellent rating for her performance.



‘Superior’ musicians taking a break

Cardinal musicians chatted in the lobby of Centennial Auditorium in between performances at the Region 6A Solo/Ensemble Contest in Staples April 3. Pictured from

left are Keller Anderson, 12th grade, Steffany Sullivan, 12th grade; Geoffrey DeCamp, 10th grade; AJ Nienow, senior. All four received Superior ratings at the contest.



Giving direction

Staples-Motley senior Zach McGillivray (left) and Instrumental Music Director Kristina Haataja were at the lobby of the main gymnasium at Staples-Motley High School April 3, greeting musicians from other schools who were participating at the Region 6A Solo/Ensemble Contest. McGillivray also handed out maps of the campus and offered direction as to where events were taking place. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Police Department, Morrison County Sheriff’s Office reports

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

March 25 - Motley Police responded to a report of a fire at 265 Hwy 10 W., Motley.

March 22 - Motley Police received a report of assault at Trident Foods in Motley.

An employee advised that they are taking care of the issue but if more needs to be done they will contact the MPD.

March 22 - Motley Police responded to a report of an out-of-control male at a group home on State Hwy 64 in Motley, and assisted Cass County deputies.

March 21 - Motley Police

issued a citation to Adolfo Cisneros Garcia, 23, for no MN driver’s license and no proof of insurance.

March 24 - Morrison County deputies assisted Cass County and state patrol with a report of an ATV accident one mile east of Motley on Hwy 210. The passenger of the ATV was transported to Lakewood

Health System Hospital in Staples.

March 20 - Morrison County deputies received a report of a fire at the 34000 block of Stanchfield Lake Rd., Motley.

April 2 - Motley Police responded to a report of a dispute at a residence on 5th Ave. S., Motley.

March 30 - Morrison

County deputies responded to a report of an intoxicated male subject refusing to go to the hospital to get medical care, due to him needing stitches. A neighbor was able to talk the subject into going to the hospital via a personal vehicle. The incident took place at the 7800 block of Bear Rd., Cushing.

March 30 - Morrison County deputies issued speeding citations to Tawnya Fowler, 59; Benjamin Long, 18.

March 30 - The MCSO received a report of concerning activity at the 33000 block of Cherry Ln., Motley.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• April 14, 1949 - Many from Motley and vicinity were very interested in hearing Troop No. 50, of the Motley Girl Scouts in a program over KWAD, Wadena, from 7 to 7:15 o'clock on Monday evening. Jenille Thomson acted as Mistress of Ceremonies and the following girls took part, LaVaune and Loretta Skeesick; Verla Haney, Beverly Schrupp, LaRee Trout, Phyllis Converse, Nancy Kaiser and Mary Holub.

Troop No. 50, under the direction of their capable leader, Mrs. Phillip Jacobs, is very active.

• April 14, 1949 - Announcement is being made this week in The World by Phil Anderson

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

that he has joined the “Our Own Hardware” group and that he will have his formal opening soon.

• April 14, 1949 - Martin Merman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Herman of Staples, sustained a broken right arm Tuesday morning when he attempted to crank an old car which the family used for trucking purposes.

He was taken to a doctor where the break was reduced and the arm put in a cast. At the present time he is getting along nicely.

• April 14, 1949 - Harry Sams, a farmer living southwest of Staples, is mighty proud of his crop of lambs this spring, and his flock has set a record which would be hard to beat at any time.

Mr. Sams has 17 ewes. The spring crop of lambs has produced 31 lambs.

Here is the way they came - three sets of triplets, eight pairs of twins, and six single lambs, all born between March 23 and March 26.

• April 14, 1949 - There is a law in the city of Staples that all peddlers or solicitors MUST have a license from the city of Staples in order to conduct their business here.

Peddlers or solicitors MUST obtain their licenses from City Clerk Ed Carlson, before they can canvass the town.

Residents, especially those of the residential areas, are also reminded that, should a peddler or solicitor come to their door, they should demand to see their city license. If these



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1974. 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.

people do not have one they should be reported to the Civic & Commerce Association or to the city council.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• April 11, 1974 - Gary Mueller, an employee of the Staples World, was elected Commander of the Robert W. Hand Post 1910 Veterans of Foreign Wars at their regular meeting Wednesday evening, April 3.

Mueller served with the United States Navy from 1966-70. He served one year in Vietnam, 1 1/2 years in Morocco and then seven months aboard the USS Dahlgren at Norfolk, Va.

He will assume his duties as commander of the local post July 1 and he will succeed Robert G. Sellnow.

• April 11, 1974 - Joining the production staff for “South Pacific,” the musical being presented by the Staples High school choir, is choreographer Cookie Bors-tad.

Stan Carlson, director, said that Mrs. Borstad brings a wealth of experience with her. She has studied, taught and performed tap dancing since early childhood and has also danced in numerous productions at Moorhead State College.

As the choreographer for “South Pacific,” Mrs. Borstad is responsible for such production numbers as “Bloody Mary,” “I’m Gonna Wash that Man Right Outa My Hair,” “I’m in Love with a Wonderful Guy,” and the solo dances like Liat’s dance

in “Happy Talk.”

The show opens April 18 and will run April 18, 19, 26 and 28.

• April 11, 1974 - The annual election of officers of the Staples Jaycee Chapter was held Monday evening at the club's regular meeting.

Chosen to head the Staples Jaycees during the 1974-75 year was Frank Williams, co-owner of Williams Floral and Nursery in Staples. He will succeed Lynn Thornton.

James Hofer was chosen by the membership as the first vice-president and Tom Danculovich will serve as second vice-president. Others officers are Mel Weins, secretary; Larry Werder, treasurer; and Bill Knapp, state director.

Elected to membership on the Board of Directors were Bruce Burrows, Gary Dezell, Don Flaten, Stan Gertner, Ray Gildow, Harold Holst, Joe Joerger and Rollie Penfield.

• April 11, 1974- The Staples Lions Club presented trophies to the Most Valuable players in sports at Staples High School. Nels Japke, president, announced the winners of each sport at the annual Athletic Banquet held April 1. They included: Mark Bendson, wrestling; Warren Mertens, baseball; Phil Lindaman, basketball; Bruce Crocker, cross country; Jeff Marden, football backfield; Doug Cizek, football lineman; and Pat Wilhelmson, golf.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• April 15, 1999 - Young

and old, male and female gathered on the old gym stage at Pillager School to play several selections together at the close of the Pillager Fair Board's annual Fiddler's Contest last Saturday. Fiddlers from as far away as the Cities area entered the contest, a favorite show which this year attracted about 350 audience members. Area fiddlers included Butch Hines of Pillager and Bill Amundson of Bertha.

• April 15, 1999 - The Cardinal boys captured first place in their outdoor premier track meet, seven first places in the Cardinal Rain-maker track meet April 8, on the home track.

Staples Motley piled up 164.33 points to beat out second place Detroit Lakes and eight other teams. The Lakers finished with 151 points, Wadena-Deer Creek 74, Pequot Lakes 37, Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale 35.33, New York Mills 33.3, Upsala-Swanville 30, Pelican Rapids 13, Pillager 10 and Pine River Backus 9.

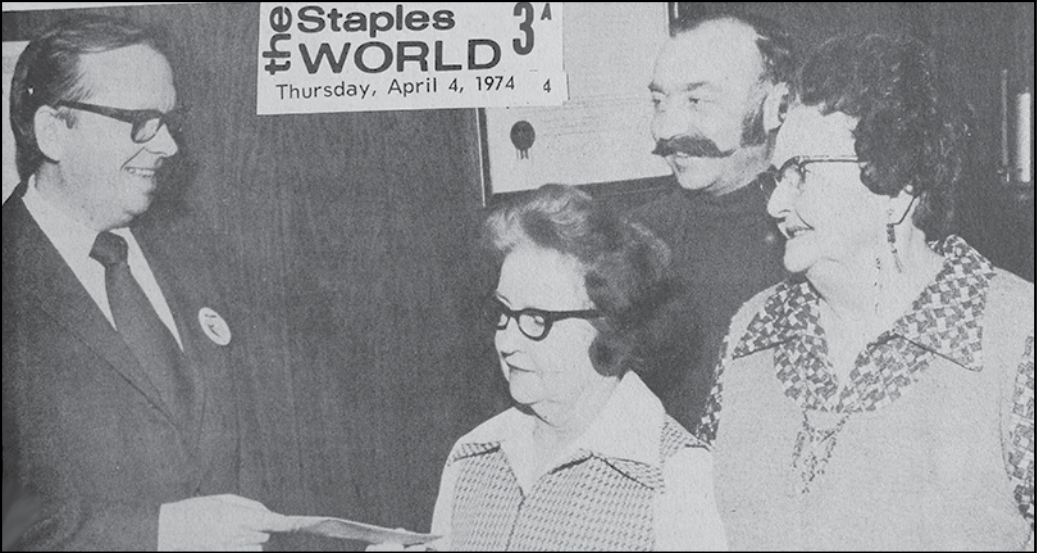
• April 15, 1999 - John Hoemberg and Jenny Roth in Discussion and Jill Mertens in Storytelling will be competing tomorrow in the State Speech Tournament at Park High School in South St. Paul. At the Section 6A Speech Tournament in Henning on April 10, Hoemberg and Mertens won championships in the categories and Roth finished second in Discussion.

• April 15, 1999 - The Staples Elementary Choir will travel to St. Cloud and Clear Lake on April 16, for two concerts as part of their spring tour.

The choir, 80 girls and boys, will perform a demonstration concert for students and staff at the Performing Arts Center at St. Cloud State University in the morning and will perform for students at Clearview Elementary School in Clear Lake in the afternoon. Mary Moen is the choir director and Sandy Odden is the accompanist.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• April 10, 2014 - At least 40 people with Staples area roots attended the Grizzlies vs. Timberwolves game at Target Center April 2, to cheer on Staples native David Joerger, now head coach for the Memphis Grizzlies. Coach Joerger 'Groupies' included fellow alumni from Staples Motley High School (Joerger graduated in 1992), members of his family, several friends and other basketball fans.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the April 4, 1974 edition of the Staples World featured Russell Fridley (left) director of the Minnesota State Historical Society, presenting a \$5,000 check to members of the Staples Historical Society (SHS), toward club's project, “History on Wheels,” a mobile trailer filled with historical artifacts. Club members

pictured, from left, are Margaret Erbe, SHS treasurer; Peter Card, Jr., past president; Mrs. L. H. Goff, current president.

Mary Sperley of Staples correctly identified all except for Fridley, whom she thought was Stan Edin. She also thought the photo had something to do with the Democratic party. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Lions support community

The Staples Host Lions recently made to the Staples All Veterans Park.

Pictured, Dan Shaw, veterans park director; and Lion President Rick Adamietz. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Staples Police report

Recent reports takes by the Staples Police Dept. included:

March 25, at 6:11 a.m., Staples Police responded to a medical at the Amtrak station for a report of a elderly male needing medical attention, who was transported to Lakewood Health System by ambulance.

March 25, at 10:20 p.m, Staples Police and Staples Fire Depts. responded to a residential fire on the 1200 block of 8th St. NE. No one was injured as a result of the incident and the residence sustained major damage from the fire. Todd County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating the incident.

March 26, Staples Police received a report of a financial crime in which a resident was scammed through Instagram through Venmo, for \$305.

March 27, Staples Police received a report of dogs howling and barking on the 300 block of Dakota Ave. SE. Police could hear dogs barking at a residence and attempted to make contact with the dog owner's but was unsuccessful. Police issued a citation for the incident.

March 27, Staples Police were advised by a city employee that their city plow had collided with a vehicle near the intersection of 4th Ave. NE and 12th St. NE. The plow struck the rear passenger side of

a tan colored Dodge truck, which had continued traveling south. The operator of the truck later contacted the police and they were advised on the incident.

March 28, Staples Police received a report of a garbage truck that was possibly shot by a pellet gun around the 1400 block of 8th Street NE. Police are investigating.

March 28, Staples Police assisted the Lakewood Health System emergency room staff with an individual who had become disorderly. Officers informed the individual they needed to calm down or leave. The individual calmed down at that point and caused no further problems.

March 28, Staples Police assisted Lakewood Health System emergency room with an unruly mental patient who had called 911 from a cell phone.

March 29, Staples Police stood by at Lakewood Health System as a patient with behavioral problems was escorted into a transport vehicle.

March 30, Staples Police received a report of a found bank drop off bag that contained money and other paperwork. The items and bag were badly burnt, but police were able to identify the owner. The owner thought he had lost the drop off bag and was unsure how it arrived in Staples.

Court report April 3

Long Prairie Police Department
Brandon Jesus Becerra-Ventura, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Jose Guadalupe Chavez-Ramirez, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Rafael De La Cruz Lora, Long Prairie. Domestic Assault Misdemeanor- commits act to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death. Dismissed.
Angelica Marie Opegard, Brownerville. Speed 38/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jose Alfredo Salgado-Torres, Clarissa. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance. Fine \$200.
Germania Santos Taveras, Long Prairie. Domestic Assault- intentionally inflicts/attempts to inflict bodily harm on another. Dismissed.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Jerome Steven St. Sauver, Mound. Fishing- Special Management Waters- quality sunfish reduced daily limit. Fine \$100. Fees \$100.
Minnesota State Patrol
Wade Walter Moenkedick, Verndale. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Nathaniel Jordan Peoples, Staples. Driving after suspension. Dismissed.
Paul David Abrahamson, Brownerville. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Chloe Camille Anderson, Mendota Heights. Speed 80/70. \$40. Fee \$85.
Dawn Lee Bancroft, Afton. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Jamie Lee Becker, Clarissa. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Whitney Lea Brueggemeier, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Damon Seth Demmer, Ullen. Hands-Free Law- hold wireless communications device with one or both hands. Fine \$150. Fee \$85.
Alex Douglas Evans, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100.
Hunter Ryden Hagen, Detroit Lakes. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
William Joseph Hopkins, St. Cloud. Duty to drive with care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Tyler James Huber. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85. Tail-lights. Fine \$40.
Alexander Michael King, Minot, N.Dak. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Lucas Lawrence Kleinschmidt, Sauk Centre. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30.
Erin Vernetta Lee Mcadoo, Bismark, N.Dak. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Codey Maurice McCrory, Buhl, Idaho. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Salvador Medina Benitez, Long Prairie. Speed 79/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Abdullah Almumi Mujahid. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Brian Charles Murrell, St. Louis

Park. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Austin Dean Okerlund, Alexandria. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Abigail Nicole Olson, Sauk Centre. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Abigail Nicole Olson, Sauk Centre. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Breanna Marie Reichwein, Staples. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jacob Kevin Trantina, Brownerville. Failure to stop at stop signs or stop lines at entrance to thru highway. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Sarah Tamara Walfoort, Bloomington. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85. Fail to change address/name within 30 days. Fine \$20. No insurance owner. Dismissed. No proof of insurance. Dismissed.

Staples Police Department
Dominic Anthony Dibenedetto, Blaine. Speed 44/35. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Heather Marie Gavin, Staples. Starting a parked car unsafely. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jeffry Michael Hauer, Staples. Damage to property Fourth Degree. Dismissed.
Tracy Allen Mitchell, Staples. Unlawful parking/storage. Dismissed.

Todd County Sheriff's Office
Khristian Campos Mangual, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Ariel Rafael Chavez Polanco, Eagle Bend. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Edwin Mauel Medina Matos, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 21, 2024.
Brandon Michael Tamm, Osakis. Threats of violence- reckless disregard risk. Sentenced. Fine \$300. Fee \$75. Local confinement 365 days. Stay 363 days for two years. Credit for time served: two days.

The following cases were heard before Judge Jonathan R. Judd in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 25, 2024.
Jeffrey John Dubay, Grand Forks, N.Dak. Third Degree- Possess 10 grams or more narcotic drug other than heroin. Dismissed. Fourth Degree DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance. Dismissed. DWI- operate motor vehicle any amount Schedule I, II drugs/metabolite; not cannabis or hemp. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$150. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 80 days for two years. Credit for time served: 11 days. Supervised probation, two years.

The following cases were heard before Judge Michelle L. Clark in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 27, 2024.
Siaka Passawe, Brooklyn Park. Theft- take, use, transfer movable property- no consent. Stay of adjudication. Local confinement 11 days. Credit for time served: 11 days. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$125. Supervised probation, two years.

Garage Logic falls in love with Staples World

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Apparently the Garage Logic podcast guys really liked the Staples World story about the moose that traveled through the area before Thanksgiving last year.

Last week, I got a phone call saying that the people on the podcast had gotten a copy of the newspaper and they appreciated it and wanted to talk to me about it. I had heard of the podcast but I generally don't listen to podcasts so I don't think I had ever heard a full episode. But I was glad they had liked the moose story so I said sure, I would talk to them about it.

First I had to go listen to what they said in the initial show. It turns out they read the entire story, word for word, and described many of the photos. They said "We've got to talk to this guy." They seemed to understand the amusement for which the story was intended, to play up the celebrity of a moose that captivated an audience around the world before as it passed through our town.

So they called the next day to find out about how that story got to the front page of the newspaper, but mostly they just wanted to compliment me on writing such a detailed story. Joe Soucheray is a famous voice on the podcast as a newspaper columnist with the St. Paul Pioneer Press. He kept saying this was one of the best stories he had read because "I didn't have any questions after reading the story." He considered that to be an element that is missing from journalism these days.

Another podcaster said that it is very unusual for Soucheray to be that complimentary. They read news stories all the time and he routinely tears them apart for their poor journalism.

I didn't have the heart to tell them that not every story in the Staples World is this well written, but it does show that we are capable of doing good things. And I think we have printed a lot of other stories that are worthy of praise as well.

The other thing they got excited about is that the Staples World still has an office in downtown Staples. Apparently other newspapers just send reporters out and they send in the stories from their laptop.

The Staples World office building is actually a big part of our business model. We have people come in every day to ask questions, give news tips and subscribe to the newspaper. We are one of the hubs of the community, both physically and informationally.

It also goes the other way. All of our employees go out and talk to local people every day. We are a part of the fabric of the community, a



Garage logic version of the Staples World

A quaint setting in a peaceful community is the impression the Garage Logic podcast formed of the Staples World during their podcast. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Actual Staples World

Mark Anderson with the moose story that was introduced to a national audience through the Garage Logic podcast. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

reflection of it and a participant in it.

After the Garage Logic guys were done talking to me, they looked up a photo of our office building on our facebook page. They started forming a romanticized fantasy of what our newspaper life must be like, with the old fashioned newspaper values in a quaint small town setting.

This time I'm not going to burst their bubble. This really is an idealized setting, a small town that appreciates their neighbors and wants to hear the stories about the accomplishments, hopes and dreams of their local community.

Big tech companies have been telling people to stop

reading newspapers for 25 years, but newspapers are still a major part of the news landscape, with quality journalism that hasn't been improved online. In our digital age, most actual reporting still begins with local newspapers.

The Garage Logic podcast can keep talking up how good the Staples World is, but we really only care about what happens here. As long as the local public continues to be willing to participate in our newspaper, we will keep telling their stories and putting out a well-written professional journal that reflects this community.

Quote of the week

“The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time.”

— James Earl Jones as Terence Mann - Field of Dreams

Legislature needs to replace cabin tax loss

By John Ward, member
Brainerd School Board

The 2001 legislative session saw major changes to the state's property tax system and one of the results was that seasonal properties, "cabins" if you will, were taken off the school district operating levy tax rolls. The result was an impoverished local tax base for schools to try and convince local voters to levy against. The legislature wasn't so generous with the seasonal properties either as they now pay into the state's general business levy. Yes, the state collects property taxes as well as local governments. The result is a \$40 million infusion into the state's general fund from seasonal property tax revenue and on the flip side, 92 school districts, primarily in central and northern Minnesota, are struggling to generate operating levy funds.

Operating levies were created to allow voters to decide if they wanted to have "extras" for students as they journeyed through their educational experiences. However, with state funding for education failing to keep up with inflation over the last 20 years, operating levies are now used to simply pay the bills, for basic staffing, support services and supplies. This is at a time when schools are being asked to do more for students and families.

State aid for school district levy equalization was the intended program to level the playing field for operating levies, aimed at helping property poor school districts. However, the state has significantly backed away from its share of help

in this program. In 2018, the state was pumping in almost \$150 million towards \$625 million of local operating levies, about 24 percent of the effort. Fast forward to 2023 and the state's share has fallen to less than \$28 million on just over \$810 million in local operating levies, about 3.4 percent of the effort. All this additional financial burden on local taxpayers is one of the reasons that passing a local operating levy has become more difficult to pass, especially in "lakes country."

Asking the legislature to restore hundreds of millions of dollars into levy equalization is a tall order and yes, it's a long-term goal they should make progress towards. However, in the meantime we see a more targeted and cost-effective approach being offered in this legislative session.

HF4986 (Rep. Dave Lisle-gard) & SF4995 (Sen. Grant Hauschild) would create a "seasonal tax base replacement aid" that would send state general fund dollars to school districts that have voter approved operating levy authority in place, with a further action required by the legislation that the school must then reduce the price of the operating levy locally, based on the aid they receive. The amount of aid is determined based on how much seasonal property is in the school district. Some schools in central and northern Minnesota could see local levy burdens reduced by upwards of 50 percent.

The legislation is triggered by the existence of voter approved authority and it doesn't matter when the vote occurred, therefore

existing levies would see an immediate reduction of \$8.5 million around the state if the bill is passed into law. The legislation doesn't change how seasonal property is taxed and it still requires voters to approve an operating levy. The growth of this program would be slow as communities discuss the new program and its potential impacts on educational services and taxes. It's a pragmatic approach that comes with a cost of several million to the state instead of hundreds of millions to the state when compared to traditional levy equalization programs. Lastly, the legislation is a recognition of the state's taking of this seasonal property and that it is needed to create more fairness in our education funding system.

What can you do? Contact your State Representative and Senator. Ask them to become a co-author on HF4986 and SF4995. Ask them to also advocate for the passage of this bill. You can also spread the word about the bill. Ask others to also get engaged in helping get this much needed bill passed.

All students in Minnesota deserve fair and equitable funding, and the disparities in school levy programs must be addressed. Our children are our future and the education we provide them in every corner of the state is the best investment we can make. It will take all of us to make sure this bill comes to fruition, but the seeds have been planted. Now, let us continue to water it and watch it bloom and grow. Our children are counting on us, so let's get it done.

Medical professionals support public option

By the Committee to Protect
Health Care

More than 100 health care professionals across Minnesota have signed a letter supporting a strong MinnesotaCare Public Option and urging Gov. Tim Walz to implement the program without delay. An expanded public option can allow more Minnesotans to buy high quality, affordable

health coverage through MinnesotaCare.

"As a physician who's cared for Minnesotans for many years, I know that access to health care makes a huge difference to the quality of life and overall well being of families," said Dr. Elizabeth Elfstrand, a Minneapolis OB/GYN. "Physicians are all too familiar with folks who skipped care because they didn't have health coverage or were underinsured, causing them to suffer needlessly when a manageable condition became a medical emergency. By removing cost barriers to quality care, we can empower people to stay healthier so they can better live, work, learn and thrive."

In the letter, the medical professionals noted that health care costs for Minnesotans with private insurance increased \$581 per capita in 2022. For Minnesotans enrolled in health plans through the individual markets, about half are in 'Bronze Plans' with deductibles around \$7,000 per year, meaning they have to pay \$7,000 every year on top of monthly premiums, before

they get coverage. These rising health care costs are straining families' budgets and, unfortunately, preventing patients from seeking care. One in four American adults say that they skipped or postponed getting the health care they needed in the past 12 months because of the cost.

"We know that the skyrocketing cost of health care, rising premiums and cost-sharing is forcing people to ration their care, resulting in people skipping treatment, staying sicker longer, and struggling to get back to work after an injury or illness. Expanding MinnesotaCare with a robust public option means positively transforming people's lives," said Dr. Lois Van Tol, a retired family physician in Winona. "No Minnesotan should have to lose a job, miss a paycheck or miss out on opportunities because they lacked health care. By acting quickly to implement a public option, our policymakers can improve health, save lives and expand opportunities for our fellow Minnesotans."

Quote of the week

“There is some good in this world, and it’s worth fighting for.”

— J.R.R. Tolkien

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Lions donate to food shelf

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$5,000 to the Staples Area Food Shelf (SAFS). Pictured, from left, are Frank Leidenfrost, SAFS Director; Dawn

Adamietz, SAFS volunteer; and Lion President Rick Adamietz. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Lions donate to the City of Staples

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to the City of Staples, with funds designated for the Bike Rodeo May 16. Pictured, from left, are James Lenk,

city employee; Lion President Rick Adamietz; Lacey Aguirre, City of Staples Parks and Recreation Director. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Staples Host Lions donate to S-M Schools

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$1,000 to Staples-Motley Schools, with the funds designated to the fifth grade field trip to the Minnesota State Capitol. Pictured, from left, are Deb Ferdon, SM Middle/High

School Principal; Lion President Rick Adamietz; and fifth graders Everett Allen, Coraline Anderson and Nevaeh Elifrits. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Free screening of ‘Childhood 2.0’ April 29, at CTC Center in Pillager

Are you concerned as a parent in the digital age? Are you wanting to better understand the world our children live in? Join CTC and Smiles for Jake for a special free screening of “Childhood 2.0” Monday, April 29, at the Pillager CTC Center, located at 323 2nd St. E., Pillager. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the movie being shown at

6 p.m., followed by guided conversation at 7:30 p.m. According to a press release, “Many parents still view dangers as primarily physical and external, but they’re missing the real danger...kids spending time online and less time engaging in real life. Free play and autonomy. What are the effects on the next generation’s mental, physical and spiritual health? Child-

hood was more or less unchanged for millennia, but this is CHILDHOOD 2.0. “Come and learn about the real-life issues that kids are facing today, including cyberbullying, social media addiction and online predators. Hear from experts in child development, psychology and technology, as well as real families who share their experiences and insights.”

April 10, 11

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through April 11, Staples City Hall. Must call for an appointment at 218-296-6616. For low to moderate income taxpayers.

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

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, April 11, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael’s Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Larry Fruetel, caller. For info., 218-894-2900.

April 12

WOMEN’S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

April

- **VOCAL SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST** April 10, at Pillager High School
- **MUSIC DEPT. JAZZ EVENT** April 12, 6 p.m., high school cafeteria
- **YOUTH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** April 13-14, Staples-Motley gymnasiums
- **FFA STATE CONVENTION** April 21-23, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- **PROM** April 27

Mark Your Calendar

St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

April 14

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

April 15

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

April 16

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP offered by Lakewood Health System, will be held Tuesdays (through April 23), from 3 - 4:30 p.m., at Sourcewell, 202 12th St. NE, Staples. Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, child or any other loss is welcome to attend.

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

April 17

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION will hold its board meeting Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples. The public is invited. To attend via Zoom, contact Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

SPRING Chicken Dinner

Weds., April 17
Serving: 4:00-6:30 p.m.
Adults: \$15.
Children ages 6 -12: \$7.
Ages 5 and under FREE.
Fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cole slaw, pie

Motley United Methodist Church
847 3rd Ave. S,
Motley, Mn. 218-352-6466

Farewell Party for Robin and Pam Collins

Friends of the Collins are invited to attend
Sat., April 20,
7:00 p.m. (no gifts, please)

Cash donations to help with travel expenses appreciated. Consider bringing an appetizer to share and cash donations for beverages.

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For the
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Virginia Rollins

Virginia K. Rollins, 70, of Staples passed away February 5, 2024 at her home in Staples. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 13, at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

In lieu of flowers, consider a gift to the Staples Food Shelf, American Cancer Society, or the charity of your choice.

(See full obituary at www.taylorfunerals.com).

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Gilmore Plattner

Gilmore Lee Plattner, 70, passed away March 19, 2024 at his home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m. at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 490 30th St. N, Moorhead.

Gilmore was born May 10, 1953 to Junior and Darline Plattner in Rochester.

He was a passionate gardener, enjoyed canning and was close to his family and friends. His sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Gilmore is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, six grandchildren, parents and two sisters.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother.

Gilmore looked forward to everlasting life in a paradise earth. We look forward to seeing him again when, as John 5:28 says, "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear His voice... and come out."

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Raymond Garland

Dr. Raymond Orval Garland, 89, of Lakeville, formerly of Staples, peacefully passed away on March 29, 2024.

A celebration of Ray's life will be held Saturday, June 1, 2024, with a visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. at Staples Alliance Church, 1512 8th Street NE, Staples. A lunch will be served following the service.

Ray was born June 1, 1934, to Orval and Ethel (Miller) Garland in Bertha. He was a beloved figure in both his personal and professional life, leaving behind a legacy of love, compassion and service.

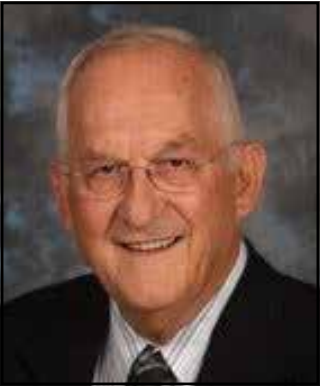
Ray graduated from Staples High School in 1952 and furthered his education at Wheaton College in Illinois. He was accepted into the University of Minnesota Dental School, where he graduated in 1959.

Ray married his high school sweetheart, Helen Amundson in 1956, embarking on a journey of love and partnership that spanned over five decades.

Following his dental education, Ray served his country with honor in the U.S. Air Force for two years, stationed in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Upon completing his military service, Ray and Helen returned to their hometown of Staples, where they raised their four daughters and established his dental practice, known for its care and dedication to the community.

Throughout his seven decades as a resident of Staples, Ray dedicated himself to serving others. He was deeply involved in various community organizations, including Staples Alliance Church, Rotary, Boy Scouts and served on the school board, exemplifying his commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those around him.

Even in retirement, Ray continued to demonstrate his values of compassion and selflessness. He lovingly cared for his wife, Helen, throughout her courageous



battle with Alzheimer's disease, providing unwavering support and comfort during difficult times.

Ray is survived by three daughters, Loree (Robert) Larson, Lisa (Greg) Lawrence and Linda (Noel) Samlaska; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Larry (Joyce) Garland and Bill Garland; one son-in-law, Mike Pride; two sisters-in-law, Kathy (Kendall) Garland and Doris (Liden) Amundson and numerous nieces, nephews and cherished friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Helen; daughter, LuAnn Pride; son-in-law, Kevin Dosmann; sister and brother-in-law Janet and Cloyce Grondahl; one brother, Herb Garland; sister-in-law, Sharon (Ford) Garland; sister- and brother-in-law Lavina and Garland Davis and brother-in-law, Donald Amundson.

In accordance with Ray's wishes, his body was donated to the University of Minnesota for the advancement of science.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Diabetes Association in honor of Ray's memory.

Dr. Raymond Orval Garland will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him, but his legacy of love and service will continue to inspire generations to come.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
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
Pastor Chris Mathiason
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
Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
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
Rev. Robin Collins
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
Pastor Chris Mathiason
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.lincolnfree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe 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.

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
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
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 Kurup, 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.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday.....6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info: 218-837-5690 Call first.
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m.

"Of Earth and Heaven"

Pastor Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

My three-year-old grandson is enamored with model and full sized rockets. We enjoy watching the latest NASA liftoff and not to deny him nor myself of the pleasure of model rocketry, I build them and he blasts them off. Using materials of the earth, they are built for the heavens: powerfully escaping Earth's gravity with fiery lift offs. Rockets: from the world, but not of the world. Reminded of their earthly construction, the rockets return, yet still made for the heavens.

Jesus reminds us that we too are destined for the heavens, yet made of the earth. We have this hope. A hope that comes from God's promises. God breathed life into the dust from which we are made. But made for so much more. Made for eternity in heaven above.

Springtime brings this reminder to us as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection. Willingly giving up His heavenly throne to come to this world, He shows us how much God loves us. Willingly to die a physical death, He shows us

how important we are to Him. Willing to give up everything in heaven so that we can be with Him in heaven. Our Savior, Jesus, God's son, shows us that we too are made for heaven.

When Jesus prayed for His disciples (John 17) He kept these two truths evident: we are from the world (created) but not of the world (spiritual). And His prayer was that we not escape this planet, yet. We are made from earth with a clear purpose on earth. We are to be people of God's message that He loves us and gave up everything for us. Jesus is SO invested in us and our purpose that He consecrated and dedicated Himself to our life in God's truth.

It is God's work in us in this world that enable us to have hope that one day we will also be in the heavens.

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Track teams compete in indoor meet

The Staples-Motley track and field teams were able to set their first marks of the season at the Thundering Herd High School Classic at North Dakota State University on April 1, against multiple teams from Minnesota and North Dakota.

Audrey Brownell won the 1,600 meter run in 5:13.39. She started in the lead but had to survive a final kick, beating an oncoming runner by less than two tenths of a second.

Kyanna Burton was the other first place finisher for the Cardinals, pulling away throughout the 3,200 race to win in 11:59.

Top finishers for the boys were Avandre Brandt, who cleared 6'2" in the high jump to place third, and Logan Robben, fifth place in the 800.

Girls results

60 meter dash - 10. Corinne Olson 8.63, 24. Sophia Luna 8.92, 54. Charlotte Wunderlich 9.63, 61. Martina Lopez Matarredona 9.93, 67. Paula Rauwerda 10.29

200 - 51. Wunderlich 33.39, 72. Marisa Heifort 37.34
400 - 37. Naila Mikhaeil 1:17, 43. Brooke Bendson 1:20, 47. Maddie Kist 1:23
1,600 - 1. Audrey Brownell 5:13
3,200 - 1. Kyanna Burton 11:59, 6. Alecia Holst 13:49
60 hurdles - 16. Bailey Weiland 11.65, 19. Abby Brichacek 12.14
4x200 - 15. Olson, Brichacek, Ronnie Noska, Leah Greenwoodt 2:07, 20. Rauwerda, Dalma Kovac, Francesca Malangone, Matarredona 2:17
4x400 - 14. Bendson, Greenwoodt, Luna, N. Mikhaeil 5:11
4x800 - 6. Holst, Burton, N. Mikhaeil, Suhaila Mikhaeil 11:40
Shot put - 6. Camden Anderson 32'2.25", 19. Weiland 28'1", 23. Annie Schlosser 27'3", 31. Josie Jennissen 23'8.5"
High jump - 24. Kovac 4'2", 24. Avery Japke 4'2"
Long jump - 20. Wunderlich 12'10.75", 41. Elizabeth Larimer 9'2", 43. Heifort 8'0.25"
Triple jump - 20. Noska 27'3.25", 22. Brichacek 25'7.25"

Boys results

60 meter dash - 51. Jesus Gallardo 8.21, 64. Luke Bjerga

8.64, 65. Carson Dewald 8.77, 69. Justin Olson 9.05
200 - 34. Turner Beachy 26.38, 36. Gallardo 26.46, 44. Conner Kuhns 27.08, 58. Dewald 28.90
400 - 12. Blake Neelan 57.76, 39. Atreyu Eagle Tail 1:05
800 - 5. Logan Robben 2:08, 36. Ivan Lozano 2:32
1,600 - 30. Blaine Plattner 5:44
60 hurdles - 12. Gavin Chenoweth 10.66
4x200 - 10. Benet Robinson, Robben, Josiah Critten, Avandre Brandt 1:42; 19. Sawyer Ferdon, Alexander Helstrom, Chenoweth, Massimo Pili 1:51
4x400 - 19. Plattner, Odin Trif, Robinson, B. Neelan 4:18
Shot put - 15. Steven Petrich 39'11.5", 28. Dustin Converse 35'5", 29. Drake Dukowitz 35'5", 47. Bjerga 29'7.5"
High jump - 3. Brandt 6'2", 20. Plattner 5'2"
Pole vault - 3. Beachy 12'0", 9. Kuhns 9'6"
Long jump - 11. Critten 18'5.75", 22. Robinson 17'1.5", 24. Beachy 17'0.5", 43. Dewald 14'5.75"
Triple jump - 10. Ferdon 36'11.5", 19. Chenoweth 33'4.5", 27. Helstrom 3'11.75", 30. Olson 29'9.5"

First place medals and trophy

Staples-Motley individual champions at the Subsection 23A Speech Tournament, from left, Brynn Bestland,

Laken Hines, AJ Nienow, Maddock Harvey, Walker Johnson and Hailey Richardt. (Submitted photo)

Speech team wins subsection title

On April 6, the Staples-Motley speech team traveled to Pequot Lakes to compete in the Subsection 23A tournament. The Cardinals emerged as the subsection champions, taking the top spot by one point.

The team had six first place winners: AJ Nienow in Creative Expression, Walker Johnson in Extemporaneous Reading, Brynn Bestland in Great Speeches, Laken Hines in Humor, Hailey Richardt in Original Oratory, and Maddock Harvey in Storytelling.

Beyond the first place winners, the majority of the Staples-Motley team placed and will continue on to the section tournament in Menahga on Saturday, April 13. Joshua Cushing, Sabina Moe, Jessi Bursch, Raina Mikhaeil took the second place spot in their respective categories of Creative Expression, Discussion, Dramatic Interpretation, and Great Speeches.

Molly Hoemberg came in fifth place in Dramatic Interpretation, while Jaden Johnson placed fourth in Great Speeches. Lily Davis and Naila Mikhaeil placed fourth and fifth respectively in the Humor category. Olivia Opheim, Addie Brenny, and Lexi Ann all took fourth place in their respective categories of Informative Speaking, Poetry, and Prose.

DNR investing in recreation access

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has identified more than 100 access and accessibility projects throughout the state as part of the once-in-a-generation Get Out MORE (Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences) investments approved by the legislature and signed by Gov. Tim Walz in 2023. These projects will serve new and existing users by making it easier to get to recreational opportunities, and easier for people to enjoy outdoor recreation.

"Access and accessibility are vital to bringing new users to state parks, state forests and wildlife management areas to enjoy outdoor recreation and to improve the experiences of existing users," DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen said. "These investments show Minnesota's commitment to ensuring people of all abilities and interests enjoy a world-class recreation system."

The DNR manages 74 state parks and recreation areas, 60 state forests and more than 1,500 wildlife management areas that encompass nearly 5 million acres throughout the state. Of the \$149.9 million in Get Out MORE investments, \$35.4 million will go toward enhancing access and accessibility, including:

- \$15 million for accessibility improvements in state parks and wildlife management areas, which includes:
 - Three comprehensive accessibility projects at key state parks — William O'Brien, Sibley and Fort Snelling — and 11 smaller scale projects across the state. These comprehensive projects will involve improving accessibility of park amenities, bathrooms, and other facilities throughout the park, bringing greater accessibility park-wide.
 - Over 70 projects will focus on access improvements at wildlife management areas statewide, including building new accessible trailheads and ensuring existing hunting blinds, overlooks and trails are fully accessible.

- \$9.4 million for road improvements.
 - Road modernization will enhance more than 35 roads across Minnesota that provide access to recreational opportunities in state forests, wildlife management areas, state recreation areas, and state parks.
 - Projects in this category include bridge replacements, road reconstruction, erosion control and resurfacing.
 - These improvements will make it easier for more people to reach and enjoy outdoor recreation opportunities.
- \$8 million for improvements to hiking and paved trails at state parks and hunter walking trails at

wildlife management areas.

- These projects include improvements at more than a dozen state parks to improve accessibility and long-term sustainability.

- Improvements will focus on increased access to hunter walking trails at wildlife management areas across the state.

- \$2 million for improved wayfinding and signage.

- These projects will create or improve trailhead signage at priority wildlife management areas and hunter walking trail networks.

- Additionally, the DNR will update maps for four state forests, including creating maps that users can download using various map apps and access even without cell service. These maps will include a high level of detail and highlight nearby recreation opportunities like trails and public water accesses as well as state forest amenities.

- Wildlife management areas will receive improved signage and wayfinding at access points and hunter walking trails to increase function and accessibility for all users.

- \$1 million for adaptive equipment, including track chairs and accessible hunting blinds, and supporting infrastructure. This includes:
 - Purchasing nine more track chairs and other items needed to support the track chair program, such as storage sheds and trailers.
 - Purchasing 65 pairs of specialized glasses to assist visitors with red-green color deficiencies see colors outdoors.
 - Adding of kayaks and adaptive accessories.
 - Purchasing several mobile, fully accessible hunting stands for use during wildlife management area special and traditional hunts.

- The historic, one-time Get Out MORE investment of \$149.9 million centers on five key areas:
 - Enhancing fisheries and fishing infrastructure (\$60 million)
 - Enhancing access and welcoming new users to public lands and outdoor recreation facilities (\$35.4 million)
 - Modernizing boating access (\$35 million)
 - Restoring streams and modernizing water-related infrastructure to support outdoor recreation (\$10 million)
 - Modernizing camping and related infrastructure (\$9.5 million)

- As further details are available about these projects, information will be added to the Get Out MORE webpage of the DNR website.



Staples-Motley wins subsection speech trophy

Staples-Motley participants in the Subsection 23A Speech Tournament with their first place trophy. Front row from left, Raina Mikhaeil, Brynn Bestland, Lily Davis, Olivia Opheim, Sabina Moe, Lexi Ann, Naila Mikhaeil,

Addie Brenny, Jessi Bursch; back row, Jaden Johnson, Laken Hines, Maddock Harvey, AJ Neinow, Walker Johnson, Hailey Richardt, Joshua Cushing, Molly Hoemberg and Maria Halverson. (Submitted photo)



New homes at Prairie View Neighborhood

In February, the Ives family hosted an open house for their new homes on the west end of Staples. Pictured from left, Michelle Carlson, Mike and Mary Ives in one of the homes in what is called the Prairie View Neighborhood, on 1st Street NE near Airport Road. The Ives are also the owners of Timberlake Hotel in Staples.

The first four homes are different sizes and have various interior layouts with spacious den areas, and open kitchen. The buildings are manufactured homes that are

built solidly with full insulation and drywall interiors. Each home will also have a garage.

Mary Ives said as they sell homes in the Prairie View subdivision, they will order more. If a buyer wants a custom home, they can design their own and even visit the factory where the homes are built. Ives thought a home could be completed in 60 days from when it is ordered. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

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Help Wanted City of Motley

The City of Motley is accepting applications to fill the position of **Deputy City Clerk-Office Manager**

Salary: \$20.05 - \$22.65 Hourly Depending on Qualifications

Application Deadline: April 15, 2024

JOB SUMMARY: The City of Motley is accepting applications to fill a newly created part-time 32 hour- 4 days a week (Monday-Thursday), Deputy City Clerk-Office Manager position. Duties include but are not limited to: performing semi-skilled and skilled receptionist, clerical (accounting/bookkeeping), and administrative support work for the Clerk-Treasurer. This individual serves as the frontline customer service person for City Hall; providing secretarial, clerical, and administrative support to other city departments and the City Council. The Deputy City Clerk-Office Manager position will be responsible for monthly utility billing (UB Max), receiving and processing payments/deposits, Accounts Payable, website and social media management, election judge duties, and light office cleaning and organization. Applicants must have a High School Diploma/GED; some secondary, post-secondary coursework, or other formal training (e.g. workshops, seminars, etc.) in areas of bookkeeping, accounting, automated billing software, and the use of word processing and spreadsheet software. Benefits include PTO, Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST), PERA, paid holidays (if the holiday falls on a regularly scheduled work day).

A resume, cover letter, and application are required. Applications can be found on the City's website www.cityofmotley.com or picked up at the city office. Application packets must be received by noon on Monday, April 15, 2024.

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

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Important Information
Regarding Assessment
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2025 property tax
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review - Equalization of the Township of Bullard of Wadena County, Minnesota, will meet at the Bullard Township Hall in Section 27 of Bullard Township at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

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DATED: March 22, 2024

/S/ Jerel Nelsen
City Administrator

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Diane Mack, Clerk
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NOTICE
MOTLEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION
MEETING

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AND EQUALIZATION
MEETING

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Staples Township shall meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office at 320-732-4431 to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
16-17pnc

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
IN DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE COURT
DIVISION
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Court File No.
77-PR-24-226

Estate of
Steven Lee Ostendorf
Deceased

NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON
PETITION FOR
DESCENT OF
PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition states that the Decedent died more than three years ago leaving property in Minnesota. It requests the probate of Decedent's last Will, if any, and for the descent of such property to be determined and assigned by this court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the court prior to the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the petition may be granted.

It is ordered and notice is given that on April 29, 2024 at 10:14 a.m. a hearing will be held virtually at 615 Highway 23, P.O. Box 189, Foley, Minnesota 56329 to hear the petition. This is an administrative hearing. No appearance is required.

Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice (Minn. Stat. § 524.3-204).

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

X mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: March 13, 2024

BY THE COURT:
Daniel A. Benson
JUDGE OF DISTRICT

Attorney for
Representative:

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KELM & REUTER, P.A.
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TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT
215 1st Ave. South,
Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, April 21, 2024 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, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. 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
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of March 28, 2024, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes

1. **Dozer Excavating:** Section 18, Burnhamville Township, Big Swan Lake
Site Address: Dogwood Loop, Grey Eagle
PID: 06-0025701

1. Request for variance to reduce the setback from the OHWL from 100' to 50' for proposed RV site in RD Shoreland Zoning.

2. **Mark and Gwen-doline Kunkel:** Section 03, Grey Eagle Township, Mound Lake

Site Address: 14284 Chip-pewa Road, Burtrum, MN 56318

PID: 11-0049800

1. Request to reduce the OHWL setback from 100' to 59' for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.

2. Request to reduce the side property line setback from 10' to 2'3" for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.

3. Request to increase the maximum allowed impervious roof coverage from 15% to 21.57% and increase the maximum allowed total impervious from 25% to 25.6% for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.

4. Request to increase the maximum building height from 18' to 23' for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.

3. **Jonathan Baker and**

George Sutton: Section 02, Turtle Creek Township, Star Lake

Site Address: 38590 Northstar Dr., Cushing, MN 56443

PID: 24-0001000Request to increase the peak height limit from 15' to 18' for proposed guest cottage, repurposed from existing structure in NE Shoreland Zoning.

4. **Toby Bruns:** Section 20, Burnhamville Township, Long Lake Outlet

Site Address: 17123 Downy Drive, 56336
PID: 06-0029901

1. Request to reduce the OHWL setback from 150' to 137' for proposed lean-to on the existing garage in NE Shoreland Zoning.

2. Request to reduce the ROW setback from 20' to 7' for proposed lean-to on the existing garage in NE Shoreland Zoning.

Adjournment.
Next meeting:
May 23, 2024

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
Richard Johnson, Chair
16pnc

(ABBREVIATED
ADVERTISEMENT)

NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
2024 PAVEMENT
BITUMINOUS
PROJECTS
Closing date:
April 30, 2024

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., April 30, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SP 077-602-020
SAP 077-615-007
SAP 077-633-004
SAP 077-638-019
SAP 077-646-008
SAP 077-646-009
CP 24:86
CP 24:100
CP 24:103
CP 77-24-01
CP 77-24-06

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding>.

Loren Fellbaum,
Todd County Public Works
Director/Engineer
15-17pnc

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Your Right
to Know

**NOTICE MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**

Important Information Regarding Assessment
and Classification of Property
This may affect your 2025 property tax payments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the **Board of Appeal and Equalization** for the **Township of Moose Lake**, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on **Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.** This meeting is at the **Leader Community Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Karen Roubal, Clerk, Moose Lake Township
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National scholarships for CLC diesel students

Four Central Lakes College Diesel Technology students were awarded national scholarships from the Noregon Education Program. The scholarship recipients include: Erik Bettis of Verndale (\$500), Hank Bemlott of Silver Bay (\$1,000), Daniel Miller of Isle (\$500), and Caleb Neal of Verndale (\$500).

Twenty total students nationwide were selected for scholarships out of a pool of 279 applicants. These four CLC students were also the only recipients in Minnesota.

Students had to thoroughly answer four essay questions about their diesel education, their experience in working with diesel trucks and equipment, and they had to explain what kind of positive change they believe they can bring to the industry.

Permits needed for construction in Todd County

Submitted by Todd County Planning and Zoning

The fee can be taken care of via cash, check, card and online credit card.

Reminder, if your project consists of adding a bedroom, septic compliance and sizing will be reviewed. Systems are considered in compliance for five years after initial installation or for three years with a passing compliance inspection. Some septic and setback requirements will apply when adding on. We are happy to help you meet all requirements spelled out in the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance.

Stop in before your project is scheduled, so there are no surprises or delays when you're ready to start. Permits are valid for one year from the time of issuance. If you are unable to finish the exterior, a permit renewal is available for \$25 for a year extension when reasonable effort has been demonstrated.

Call us at 320-732-4420 or visit our website at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/divisions/soil-water-conservation-and-development/planning-zoning> if you have questions about this or any land use/permitting issue.

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Pfeffer promoted to Community Outreach Manager, leading financial education

Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union (MMFCU) recently promoted Nicole Pfeffer to Community Outreach Manager as her role has expanded to lead all the financial education taking place in the communities we serve.

MMFCU's mission is to provide resources to help improve the financial well-being of our members and communities we serve. In 2023, MMFCU served more than 5,600 individuals through a total of 271 hours of financial education free of charge in the communities we serve. This is accomplished through seminars, classes, simulations, and other educational opportunities by partnering with our local communities, employers and schools.

"The financial world can feel intimidating. There's a lot to learn and frequent changes, and decisions that feel like high stakes," said Miranda Anderson, Senior Vice President of Strategy and Marketing. "This is why MMFCU is passionate about helping our members and community build financial literacy. Nicole has applied her knowledge serving members for more than 20 years inside the walls of financial institutions to classrooms and training rooms in the community."

Pfeffer has been in a variety of roles serving individuals' financial needs and training teams over the course of two decades including as a customer service representative, loan processor, mortgage originator, and branch manager. At the end of 2022, she transitioned to community outreach in specific communities which has evolved to MMFCU's entire service area.

"Being able to extend my network while partnering with our community schools and nonprofits is an exciting venture. Then, taking my experience and helping others find their financial freedom has been rewarding," said Pfeffer.

Financial topics often presented are Money Management, Identity Theft, and Credit Reports. In addition, MMFCU offers two simulations that groups can experience:

- Poverty Simulation program is designed to help individuals better understand poverty by stepping into the real-life situations of others struggling with, and living in, poverty. This helps to raise awareness and increase our understanding of the challenges individuals and families living in poverty face each day.
- Mad City Money is a hands-on simulation that gives youth a taste of the real world – complete with career, salary, spouse, student loan debt, credit card debt, and medical insurance payments. They select housing, transportation, food, clothing, childcare – all while building their budget. Students experience unexpected windfalls and unplanned expenses, just like real life. Participants learn how basic personal finance skills can help them avoid financial problems in the future and gain a valuable new perspective on their choices with money.

For more information about financial education and how to arrange for an education event or simulation for your students, employees or group call your local MMFCU office or visit <https://www.mmfcu.org/community/financial-education/>.



Teaching at SMHS

Nicole Pfeffer, Community Outreach Manager at Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union (MMFCU) is pictured teaching financial education in a Staples-Motley High School classroom. (Submitted photo)

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