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Veteran’s bench dedicated
Gary and Kathy McGillivray of Anoka, above right, attended the Fourth of July program in Staples, which included a dedication ceremony of granite benches and pavers in honor of area United States veterans. The McGillivrays rang the bell as the name of Gary’s uncle, Willard R. McGillivray, 82nd Airborne, April 8, 1942 - Sept. 25, 1945, was read. The newly dedicated bench in Willard’s honor is pictured at left. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Traffic stop in Cass County leads to meth seizure, arrests

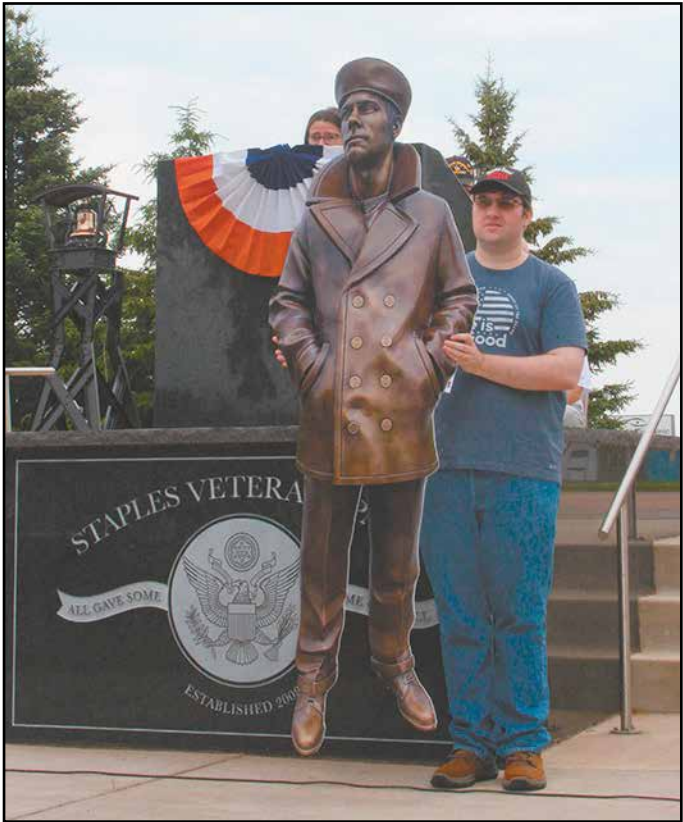
Cass County Sheriff Bryan Welk reports that on Wednesday, July 3, pursuant to an investigation into the use, sale and trafficking of illegal controlled substances, Cass County Sheriff’s Office Investigators conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on State 371 in Wilson Township, rural Pine River. A Cass County K9 was utilized to search the vehicle, and through the investigation, approximately two pounds of suspected methamphetamine was located inside the vehicle.

Arrested from the vehicle was the driver, Cherry Osborne, 58, and passenger Robert Johnson, 73, both of Longville. The investigation indicates that the suspected large amount of metham-

phetamine was going to be sold and distributed in Cass County and on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. The vehicle was seized and is pending forfeiture.

Assisting with the investigation was the Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force.

Sheriff Welk reports that most investigations start with a tip from the public. The Cass County Sheriff’s Office encourages you to report suspected drug and other crime-related information to the Sheriff’s Office. You can request to speak to the investigation staff and you can remain anonymous. You can also report tips and information online through Crime Stoppers of MN through their website portal at: <http://crimestoppersmn.org>



Surprise revealed at park
Tristan Jenkins holds up a cut-out image of a sailor at the July 4 program in Staples. Penny Nelsen, at podium (partially hidden), member of the Staples All Veterans and Community Park board, said a large donation had been given to go toward a bronze sailor statue for the park, and other fundraising efforts are in the works to make this statue a reality. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Ringin the bell
A total of 13 granite paving stones and three benches, all engraved with the names of area veterans were dedicated at the July Fourth celebration at Veterans Park in Staples. Family members and friends were invited to ring the bell when the name of their loved one was read. Pictured above, Roger Randgaard of Staples rings the bell in honor of Hjalmer Randgaard, a US Army WWI veteran. Two other Randggards had pavers dedicated, including Roger, who served during the Korean War. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

School district adjusting budget to fit with new funding amounts

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School District is coping with declining enrollment and state funding changes.

At the June 24 school board meeting, Business Manager Ellie Hill presented the school’s revised budget for last year and projected budget for next year.

Hill said some of the largest budget changes are from new state funding, with an increase in revenue projected. On the other hand, with declining enrollment, the school is adjusting the general fund to fit the per pupil funding coming from the state.

With the ups and downs across the state, Hill said “We’re doing well compared to many schools.”

She said the school’s facilities and technology are in a good position, as well as other budget aspects. With per pupil revenue projected to be lower, the school is adjusting their budget to fit the number of students they will have.

“Contract settlements

were strong, we have a stable fund balance, our percentages are good,” said Hill. “We’re sitting pretty strong.”

One example of a school fund doing well, Hill said the food service revenues were \$120,000 above what they had projected.

On the other hand, Hill said the community service fund is struggling with pre-K resources. “We probably don’t have enough to keep going,” she said about the current situation of the pre-K program. Hill said the community service fund will be very different once the wellness center is completed and the program starts to branch out in different directions.

Special education is another program that is not funded fully. Other aspects affecting the budget are the end of federal ESSR money and an increase in the cost of technology.

Hill said enrollment has been declining at an accelerated rate since the pandemic in 2020. Part of that is an increase of home schooling in the area. Hill also said a lot of high school students

are transferring to Freshwater Alternative Learning Center, so they don’t count towards local enrollment.

Hill said they had projected 20 fewer pupils for last year, but it ended up to be 40 fewer. She said “a bunch of kids” enrolled just before the school year let out, but they won’t be able to count those unless they return to the school in the fall.

The school is working on a five year budget projection process so they can stay within their funding over a long period. Hill said there are several different programs that can guide them through a long term budget.

The budget for next year projects a \$121,900 deficit for the school’s general fund of \$14.3 million. The total budget will be \$26.8 million, with \$7 million of that going to construction projects.

QComp

The board heard a presentation about the QComp annual report from Jennifer Pantzke, Teaching and Learning Coordinator.

QComp is the program that allows teachers to earn

extra pay through professional development. This year the school district used Sourcewell and the Perpich Center for Fine Arts as part of the program.

Pantzke said 98 percent of eligible staff participated in the QComp program. This year they did not meet the goals that had been set before the year, so performance pay was not increased. Pantzke said they feel the goals were not too high and the data and feedback they have collected show they are close to reaching goals. For example, she said there was a discrepancy where students didn’t know how close they were to mastering a subject.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said QComp probably helps with recruitment of teachers because of career advancement opportunities.

Construction update

Damien Williams of ICS told the board that they are on track with summer construction at the high school/middle school building. They plan to finish the interior.

See **SCHOOL** on page 10a



Weather

2024
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
July 10	85	62	Sunny
July 11	86	65	Sunny
July 12	89	67	Sunny
July 13	90	68	P. Cloudy
July 14	88	66	P. Cloudy
July 15	84	63	P. Sunny
July 16	81	61	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
July 10	76°	55	Sunny
July 11	74	51	Sunny
July 12	72	50	Cloudy
July 13	80	58	M. Sunny
July 14	74	59	Sunny
July 15	71	66	M. Sunny
July 16	70	55	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 81° Low = 60°
Enjoy the 4th of July!

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

Public Notices

City of Staples filings	9A
DNR Aerial spraying	9A
May filings	9A
Moose Lake filings	9A
Cass County	9A
City of Staples	9A
Becker filings	9A
Todd BOA	9A
ISD #2170 filings	9A

Pillager Fair runs July 11-13

Parade, music, pickleball, fireworks, more

The 125th Cass County Fair in Pillager will be held Thursday, July 11 - Saturday, July 13.

On the agenda are contests, food booths, fireworks, horse judging, ATV and UTV races, music and a host of other activities for people of all ages, including a medallion hunt with a \$1,000 prize.

Many favorite events are on this year's Pillager Fair roster, as well as some new ones, including pickleball. An Open House for the new skating rink and pickleball court will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m., with free pickleball to the first 100 people (14-plus) and free pickle-on-a-stick to the first 250 people.

Some of the fair's events are listed below:

Thursday

Entry day. Commercial vendors and competition exhibitors will be setting up. Clues for the medallion hunt will be posted each morning at 9 a.m. at the Community Center.

Food booths open at 10 a.m. Stop by the Community Center (at the fairgrounds) for Cash Bingo, starting at 7 p.m.

Friday

It's 'Judging Day' on Friday.

Stop by at 8 a.m. for breakfast (food booths will be open) and at 9 a.m., visit the horse judging arena and exhibit booths as well.

At 10 a.m. vendor booths open, tours of the day care will be offered, and the History Building also opens. Starting at 11 a.m., the area with the inflatables opens up (Froggy Hops Inflatables Jumper!); and at 3 p.m., the Beer Garden opens.

The Kiddie Tractor Pull will be held at 5 p.m. (registration at 4:30 p.m.), Cash Bingo at the Community Center at 7 p.m., and Karaoke & DJ by Tina from 7 - 11 p.m.

Saturday

Saturday is 'Family Fun Day.'

From 7 - 10 a.m., the Pillager Boy Scouts will sponsor a pancake breakfast. Horse Judging will be held from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and the Color Splash Family Dash starts at 8 a.m., at the Pillager School.

At 10 a.m., be sure to take in the annual parade, which travels downtown Pillager

along River Street. Later, young people will want to hitch a ride on the Pillager Fair Express.

Beginning at noon, a Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place at the Community Center. This event is sponsored by the Pillager Boy Scout Troop and the Pillager Lions Club.

For those who like contests, Texas Hold 'em will begin at 1 p.m., as will a horseshoe tournament; and Farm Olympics takes place at the grandstand at 3 p.m.

Don't miss the Pillager History Display from 1 - 8 p.m.; the ATV Races at 6 p.m.; or the fireworks, which begin at 10 p.m. The band "Gigfoot" will perform from 8 p.m. - midnight.

Throughout the day, the food booth will be open, as will the exhibition building (from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.). The Beer Garden will be open all day, beginning at noon.

The fair closes at midnight.

For a more detailed list of events, pick up a Pillager Fair Premium Book at area businesses and at the fairgrounds.



Art and gardening at CLC

The Living Legacy Gardens at CLC hosts children's gardening through Staples-Motley Community Education. On June 12, CLC staff guided students and par-

ents through bean art projects and planted vegetables and flowers with them. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





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Motley area law enforcement

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

June 26 - July 2

July 2 - Motley Police issued a speeding citation to Christine Foster, 54.

July 2 - Motley Police issued a citation to Mason Lattie, 19, for erratic driving.

July 1 - Motley Police received a report of a vehicle that did some burn outs causing damage at the city dump in Motley. A camera was placed on the property.

July 2 - A Morrison County deputy responded to an anonymous fireworks complaint at the 33000 block of Rolling Oaks Ln., Motley. The deputy did not observe any fireworks.

June 27 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of an attempted vehicle break-in at the 400 block of 1st Ave. S., Motley.



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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• July 14, 1949 - Two young men were apprehended about five miles north of Fargo late Wednesday evening and were held for Staples city police and for Todd county sheriff on a charge of stealing an automobile from the streets of Staples earlier in the day.

The car, a 1941 Mercury 4-door sedan, was parked in front of the Ben Franklin Store on Fourth Street and belonged to Herbert Crackel who lives north of Staples between Leader and Nimrod.

Patrolman Claude Maze was on duty at the intersection of Fourth Street and Second Avenue, when he noticed two young men

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

walking up and down the west side of Fourth Street. Apparently they were just window shopping, but the way both of them acted, caused Mr. Maze to become suspicious.

Just about the time he was going to question them, a slight car accident occurred on Fourth Street when a car backing away from the curb dented the fender of a car going along the street. Nothing serious happened to either car.

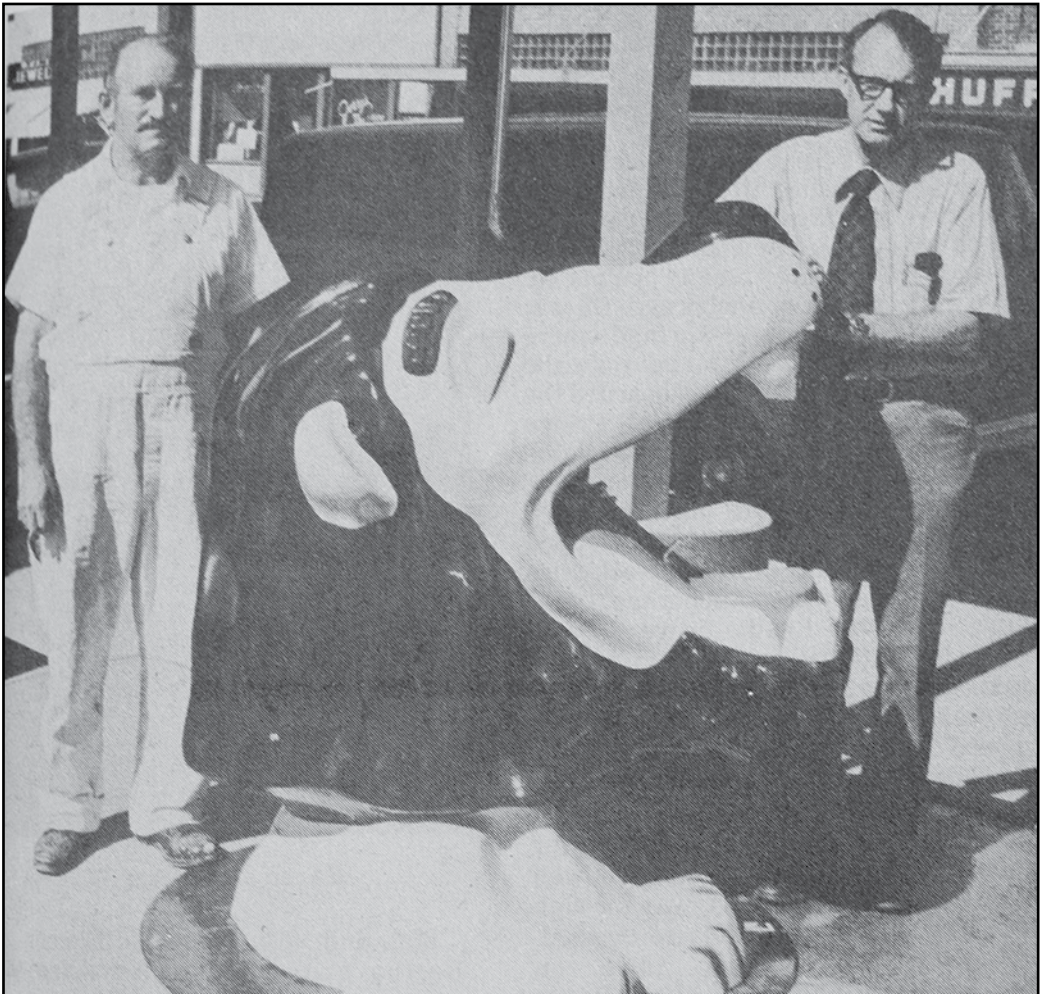
But, in the meantime, the shorter of the two suspicious characters had gone around the corner of Fourth Street and was going along Second Ave. West, and the taller of the two men got into the Mercury, backed away from the curb, headed out of town west. He apparently picked up his partner and away they went.

In just a few moments the robbery was discovered and the village police of Wadena were notified, and broadcasts were coming over Station KWAD at Wadena telling of the robbery here.

Nothing was heard of the two culprits until later on in the evening when officials from Fargo and Moorhead called Staples to find out about a car which was in the ditch and which was badly damaged.

It was but a short time later that the two were apprehended and held for Staples city police and Todd County Sheriff. The two men apprehended were brought back to Staples giving their names as Earl Wasson and Chancy St. Clair; but did not give any addresses.

• July 14, 1949 - Two Staples men, Clint Foster, engineer, and Earl Johnson, fireman, were at the throttle of the Northern Pacific



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1974. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

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

Passenger train No. 1, going west last Friday afternoon, when it crashed into a stalled truck on a crossing near Audubon.

The Brainerd Dispatch had the following to say of the accident: "A fast jump saved the lives yesterday of Steve Dubois, West Fargo, N.D., and Edward Peters, Fargo. The two were in the truck which stalled on Northern Pacific tracks here as the west bound North Coast Limited approached the crossing.

When the truck stalled, the men tried to switch on an auxiliary gas tank seconds before the train crashed into the vehicle. Dubois and Peters jumped to safety, neither being injured.

The truck burst into flames, showering several coaches of the train with burning gasoline.

• July 14, 1949 - A considerable number of farmers in Todd and Wadena counties are experiencing the European corn borer in their fields this year for the first time. The first damage was reported to The World the first of this week by correspondents throughout the entire area. Apparently the "invasion" of this corn borer has caused a great

concern for the farmers of this vicinity.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• July 11, 1974 - The Good News Gospel band and Loves Horizons Gospel Singers will be sponsoring an open pit western style barbeque supper with roast beef and all the trimmings on July 12, with serving beginning a 4 p.m. The supper will be across from the new Motley Fire Hall. In case of rain it will be at the fairgrounds.

Tickets are on sale at the Motley Coop store or they can be purchased at the supper. \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children under 12.

• July 11, 1974 - The Cardinal Marching Band of Staples High school will participate in the parade of the Detroit Lakes Water Carnival Sunday, July 14. The event is sponsored annually by the DL Jaycees.

Larry Correll, director, said that the Stapes musicians will depart at 11:30 a.m. sharp and the parade start is at 12:30 p.m.

• July 11, 1974 - Staples Community Center nears completion. The swimming pool in the new community center is completed except for the filtration system, and is expected to be ready for use late in August or early September.

The community room is just to the north of the pool, and the room is 104 feet long by 62 feet wide, with a 19-foot ceiling. It is in this area that the basketball court will be located, and the area also can be used for dances and community gatherings. The first event to take place here will be the firemen's ball Friday, July 12.

• July 11, 1974 - Mrs. Diane Japke is now employed as a reporter for the Staples World. Her purpose is to gather news of interest in the local area. Anyone having news items should contact her at 894-1112.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• July 15, 1999 - The Hirschey's Construction team of Staples won the annual Lefty's Slowpitch Softball Tournament last weekend at the Dower Lake

Softball diamonds.

Hirschey's, the 1997 state Class D state champions, beat out 20 other teams for the top honor in the tournament.

• July 15, 1999 - Steven Hoemberg, a 1997 Staples Motley high school graduate, has one of the leading roles in a Gilbert and Sullivan musical being presented this week in St. Cloud.

The Quite Light Opera Company is celebrating its 20th season of summer operettas with the production of 'Patience,' which opened Monday at the St. Cloud Technical High School. Hoemberg plays the part of Archibald Grosvenor.

• July 15, 1999 - Wendel Toedter recently became the new president of the Staples Rotary Club. He accepted the gavel from outgoing president Marv Rothstein.

• July 15, 1999 - A fifth generation member of a family that has been raising Guernseys north of Browerville since 1910, was recently selected as the 1999 National Guernsey Princess at the breed's annual convention at Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

The crowning of Nichole Tyrrell as princess and Kate Nelson of Hilmar, Calif., as the nation's Guernsey queen, came after a three day program of judging and competition among contestants from five states. When Nichole was asked by judges what she has learned from raising and working with Guernsey cattle, her answer was that she has learned the value of dedication, hard work and responsibility.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• July 10, 2014 - Some of Pat Miller's photos are now hanging in the Staples Library as part of a temporary art installation. One of his photos, titled, "The Big Cut," is a 1969 photo of his train crew digging out the track under 13 feet of snow. People in the photo are Bob Wonders, Larry Sauers, L.R. "Blue" Barron, Russ Dahl and Miller himself in one of his rare self-portraits.

Dine-in meal at Community Center July 24

Senior Nutrition Program 218-894-2556

A congregat dine-in lunch followed by **penny bingo** will be offered at the Senior Dining Site, Staples Community Center senior's room on **Weds., July 24 at 11 a.m.**

Lunch may be reserved through the nutrition site by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. **Those wishing to attend should order the meal by 10 a.m. Friday,**

Todd County Court report June 26

Long Priarie Police Department

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

Keith Gerald Edmond, Nelson. Speed 49/30. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Jeison Jomar Fransua Marte, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Fabian Santos Jimenez, Melrose. DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol March 26, 2009. Dismissed. DWI- operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours March 26, 2009. Dismissed. Driving after revocation March 26, 2009. Dismissed June 18, 2024.

Dennis Eduardo Linares Leon, Long Prairie. Stopping, standing, parking where signs prohibit stopping. Fine \$25. Fee \$22.

Melchor Iving Vilchis, Long Prairie. Domestic Assault-commits acts to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death. Dismissed. Brawling or fighting. Dismissed.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Juan Jose Hernandez Godinez, Melrose. Game and Fish- licenses-must have in personal possession. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Ashley Ann Nord, Coon Rapids. Fish and Game- untagged big game animal. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Minnesota State Patrol

Austin James Boyer, Hewitt. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Marie Vilene Ambriz Montanez, Long Prairie. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Geovanny Wilfredo Ashanka Vargas, Minneapolis. Seatbelt required- driver and passenger must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Adrian Douglas Bearson, Long Prairie. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Katelyn Marie Beck, Robbinsdale. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Victor Uriel Botello Becerra, Long Prairie. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jaime Lea Chambley, Long Prairie. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Keyont'e Rashad Collins, Moorhead. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Jorge Ivan Colon Bermudez, Ashby. No insurance driver. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200. Seatbelt required- driver and passenger must use. Fine \$25.

Jorge Ivan Colon Bermudez, Little Falls. Seatbelt required- driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Scott Gordon Ivan Crist, Mora. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tracy Lorraine Cunningham, Elk River. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Emily Elizabeth Daww, Sartell. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Nathaniel Mulbah David, Clayton, Del. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Eric Joshua Depaula, Saint Cloud. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older). Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Tyiesha Dereng Etipson, Clarissa. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Mason David Evans, Wadena. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Brad Alexander Gardner, Annandale. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Roris Adrian Gaulinga Santi, Minneapolis. Seatbelt required- driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Stephanie Marie Goeller, Sebeka. Hands-Free Law- hold wireless communications device with one or both hands. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Rodrigo Antonio Ganzalez Kjeldergaard, Long Prairie. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Kristopher Michael Hanson, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Thomas Gene Harris, Corona, Calif. Speed 91/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Daniel A. Hartley, Chicago, Ill. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Keegan Alexander Harvey, Staples. Speed 68/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kendra Elizabeth Hornick, Grey Eagle. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tristen Allen Kircher, Burtrum. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Hands-Free Law- engage in cellular phone or video call. Fine \$50.

Jason Joseph Langner, Long Prairie. Seatbelt required- driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Kristopher Brian Lemm, Browerville. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

William Martin Leraas, Melrose. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Justice Gaberayal Linton, Saint Paul. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Travis Allen Marcyes, Long Prairie. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Grazen Masters, Sauk Centre. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Francisco Montoya Alvarez, Wendenell. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

No Minnesota Driver's License (After 60 days residency/ 30 days CDL). Fine \$100.

Guillermino L. Overa, Terrell, Texas. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Larry William Outhwaite, Saint Cloud. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Mark Leroy Polipnick, Randall. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Steven Ross Roforth, Avon. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Sally Jane Schmidt, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Thomas Virgil Schuelke, Nassau. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Suzanne Marie Schweigert, Bismark, N.Dak. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Janet Lou Smude, Brainerd. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jasper Michael-Dean Terwey, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Pablo Tobar Hernandez, Long Prairie. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Dismissed.

Larry Allen Vitez, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100.

Amanda Marie Wilson, Little Falls. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Chase Joseph Ahrens, Sauk Centre. Criminal Sex Conduct-Third Degree. Dismissed.

Joshua Paul Eninga, Nelson. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Window restrictions-tint too dark. Fine \$50.

Reneae Jean Patterson, homeless. Domestic abuse- violate order for protection. Dismissed.

Berkis Amada Perez De Tiburico, Long Prairie. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Macoy Adam Sjorgren, Sauk Centre. Traffic Regulation- uninsured vehicle- driver violation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Cynthia Lissette Torres Santiago, Melrose. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Child passenger restraint system- not equipped or installed. Fine \$50.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County June 15, 2024.

Trina Ann Schultz, Champlin. Fifth Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. Dismissed. DWI-operate motor vehicle- body contains any amount Schedule I, II Drugs- not marijuana. Sentenced. Fine \$400. Fee totals \$500. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 83 days for two years. Credit for time served: seven days. Supervised probation, two years. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Dismissed.

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

Samuel Alan Lunser, Long Prairie. DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance. Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Supervised probation, two years. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 72 days for two years. Credit for time served: 18 days. Speed exceed limit of 30 mph. Dismissed.

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

James Allan Johnson, Clarissa. Theft- take, use, transfer movable property- no consent. Continued for dismissal. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.

Hannah Marie Larson, Hewitt. Careless driving. Continued for dismissal. Fee totals \$437. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months. Driver fails to stop at entrance of through highway. Continued for dismissal. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.

Stella Kay Parks, Montrose. Fifth Degree Possess Schedule I, II, III, IV or paraphernalia residual- not cannabis/hemp. Statutory stay of adjudication. Local confinement 45 days. Credit for time served: 11 days. Fine \$100. Fee totals \$100. Supervised probation, one year. Chemical treatment for indeterminate.

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

Danielle Ann Bloomberg, Buffalo. Speed 86/70. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the July 3, 1986 edition of the Staples World featured Bernie Volesky (bow) and Kevin Holm (stern) taking one last stroke before hitting the finish at McGovern Park in Staples. The Staples pair ended up placing second overall in the Jaycees canoe race from Cottingham Park to McGovern. Volesky and Holm were about four minutes behind the winners, Roger Tousignant and Bruce Harries from Eagan.

Jeremy Reeck and Mike Koppes, both of Staples, correctly identified both Volesky and Holm. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Minnesota summer is not endless, unfortunately

For those of “a certain age,” the 1960’s and 70’s pop music group The Beach Boys still hold—at the very least—a nostalgic place in our now-aging hearts. No one with music savvy doubts the group’s creativity and innovation. Yet their primary subject matter—surfing, hot cars, teen romance, summer fun, and the like—seems tame compared to much of the music that has come after.

■ ○ ■

Their 1974 album, *Endless Summer*—released when most music still came from vinyl records, eight-track or cassette tapes, or AM radio—was both a compilation of a decade worth of hits, and a look back to a simpler time, before divisive political and social issues began to reveal some threadbare spots in our fabric of American life. Endless Summer may have been as much a wish as a reflection.



Mike Rahn

Summer—seasonal summer—is in some ways like that retrospective album of music. Many would not complain if it was endless. Or, at the very least, considerably longer than it turns out to be. Sure, summer has its occasional faults, including oppressive heat and humidity, mosquitoes, biting flies, lake algae blooms, fishing doldrums, and so on. But, on the whole, it’s a winner of a season.

Summer is the time when Minnesota’s outdoor life is most diverse and visible. It’s the season when those who love the outdoors—who camp, fish, hike, kayak, canoe, sail, pick wild edibles, barbecue, bike, trail ride, garden, and more—will, as the saying goes, “make hay while the sun shines.” If we were to poll our state’s population and ask which of the four seasons they could most easily live without, it’s certain that summer would not be at the top of that list. If the question was “Which season would you most wish were longer?” summer would almost certainly come out on top.

Understandable, then, that we’d feel a certain wistfulness when we’re presented with evidence that change is already in the air, even though we’re not even halfway into official summer. In the last week of June, my neighbor just across the county road from us began the first cutting of hay for his beef cattle. Luckily, his timing was perfect. A brief window of favorable weather permitted his hay fields to be cut, to dry for a day or so, and be baled before a passing front dropped more than two inches of rain on us hereabouts.

I’m sure he feels a sense of relief and satisfaction as he looks out on his fields, now cropped close to the ground, and dotted at intervals with head-high, cylindrical bales of winter fodder for his cattle. For me, however, haying time signals seasonal change, even though official meteorological summer only began on June 1st, while astronomical summer—the summer solstice—com-

menced even more recently, on June 20th.

It’s not that there haven’t been other signs of seasonal transition, though most have been far less conspicuous than seeing a farmer perched on a tractor, pulling a hay rake or a baler. With few exceptions, the hatching of mayflies from rocky riffles and silty bottom sediments of trout streams is past its peak. The biggest explosion of mosquito-eating dragonflies that emerge from our lakes seems mostly subsiding, too, with the next generation beginning a life cycle which—except for the brief mating period—is a near-total underwater existence.

Grasshoppers—the insect that says “summer” as much as any—are now abundant, and flush from grassy roadsides as you walk or bike along the shoulder. How many of us as youngsters had a green metal Old Pal bait box that fastened to our belt, to hold the grasshoppers and crickets we attempted to catch for bait? Many a bass, bluegill, or trout has earned a one-way trip to a frying pan by mistaking a grasshopper on a fine wire hook for an easy meal. No surprise, then, that artificial lures imitating grasshoppers—and crickets—have been, and still are, available in plastic, rubber, fur and feathers; not only for fly fishermen, but for anglers using conventional tackle, too.

Woodland, marsh and streamside wild flowers have run through much of their seasonal sequence, also. It began with delicate lavender, white, and pink hepatica, and butter-yellow marsh marigolds. Then bloodroot and trillium. Next yellow lady slipper,

and now—sometimes even as late as mid-July—the pink and white showy lady slipper; Minnesota’s state flower, which like many native orchids is protected under state law.

Roadsides that are mostly carpeted in grasses have already begun turning from bright green to tawny light browns as their seed heads mature. Where native prairie bluestem has been seeded, or in landscape plantings designed around native species, the little bluestem and taller big bluestem are beginning to live up to their name, as their long, narrow blades turn to purplish blue, giving us a hint of what the ocean-like Minnesota prairie must have looked like before the arrival of settlers’ plows.

Apart from these and other natural changes, which are subtle yet visible to those who are observant and attentive, some of us sense the impermanence of summer by the calendar. My wife, a now-retired art teacher, saw the Independence Day holiday as the first step on the path to a new school year, and the imminent loss of her summer vacation freedom! “Almost the end of summer,” she would say. That was a bit premature, of course, and perhaps a “glass half empty” way of looking at things.

Which just proves that each of us has our own set of criteria and observations that we see as evidence that summer is not endless. All the more reason for us to get out and “make hay while the sun shines.”

Rail travel facing cuts

From the Rail Passengers Association

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) released its draft Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Act today, outlining \$212 million in proposed cuts to rail programs. That includes a 12 percent cut to Amtrak operations and a 15 percent cut to railroad safety research.

The Committee budget proposal would cut operational funding to Amtrak’s Northeast Corridor by \$139 million compared to Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) levels, with a \$163 million cut to the National Network account. It would also zero out discretionary funding for the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail, a popular program that is helping states upgrade and expand America’s intercity passenger rail network, and reduces funding for railroad safety research by \$8 million.

The draft bill also cuts funding to the Federal Transit Administration by \$1.3 billion compared to FY24, with a 66 percent reduction to Capital Investment Grants—a critical program for building new rail transit and bus rapid transit routes.

Highways would receive \$63.5 billion, an increase of \$552 million above FY24; and the Federal Aviation Administration would receive \$21.7 billion, an increase of \$1.6 billion.

“The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act has provided a bipartisan framework for correcting decades of underinvest-

ment in rail and transit, and it’s disappointing to see House appropriators reject that bipartisan approach with this budget proposal,” said Rail Passengers Association President Jim Mathews. “It’s particularly frustrating because, absent these cuts, work on upgrading and expanding the U.S. intercity rail network is poised to finally take off this summer. Amtrak is on pace to almost double the capital expenditures it’s making to upgrade and replace aging bridges, tunnels, stations, and railcars long past their useful lifespan. We’ve seen millions of American passengers suffer through infrastructure failures over the past month, particularly on the Northeast Corridor. Congress should be working to accelerate modernization work, not cutting the operations budget Amtrak needs to run the trains and oversee construction.”

Rail Passengers was particularly disappointed to see the zeroing out of the popular Fed-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program, which is a vital program for Western, Midwestern, and Sunbelt states looking to expand and upgrade intercity service. In April of this year, Brightline West broke ground on a high-speed rail corridor that will connect Las Vegas to Southern California, with the goal of launching operation in 2028. This project is only possible thanks to a \$3.5 billion grant provided through the Fed-State Partnership Program, and zeroing out discretionary funding will hinder the development of these kinds of innovative Public-Private Partnerships.

USA declines on world happiness scale

By Ebele Mogo, DrPH
Bluezones.com

The International Day of Happiness, celebrated worldwide on March 20, highlights the importance of happiness and well-being in our lives. This relatively new observance, initiated just over a decade ago, owes its inception to Bhutan. The nation championed the United Nations Resolution 65/309, titled “Happiness: Towards a holistic approach to development,” which urged governments around the world to prioritize happiness and well-being in their development agendas. The United Nations General Assembly adopted this resolution on July 19, 2011.

The World Happiness Report (WHR), published annually to mark the celebration of the International Day of Happiness, offers insights into the global state of happiness and regional trends and differences. It is a collaborative effort involving the WHR Editorial Board, the Oxford Wellbeing Research Centre, the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and Gallup.

The report covers 2021 to 2023 and reveals notable trends in well-being and happiness around the world. Finland maintains its position as the leader in happiness, while countries in Eastern Europe, including Czechia, Lithuania, and Slovenia, have climbed the rankings to positions 18, 19, and 21 respectively. This upward trajectory has displaced Western nations like the United States and Germany from the top 20. Conversely, happiness levels have seen a decline in North America, Australia, and New Zealand, particularly among the youth, who have had a steeper decrease compared to older demographics. Notwithstanding,

younger individuals report experiencing positive emotions more frequently than the elderly, although negative emotions have risen significantly over the past decade.

Following the pandemic, there has been a noticeable decline in life satisfaction, with females generally expressing lower satisfaction with their lives than their male counterparts across the world. However, there has also been a surge in benevolent actions, seemingly spurred by the response to the pandemic. This is particularly noticeable among Generation Z and Millennials, who are more likely to help people in need than older generations. Contrary to common assumptions about aging and well-being, older generations born before 1965 had more positive life evaluations than people born after 1980.

Life evaluations

The team at WHR conducted surveys and experiments to better understand the factors that affect people’s subjective well-being, as measured by their life evaluations. The team identified six variables that significantly impact life evaluations across different countries. These variables include Gross Domestic Product (GDP), healthy life expectancy, having a reliable support system, freedom to make life choices, practicing generosity, and living free from corruption. These insights resonate with the Blue Zones approach, which advocates for community-led transformations to enhance well-being, emphasizing the significance of the Life Radius—the environment where individuals spend the bulk of their time, as well as the need for strong support systems and a sense of purpose.

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The WHR also identified a consistent pattern: life satisfaction decreases from high-income countries through upper-middle, lower-middle, to lower-income countries. This underscores the importance of material well-being in our happiness. The report also points out that individuals’ satisfaction with their standard of living, the quality of their environment, opportunities for social interaction, access to quality healthcare, affordable housing, and public transportation are also linked to people’s life satisfaction. Of these factors, standard of living was the most important factor accounting for differences in life satisfaction. Satisfaction with one’s body image, one’s relationships with parents, school experiences, health status, time use, and neighborhood quality were also related to life satisfaction scores.

Education stands out as a crucial element in people’s well-being, especially in regions with limited economic resources. Using India as a case study, researchers noted that education not only serves as a pathway to better economic prospects but is also integral to broader social benefits. Satisfaction with educational experiences is linked to better healthcare outcomes, lower risks of mental and physical illnesses, and broader social networks, thereby contributing to a more nuanced understanding of well-being.

A generational divide

The 2024 WHR reveals a striking generational divide in life evaluations, with older generations born before 1965 reporting higher life evaluations than those born after 1980. In the United States, this contrast is stark: Young people (aged 15-24) rank 62nd out of 143 countries in terms of happiness with Lithuania claiming the top spot for young people’s happiness. Conversely, older Americans (aged 60+) are significantly happier, ranking 10th globally, while Denmark leads in happiness for this age group globally.

This disparity in happiness rankings within the United States reflects a broader trend observed from 2006 to 2010: happiness among North American youth has sharply declined. It also offers a nuanced view of the quality of our lives as we age. How is it that older individuals report a higher level of hap-

piness despite an increase in physical limitations as they age? Researchers attribute this to a reduction in the pressures of balancing work and family life, as is evidenced by the elderly’s higher scores on the freedom to make life choices. Moreover, there appears to be a perceptible shift in perspective as people age, with older generations tending to adopt a more positive framing of their lives. The data reviewed for the WHR also found that older people reported a greater sense of community belonging, more social support, and less loneliness than the younger generations, despite younger generations engaging in a higher quantity of social interactions. These findings suggest that it may be the quality of social interactions rather than their frequency that are crucial in shaping our sense of well-being.

To enhance the quality of social interactions among younger populations, it is important to create environments and organize events that encourage more meaningful support and connections. The Blue Zones model emphasizes the value of purposeful, meaningful interactions, which can be instrumental in addressing the happiness divide between the young and old.

Despite the upheaval caused by the pandemic, life evaluations did not change significantly. According to the WHR team, this may be due to the rise in benevolence, which is connected to a more positive life evaluation, as well as a sense of trust and purpose. This illustrates the value of a sense of purpose and networks of mutual support, such through ‘moais,’ small networks providing mutual support and community participation, even during times of difficulty.

The 2024 World Happiness Report underscores the pressing need for community-focused well-being interventions. Whether it is through the establishment of walking groups that increase physical activity and social interactions or the transformation of urban spaces into community parks and gardens to promote physical activity, mental well-being, and environmental stewardship, strategic changes in our Life Radius can contribute to a happier, healthier world. Embracing these insights can help not only close the happiness divide but also improve living standards and foster a global culture of well-being, regardless of age, gender, or socioeconomic status.

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Quote of the week

“Just because you’re paranoid doesn’t mean they aren’t after you.”

— Joseph Heller



Changes on Staples Chamber board

Zoe Stevens is the new Staples Chamber of Commerce President, elected at the June 26 chamber meeting. Pictured, from left, chamber board members Mark Anderson, Jamie D'Ambrogio, Stevens, Josi Longbottom and Bill Haugan; far right, Jordan Goodwater is stepping

off the board after seven years. He had been the events coordinator, but also took over some of the duties of president when there was no one in that position. Not pictured, board members John Jewison and Rebecca Thorne. (Submitted photo)

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Bringing classic '70s rock to concert series in Staples

The River Rats band will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 14, at 7 p.m. Pictured above at the historic Batcher Block Opera House in Staples are, back row from left: Adam Tervola, trombone; Aaron Paulson, trombone; Jeff Iverson, saxophone; Jeanne Rohr saxophone; Cin-

dy Koopmann, saxophone; John Koopmann, trumpet; Nick Buneo, trumpet; Dale Plasek, bass. Front: Sandy Paskewitz, keyboard; Anne Freelove, vocals; Kathy Iverson, vocals, bass; Chandler Trout, drums; Dan Jacobson, vocals, guitar; Rob Freelove, vocals, guitar; Nathan Beard, lead guitar. (Submitted photo)

The River Rats at Music in the Park

The Music in the Park Series in Staples continues on Sunday, July 14, at 7 p.m., with the music of The River Rats, a Staples area band. Bring a lawn chair.

Comprised of 15 musicians (many of them former or current music teachers), The River Rats play a variety of 1970s classic rock tunes that inspire audiences to sing along and even dance on occasion.

Expect to hear strong vocals and dynamic instrumentations from this experienced and eclectic band that got its start in 2022.

Jeff and Kathy Iverson of Motley founded The River Rats not long after retiring from their careers as music teachers. Kathy shared that they'd been dis-

cussing what they should do next, after three fulfilling decades of teaching students, as well as raising four daughters. "Let's do what we love...let's make music," was the consensus.

The Iversons reached out to other musician friends who joined them at their home on the Crow Wing River to play music. Soon the jam sessions led to performances, the latest being a sold-out show at the historic Batcher Block Opera House in Staples. With rehearsals held at the Iversons' rural home on the water, the band early on was named The River Rats.

Kathy Iverson went on to share that the goal of the band has always been to raise money for various

causes. Even at the earlier jam sessions, the group would 'pass the hat' and give the money to the local food shelf. Since then, the tradition's continued with The River Rats donating their concert proceeds to worthwhile causes, including helping a composer get his work off the ground, and contributing toward expenses at the opera house in Staples.

"We have a lot of fun," Kathy Iverson said of the band, adding that they hope those who attend their concerts will have a lot of fun, too.

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through

August 4. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. At the junction of Hwys 10 and 210, go six blocks north on 6th St. NE. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Staples Host Lions Club and 3M of Staples. The Series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the City of Staples.

Ninth year for Sourcewell as a Top Workplace

For the ninth year in a row, Sourcewell has been named a Top Workplace in Minnesota by the Star Tribune. Adding to this achievement, Sourcewell has earned national recognition from the USA Today as a Top Workplace and received four Top Workplaces Culture of Excellence Awards for Work-Life Flexibility, Compensation & Benefits, Leadership, and Purpose & Values.

Each year, employers have an opportunity to be recognized as a top workplace based on results of an anonymous employee survey. Sponsored by Energage, the survey measures engagement, organizational health, and job satisfaction.

To qualify for the Star Tribune Top Workplaces, a company must have more than 50 employees in Minnesota. Over 5,000 public, private, and nonprofit organizations were invited to participate, and 149,176 employees shared their views. The USA Today Top Workplace recognizes organizations nationwide with at least 150 employees that prioritize people-first cultures. More than 7,000 employers nationwide were invited to take the challenge, and 1,531 employers received recognition.

Sourcewell CEO Dr. Chad Coquette said this year's recognition is a testament to Sourcewell's continuous commitment to fostering a work environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to make a meaningful impact.

"Being recognized as a Top Workplace for the ninth year in a row speaks volumes to the dedication, passion, and pursuit of excellence by our entire team," Coquette said. "We are incredibly proud of creating a workplace culture that continues to inspire and empower our employees as we grow and make an even bigger impact."

The Star Tribune 2024 Top Workplaces list is available at the Star Tribune website and was published in a special section on Sunday, June 23. A complete list of USA Today Top Workplaces can be viewed on the USA Today website.

AUCTION

The following items will be sold at auction, located at the Motley Fairgrounds in Motley, MN. Indoors if rain.

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Jet table saw, like new, 1-1/2 hp 10" blade, nice	Dog fence, black	2-pc. coffee table	Some shelving
Char grill smoker/grill	Large live trap	Sewing machine and table, sewing supplies	Tall dressers
Electric power washer, 1850 psi	Deer mounts	Hunting knives	Suitcases
Hart shop vac, 6 hp, 16 gal.	Lady's hunting boots, sz. 6	Carpet shampooer	Pioneer stereo system
TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, ETC.	Crossman singler shot pellet	Some fishing stuff	Majolein Bastin collector's knick knacks
2-wheel cart	Sleeping bags	3 hard and soft gun cases	
Long handle tools	Coolers and water jugs	Hunting clothes, orange and camo.	ANTIQUE/OLDER
Pipe wrenches	10" blade, nice	HOUSEHOLD	5 gal. Western Stoneware and some smaller ones
Lawn and garden tools	Char grill smoker/grill	Nice dining room table, four chairs, with 2 leaves	15 gal. Red Wing crock
Hand tools	Electric power washer, 1850 psi	Nice 4 pc. bedroom set	Old kitchen cabinet
Bird feeders	Hart shop vac, 6 hp, 16 gal.	Some prints: Maynard Reece and Les Kouba, numbered prints	Copper boiler
Step ladders	TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, ETC.	Outdoor furniture	Very old work bench, nice
Ice chisels	2-wheel cart	Les Kouba, numbered prints	Old trunk, large
2-wheel garden cart	Log chains	Minolta camera	Old kraut stuffer
	Garden hoses	A lot of household misc and kitchen items	
	Log chains	Entry bench	
	Wicker rocker	Antler florals	
	Wood box	Little safe	
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Motley American Legion’s firing squad

Members of the Motley American Legion Post #124 Color Guard provided the firing squad at the Fourth of July program at Veterans Park in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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.
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19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Janet Eckman SMA.....218-837-5831
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320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
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Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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Cushing Baptist
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Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.

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

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

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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.
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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 Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

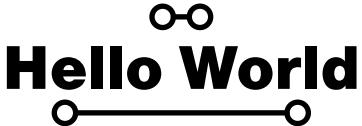
St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township

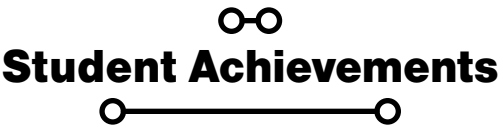
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.

Wadena

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



ONLINE BIRTHS REMOVED AT THE REQUEST OF LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM.



AMANDA WEISHAIR, Staples, recently graduated from Alexandria Technical & Community College with a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Associate of Applied Science.

ST. CLOUD TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE, has announced its 2024 Spring Honors List. Those on the President’s List earned a grade point average of 4.0;

and those on the Dean’s List earned a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.99. Local students named include:

- Morgan Hanson, Motley, President’s List
- Sarah Kossan, Motley, Dean’s List
- Alyssa Ahola, Pillager, President’s List
- Kacie Novotny, Staples, President’s List

Staples High School Class of ‘72 reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1972 will hold a reunion Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Pirate’s Den in Verndale, from 2 - 6 p.m.

The three-meat buffet includes broasted chicken, ham and Swedish meatballs. Pay when you go.

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Life Currents Policy

To request that an obituary, anniversary or other event (including benefit events) be placed word for word, personalized, contain more than one photo, or to run for more than one week, it may be placed as a display advertisement at the regular advertising rates (\$10.75 /col. inch). The item will be placed in our newspaper with a border around it and must be paid for at the time of placement. Deadline for advertising copy is noon on Friday.

Obituaries received from private parties, funeral homes, will be edited to our format and paid for prior to running at our obituary rate (\$10.25 pci) plus \$5 per photo. Minimum is \$60. Deadline for copy is noon on Friday, however, every effort is made to include those with timely services. Death notices are available and are free if followed in the next publication by the entire obituary. Obituaries printed in the Staples World will be posted on our website.

All obituaries are paid advertisements. Obituaries requested to be printed word for word will be charged regular advertising rates and marked as a Paid Advertisement- with a box around it.

Please be sure to include the name of the deceased, date of birth, age, city of residence, when and where he or she died and the name and city of the funeral home handling the arrangements.

“On The Road”

Pastor Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

Red Light Green Light was one of many favorite games in my childhood neighborhood. The person being “it”, facing away from the players, yells “green light.” All players run toward “it.” The caller then yells “red light” and turns around trying to catch those that fail to stop.

If a player fails to stop on red light..they lose. If a player does not go on green light...they can’t reach the goal and win.

Our journey with The Lord can be similar. First, God is always in control. He desires the best for us and the best from us. To accomplish this God is always directing our path... sometimes indicating Red Light to stop a harmful act or direction. You may be thinking of the Thou Shalt Not commandments. It is much more complex than that. As God leads us in our lives giving us course corrections the Stop

is sometimes necessary. As full-time ministry was my second career God had me Stop my first career so that I could follow a new direction from God.

Stop is also necessary to hear from God...be still and know that I am God. And, of course, sometimes God gives us Green Light to go a new direction or encouraging us on our existing path.

Either way...not heeding God’s STOP...we run headlong into dangerous and harmful situations. Not obeying God’s GO...we deprive ourselves of the blessings God has in store for us.

Jeremiah 29:11
“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

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State champion numbers climbing

Audrey Brownell shows the two new numbers she is putting up on the Cardinal Pride sign on Highway 10 in Staples, showing the number of athletic state champions who have come out of the Staples-Motley school district. Brownell won the state track and field 800 and 1,600

meter titles in June, the 69th and 70th state champion for the school. She is also on the sign as part of last year's 4x800 meter relay state champions and on the team number (31) as part of two team cross country titles. (Submitted photo)



Olympic connection

Staples-Motley graduate Emmet Anderson, right, running with former Minnesota Gopher teammate Matt Wilkinson, left. Wilkinson qualified for the Olympics in the 3,000 meter steeplechase by placing second in the U.S. Championships in June. The Olympic Games start July 26 in Paris, France, with the first round of the steeplechase on Aug. 5.



Summer baseball Bronco League

The 14U Bronco League baseball team played their games this summer with every player changing positions every inning, each of them getting a chance at catching, pitching, fielding and hitting. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

205 Help Wanted

JCP FARMS is immediately accepting applications for work starting the last week of July until approx. the first week of October. All types of work available. Air conditioned facilities. Apply in person at JCP FARMS: John Petron, 25461 County 5, Long Prairie, MN 56347 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 320-732-3789. 29-36tfc

BJERGA FEED STORES in **MOTLEY** is hiring all positions. Driver, laborer, retail office help. Competitive wage, holiday pay, PTO. Must be able to work some Saturdays. Full-time or part-time available. Stop at Bjerga Feeds in Motley. 27tfc



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JOB RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:
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Position days/hours are: Mon.-Fri., 32-40 hours per week, 7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Compensation: \$18-\$20 per hour or based on experience. Applications available at the school office or submit résumé to: secretary@sacredheartareaschool.org or mail to: Sacred Heart Area School 324 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479. Additional info. call: 218-894-2077 Do not need to be Catholic to apply

206 Positions Wanted

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Willing to assist elderly/ handicapped individuals in the comfort of their home. Personal care, errands and other tasks. Background check verified. 218-296-3090

208 Storage

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Japke's North 8th Street Mini Storage, 894-1551 6x20, 10x12, 10x20, 10x24



209 REAL ESTATE

602 Apartments for Rent

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STAPLES: 1 BR apt.; FREE laundry. Avail. July 1, \$450. 320-266-2189. 25-28p

611

Wanted to Buy

40+ ACRES between Wadena/Pillager, with or without house, 218-831-3521. 28-30p

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in Motley is accepting applications for **FUTURE 2 & 3 BR OPENINGS.** Laundry facilities available on site. GARAGES INCLUDED

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GARAGE SALES

701

RETIRED CON-TRACTOR SALE / MAN SALE: Sat. July 13, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1510 4th St. NE, Staples. DeWalt cordless power tools, nails, screws, misc. supplies and more. 29p

L A R G E , MULTI-FAMILY GA-RAGE SALE: Thurs., July 11, Fri., July 12, Sat., July 13, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 48191 251st Ave., Staples. Follow signs. Collectibles, antiques, glassware, much, much more. 29p

Sunny Pines Apts. in Motley

Tenant must be income eligible, 62 years or older, handicapped or disabled. Heat, water, sewer, electric provided.

Call Rosie Talberg, Manager at: 320-468-2303

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for all classified ads and copy is 12 noon Friday

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE

DATE: July 2, 2024
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage.

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

- 1. Date of Mortgage: January 29, 2021
- 2. Mortgagors: Barbara A. Preston, a single person
- 3. Mortgagees: Mid-Central National Bank
- 4. Recording Information:

Recorded on February 16, 2021, as Document Number 523911, in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: None
INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 29-0008500

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises: Lots 17 and 18, Block 2, Original Townsite of Bertha, Todd County, Minnesota

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 110 - 1st Ave NE, Bertha, MN 56437

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:

is a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are [...].

The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is [...]

X is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.-

The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is

Mid-Central National Bank
520 Jefferson St S
PO Box 152
Wadena, MN 56482

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is Mid-Central National Bank, Alanna A. Burns.

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$54,000.00.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$53,379.72.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Todd County, Minnesota, at public auction on August 29, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at the Todd County Sheriff's Office, 115 3rd Street S, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 6 months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2025.

THE TIME ALLOWED BYLAWFORREDEMPTION 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.

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Mid-Central National Bank

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee Grant K. Skoog
SKOOG LAW
PO Box 623
24 Colfax Ave SW
Wadena, MN 56482 (2 18)
631-1228 MN# 0403246

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NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. You may call Mary Fitcher at 218-352-6498 for an appointment, or the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 13, 2024, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. located at 10999 75th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 5, 2024:

- Township clerk (4-year regular term)
- Township supervisor seat 1 - Special Term Expiring January 4, 2027 (to fill vacancy in office)
- Township supervisor seat 2 - (4-year regular term)
- Township supervisor seat 3 - Special Term Expiring January 4, 2027 (to fill vacancy in office).

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

29pnc

CITY OF STAPLES FILING NOTICE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that filings for the biennial election for the City of Staples will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

Offices to be filled are the Mayor and three City Council Members. The Mayor shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The three City Council Members shall serve for terms of four (4) years.

File with the City Clerk at Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE. A filing fee of \$2.00 is required.

The biennial election for the City of Staples will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples

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NOTICE AERIAL SPRAYING Notice of Aerial spraying to take place at: Staples WMA, Rice Lake (Basin #77014600) in Todd County (T133-R33-S36)

Herbicide labeled for aquatic use will be used to control hybrid cattail. The purpose of this treatment is to improve waterfowl habitat.

Aerial spraying to occur July 22-August 30, 2024.

All affected public access points will be posted at time of treatment.

Comments or questions can be directed to: Beau Liddell

MN DNR Little Falls Area Wildlife Manager
16543 Haven Road
Little Falls, MN 56345
Phone: 320-232-1066
29pnp

MAY TOWNSHIP CASS COUNTY NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 5 2024. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, until Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Please call the Clerk, Bianca Wyffels, at 218-820-6430, for an appointment. Or the office of the clerk will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2024, for candidates to file - May Township Hall Building, 5834 112th Street SW, Pillager, MN.

Candidates must file at the office of the township Clerk, May Township Hall Building, 5834 112th Street SW, Pillager, MN. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay a \$2 filing fee at time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving a written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following office to be elected on November 5 2024:

Township Supervisor, Seat 1 - 4-year regular term

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township

29-30pnc

MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following Moose Lake Township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, and continue until Tuesday, August 13, 2024. The office of the clerk will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2024, for candidates to file.

Candidates must file at the Office of the Moose Lake Township Clerk, 5335 51st Ave SW, Pine River MN 56474. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving a written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 5, 2024:

•Township Treasurer (4 year regular term)
•Township Supervisor Seat 2 (4 year regular term)
•Township Supervisor Seat 3 (4 year regular term)

Karen Roubal, Clerk
Moose Lake Township

29-30pnc

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, July 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

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

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of May 23rd, 2024, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes

1. Jodi I. Marohn: Section 25, Hartford Township
Site Address: 28333 284th Street, Long Prairie, MN 56347

PID: 12-0030200

1. Request to increase the height limit for her West and South property line fence from 6' to 8' in AF-1 Zoning district.

2. Discussion on "Vanishing Natural Shorelines Report"

3. Discussion on Language Amendments to Todd County Ordinance: Section 5.03: - Variations

Adjournment
Next meeting: August 22, 2024

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Richard Johnson, Chair

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NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 STAPLES-MOTLEY STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of School Board Member of Independent School District No. 2170 shall begin on July 30, 2024 and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 13, 2024.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available at the School District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples MN 56479, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m. on Aug. 13)

The filing fee for this office is two (2) dollars. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same (primary or next ensuing) general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the District Office and the filing fee paid, prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

/s/ Lisa Anderson, Clerk
Staples-Motley ISD #2170

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Cass County Elections



A state primary election will be held on August 13, 2024, to nominate candidates for the following offices which are to be voted on at the general election to be held November 5, 2024. The State Partisan Primary Election Ballot will include the offices of U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative Congressional District 8.

The State and County Nonpartisan Primary ballot will include a Cass County Commissioner race for District 3 only.

Polling place locations and hours of voting:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS	PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS
Townships			Townships cont.		
Bungo	Town Hall	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Trelpe	Town Hall	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Crooked Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Turtle Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Fairview	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Wabedo	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Hiram	Hackensack Community Bldg.	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Wilkinson	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Kego	Longville Fire Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Woodrow	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Leech Lake	Town Hall	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.			
Maple	Town Hall	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Cities		
May	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Cass Lake	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
McKinley	Town Hall	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.	East Gull Lake	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Pike Bay	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Hackensack	Hackensack Community Bldg.	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Pine River	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Lake Shore	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Ponto Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Pillager	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Powers	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Pine River	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Shingobee	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Remer	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sylvan	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Walker	Walker Fire Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Precincts that can vote at the Courthouse on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
Ansel Township	Bull Moose Township	Loon Lake Township	Slater Township
Backus	Byron Township	Meadow Brook Township	Smoky Hollow Township
Barclay Township	Chickamaw Beach	Moose Lake Township	Sucker Lakes Unorg.
Becker Township	Deerfield Township	Motley-part in Cass County only	Thunder Lake Township
Bena	Federal Dam	Ottertail Peninsula Township	Torrey Township
Beulah Township	Gould Township	Pine Lake Township	Wahnena Unorg.
Birch Lake Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Poplar Township	Walden Township
Blind Lake Township	Homebrook Township	Remer Township	Willow River Unorg.
Boy Lake Township	Inguadona Township	Rogers Point Unorg.	Wilson Township
Boy River	Lima Unorg.	Rogers Township	Winnie Portage Unorg.
Boy River Township	Longville	Salem Township	

At which places all qualified electors residing in their respective townships or cities may cast their ballots.

Mail ballot precincts: All pre-registered voters in mail ballot precincts will receive ballots by mail. For voters not pre-registered that reside in a mail ballot precinct, call 218-547-7260 or visit the Cass County website at www.casscountymn.gov for more information on registering to vote, voting by absentee ballot prior to election day, or in-person on election day at the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Ave W, Walker, MN and other designated locations.

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Patriotic music by brass quintet from Fargo

“Big City - Big Brass” a brass quintet from Fargo played patriotic music at the Fourth of July Program at Veterans Park in Staples. Band members included Shay-lynn Johnson, trumpet; Sierra Ulloa, french horn; Josh Wheeler, tuba; Ryan Stangl, trombone; Grace Tangen, trumpet. In the background, from left, are Pastor Barry Klein who led the program’s invocation and guest speaker Jef Cichos. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Speaking on ‘Declaration of Independence’

Jef Cichos, guest speaker at the Fourth of July Program in Staples, reminded those in attendance that freedom is a gift and independence is a responsibility. As he reflected on the United States of America, Cichos noted that its citizens can “come from humble circumstances and do great things.” He went on to say that the strength of our country lies in our diversity, and that we should have walls with doors that are open to all. Cichos said that “we are a nation of immigrants” and encouraged those present to listen to one another, use common sense and have conversations. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Visiting after the program

Guest speaker Jef Cichos, far right, visited with Blaine Quast of Staples following the Fourth of July program at Veterans Park in Staples. Members of Cichos’ family and others are pictured at left. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Music moved to church

The July 7 Music in the Park was rained out, so the concert was moved to Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Above, Geoffrey DeCamp plays to the large crowd who came to the concert and right, hears the applause from the audience after his set. Below, Chris Bremmer and Chris Frost play their set. Below, Dawn Timbs of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council announces the acts. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson and Dawn Timbs)



Food and fellowship

Following the Fourth of July program at Veterans Park in Staples, friends gathered to enjoy a BBQ picnic lunch together. Pictured above, from left, are Larry and Barb Rach, Verndale; Bruce and Jean Hayenga, Staples; Nancy and Paul Johnson, Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



BBQ lunch

Right, Dr. Michael and Noelle Hudalla of Staples attended the Fourth of July program at Veterans Park in Staples and enjoyed the BBQ lunch that was served later.



Traveled from California for ceremony

Members of the Overby family, three from California, attended the Fourth of July Program at Veterans Park in Staples, which included a dedication of granite pavers. Two veterans in their family had pavers dedicated that day - WWII Army veteran Louis C. Overby; and Navy veteran Duane J. Overby, who served during the Korean War. Pictured above, from left, are Sister Monessa Overby, Rochester, the sister of Duane and niece of Louis; and Duane’s children Carol, Cynthia and Duane Joseph, Jr., all of California. Monessa shared that she and her brother, Duane, grew up in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Veterans honored

As the brass quintet played the Armed Forces Medley at Veterans Park in Staples July 4, veterans stood when their branch song was played. At far right, Navy veteran Loren Morey of Motley stood as the band played the U.S. Navy song, “Anchors Aweigh.”

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Construction on budget

rior work by mid August and the gym expansion/wellness center will be completed later this fall. He said the project also appears to be going well according to the projected budget.

- In other news, the board**
- Approved lane change increases as recommended by the Professional Growth Committee for Heather Wiegand, Dawn Weite, Jennifer Pantzke and Caitlyn Hacker.
 - Approved resignations of Janelle Thompson, Title I paraprofessional; Brittany Mead-Giberson, paraprofessional; Christine Qual paraprofessional; Bart Graves Ag/CTE teacher; and Tressa Cain, elementary teacher.
 - Approved hiring of Lisa Koenigs, middle school REACH/student success; Dan Rowe, middle school Ag and FFA; Christine Qual, middle school academic/behavioral interventionist; and Miranda Anderson, District Office receptionist.
 - Approved motion to eliminate cell phone stipends to administration and add an equal amount to contracts of administrators who were receiving it. This was recommended by the school attorney.
 - Approved sports medicine contract with Twin City Orthopedics
 - Approved Teachers on Call contract
 - Approved Minnesota School Board Association membership and dues.
 - Held closed session for performance review of superintendent.
- Approved music tour to Florida for next year. Music teachers Kristina Haataja and Cade Bestland said administration will help decide who can qualify for scholarship money, if the community donates enough to spread it out to the students.