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Fishing contest prize won on foot

Rodger and William Pruitt, and Vic, of Staples, were the winners of \$500 at the Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza in Brainerd. They didn't catch any fish, but earned the prize with their feet, being the winners of a Hubbard Radio contest, picking up prize stickers at various places around the lakes area. This year they were chosen to be the \$500 prize winners. (Submitted photo)

Original Lamplighter play The cast and writer/director of Lost Souls of Ireland, from left, Cheryl Taylor, Sandy Porter, Daltyn Kvamme, Amy Hunter, Deanna Hibpshman and Kevin Olsen. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Lost Souls of Ireland to be performed in Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Former Staples resident Amy Hunter is returning with an original one-act play that she has written. Lamplighter Community Theatre will perform The Lost Souls of Ireland, which Hunter is also directing. "It is heart wrenching and powerful," said Hunter. The play will be performed Thursday, Feb. 27 and Friday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m., and again on Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. The Lost Souls of Ireland incorporates true stories about the forgotten children and family sagas from Ireland's Magdalene Laundries, the institutions where unwed mothers were sent to give birth and work off what was considered to be their sins. It is a dark chapter in Irish history and was repeated around the world, as unwed mothers were forced to send their children to orphanages or worse, the children died. Hunter wrote the play specifically for Lamplighter to enter in the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres festival of one-act plays, held every other year. Hunter said she had been



Library scene

Daltyn Kvamme and Deanna Hibpshman make a connection in a scene from The Lost Souls of Ireland. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

talking to Don Hoffman of Lamplighter and he asked if she had any ideas for a one act play. Hunter first wanted to turn a novel by Minnesota author Lorna Landvik into a play, but found out the author is writing a movie script out of the book. Her next idea was about the Magdalene Laundries. "I heard about the movie 'Philomena' with Judy

Dench, about a woman searching for the son she had 50 years ago," said Hunter. That sparked extensive research on the subject, including the movie "Magdalene Sisters," and many books and documentaries. One book that struck See **LAMPLIGHTER** on page 10a

Farmers Union to build their new facility. The SEDA Board also talked about the housing limitations that could affect the decision of a new business to come to Staples. Wakefield said he has been talking to builders who don't think it is profitable to build a new home right now. Nelsen said interest rates are high and a lot of developers are waiting for things to change before they can make new housing work. Despite the unfavorable market, two homes are currently going up in the Valley View subdivision on the north end of Staples. Gerard wondered if they needed to pay it at all since they weren't using it and there wasn't a contract. He said if they knew the cost of the work, they would have done something different. Gerard said the work from home trend has See **SEDA** on page 10a

Weather

2025

This Week's Forecast

High Low Cond.

Feb. 12 8 -14 P. Cloudy

Feb. 13 5 -5 Sunny

Feb. 14 20 -2 Cloudy

Feb. 15 9 -13 M. Cloudy

Feb. 16 0 -18 P. Cloudy

Feb. 17 6 -7 M. Sunny

Feb. 18 13 -4 M. Sunny

Last Year, 2024

High Low Cond.

Feb. 12 35° 22 M. Sunny

Feb. 13 33 20 P. Sunny

Feb. 14 26 19 Cloudy

Feb. 15 27 10 M. Sunny

Feb. 16 14 4 Cloudy

Feb. 17 38 10 Sunny

Feb. 18 35 18 Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 27° Low = 9°

Compiled by

Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

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SEDA explores new manufacturing

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At their Jan. 28 meeting the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) talked about ways to bring more manufacturing to the city and how to fill available lots at the Staples Industrial Park. Economic Development Director Lucas Wakefield said the Minnesota Farmers Union is still moving forward with their meat processing facility, which will be a new building and mobile processing containers. He also noted that the SNAP Fitness building has been purchased and the new owner is looking at how to best utilize the space. SEDA Board member Doug Case said he thought manufacturing could start improving in the country and that there are incentives for people to help with startup businesses. He said

there used to be more manufacturing in Staples, and pointed to the Carter-Ringer plant, box factory and a rail car refurbishing facility that closed. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city has land and they have the ability to form a TIF district to help developers, but most cities also have those options. "Workforce availability is the niche they are looking for," Nelsen said about manufacturing businesses. SEDA Board member Blake Gerard said he was at 3M recently and they reported that when there is a job opening, they are lucky to get 10 applicants when they used to have 30 to 40 applicants for a job. He said that is one reason the Voyager manufacturing plant came to Staples, there was a building available, the former McKechnie plant, and there were people in the community who

have mechanical abilities. Nelsen thought Voyager has been pleased with their business in Staples and he could see them expanding if that business picks up again. Nelsen said a lot of business deals happen through personal connections. "They are not trying to make a sale, but just talking to a business associate." Wakefield agreed, saying "quality contact and face contact is optimal." He said the city could send people to trade shows, but that would be expensive. Gerard asked that if it all boils down to networking, what would be the best way to do that? Staples World reporter Mark Anderson pointed out that nobody had mentioned Central Lakes College and their hundreds of graduates and many corporate partners, which was the main connection for the



Pep band climbing the stadium bleachers

The Staples-Motley pep band played before the boys basketball game on Feb. 4. The band has taken residence in the far section of the bleachers as the school works on logistics for games at The Nest. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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Court report Dec., 2024

Dec. 11, 2024

Long Prairie Police Department

Abraham C. Christner, Bertha. Speed 45/30. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Cole David Bakke, Clarissa. Abandon trash or property in WMA. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Moses J. Borntreger, Long Prairie. Fish & Game-take big game-over limit. Fine \$300. Fee \$585.

Dale Jerome Eckel, Eagle Bend. ER Big Game-fail to validate deer license/tag. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Bryon Peter Friedrichs, Sauk Centre. Must have license or proper paperless in personal possession. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Daniel Bruce Holmquist, Delano. Loaded firearm. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Nathan Rand Holmquist, Buffalo. Loaded firearm. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Nicolas William Klimek, Alexandria. Loaded firearm. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Nicholas Lynn Rahn, St. Cloud. ATV passenger restrictions. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Timothy John Scheve, Long Prairie. Fail to properly affix tag. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Robert John Stellmach, Baxter. Deer hunting-may not hunt with aid or use of bait. Fine \$300. Fee \$585.

MN State Patrol

Myles Jay Smith, Milaca. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

James Leo Sneedeen, Wadena. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Victor Emmanuel Amaro Francisco, Willmar. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No proof MV insurance. Fine \$200.

Ronald John Bieniek, Monticello. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Amanda Kelly Brasch, Maple Grove. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Zale Christopher Bushlack, New Richmond. Hands free law. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Robert Castillo Tavarez, Long Prairie. Speed 81/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Abaham Dunor, Williston, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Marcelino Espinosa, St. Paul. No MN Drivers License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. No Insurance Driver. Fine \$200.

Reginald Charles Fraley, Cold Spring. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Nathan Paul Graves, Melrose. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Travis Michael Jendro, St. Cloud. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jack Richard Kruger, Eagan. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Kayla Marie Kurowski, Little Falls. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Michael Llampignano, South Barrington, IL. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Bum Sung Lee, Pasedena, CA. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Demario Nathaniel Lopez, Long Prairie. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ryan David May, Melrose. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Anali Marie Mendoza, Long Prairie. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jesus Alberto Oropeza, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Robert William Peterson, Minneapolis. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Gilberto J. Royett Alvarado, Dalton, GA. Speed 97/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Alex Danilo Salgado Cruz, Long Prairie. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Timothy Edward Stern, Appleton, WI. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Harley Marie Tulio, Osakis. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Mark Alan Wanderscheid, Sauk Centre. Fail to dim headlights/1000 ft. of oncoming vehicle. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff

Jan Jimenez Dieppa, Sauk Centre. Passing on right when prohibited. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Driver who is not owner must later produce proof of insurance if required. Fine \$200.

Naomi Montana Line, Long Prairie. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Diego Baltazar Martinez Vazquez, Sauk Centre. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Edwin Manuel Medina Matos, Long Prairie. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Operate any vehicle carelessly on street or hwy. Fine \$100.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 4, 2024.

Jamie James Nichols, Staples. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 90 days for 2 yr). Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$120. Fee \$70. Assault-5th degree-inflict or attempt bodily harm. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 3, 2024.

Jorge Eduardo Hernandez, Long Prairie. Disorderly conduct. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 1 yr.) Fee totals \$150.

Steven Paul Ulrich, St. Paul. Duty to drive with care-speed greater than reasonable. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 1 yr). Fine \$40. Fee \$115.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 2, 2024.

Luis Andres Martinez Orozco, Long Prairie. Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 1 yr.) Fine \$100.

Shawn Michael Rische, Eagle Bend. DWI-3rd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 360 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 4 yr). Fine \$600. Fee \$280.

Beau Edward James Nieters, Cushing. 3rd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. 3rd degree driving while impaired-blood alcohol content greater than .08 within 2 hours. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 362 days for 3 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$825. Fee \$105. Careless driving. Dismissed. Speed 48/30. Dismissed.

Dec. 18, 2024

Long Prairie Police Department

Jeremiah Joseph Mock, Long Prairie. Domestic Assault. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 1 yr). Disorderly conducts. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 1 yr).

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Bryon Peter Friedrichs, Sauk Centre. Game & Fish-licenses-must have license or proper paperless in personal possession. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Nathan Rand Holmquist, Buffalo. Loaded firearm. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Collin Chase Klaphake, Holdingford. Take fish without angling license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Mohamed Abderrahmane, Detroit, MI. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100.

Ahmed Manfi Ahmed, Moorhead. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Kory June Barenz, Forest Lake. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$75.

Nathan Alan Boyer, Taylors Falls. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Cannabis Open package-possess in motor vehicle-no compliant packaging or container. Fine \$100.

Tracy Kathleen Crist, Driving after revocation. Dismissed.

Belinda Rae Erdman, Sauk Centre. Unsafe passing of bike or person. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Gracie Mae Glanville, Horace, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Ana Goolan, Minneapolis. No MN drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Hunter James Haskamp, Sauk Centre. Speed 93/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Glen Howard Hatlestad, Minot, ND. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Rick Ray Hogrefe, Long Prairie. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Sariyah Hossain, West Fargo, ND. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Cassalene Mae Katterhagen, Browerville. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Chad Ryan Koele, Woodbind, MD. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Bum Sung Lee, Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Paul Bradley Lybeck, Leeds, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

John Donald Mezera, Long Prairie. Speed 39/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Suado Abdikhadir Mohamed, Fargo, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Shannah Susan Mollet-Kreller, Richmond. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Samuel S. Nyuma, Elk River. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ashley Rose Perish, Browerville. Hands free Law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

aron Charles Provance, Alexandria. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Lois Ann Raile, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tabitha Ann Rutten, Alexandria. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Driving after revocation. Fine \$200.

Child pass restraint system-age 4 or older/booster seat/safety belt. Fine \$50.

Matheus Augusto Siqueira De Souza, Browerville. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jemson Adea Villard, Burnsville. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Joseph Amanda Walker, Richmond. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Michelle Ann Westerberg, Little Falls. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Dept.

Trinity Jean Eberly. Staples. Theft/take/use/transfer movable property-no consent. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo.) Fine \$100. \$278

Todd County

Cynthia Marie Peterson, Northfield. Speed 73/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Michael David Stormoen, Browerville. Forestry-wild fire prevention-burn during burning ban. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 11, 2024.

Jessica Mary Muellner, Burtrum. Theft-by swindle-aid & abet. Continued. Probation-adult (supervised probation 5 yr. Restitution \$12,390.

Lindsey Michelle Reinbold, Grey Eagle. Disorderly conduct. Continued. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Local confinement (4 days credit for time served. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$100.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 10, 2024.

Mathew John Romstad, Franklin, OH. Speed 85/55. Fine \$100. Fee \$175.

Hunter Lee Bless, Sauk Centre. Ignition interlock restriction violation. Sentenced. Probation-Adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Service-Adult (community work service, 8 hours for indeterminate). Fine \$300. Fee \$75.

Brendan Christopher Johnson, Parkers Prairie. Carry/possess pistol w/out permit-public place. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 90 days).

Edgar Omar Lopez Contreras, Sauk Centre. Garbage/trash/similar vehicle driver fail to retrieve escaped material. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo. Fine \$60. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 9, 2024.

Kristina Mary Veldkamp, Burtrum. Domestic assault. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without adjudication, 1 yr). Fine \$100 Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 6, 2024.

Donesha Lacha Washington, Indianapolis, IN. Counterfeiting of currency-manufacturing, printing. Dismissed. Counterfeiting of currency-means for false reproduction. Dismissed. Counterfeiting of currency-uttering or possession. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Local confinement 47 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 47 days) Probation-adult (supervised probation, 5 yr). Fine \$500.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 5, 2024.

Neka Joy Sargent, Naytahwaush. DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance. Dismissed. DWI-operate motor vehicle-any amount Schedule I/II drugs/metabolite; not cannabis. Sentenced. Local confinement (51 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time serviced: 51 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$300. Fine \$100.

Sydney Nichole Ehrenberg, Parkers Prairie. Domestic assault. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Service-adult (community work service for indeterminate). Fine \$50.

John Pat Haarhoff, Long Prairie. 5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). 3rd degree DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 361 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$200. Fee \$475. Introduce contraband-drug into jail. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 9, 2024.

Anthony Michael Paskewitz, Staples. Criminal sexual conduct in the 3rd degree. Convicted. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 15 yr). Service-adult (community work service, 80 hours for indeterminate). Local confinement (30 days, stay 0 yr mo 0 days). Fine \$500. Fee \$75. Criminal sexual conduct in the 3rd degree. Dismissed. Criminal sexual conduct in the 3rd degree. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County November 25, 2024.

Brian Norman Jr. Vorbeck, Staples. Loud vehicle exhaust. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Unreasonably annoys/disturbs. Dismissed. Loud noise-vehicle. Dismissed.

Dec. 25, 2024

Long Prairie Police Department

Antonio Ledezma-Gonzalez, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40.

Carlos Joseph Pasillas, Long Prairie. Speed 55/45. Fine \$0. Fee \$85.

Zavier Perez Torres, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fine \$85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Collin Chase Klaphake, Holdingford. Take fish without angling license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Daniel James Larson, Oakdale. Fail to validate deer licensing. Fine \$25. See **COURT** on page 3a

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1950

Feb. 16, 1950 - The Motley Cagers suffered another loss at the hands of Backus Friday night on the Backus court, the score of Backus 45, Motley, 38. The game was a closely fought contest all the way. Leading the scoring for Motley was Howard Sklenicka with 15 points. Anderson of Backus led his mates with 18 points.

Feb. 16, 1950 - Sponsored by the Staples Steamers, independent basketball team, the Jack Moore's original donkey basketball animals will be in Staples at the Staples auditorium Feb. 18, to play a game with local basketeers.

There will be thrills, spills, and lots of entertain-

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ment for the people of Staples and this community at the game.

Pitted against the "hee haw" animals will be teams composed of the junior and senior high school boys, and the main event of the evening will be a team of Pat Chambers Farmers against the Northern Pacific Rails.

Feb. 16, 1950 - The young people of the North Side Church of Christ held a sleigh ride party last Sunday afternoon, with lunch being served at the Ira Brown Home. Monday evening, they were entertained at a Valentine Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Simonson.

Feb. 16, 1950 - Joe Kaler, young GI member of the Institutional on The Farm Training program in Staples, was the finalist chosen from a class of nine candidates to receive a three day all-expense paid trip to the Twin Cities, as a result of his splendid work, and the final decision of the judges.

Mr. Kaler, Motley, entered the farm training program March 1, 1947. He is married and has three children. He purchased his farm through the Staples State Bank in 1946. At that time, Joe was heavily in debt and had only horse drawn equipment and a small herd of ordinary cows.

Through hard work, good

management and applying the instructions and suggestions given through his instructors, he has secured a full line of tractor machinery, developed a fine herd of Jersey cows averaging over 400 pounds of butterfat a year, and has reduced his real estate debt, and paid for all other equipment.

50 Years Ago - 1975

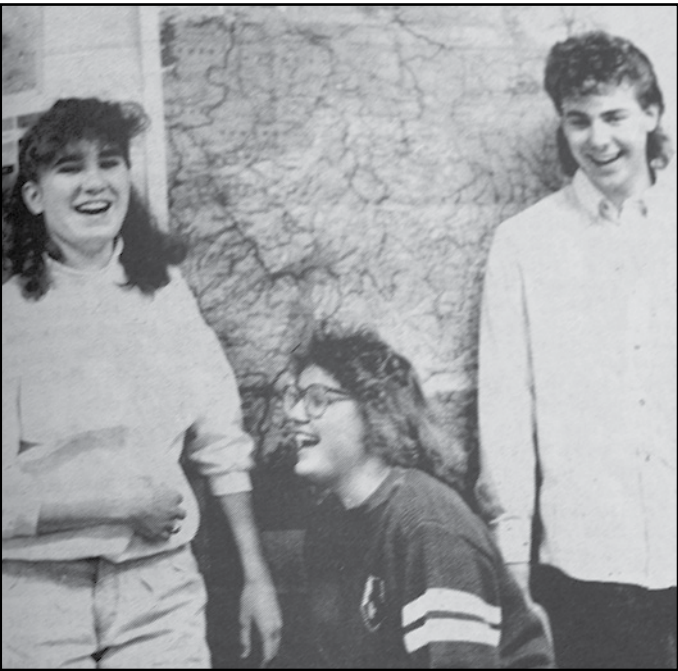
Feb. 13, 1975 - The Cardinals sent six men into the finals of the Mid-State Conference Wrestling tournament last Saturday at Park Rapids. Helping the Cardinals win their eighth consecutive Mid-State Conference crown were Dave Sowers, champion at 98; Dave Roberts, champion at 105; Steve O'Keefe, runner-up at 119; Jim Johnson, runner-up at 132; Doug Roberts, runner-up at 138; and Bob Sadlo, runner-up at 167.

Feb. 13, 1975 - Four Staples DECA Students are winners at the District No. 10 DECA Leadership Conference held at Moorhead State College Feb. 5. Trophy winners were Kathy Adamietz, Rita Adamietz, Lucindy Sweeney and Sarah Appel.

Feb. 13, 1975 - Chow Mein Feed at Ted & Gen's Bar-B-Q in Aldrich Monday, Feb. 17, 6 - 10 p.m. All you can eat - \$2.00. Live Music.

Feb. 13, 1975 - Sixteen members of the Class of 1975 at Staples High school were honored Feb. 5, by their being initiated into membership of the National Honor Society.

The new members include Sharon DesMarais, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald DesMarais; Jane Anglin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anglin; Lois Behn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Len Behn; Gayle Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neal; Audrey Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Thompson; Jan Pankratz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pankratz; Mike Motl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Motl; Barbara Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Becker; Bruce Paskewitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paskewitz; Cindy Swart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Swart; Becky Moffett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moffett; Joan Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Stone; Mike Hassler,



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1988. 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.

grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hassler; Joyce Madson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Madson; Mary Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page; Kathy Hollister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hollister.

Feb. 13, 1975 - Seven members of the Staples Lions Club were honored with Old Monarch Awards Feb. 3. This award is for continuous membership in the organization.

Recipients included Dr. V. D. Bredemeier, John C. B. Edwards and L. S. Hand for 25 years; Nels Japke for 15 years; and Frank Darner, Don Dravis and Doug Grossman for 10 years.

Feb. 13, 1975 - Mrs. John (Sally) Gorton, 34, of Staples was honored last Saturday evening by being among the 10 persons named by the Minnesota Jaycees as "Outstanding Young Minnesotans" of 1975. She was instrumental in the establishment of a child-care Development center at Staples.

25 Years Ago - 2000

Feb. 17, 2000 - Taking a trip to Haiti in the bright blue Caribbean is a little different than traveling to most destinations in that

area.

While it has nice shiny beaches, Haiti is certainly the poorest country in the western hemisphere, and one of the poorest in the world. Poverty, hunger and sickness go hand in hand and its not what your typical American tourist wants to see.

But Dave and Katie Fabian, plus 13 other members of a Fargo-Moorhead area medical team, were not your typical tourists. They went to Haiti in January to spend a week in operating rooms and medical clinics, providing services to people who until fairly recently had never seen medical facilities.

"It's a life changing experience," Dave Fabian said. He is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) at Greater Staples Hospital, and daughter Katie is a sophomore pre-med student at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Feb. 17, 2000 - The Staples Motley National Honor Society took a leap in membership Tuesday morning with 13 new seniors and eight new juniors inducted, joining the eight seniors who were inducted last year.

They included Dan Bounds, Tom Craft, Kurt Detloff, Joe Richards, Matt Shaffer, Tim Uhlenkamp, Jason Reck, Nicole Johnson, Mary Thorman, Leah Becker, Tina Blake, Katie Krause, Erin Greenwaldt, Darcy Reese, Mary DiGiovanni, Kelly Schmidt, Amy Peterson, Becky Schornack, Heidi Maglike, Jennifer Roth, Naomi Sveom, Dana Hasselberg, Laura Anderson, Amanda Hofert, Missy Matejicka, Lana Madson, Lyndsey Hoemberg, Jenny Carry, Amanda Noska and Bryan Blessing.

Feb. 17, 2000 - Gladys Motl and Wendell Meyers were crowned Valentine Queen and King at the Staples Hi-Rise Apartments on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Feb. 6, 1975 edition of the Staples World featured members of the Staples boxing team who were planning to participate in a Golden Gloves preliminary at Brainerd that weekend. Front row, from left: Mike Smith, 9; Gary Trana, 9; Todd Crawford, 10; Russ Newcomb, 10; Chris Mayhew, 11; and Joe Nanik, 11. Back row: Art Manning, coach; Craig Nanik, 14; Jim Crawford, 12; Tim Manning, 16; Mark Crawford, 14; Blaine Nanik, 16; Tom Crawford, 15; and Virg Crawford, coach. Not pictured are Gene Peet, Mike Johnson, Kenny Myers and Tom Gardner.

Sharon Crawford of Motley recognized all except Gary Trana. She shared that Virgil Crawford, one of the coaches, was her husband, and that her four sons, Tom, Mark, Jim and Todd, were all part of the boxing team. Her son Jim competed at the Upper Midwest Tournament and Nationals. The photo brought back "good memories," Sharon said.

Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified Tim Manning, but thought

Virg Crawford was Curt Hirschey. Koppes said he used to watch the boxing matches and said that one of the boys in the picture must be Mike Johnson, whom he recalled, "never would back down from a fight." Koppes also guessed Art Manning to be Gary Wentworth.

Deb (Manning) Fink of Staples correctly identified several in the photo, including her dad, Art Manning, and her brother, Tim Manning. She also thought she recognized Paul Mergens and Darren Glynn. "Thanks for the fun picture from the past. My dad really liked boxing, I remember that," she said.

Ken Klose of Staples recognized Art Manning and agreed that they look like some tough kids. Kathy Odden of Staples correctly identified Virg Crawford and a few of his boys, whom she recalled as being good wrestlers as well. Linda Kopp of Staples correctly identified Art Manning and his son, Tim Manning, and recalled that Art was a trainer for Golden Gloves. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

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MN State Patrol

Patience Mercedes Peterson, Hewitt. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Ashley Laina Ayala, Long Prairie. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Justin Thomas Bjork, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Nathan Alan Boyer, Taylors Falls. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Cannabis open package-possess in motor vehicle-not compliant packaging or container. Fine \$100.

Jeldrin Lissbeth Centeno Sevilla, Sauk Centre. No MN Drivers License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Michael Patrick Estes, Fargo, ND. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

David Anthony Feily, St. Paul. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Nayun Guo, Winnipeg, MB. Speed 91/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Hunter James Haskamp, Sauk Centre. Speed 93/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Preston Membra Jacque, Pleasant Hill, IA. Speed 93/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

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Aurelio Morales Ayala, Louisville, KY. Non-emergency stop on freeway. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

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Kaleb Michael Reed, Denison, IA. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Pedro Sarmiento Martinez, Sauk Centre. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Braden James Thom, Long Prairie. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Jessica Ann Wilson-Healey, Tama, IA. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Dept.

Matilda Rae Anderson-King, Vernadale. Traffic-school bus stop arm. David Gordon Wagner. Staples. DL-driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$155. Speed 76/55. Fine \$70.

Samuel Tucker Burns, Long Prairie. Duty to drive with due care-speed greater than reasonable. Fine \$50. Probation-adult (probation to the Court, 6 mo.)

Todd County

Ashley Lynne Kelsay, Miltna. Speed 74/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Mairenis Matos Diaz, Long Prairie. Speed 87/60. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 13, 2024.

Mark Alan Clews, Staples. Disorderly conduct. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 90 days for 1 yr). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 16, 2024.

James Allen Woeste, Long Prairie. DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 90 days for 1 yr). Fine \$250. Fee \$100.

Benjamin Michael Long, Staples. Traffic regulation-school bus-fail to stop-pass bus-child outside. Dismissed. School bus-stop sign signal extended/red lights flashing-other drivers to stop. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 90 days for 1 yr). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr) Service-adult (community work service, 20 hours for indeterminate). Fine \$500. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 17, 2024.

Brett Michael Radtke, Marshall. Fleeing a Peace Officer by a means other than a motor vehicle. Local confinement (90 days credit for time served: 90 days) Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Traffic-drivers license-driving after suspension. Dismissed. Drugs-possession of drug paraphernalia-use or possession prohibited. Dismissed. Theft-take/drive motor vehicle-no owner consent. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 18, 2024.

Matilda Rae Anderson-King, Vernadale. Traffic-school bus stop arm. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Benjamin Troy Salzi, St. Cloud. Malicious punishment of a child-child under 4 yr. Dismissed. Assault-3rd degree-victim under 4. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct-offensive/abusive/boisterous/noisy/obscene. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 88 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

Taylor Marie Christian, Melrose. Theft by swindle. Continued. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 5 yr). Fine \$50. Restitution \$12,390.

Caitlyn Marie Gifford, Backus. Receiving stolen property. Dismissed. Drugs-5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Continued. Local confinement (11 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo days credit for time served: 11 days). Service-adult (community work service for indeterminate). Probation-Adult (supervised probation, 5 yr). Fine \$50. Restitution \$4,150.

Jennifer Santana, Little Falls. Damage to property-3rd degree-reduce value \$501-\$1000. Continued. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Local confinement (2 days,

stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 2 days) Fine \$50. Domestic assault-bodily harm. Dismissed.

Jan. 1, 2025

Long Prairie Police Department

Michel Sena Soler, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Lee Paul Hansen, Elgin. Fish and Game-take fish without angling license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Nathan John Leblanc, Randall. Fishing-extra line. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Todd Stephen Waldoch, Randall. Fishing-extra line. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Casey James Helget, St. Cloud. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Willy Axel Baez, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Wayne Andrew Booker, Bertha. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jesus Alberto Carbajal Escorza, Minneapolis. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Daruisz Choromanski, Greer, SC. Weaving over lane lines. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Signal to stop (unsafe braking). Fine \$50.

Ava Lynn Della Vedova, Inver Grove Heights. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Fail to change address/name within (30 days). Fine \$20.

Jordan Lee Gador, Excelsior. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jacob Lee Hauptert, Lake Wilson. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Marshal Ricodo Holding, Port Saint Lucie, FL. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Trevor Donald Lang, Spicer. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Emanuel Perez, Jordan. Speed 69/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Brian David Rudrud, Ramsey. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Nicole Kayla Schaefer, Glyndon. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Eric William Urnes, Minneapolis. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Georgia Rae Weber, Osakis. Hands free Law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Rylan Robert Rheinhold Weber, Alexandria. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Zachariah Allan Zesch, Bloomington. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Dept.

David Gordon Wagner, Staples. DL-driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$155. Speed 76/55. Fine \$70.

Todd County

Lee Martin Dawson Beckrich, Browerville. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Charles Eugene Denny, Long Prairie. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200 Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200.

Erica Lynn Syring, North Branch. Assault-5th degree-inflict or attempt bodily harm. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo). Fine \$50.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 23, 2024.

Mark Alan Clews, Staples. Liquor possession by person under 21. Fine \$50. Underage drinking. Dismissed. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 90 days for 1 yr). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County December 20, 2024.

James Allan Johnson, Clarissa. Theft-no consent. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo.)

Roger Eugene Thompson, Ottertail. Violation of zoning ordinances-Staples. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo). Fine \$200.

Jonathan David Ward, Eagle Bend. Driving after cancellation. Sentenced. Local confinement (29 days, stay 0, yr 0, mo 0 days credit for time served: 29 days). No proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Dismissed. 5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Probation-adult probation, 2 yr). Local confinement (29 days credit for time served: 29 days). Driving after cancellation. Dismissed. Driver must carry proof of insurance.

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“Love is blind but marriage is a real eye-opener”
— Pauline Thomason

Quote of the week

“The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.”
— Harriet Beecher Stowe

Quote of the week

“Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.”
— Will Rogers

Quote of the week

“I ain’t afraid to love a man. I ain’t afraid to shoot him either.”
— Annie Oakley

Quote of the week

“I exist in two places, here, and wherever you are.”
— Margaret Atwood

Talk relationships for Valentine’s Day

From University of Minnesota Extension

With Valentine’s Day on the horizon, couples are taking a little extra time to appreciate each other. But working on maintaining and developing healthy relationships is a long process that deserves attention all year round.

Emily Jordan Jensen, resident faculty member in the Master of Professional Studies in Integrated Behavioral Health and Addictions Counseling programs, answers questions about maintaining strong relationships.

Q: What are some indicators that your relationship is healthy or unhealthy?

Dr. Jordan Jensen: Healthy romantic partnerships are marked by feelings of safety and a balance between togetherness and individuality. Our data on couple relationships supports the idea that feelings of safety and connection are built and maintained in tiny, everyday interactions. Psychologist John Gottman identified the magic ratio of five positive interactions to every one negative interaction as a formula for relationship success. These interactions are defined in very small terms — a positive interaction could be answering your partner when they ask you a neutral question and a negative interaction could be simply missing their question because you were on your phone. Relationships are not won and lost in huge romantic gestures or blow-out arguments. Our patterns across many small interactional moments are actually much more predictive of relationship satisfaction and longevity.

Q: What are common points of tension in relationships?

Dr. Jordan Jensen: Tension and conflict are inevitable, but it is the couple’s ability to effectively resolve conflict that is most important. As a couples therapist, I am less concerned about the content of conflicts — money, sex, parenting, extended family, household division of labor and how to spend free time. My focus is instead on the process of the conflict, how people fight, and the unmet needs that lie beneath the conflict itself. Renowned couples therapist Esther Perel says the needs we fight for can fit into three categories: control (whose priorities matter more), closeness (is my partner there for me?) and respect and recognition (do I matter to my partner?). The fight is never really about the show-er curtain or the missed text. Being able to identify the core need that lies beneath our hurt or annoyance is a relationship superpower.

Q: How can partners improve communication?

Dr. Jordan Jensen: Communication is the lifeblood of relationships. We are always communicating with our partners, even when we aren’t actively exchanging words — the length of time between a response or message can really communicate something in its own right. Several skills can help improve communication in romantic partnerships, but recognizing its importance, and bringing a sense of intention to it are good first steps. I would recommend putting your phones down when you are having any kind of engagement with your partner, casual or serious. Limiting distractions and demonstrating our full attention can go a long way toward preventing miscommunication and fostering connection.

Q: When should couples consider therapy?

Dr. Jordan Jensen: Engaging in couples therapy is an incredible investment in any partnership. Often folks seem to think things must be really bad to consider therapy. But proactive work at earlier relationship stages or when things are going well can be even more productive. My clients have described couples therapy as a safe, neutral space to work on difficult conversations, as a form of accountability for bringing up the important topics that are easy to ignore in day-to-day life, and when things feel difficult or uncertain, as an anchor point or lifeline for the relationship. Something powerful happens when people in a relationship commit to showing up for one another in a therapeutic setting. It can be hard work, but it nearly always leads to deeper understanding and greater connection.

Q: How does your work at the University of Minnesota help support healthy relationships across the state?

Dr. Jordan Jensen: My primary focus is ensuring curriculum and instruction for University of Minnesota students are rooted in empirical evidence and the realities of applied practice. We work to prepare the next generation of counselors for a dynamic and rapidly evolving field. Brain science and our understanding of the way development and traumatic experiences influence mental health have expanded rapidly in recent years. This new knowledge translates to more effective treatment. One of my favorite classes to teach is Family Dynamics in Counseling where I present relationship therapy theories, concepts, and skills and students engage in hands-on practice through ongoing counseling role-plays throughout the semester.

Amtrak exists to provide a service, not make a profit

By Jim Mathews
Rail Passengers Association President & CEO

Words matter. And boy, did Rep. Daniel Webster have a lot of words when chairing his first meeting of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s rail panel.

“Passenger rail works best where demand is high, competition and private sector involvement are ample, and a dependence on government support is low,” Rep Daniel Webster (FL-11), chairing his first meeting of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s rail panel, said last week.

“For Amtrak, we must look at improving and maintaining its existing network, weaning it off government support, and providing competitive, reliable, and safe service to attract riders,” he said. “Amtrak should serve as an appealing option for travel, not as a replacement for vehicles and airplanes, which remain the overwhelming preference for Americans.”

Sadly, misinformed words. Let’s unpack what our new rail subcommittee chair and his staff don’t understand:

First, yes, in 1971 Congress wrote that Amtrak should attempt to be profitable. But Congress changed its mind in 1978, declaring in its report on the Amtrak bill that “Section 9 amends section 301 of the RPSA to conform the law to reality, providing that Amtrak shall be ‘operated and managed as’ a for-profit corporation. This amendment recognizes that Amtrak is not a for-profit corporation.” [H.R. Rep. No. 1182, 95th Cong., 2d Sess. 15 (1978)]

Second, the Congressional Research Ser-

vice (CRS) confirmed in 2002that Congress changed its objectives for Amtrak in 1978, and went on to say that the profitability discussion reflects confusion rather than reality. “Most discussions of Amtrak refer to Amtrak’s status as a for-profit company and have noted that Amtrak was intended by Congress to be a profit-making enterprise,” says the CRS. “Despite these references, Amtrak is not now a for-profit company; it was originally created as such, but that status was changed by the Amtrak Improvement Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-421); the Conference report noted that the bill removed Amtrak’s for-profit status but required that the corporation be ‘operated and managed as’ a for-profit corporation (H.C.R. 95-1478).”

Third, the Supreme Court has ruled twice that Amtrak is not a “private company,” once in 1995 and again in 2015.

And fourth, in 2021, when Congress re-visited Amtrak’s mission and purpose in the Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Congress explicitly stripped profit-making out of Amtrak’s to-do list, line by line by line.

So, whether you’re looking at law, history, or the factual record, Amtrak is not required to make a profit, and imposing that requirement would make things worse, not better. Instead, we need to look to the future, find ways to make Amtrak better, and to ensure that those passengers who want, need, and deserve service get it whether they personally generate a profit to the carrier or not.

We knew this wasn’t going to be easy. Together we must rise to the moment.

MFU concerned about tariffs

From Minnesota Farmers Union

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) President Gary Wertish spoke against across-the-board tariffs during a Friday morning press conference hosted by Minnesota’s senior Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn. They were joined by Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council President Dan McConnell.

President Donald Trump has imposed an additional 10 percent tariff on China and has stayed for 30 days a 25 percent additional tariff on Canada and Mexico. Energy resources from Canada will have a 10 percent tariff. Tariffs are taxes charged on goods imported from another country.

Nearly half of Minnesota’s exports went to Canada and Mexico in 2023 – totaling \$10.4 billion, according to the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. More than 118,000 jobs in the state are supported by exports, according to the Office of U.S. Trade Representative.

“It’s frustrating to see the Trump administration pursue tariffs again,” Wertish said. “Farmers haven’t fully recovered from 2018 when Trump imposed tariffs during his first administration, even with the checks the administration issued from the Commodity Credit Corporation. Instead, China invested in Brazil and Argentina, enticing those farmers to plant more soybeans. Those actions not only cost U.S. farmers money, but also likely contrib-

uted to deforestation and increased climate volatility by bringing more acres into production. Farmers have paid checkoff dollars for years to develop relationships with trading partners. Now, our trading partners wonder if they can trust our word or our trade agreements as the tariffs create uncertainty in the marketplace.

“The 25 percent additional tariff on potash from Canada will add \$1.70 per acre for raising corn and \$1.42 per acre for raising soybeans,” Wertish said. “Farmers don’t have the ability to levy that tax on those who buy their grain. I’m concerned these tariffs will lead to a drop in farm income and force farmers off the land. We need more farmers, not fewer farmers.”

Legislation to stop price-fixing

From the office of U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN), joined by Senators Ron Wyden (OR), Dick Durbin (IL), Richard Blumenthal (CT), Mazie Hirono (HI), Ben Ray Lujan (NM), Chris Murphy (CT), Jeanne Shaheen (NH), and Peter Welch (VT), introduced the Preventing Algorithmic Collusion Act to prevent companies from using algorithms to collude to set higher prices. As recent reporting, a Justice Department lawsuit, and multiple private lawsuits have shown, big corporations are using algorithms to raise prices

and limit competition, including companies like RealPage that have facilitated collusion to increase rents by more than \$3 billion in 2023 alone. This legislation will make such collusion illegal to lower costs for families and support small businesses.

“Price fixing is illegal under our antitrust laws, but the development of price-setting algorithms can exploit loopholes that could be used to unfairly raise prices on everything from rent to rideshares,” said Klobuchar. “My bill will strengthen antitrust law and guarantee needed transparency to prevent companies from using algorithms to fix prices to ensure consumers are able to get the full benefits of competition.”

“Collusion is collusion, whether you do it over the phone or using an algorithm. This legislation, along with my End Rent Fixing Act, will send a strong message to corporations that they won’t get away with coordinating to racket up prices on consumers,” said Wyden.

“Businesses are increasingly turning to algorithms to determine pricing for their products. In a technology-based world, we need to prevent businesses from using these tools to reduce competition,” said Durbin. “That’s why I’m joining my colleagues in introducing the Preventing Algorithmic Collusion Act, which would ensure that pricing algorithms aren’t being used to take advantage of consumers and inflate prices.”

Price fixing and other forms of collusion are illegal under current antitrust laws. However, current antitrust laws may be in-

sufficient when competing companies delegate their pricing decisions to an algorithm without agreeing to fix prices. Current law requires proof of an agreement to fix prices before condemning the conduct. When pricing decisions of multiple competitors are delegated to a single algorithm, that agreement may not exist even though the use of the algorithm may have the same effect as a traditional agreement to fix prices. This type of conduct has already occurred in rental housing, and we must ensure that it does not spread to other sectors of our economy with the proliferation of algorithmic pricing.

To strengthen current price fixing law, this legislation will:

- Close a loophole in current law by presuming a price-fixing “agreement,” when direct competitors share non-public information through a pricing algorithm to raise prices;
- Increase transparency by requiring companies that use algorithms to set prices to disclose that fact and give antitrust enforcers the ability to audit the pricing algorithm when there are concerns it may be harming consumers;
- Ban companies from using non-public, competitively sensitive information from their direct competitors to inform or train a pricing algorithm;
- Direct the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to study pricing algorithms’ impact on competition.

The Preventing Algorithmic Collusion Act is endorsed by Consumer Reports, the Open Markets Institute, and Accountable.US.

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Fowler and Ryan are newest anesthesia providers at LHS

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) Carla Fowler and Colin Ryan, as the newest providers to the anesthesia team.

Fowler is originally from Holdingford, while Ryan is originally from Brainerd. Both received their degrees from the Minneapolis School of Anesthesia and are members of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

As certified registered nurse anesthetists, Fowler and Ryan work alongside the surgical team at Lakewood Health System, administering anesthesia and other medications to patients of all ages during medical



Carla Fowler



Colin Ryan

procedures and surgeries. They're also responsible for monitoring patients during and after receiving anesthesia.

Fowler is married and has two children. In her

free time, she loves to camp, travel, do outdoor activities and read.

Ryan is married with four children. As a family, they enjoy everything the great outdoors has to offer.

Motley area law enforcement

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

Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

Jan. 31 - Motley Police issued speeding citations to Ben Oboga, 43; Penelope Paulson, 78; and David Marg, 59.

Jan. 31 - Motley Police assisted a motorist that was having transmission problems at Hwy 10 in Motley.

Jan. 31 - Motley Police stopped to check on a stalled vehicle at the inter-

section of Hwys 10 and 210 in Motley, and pushed it off the roadway, into the parking lot at BRICKS Travel Plaza.

Feb. 1 - A Morrison County deputy issued speeding citation to Shawn Blooflat, 20.

Feb. 1 - Morrison County deputies assisted the MN State Patrol with directing traffic at Hwy 10 and Azure Rd., Cushing.

Jan. 31 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 2700 block of White Pine Ln., Motley.



Hannah Cole



Cardinal sports action

Staples-Motley athletics are reaching the winter season tournament time.

Above, Seth Cossentine nears a pin for the wrestling team.

(Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Peyton Jares



Cheer sports

Staples-Motley cheerleaders have been adding new cheers, dances and acrobatics this season to keep the games lively and noisy. Left, Arabella Moore is lifted by her teammates for a cheer.

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'WALK WITH A DOC' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance.

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Feb. 13, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Larry Fruetel, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

February 14

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.

February 16

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

February 17

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

February 18

WOMEN'S AA MTG Tuesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Staples Church of Christ, on Hwy 210, south of Staples.

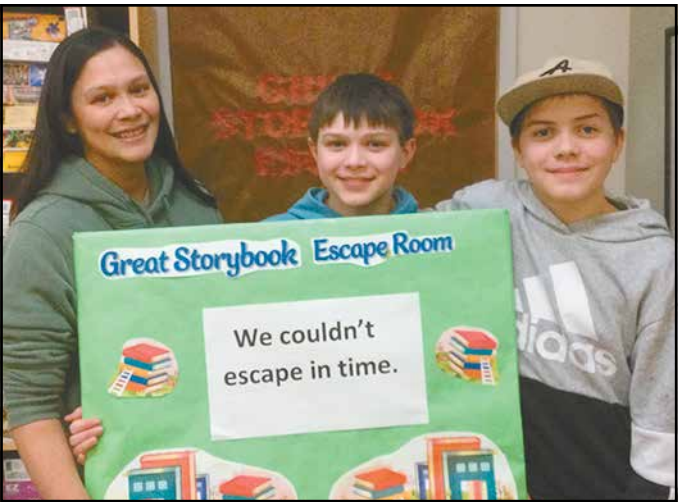
EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

February 19

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION'S BOARD MTG Wednesday, Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m., in the lower level of Beck's Burgers, Staples. Public invited. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

February 23

HEALTHFUL COOKING SCHOOL a free monthly event, will be held Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m., at the SDA Church, 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples. Healthy and tasty cooking demos and samples.



Escape Room at the library

Can you escape our "Great Storybook Escape Room" at the Staples Library? There are 30 minutes on the clock to solve the clues and find the gold key. The group completing the challenge in the shortest amount of time will win a \$25 pizza party provided by the Friends of the Library. The challenge runs through Feb. 28 (select library hours). Call the library to sign up. For adults and older teens accompanied by adults; groups of four. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of Library. Above: Milly, Joseph and Jacob Leone...didn't escape. (Submitted photos)



Jake and Alyssa Moon and Chad and Rachael Biggar escaped in 28.33 minutes. (Submitted photo)

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Clarice Gaalswyk

Clarice Marie Gaalswyk, 91, of Staples, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2025.

Funeral services will be held February 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be at Poplar Cemetery in Leader.

Clarice was born to Martin and Clara (Thorsett) Granby in Byron Township. Clarice lived a life full of love, faith and service to others.

Clarice worked for many years as a nurse's aide and in housekeeping at Lakewood Care Center, Staples where she became a cherished member of the com-



munity. She was known for her gentle spirit, caring nature and dedication to others.

A devoted member of her church, Clarice found joy and comfort in her faith. She enjoyed spending time completing puzzles, word searches and reading the

Bible, always finding peace in the small things.

She is survived by one son, Scott; two sisters, Thea Hansen and Phyllis Granby; grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Sidney; three brothers, Andrew, Marvin and Joseph Sr. and one sister, Esther Jordahl.

Clarice will be remembered for her kindness, unwavering faith and the love she shared with everyone she met. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Obituaries

Lynn Erbe

Lynn Harry Erbe, 83, passed away January 23, 2025 in Bozeman, Montana.

Lynn's ashes will be scattered at Camp Carlisle on Clearwater Lake in Ontario, Canada this summer.

Lynn was born in Staples, in 1941 to Harry and Margaret Erbe. He was the fourth sibling of six brothers and sisters with whom he remained in touch throughout his life. Lynn graduated from Staples High School in 1959 as valedictorian of his class and received his B.A. Degree in 1963 from Concordia College in Moorhead, majoring in Mathematics and German. After one year studying abroad at the Free University in Berlin, Germany, he returned to the University of Nebraska and obtained an M.A. degree and PhD in 1968.

Lynn was a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada from 1968 -1996, a Visiting Professor at Kuwait University from 1995 -1997 and ended his career at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he taught for over 15 years. Over the course of his accomplished career, he wrote more than 200 research papers with more than 50 co-authors and mentored countless graduate students. His main interests were in oscillation theory and boundary value problems for differential and dynamic equations.

Lynn met his wife, Day Sey, in Vancouver, British Columbia and they were married in 1970. Lynn and Day Sey, along with their two daughters, spent summers at Camp Carlisle, a small fishing resort they had purchased in Northwestern Ontario on beautiful Clearwater Lake. "The Camp" as it was referred to in the family, became the meeting place every summer for Lynn's sisters and their children as well as his daughters and their families. Summers were spent swimming, water skiing, having bbqs, playing ping pong and brewing batches of homegrown beer, which Lynn loved to do. Many tournaments of frustration rummy were also played, with Lynn, as the Mathematician, keeping score.

Lynn had a deep appreciation for other languages, cultures and history and a deep love of classical music. He was kind, generous, compassionate and was known for his dry sense of humor. He believed strongly in getting an education, encouraging his sisters to go to college in 1950s rural Minnesota and supported his daughters through university. Over the years, Lynn and Day Sey also gave to countless organizations who helped people in need.

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John Irby

John T. Irby, Sr., 93, Fargo, North Dakota, passed away February 5, 2025 at St. Catherine's North in Fargo.

Memorial services were held Feb. 10 at West Funeral Home Chapel, West Fargo, ND.

Burial will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, at a later date.

John T. Irby, Sr. was born August 2, 1931 to James and Helen (Friend) Irby at Walthill, Nebraska. He graduated from Staples High School in 1948 and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951. John married Jean Irby on Nov. 23, 1952 in Warroad. He rose to the rank of First Lieutenant and was Battalion Commander of D Battalion at Ft. Sheridan, IL. He graduated from UND in Grand Forks, ND, with a degree in electrical engineering and spent the majority of his career with Boise Cascade Corporation.

He enjoyed golfing, wintering in Florida and spending summers at their cottage on Big Cormorant Lake. But most of all he loved his family. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he attended almost every activity they partici-



In the second half of his life, Lynn was dealt a challenging hand when he became disabled from what was likely post-polio syndrome. It made it such that he increasingly became unable to do things that had previously brought him joy like playing squash, tennis, downhill skiing or simply tinkering around the Camp. Yet his disability didn't seem to affect his joy of life and the love he had for his family. It also didn't prevent Lynn and Day Sey from traveling to countless countries before and after their retirement, going on trips or cruises to Mexico, South America, Alaska, Australia and Europe, continuing their mutual love of travel and culture.

Even when he had become wheelchair bound in the past three years and his mind was failing him because of Alzheimer's, Lynn still had his sense of humor and joked around, enjoyed his beer, and was still pleasant, kind and loving. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Lynn is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Marlene and LaRee and one brother, Glen.

He is survived by his wife Day Sey; two daughters, Lisa (David) and grandchildren Amélie and George of Frankfurt, Germany and Kareen (Jason) and grandson Taylor of Bozeman, MT; two sisters, Gale (Gordon) Martin of Pillager and Marge Moriarity of St. Bonifacius; one sister-in-law, Nancy (Mark) Lee of Melbourne, Australia; one brother-in-law Jark (Judy) Lau of Atlanta, GA and many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would like to thank the nurses and caregivers at The Springs and Stillwater Hospice in Bozeman for the care they provided Lynn in his final days.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank in Bozeman, Montana at gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org or send a check to P.O. Box 1129 Bozeman, Montana 59771.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance

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

WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Sunlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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

Seventh Day Adventist

421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
Pastor Joshua Jerešek
218-94-0033
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
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
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.....9 a.m.
January - July.....11 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran

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Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist

33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

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

St. Michael

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

United Methodist

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance

Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malore
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.
WEDNESDAY
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....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 Uhlen
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance

109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56461
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Youth Pastor Joe Ward
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wollenden, 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 Malore
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
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Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church

20 Mason Avenue NW
Verndale.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday.....6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church

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

Leaf River Township

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Wadena

St. Helen's Episcopal Church

22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

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Fr. Rick Aubol, Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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As people, we don't just exist and experience things, we know things. We have the power to know and understand what is good, that there is right and wrong; and we have the power to choose which path we'll take. Choosing to treat somebody like you should, to give them what is their due, is

justice. But it can be tricky to figure out what is someone's due in our complicated world, especially when emotions run high. What can help us have clear sight? Most of all, justice toward God: religion.

Religion is natural, it's the right way we should treat God, giving Him what He deserves. And what does God deserve? Everything, even worship. But we're not out of the woods yet, how should we worship? If you start with first things first, with God, that's great, but beware of tunnel vision, of reducing God to your idea of God, an idol. If you start with trying to love your neighbor, that's good, but beware of pride in your own goodness. None of us can live without love, but none of us can love without first being loved. God is the source, not us. If we put Him second, we'll run out of love and marginalize people we don't like rather than love them. So start with and stay with God, listen to His commandments; He always loves us and sends us to love our neighbor. Thus, we see from God's perspective.

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Greenwaldt, Tureson place in girls wrestling section

The Staples-Motley girls wrestling team had two section medal winners and several other competitors who made a good run in the tournament. The Cardinals had seven wrestlers compete at the Section 7 and 8 individual tournament at Brainerd Feb. 7-8. The top two in each weight class advance to the state meet.

The two medalists are Leah Greenwaldt, who placed sixth at 106 pounds and Aika Tureson was sixth at 170.

Greenwaldt won her first match with a pin, then lost in the quarterfinal. She came back with two pins

in the consolation bracket, then lost two close decisions, 8-3 to the third place finisher and 11-10 in the fifth place match to finish in sixth.

Tureson won her first two matches by fall to reach the quarterfinals, but lost there. She came back strong with two more pins in the consolation bracket before losing twice to finish sixth.

Kana Reese won her first match before losing to the eventual section champion. She came back with a pin in the consolation bracket but lost before the medal round to place in the top eight.

Isabelle Dobson lost her

first match after extending it to the third period. She came back with a technical fall and a pin in consolation, but lost in the next round to finish in the top 12.

Madelyn Kist opened the tournament with a pin, then fell to the eventual section champion. She scored another pin in consolation but lost to finish in the top 16.

Brooke Bendson started with a loss, then pulled out a 12-11 win before falling in the round of 16.

Isabel Cole had two losses and did not place.

Blue, Brandt come through in basketball win

With three main players out for the game, Eli Blue and Avandre Brandt stepped up to lead the Staples-Motley boys basketball team to a 67-54 win against Frazee on Feb. 4.

With two of the rotation players back for the next game, the Cardinals beat Osakis 83-79 in double overtime on Feb. 6, with Eli Rutten scoring 27. The Cardinals also traveled to Barnesville on Feb. 7 and came back with a 67-47 loss.

Against Frazee, missing players were the inside players, so Brandt had to take over big man duties and became the team's rebounding leader and guarded the opposing team's tallest players. The shorthanded Cardinals got off to a double digit lead early in the game, with three pointers made by Ryan Neelan, Conner Kuhns and Brandt.

Midway through the half, the outside shots stopped falling and Staples-Motley gave up some mid-range jump shots to allow Frazee to pull within two points by halftime.

In the second half, the Cardinals got back up by 13 with a runner by Peyton Jares, two 3-pointers by Rutten and a three point play, turnaround jump shot and two drives by Brandt that resulted in a dunk and a layup.

Just like the first half, Frazee started coming back and cut into the lead, looking like they were going to make another run. That is when Blue stepped up and scored nine of the team's next 13 points to bring the lead back up to 11. He scored on inside shots and hit a three pointer. Just as importantly, Blue hustled on defense and boxed out the Frazee rebounders to secure the ball for the Cardinals on multiple occasions. That flurry broke the game open and the Cardinals cruised the rest of the way for the 67-54 win.

Against Osakis, Staples-Motley fell behind by one at halftime despite 13 points from Rutten. The game stayed tight in the second half and regulation ended with a 65-65 tie. The first overtime period also ended in a tie, but the Cardinals pulled away in the second extra period. In the two overtimes, Noah Larson scored six points and Josiah Burton had five. Rutten hit a three pointer to add to the total. But Osakis also kept scoring to keep it close. The Cardinals could have pulled away by more but they only made five of their 12 free throws in the overtimes.

Against Barnesville, Rutten kept the team in



Hustle plays

Eli Blue hustles for a loose ball, above, and battles for points under the basket, below.



Avandre Brandt reaches up for a dunk



Ryan Neelan

the game early with four 3-pointers in the first half, but none of the other Cardinals stepped up offensively and Rutten was the only player in double figures with 21 points. Meanwhile Barnesville had four players in double figures.

Team results

Staples-Motley 67, Frazee 54
Scoring: Avandre Brandt 25,

Eli Rutten 15, Eli Blue 9, Peyton Jares 8, Conner Kuhns 5, Ryan Neelan 5

Staples-Motley 83, Osakis 79
Scoring: Rutten 27, Brandt 17, Josiah Burton 14, Noah Larson 11, Kuhns 9, Neelan 3, Blue 2

Staples-Motley 47, Barnesville 67

Scoring: Rutten 21, Brandt 6, Larson 6, Jares 6, Burton 4, Kuhns 2, Neelan 2



Luke Bjerga



BBB wins double overtime game

The Staples-Motley Cardinal boy's basketball team experienced a double overtime win at their home game Feb. 6 against the Osakis Silverstreaks. Above:

Four minutes on the clock tied at 65-65; below: beginning the second overtime. The Cards pulled out the win, 83-79. (Photos by Janice Winter)



Wrestlers finish season with two team wins

The Staples-Motley boys wrestling team finished their regular season with two dual wins against two good teams.

The Cardinals traveled to Bemidji on Feb. 6. They beat the host team 43-21 and won 61-10 against Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale/Parkers Prairie.

Staples-Motley had a couple of regulars out for these matches, but will expect to be healthy when the playoffs start on Feb. 11, when they host Blackduck/Cass Lake-Bena for a dual at 5 p.m., with the Cardinals taking on the winner of that match immediately after. The winner advances to the semifinals on Friday, Feb. 14, at 5 p.m. at Holdingford, with the section championship to follow to determine who goes to the state tournament as a team.

Team results

Staples-Motley 43, Bemidji 21

107 Garrett Bjerga W fall, 114 Caden Kramer W fall, 121 Gage Bjerga W fall, 127 Cayden Neisen W tf 27-12, 133 Cooper Tappe L 8-3, 139 Turner Beachy W ff, 145 ff, 152 Jackson Schouville L tf, 160 Riley Reese W fall, 172 Dusti Converse L 3-0, 189 Luke Bjerga W 7-3, 215 Adrian Gomez W fall, 285 Steven Petrich L 13-3



Dustin Converse

Staples-Motley 61, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale/Parkers Prairie 10

107 Gt. Bjerga W fall, 114 Kramer W tf 19-3, 121 Gg. Bjerga

W ff, 127 Neisen W ff, 133 Tappe W ff, 139 Beachy W fall, 145 ff, 152 Schouville L 10-0, 160 Reese W tf 20-3, 172 Converse W ff, 189 L. Bjerga W fall, 215 Gomez W ff, 285 Petrich W 4-1

Girls basketball

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team had two road losses, 80-48 at New York Mills on Feb. 4 and 83-16 at Barnesville on Feb. 7. The Cardinals have two wins on the season but have a chance to win one or two more in their six remaining games.



Adrian Gomez

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77-PR-25-98

Estate of
Larry Roland Starry,
Decedent

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 represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will dated ~~N/A~~, if any, and the descent of such property 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 or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on March 10, 2025, at 10:14 a.m. by this Court at Todd County District Court, Long Praire, Minnesota. **This is a non-appearance hearing and no appearance will be required.**

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 524.3-204.

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

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BY THE COURT

Dated: February 2, 2025

Daniel A. Benson
Judge of District Court
Kim Peterson
Court Administrator

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 6, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$195,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Kevin J. Bednar, and Penny K. Bednar, husband and wife as joint tenants

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MILA, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 9, 2006 as Document Number 443619 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-BC2 by assignment recorded on January 6, 2010 as Document Number 466298 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded on September 5, 2023 as Document

Number A537950 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded on November 12, 2013 as Document Number 487120 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-BC2 by assignment recorded on October 29, 2014 as Document Number A491803 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North 436.14 Feet to the South 1183.43 Feet of the West 547 Feet thereof of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 133, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 48218 COUNTY 9, STAPLES, MN 56479

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$267,245.95

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: MILA, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 22-0017500

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1001752-0000289060-9

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 15, 2025.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: January 10, 2025

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATE,

CATES, SERIES 2006-BC2 Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: _____/s/ _____
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Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
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THIS IS A
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TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT
215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

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

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

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- 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 January 23, 2025, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes

1. Travis Eckel: Section 15, Wykeham Township

Site Address: NA **PID:** 28-0012803

1. Request to increase the allowed storage containers from two containers per parcel to fifteen containers for this parcel in AF-2 Zoning.

Adjournment.
Next meeting: **March 27, 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
Richard Johnson, Chair

NOTICE
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TODD COUNTY
2025 BITUMINOUS
PROJECTS

Closing date: February 25, 2025

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., February 25, 2025 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:

SAP 077-603-010
SAP 077-622-014
CP 25:73
CP 25:78
CP 77-25-01

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

NOTICE
THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING

Polls will be open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Thomastown Town Hall on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 for the township election of one supervisor position, one treasurer position and one clerk position.

The annual meeting of the township will be held following the canvassing of the election at 8:10 p.m.

If there is inclement weather on March 11, the election and annual meeting will be postponed to March 18, 2025 at the same times.

If you would like to vote by absentee ballot, contact Sue Walsvik at 218-639-8465.

Sue Walsvik, Clerk
Thomastown Township

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TODD COUNTY
2025 GRAVEL
SURFACING PROJECT
Closing date:
March 11, 2025

Long Prairie Police Department

Maxim Alexis Diaz-Abreu, Miami, FL. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type.

Jonathan Tomas Gonzales Ortiz, Long Prairie. Drivers license-driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driver fails to stop at STOP sign. Fine \$50.

Cristina Jean Larson, Holdingford. Driving after revocation. Dismissed

Anthony James Herman Ninow, Long Prairie. Speed 39/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Abigail Marie Gellrich, Rogers. Fish and game-take fish without a license. Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

David Lee Jacobs, Little Falls. Fish and game-take fish without angling license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Brandon Charles Jenkins, Staples. Wireless communication device. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

David Martin Mnarik, Osakis. Osakis & Little Osakis Lakes Walleye regulation violation. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Michael EL Frank Nistler, Albany. ATVs-fail to renew registration. Fine \$50. Fee 485.

Curtis David John Simmons, Little Falls. ATVs-fail to renew registration. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Melissa Rose Wolf, Eagle Bend. May not hunt with aid or use of bait. Fine \$300. Fine \$85.

MN State Patrol

Gage Carson Flanery, Hewitt. Fail to provide application for reg/transfer w/in 10 days. Fine \$100. Fine \$85.

Alexander George A French, Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

James Acevedo, Melrose. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fine \$85.

Emilian Caillean, Edmonton, AB. Speed 94/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Gannon Guenther Grochow, Gaylord. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

John Mandley Herard, Browerville. Non-emergency stop on Freeway. Fine \$40. Fine \$85.

Juan Pablo Jimenez Ayala, Long Prairie. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older).

Miracle Osarodion Job, Winnipeg. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fine \$85.

Angela Mary Meierding, Clontarf. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Erick Raymundo Moreno, Browerville. No MN Drivers License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Caleb John Parmer, Fargo, ND. Hands-free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ronell Prevail, Sauk Centre. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Lome Jay Perish, Clarissa. 3rd



HELP WANTED

MDA HIRING FOREST PEST (SPONGY MOTH) SURVEYORS

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is hiring temp. intermittent Surveyors (Ag Technicians) for the 2025 Spongy Moth Trapping Survey season. \$20.21/hr.+ mileage reimbursement. View job post (Job I.D. 83443) & apply online through February 28th: <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers>. MDA is an equal opportunity employer & provider. Questions: 651/201-6692 or natasha.northrop@state.mn.us

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CP 25:71
CP 25:85
CP 25:86

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Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public
Works Director/Engineer

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TODD COUNTY
2025 PAVEMENT
MARKING PROJECT
Closing date:
March 11, 2025

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 A.M., March 11th, 2025 by the Todd County Public Works

Director/Engineer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

C.P. 77-25-03
Pavement Marking Application
Various County Highways (183.29 miles)

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Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public
Works Director/Engineer

NOTICE
BARTLETT TOWNSHIP
ELECTION
ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Bartlett Township residents needing an Absentee Ballot for the township election on March 11, 2025 should contact the Clerk at 218-640-3176 between Feb 7 and March 10, 2025.

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township

Degree-DWI-refuse to submit to chemical test; breath or test refusal or failure. Convicted. Local confinement (4 days credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 3 yr). Fine \$500. Fee \$105. 4th degree DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence. Dismissed.

Kaitlin Jeanette Petron, Little Falls. DWI-Operate motor vehicle under influence. Dismissed. 2nd degree driving while impaired-blood alcohol content greater than .08 within 2 hours of driving. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr mo 316 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Dine \$500. Fee \$105.

Christopher Ryan Shappell, Lino Lakes. Check forgery. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections-adult (MN Correctional facility-St. Cloud, 23 mo) Fine \$50. Restitution \$17,480. Fee \$17,555

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 7, 2025.

Ella Rosa Olson, Fargo, ND. Speed 99/70 Fine \$100. Fee \$175. Careless driving. Dismissed.

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

Maria E. Tavarez, Long Prairie. 3rd degree-refusal to test. Dismissed. 4th degree driving under the influence of alcohol. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 87 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 2 yr). Open bottle-drinking and consumption. Dismissed. Speed 37/30. Dismissed.

Zackry Gust Meidinger, Staples. Driving after cancellation. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0, yr 0, mo 349 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 15 days). Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$100. Fee \$75. Driving restrictions. Dismissed.

Michael Dale Miller, Staples. Driving after cancellation. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 361 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Probation-adult (unsupervised probation).Fine \$125. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 1, 2025.

Jessica Mary Muelhner, Burtrum. Theft by swindle-aid & Abet (conspiracy to commit-GOC) Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 5 yr). Fee totals \$12,390.

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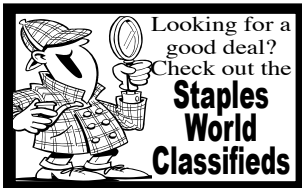
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City of Eagle Bend City
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK'S
POSITION

The City of Eagle Bend is seeking a candidate for the full-time position of City Administrator/Clerk and will require the person to have strong accounting skills. The duties of this position will include the recording of the handling of all city finances along with record keeping of all city policies, minutes, ordinances and resolutions. Direct the administration as provided by council action, state and federal statutes. Prepare reports and summaries of the city's finance's along with year-end financial statements, the city's annual budget, Payroll, and for all municipal projects and improvements. Submit all reports to the federal and state departments as required and keep up with all changes. Attend all council meetings, staff meetings and other meetings as directed by the City Council. Supervise the activities of all department heads and their staff. Consult and work with the City Attorney, City Auditor, City Engineer, appointed officials and other public or private agencies as required. Supervise all purchases and/or acquisitions made by all city personnel. Count Liquor Store tills each morning before business opens for accuracy along with the daily reports and physically take year end inventory. Coordinate with the City Council and department heads in writing grants for the city. All other duties required by the City Council.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 21, 2025 by 4 p.m.
Salary will be based on qualifications.

Applications are available at the Eagle Bend City Hall, 108 Main Street West, or you can call 218-738-5982 to have an application sent to you. Send completed applications and resumes by mail to:
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Life-changing moments, the transfer of babies

Actors from *The Lost Souls of Ireland* portray the handing of babies from one entity to another, between the Magdalene Laundries, the Irish Catholic Church and orphanages in Ireland. Each handoff represents a true story of a transaction involving a child. Left, Cheryl Taylor

and Kevin Olsen exchange a baby; right, Sandy Porter and Taylor make a transfer in a scene from the play. Each of the actors plays multiple characters in different scenes from the one-act play. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

LAMPLIGHTER continued from page 1a

One act play brings historical outcomes to modern times

her was Catherine Corless’ historical book “Belonging” about the Bon Secours Mother and Baby Home in Tuam, Galway. This is where Corless found death records but no burials. They eventually discovered that the babies who died were wrapped and tossed into a mass grave of an abandoned septic pit.

Corless became one of the characters in Hunter’s play, and she created several more characters all telling true stories from her research.

This type of treatment of unwed mothers has happened elsewhere in the world, but Ireland developed a bad reputation for it because of the high percentage of young women forced into it and because of their national cover-up of the process.

Some estimates are that 30,000 girls and women were sent to the laundries and 6,000 babies died at the laundries.

One act play

The play, with a run time of less than an hour, weaves together many of the true stories about the Magdalene Laundries.

There are five actors in the one act play, all of them play multiple characters.

“It brings history to life on a stage,” said Sandy Porter, one of the actors.

Dalryn Kvamme, another actor, said the play is for anyone who is a history buff.

“This is pulling from history, it will teach you something you didn’t know,” said Kvamme.

Hunter said both the mothers and the children were treated horribly, judging from the research she has done.

The mothers had no choice once they were sent to the laundries. When they gave birth, they could nurse the baby for six weeks, then the baby was taken to the orphanage and the mother had to go back to work in the laundry. They could pay their way out, but there was no way to earn enough money to do it.

An unwed pregnancy was considered a mortal sin, in the same category as murder, said Hunter. They were called “children of the devil” and suffered from malnutrition and abuse. Many of these children are still alive today, suffering anxiety and other health effects from their upbringing.

Another actor, Cheryl Taylor, said “There are a lot of stories like this that need to be told, this is just one of them.”

Deanna Hibpshman is new to the Staples area and decided to get involved in the community through the theatre.

“It’s fascinating, it’s such a powerful story,” said Hibpshman. She said it makes her think about her own Irish heritage and how this practice was commonplace

in the country of her ancestors.

After each production of the play, the audience will be invited to join in a discussion of the issues raised by the play.

Atonement

Not just a play about the past, *The Lost Souls of Ireland* brings the historical stories full circle into modern times.

Now that the practice has been uncovered, there have been countless attempts of Irish people to find out if they have more family members they didn’t know about. The Catherine Corless book, “Belonging,” has inspired people to start contacting her to find out information about their parents or who their siblings were.

“There is old history and recent history,” said Hunter. In 2022, the street with the Magdalene Laundry in Tuam was dedicated as a national site of remembrance.

Even as Hunter was writing her play, Ireland began exhuming the bodies of the children, starting in 2024. The remains of the children recovered are being DNA tested to identify what family they belonged to and the children are getting a proper burial.

The Irish government has tried to make amends by issuing apologies, stepping up sex education and giving compensation to people who were involved. Some of those statements

are included in the play.

Taylor portrays Corless in one of the scenes of the play, and sees how her story connects with modern times.

“We still treat people in a way that is not humane, we continue to do this,” said Taylor. “If we reflect on someone else’s story, we see how we can do better today.”

Hunter said part of the play is to get rid of the stigma surrounding adoption.

“Adoption used to be so secretive, now it is more open,” said Hunter. “The stigma of shame is giving way to families sharing their stories.”

Hunter moved away from Staples 10 years ago. When she was here, she was an educator, grant writer, chamber of commerce director, volunteered for a number of causes such as Staples-Motley Beyond Poverty and was active with the Staples Area Arts Council, Lamplighter Theatre and the historical society. She said she is still active in her new community of Cold Spring, but also maintains friendships and connections with people in Staples.

The week after the play is performed in Staples, the company will take it to the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres festival in Duluth, with a chance to go on to regional, national and international contests.

Frany Dadhanian is newest rheumatologist at Lakewood Health System

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Frany Dadhanian, doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO), as the newest provider to the rheumatology team.

Dr. Dadhanian received her medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and she completed her residency at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine in Virginia. She is a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American College of Rheumatology, and the Association of Women in Rheumatology.

As a fellowship-trained rheumatologist, Dr. Dadhanian specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of systemic autoimmune and rheumatic conditions. Her expertise includes managing complex diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, axial spondyloarthritis, psoriatic arthritis, scleroderma, vasculitis, and other related disorders. She is dedicated to providing personalized care that helps patients navigate these challenging conditions with confidence. “I chose to prac-



Dr. Frany Dadhanian

tice at Lakewood because of its unwavering dedication to patient care and its strong commitment to supporting the community.”

Dr. Dadhanian and her husband are proud parents to their son, and embrace an active, family-focused lifestyle. From hiking scenic trails and cooking delicious meals to camping under the stars, exploring new destinations, and enjoying the latest TV shows, they treasure every opportunity to create meaningful memories together. They also take great joy in watching their son grow and staying closely connected with their extended family.

R5DC announces 2025 directors

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) announces 2025 Board of Directors and incoming members.

R5DC Directors include Chairperson Doug Kern, Crow Wing County Town Boards; Vice Chairperson Andrea Haverinen, Region 5 School Board Representative; Secretary Julie Polak, Todd County Town Boards; Treasurer Greg Blaine, Morrison County Commissioner; Directors – Jerecho Worth, Cass County Municipalities; Rosemary Franzen, Crow Wing County Commissioner; David A. Anderson, Wadena County Municipalities.

Hara Charlier, Higher Education Representative; Tad Erickson, City of Brainerd; and Murlyn Kreklau, Wadena County Commissioner, are welcomed as the Commission’s newest representatives.

R5DC is grateful to Susan Falk, Cass County Town Boards; Angel Zierden,

Crow Wing County Municipalities; Tiffany Stenglein, City of Brainerd; Rollee Johnson, Morrison County Municipalities; Erich Hepner, Wadena County Town Boards; Ron Noon, Wadena County Commissioner; and Dr. Carrie Brimhall, Higher Education, for their service on the Commission.

Executive Director Cheryal Lee Hills shared, “It is a privilege to work alongside elected officials and public interest leaders dedicated to fostering regional collaboration and efficiencies that improve the quality of life in our rural communities.”

The Region Five Development Commission’s work is guided by a governing commission comprising 24 members representing a cross-section of constituents from the five-county region. For a full listing of Commission representatives, visit regionfive.org/about.

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SEDA agrees to payment for planning services

affected retail stores in rural areas.

“I’m a big advocate for retail, but people aren’t coming into town any more because they work from home,” said Gerard. “In-town traffic is nowhere what it once was, why go to town if they can go to Amazon or to Brainerd once a month.”

In other news, the board agreed to pay \$5,000 to Stratelligent for their work on developing a wayfinding plan for the city, even though the city is not following through with the project. There was no formal contract for the request and the original bill was \$10,000.

Mayor Ron Murray said the city wants to keep working with the company and

another connected company, Red House Media. “I don’t want to burn the bridge with them,” said Murray.

The board decided to pay the \$5,000, which was a compromise.

The board made one more approval, allowing Norston Fontaine to continue to use space in the Staples Industrial Building after his business, Stacker 3D, was sold and would be moving out. Wakefield said he would still use the space for storage and there is a possibility of Fontaine starting a spinoff business in six months or so.

The board agreed to a temporary lease agreement after there were not objections from board members.



Boys basketball grades 5-6 played during the half-time of the varsity game on Jan. 30

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