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Refuge from the storm

After a mostly snowless winter, the Staples and Motley area got smacked by a blizzard March 24-25. As the wind continued to blow the morning of March 25, horses at a farm just west of Staples found shelter. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

AMBER Alert child located; woman facing torture charges

An AMBER Alert issued by the Todd County Sheriff's Office March 15, 2024, resulted in the arrest of a 36-year-old woman who now faces assault, neglect and torture charges.

Jennifer M. Stately of Red Lake was arrested and is being held in the Todd County Detention Center for Felony 3rd Degree Assault, Felony Child Torture, Felony Malicious Punishment of a Child and Felony Neglect of a Child.

An AMBER Alert was issued for Ethan Stately March 15. According to the Todd County Sheriff's Office at approximately 9:24 p.m. that evening, a Todd County citizen observed the vehicle involved in the Alert. The citizen observed the black Equinox, bearing Tribal Plate 333509, south of Long Prairie. The citizen followed the vehicle while officers of the Long Prairie Police Department and



Todd County Sheriff Deputies were enroute.

The vehicle was located and confirmed to be the vehicle from the AMBER Alert. Deputies and officers conducted a felony stop on the vehicle. A female, later identified as Jennifer Marie Stately, was taken into custody. A juvenile male was placed in protective custody.

As a result of the traffic stop, an investigation was conducted resulting in Stately being arrested and charged.

Staples-Motley graduation to remain in main gym

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley Class of 2024 is planning to graduate from the traditional location, the high school gymnasium. At the March 18 school board meeting, Superintendent Shane Tappe assured the board that graduation will remain in the gym, despite a full summer of construction adding to the south gym area and connecting the two lobby areas together.

Damien Williams of ICS gave an update on the construction process. He said the south gym, not the varsity gym, will be shut down April 29 for demolition of walls and installing windows for the walking track to have views of the gym. Tappe said the walking track will be available to the public during building hours, but will have to pass a background check first. To use the fitness center, the public will need to obtain a membership.

The school will also have extensive air quality work done during the summer.

Budget update

Staples-Motley Business Manager Ellie Hill gave an update on school enrollment and the food service budget.

Hill said they have 45 students signed up for kindergarten next year, around 20 fewer than a normal year. She said as they graduate classes of 80 students but only bring in 45, they can expect smaller enrollment in coming years. Elementary Principal Allen Berg said there are not as many five year olds living in the district as in past years.

Hill said since that means less revenue for the school, they will have to make budget adjustments as they learn the numbers.

Hill said they will be able to balance the food service budget this year, despite the massive change in how the school gets paid for feeding students. Hill said they used

to receive around \$257,000 from families, but now that amount comes from the State of Minnesota, depending on how many people fill out the reduced lunch income forms.

She said the food service is selling more a la carte items, which students have to pay for above the regular meal. There are also more full meals being sold to non-students.

The healthy budget will allow the school to provide meals for their expanded and enhanced summer school programs this summer. The school is also looking into farm to school programs.

Hill said the state has 64 new mandates from the state this year, some are funded but most only provide fundig for specific uses.

Hill said the school is working with all the department heads to foster financial literacy, making sure they are hitting budget targets while keeping up with new state rules.

Positive behavior

Staples-Motley High School/Middle School Principal Debbie Ferdon gave an update on the Student Connection Team, which has been working on improving school culture.

Taking a cue from the elementary school, they are starting to recognize good things happening in the school and giving rewards for doing things right.

The team decided one of the easiest issues to tackle was attendance, with an aim to reduce unexcused tardiness. Ferdon said they are starting to give out “Here On Time,” or HOT tickets to students who are in class on time every day. That accumulates to HAM tickets for “Here All Month” students. In February, the students redeemed 547 HOT tickets for rewards such as snacks, a hat pass for classrooms, swim passes for the community center, dance coupons, lunch line passes

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FFA is a unique program looking for unique funding structure

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley FFA chapter and FFA Alumni chapter representatives gave an update on the chapter at the March 18 Sta-

ples-Motley School Board meeting.

Around 40 people attended the meeting in support of the FFA.

Staples-Motley FFA officers Cory Watland, Jessie Lundquist, Kenzie Erick-

son and Heidi Zimmerman talked about the chapter.

The Staples chapter was one of six founding chapters in the Minnesota FFA in 1930, with the Motley chapter formed in 1949. The program has produced 236

State Degree recipients and 43 American Degree recipients, the highest honor an FFA member can achieve.

They talked about the value of FFA as a hands-on

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FFA officers giving school board presentation

Staples-Motley FFA officers gave a presentation at the March 18 school board meeting. From left, Cory Watland, Staples-Motley FFA President, Jessie Lundquist,

Vice President, Kenzie Erickson, Secretary and Heidi Zimmerman, Treasurer. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar: 27	27	6	P. Cloudy
Mar: 28	36	15	Sunny
Mar: 29	40	24	Cloudy
Mar: 30	41	23	Cloudy
Mar: 31	40	23	Snow
Apr: 1	40	21	M. Cloudy
Apr: 2	45	24	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar: 27	30°	12	Sunny
Mar: 28	25	0	P. Sunny
Mar: 29	18	-2	M. Sunny
Mar: 30	27	6	Cloudy
Mar: 31	32	25	Snow
Apr: 1	18	10	Sunny
Apr: 2	39	26	Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 47° Low = 27°

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Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Evergreen Hill Cemetery:

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City of Staples Bids

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ISD #2170:

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Meadowbrook:

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• March 31, 1949 - Monday afternoon, March 28, K. S. Davey brought Donald Keenan of Montgomery, Minn., now a student of Minnesota School of Business, to Motley High School. Donald typed from 97 to 144 words a minute. He also gave a demonstration on the stenograph machine and the electric typewriter.

• March 31, 1949 - At 5:30 Sunday morning, a pack of weary boys returned to Motley. In spite of rainy weather and bad roads, the basketball team suffered no ill effects from their State Tourney jaunt last weekend. In fact this trip will be remembered for a long while as one of the more enjoyable parts of school life.

• March 31, 1949 - Superintendent P. M. Atwood of

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Dawn Timbs

the Staples schools declared Tuesday of this week that he expects the kindergarten enrollment will be the highest in Staples this spring, due to the number enrolled at the present time.

Up to Wednesday morning, March 30, a total of 77 children had been enrolled for the annual spring class in kindergarten work.

• March 31, 1949 - Douglas Vetruba, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vetruba of Staples, narrowly escaped serious injury and possible death when he was slightly injured in an automobile accident Friday evening, March 25, on Fourth Street near the office of Dr. C. F. Reichelderfer.

Douglas and another playmate were returning from church, and child-like, were playing, running in and out among the cars parked along the street, when all of a sudden Douglas decided to cross the street, and in so doing, was hit by a car, which Chief of Police Jess Marr reports was driven by William Thersen, of Wadena.

Mr. Thersen stopped his car immediately, and an ambulance was called, and about that time a physician arrived on the scene. He

was taken to the Staples Municipal hospital where x-rays were taken, and he was otherwise thoroughly examined. No bones were reported to have been broken and he sustained only a few abrasions and scratches about this body. He was kept in the hospital until Tuesday morning when he was released, and is apparently fine at this time.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• March 28, 1974 - Kathy Adamietz, a member of the Staples Distributive Education Class, was among the winners at the DECA State Leadership Conference held in Minneapolis March 13-15.

Miss Adamietz participated in the S.T.E.M. (Shoplifting Takes Everybody's Money) event with a written manual. She placed sixth in the competition and won \$50, which she donated to the DECA Club.

Others attending the conference from Staples High School were, Rita Adamietz, Elaine Jares, Susan Motl, Cindy Sweeney, Cindee Koll and Roberta Horn.

• March 28, 1974 - Mrs. Rose Edin will begin a three week show this week at the Concord House (Ethan Allen Home Furnishings) located in Minneapolis. In conjunction with this show, she will appear on the New Dial 5 Show with Jim and Jane on KSTP Television (Channel 5) at 12:15 p.m. Friday, March 29.

• March 28, 1974 - For more than 20 years, the Church of the Nazarene, Staples, have held worship services in their church on the corner of Fifth Street and Pleasant Avenue.

Last year, a contract was signed with the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Staples to purchase their property on West Wisconsin Avenue.

The new church building of the Christian and Missionary Alliance is nearing completion and both churches are planning to move into their new quarters the first of April.

The Rev. Wilbur Moulton, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, said that his congregation will hold farewell services in the old church Sunday, March 31.

• March 28, 1974 - The athletes in all sports at Staples



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1982. 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.

High school will be honored Monday, April 1, as the Staples Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Lettermen's Club of the school stages its annual athletic banquet.

The event will get underway at 7 p.m. in the Staples Auditorium. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Bob "The Benchwarmer" Lurtsema of the Minnesota Vikings. Lurtsema, a defensive end completed his seventh year in the pros.

Dr. T. J. Lelwica will be the master of ceremonies for the athletic banquet and the invocation will be given by the Rev. Clarence Bremer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. Jack Wilson, president of the Staples Chamber of Commerce, will deliver the welcome, followed by greetings from Doug Cizek, president of the Staples Lettermen's Club.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• April 1, 1999 - Although they have pursued several leads, police have not yet made any arrest in the bomb threat phoned in to the Staples Motley High School on March 23.

Police Chief Kyle Huber said that police have fol-

lowed up on several leads.

"We do not have nay specific suspects as of right now," Huber said.

• April 1, 1999 - The offer of reward money in the shooting death of Tom Baumgartner last June has failed to turn up any new leads, according to Cass County lawmen.

• April 1, 1999 - New head coach Jerry Reck has a fist full of good runners back to attempt to repeat as Section 6AA champions in the 1999 track and field season.

Top distance runners, with cross country experience, include senior Eric Klingaman, juniors Kurt Deltloff and Shannon Webster, and sophomore Jeff Brever.

Reck served as assistant track coach for several years under former head Coach Ron Beachy. Assisting him this season is Gene Mattila and Ryan Beachy.

• April 1, 1999 - An industrial building that has sat empty for the past eight years is getting a new lease on life.

Construction Systems, Inc., will open for business in mid-April in the former Northern Manufacturing building, located about two miles east of Staples off Highway 10.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• March 27, 2014 - Gerald Motl of Staples was presented a plaque for 60 years of continued membership in the American Legion. Legion Post 213 Commander Butch Booker, Clarissa, made the presentation at the Lakewood Heath Care Center in Staple on March 13. Motl served in the Korean War.

• March 27, 2014 - The Staples Motley softball team came one game away from the state tournament last year. Despite losing some valuable hitters and fielders, the team expects to have success again this year.

Captains MacKenzie Holst, Kelsey Zetah and Megan Vetsch will lead the Cardinals alongside fellow seniors Kayla Schmieg, Kelli Klein and Kaleigh Hosier. Other returning varsity players include junior Nikki Edin and sophomore Quinn Uhlman.

• March 27, 2014 - Students at Motley Staples Middle School held 'Penny Wars' recently to raise money for the Motley Area Food Shelf. Thanks to their efforts, a total of \$389.81 in cash, plus several canned goods, was raised.

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Rewards for students who earn HOT and HAM tickets

and a la carte coupons. The HAM ticket rewards will be bigger, such as open lunch for older students and other privileges.

Ferdon said about 45 percent of students earned HOT tickets every week and they are looking to see a progression. "Attendance was an easy thing, we would like to move on to other things," said Ferdon.

School board member Ryan Wright said "we're not alone in attendance issues," noting that most schools have had attendance issues continue after the 2020 pandemic.

In other news, the board

- Approved posting for the elementary school principal position. Tappe thanked Principal Allen Berg for his work at the district and wished him good luck on his next position.
- Approved review of policies with changes, includ-

- ing drug and alcohol testing and fund balances.
- Approved policies with minimal or no changes, including employment background checks, veterans preference hiring, employee right to know, extended school year, disability no discrimination, violence prevention, hazing prohibition, immunization requirements, fixed assets and employees setting off security alarms and key card policy.
- Approved hire of Ashley Orth, special education and Kelsey Schmidt, junior high softball.
- Approved services agreement with Sacred Heart Area School.
- Approved resignation of Melissa Wright, school garden assistant.
- Approved FMLA request from Kelsie Tyrrell
- Approved EduTrak Food Service software contract.

Todd County Court report March 20

Long Prairie Police Department

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

Edyluis Rojas Salazar, Long Prairie. Speed 38/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Bryan Fulgencio Rosario, Long Prairie. Careless Driving- operate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100.

Minnesota State Patrol

Jolene Marie Beach, Motley. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jamie Kay Chambers, Bay City, Mich. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Walid M.A. Abu Esefan, Oakville, Calif. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Fowzia Osman Amin, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Brayden Michael Bischof, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Angela Coradin Henriquez, St. Joseph. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Isah Bloah Dartoe, Coon Rapids. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Napoleon Tutex Deah, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Driving After Suspension. Fine \$200.

Natalie Dorman, Winfield, Kansas. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tamara Gail Gruber, Clarissa. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Donald Alton Handeland, Cushing. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tara Leigh Hauglie, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Derek David Holmberg, Pine River. Expired Registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Dismissed.

Anderson Matos Ferreras, Alexandria. No Minnesota Driver's License (after 60 days residency/30 days CDL). Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Amber Joy McClellan, Nelson. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Zackry Gust Meidinger, Verndale. Hands-Free Law- hold wireless communications device with one or both hands. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Anali Marie Mendoza, Long Prairie. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Thomas Jay Mittyng, Alexandria. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Francisco Montoya Alvarez, Wendell. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Garret Richard Moses, Fergus Falls. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older). Fine \$50. Fee \$85. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Dismissed.

Irina Borisovna Nysveen, West Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Nathan Christopher Olson, Cottage Grove. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Ulises Orozco Ambriz, Melrose. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Beatriz R. Osland, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Melanie Elizabeth Pelzer, Brainerd. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Michael Eugene Retka, Little Falls. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Christopher Carl Robbins, Henderson, Nevada. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Alexander Jacob Rojesky, Minneapolis. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Laila Saibu, Edina. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tavin Curtis Judd Thompson, Cottage Grove. Improperly worn seatbelt. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Hung V. Truong, Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

David Bernard Vanheel, Swan-

ville. Hands-Free Law- engage in cellular phone or video call. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jesceel Villafane Diaz, Sauk Centre. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older). Fine \$50.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Alexia Yvonne Abrahamson, Browerville. Speed 90/60. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Amanda Lynn Berg, Sauk Centre. Assault-Second Degree- dangerous weapon. Dismissed. Assault- Fifth Degree- inflict or attempt bodily harm. Dismissed.

Yowchar Kenn Diaz Rivera, St. Cloud. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$75.

Edwin Abran Garcia Ruiz, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Charles Henry Helmer, Swanville. Fifth Degree- possess Schedule I, II, III, IV- not small marijuana. Amended disposition. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Charles Allen Larson, Eagle Bend. Disorderly Conduct- offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Fine \$100. Fee totals \$75.

Joshua Michael Lombard, St. Cloud. Criminal Sex Conduct- Third Degree- victim 13-15 actor greater than 24 months older. Amended disposition. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Eric Carl Dick Reiman, Aldrich. Public Nuisance. Dismissed.

Ryan James Skalski, S. St. Paul. Fifth Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. Dismissed. Possess Over 1.4 Grams Marijuana in Motor Vehicle. Dismissed. Driving After Revocation. Dismissed. Drugs- Fifth Degree- possess Schedule I, II, III, IV- not small amount marijuana. Amended disposition. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Cedric Dwayne Thompson, St. Paul. Driving after suspension. Dismissed. Possession of drug paraphernalia- use of possession prohibited. Dismissed.

Jason Edward Wolf, Royalton. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 7, 2024.

Myles Jay Smith, Milaca. Criminal Assault Domestic. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct- offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Amended court decision. Sentenced. Fine \$100. Fee \$75. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 88 days for one year. Credit for time served: two days. Supervised probation, one year.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 8, 2024.

Stephanie Ann Knoebel, Champlin. No insurance owner. Amended decision. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 12, 2024.

Kaleb Daniel Gusciora, Osseo. Speed 75/65. Continued for dismissal. Fine \$150. Fee \$225. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.

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

Miguel Angel Ambriz, Long Prairie. DWI- Fourth Degree Driving While Impaired. Dismissed. Traffic-DWI- Operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. Traffic-DWI- Operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. Sentenced. Fine \$400. Fee totals \$500. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 88 days for two years. Credit for time served: two days. Supervised probation for two years.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the April 22, 1999 edition of the Staples World featured students from Tom Honek's sixth grade class at Motley Staples Middle School learning how

to plant trees during Conservation Days held for area fifth and sixth graders at Old Wadena Park. From left are Cory Deltloff, Josh Mudek, Brandon Weber and Andrew Nanik.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept:

March 11, Staples Police investigated two vulnerable adult crime.

March 11, Staples Police received a report of an assault involving two juveniles.

March 12, Staples Police observed a dead swan at Dower Lake. Police notified

the DNR regarding the incident.

March 13, Staples Police received a report of a 4-wheeler that had been stolen from the area of the 200 block of Dakota Ave. SE.

March 13, Staples Police were called to the 600 block of Front St. SW for a report of a male lying in the ditch. Officers found the individ-

ual to be heavily intoxicated and gave them a ride to a residence where they dropped the subject off with a caregiver.

March 14, at 2:20 a.m., Staples Police were called to the Staples Depot to remove a intoxicated individual from the Amtrak passenger train.

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Practices you can do right now to downshift and de-stress

By Mia Nosanow, MA, LP
From bluezones.com

Mia Nosanow is the author of The College Student's Guide to Mental Health and is a licensed psychologist and longtime college therapist who has spent the last twenty years counseling a diverse college student body. This article is excerpted from The College Student's Guide to Mental Health, a comprehensive mental and emotional health manual designed specifically for college students and the loved ones and professionals who support them. It addresses challenging emotions, relationship-building prompts, and tools and actionable strategies to address common mental health struggles.

Value Quiet Time

If you doubt the value of taking some quiet time for yourself, try it out for a while. Experiment with the strategies and see for yourself. Our culture doesn't necessarily support this idea, and people sometimes dismiss seemingly "unproductive" activities, so people sometimes need to discover the benefits for themselves. Once you do, I'm sure you will find that setting aside some quiet time for yourself on a daily basis will help you feel better and meet your goals, too.

Be Curious and Experiment

What qualifies as "quiet time" for one person might not work for someone else. Be curious and explore what works best for you; avoid being judgmental or assuming what you "should" do. As the strategies here make clear, quiet time doesn't necessarily mean doing nothing, though it could. Rather, it is anything and everything that refreshes body, mind, and spirit. Not only is every person different, but so is every day. Take a walk, read a book, practice an instrument, draw, meditate, talk to a friend — make time to do whatever feels good. That will be the right thing for you.

Lose Yourself in Nature

We intuitively know that being outside enjoying nature — either by ourselves or with others — feels good and renews our energy. Connecting to nature just helps us feel more comfortable in our bodies. Scientific studies in ecopsychology, ecotherapy, or green therapy back this up. They show how nature benefits our general well-being and a host of mental health issues.

There are many possibilities for making nature a part of your day.

Try these:

Play with an animal; visit a local

shelter, or see if your campus has a program where they bring in dogs for students to visit.

Visit water. This could take many forms: a local fountain, river, pond, or any body of water. Many people say the sound of water is very calming.

Take a leisurely walk or run outside. Perhaps treat a slow walk as meditation. Try walking without headphones playing.

Pull weeds in a garden, walk barefoot in the grass, or otherwise get your hands and feet dirty. Join a gardening club. Touching the earth helps us feel grounded, and studies show that soil microbes help us feel better.

Take a few minutes to look up at the sky and take in the world with a feeling of wonder or awe.

Study outside when the weather permits, or sit by a window with a view outdoors.

Plan your route so you walk by gardens or through nature, and challenge yourself to use all five senses as you walk.

Plan a regular weekly or daily walk with a friend.

Participate in an outdoor sport. Sit under a tree.

Engage in a Creative Activity

Creative pursuits that engage our mind and often our body have been shown to lower stress, increase positive feelings, and help activate a "flow state" similar to meditation. Pick any activity that appeals to you; experiment with things you don't usually do. When done in a group, some of these activities also provide social benefits.

Read a book for pleasure. For twenty minutes at night, read something that interests or engages you.

Read or write poetry.

Take up a handiwork project, such as knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, wood carving, or model building. Spending a few minutes a day creating something for yourself or as a gift for someone else can make a precious break.

Sketch or draw, or color in a coloring book. Art isn't just for art majors. Visual expression can open up a side of ourselves that is often neglected.

Model with clay or Play-Doh.

Solve a puzzle game, like Sudoku, or put together a jigsaw puzzle.

Sing or play a musical instrument. Quiet time doesn't have to be quiet. Making music can create a sense of calm — but only if you play for enjoyment, not to be "perfect."

Visit an art museum.

Listen to calming music.

Get Physical

Doing something kinetic can also be calming and qualify as "quiet time." Many people benefit from activities involving movement. All the activities under "Lose Yourself in Nature," above, are good choices. Or consider taking a yoga class or a slow martial arts, such as tai chi or qigong (which emphasize breathing).

Another idea is to treat an everyday activity like brewing and drinking a cup of herbal tea like a meditative slow movement. As you prepare the drink, use all your senses and savor the entire process, which can be centering and induce contentment.

Practice Your Faith or Spirituality

The practice of faith or spirituality is a traditional way to slow down and connect to something greater than ourselves. This can be a traditional religious faith or simply gratitude for being alive.

• Daily prayers, with yourself or others

• Daily meditations

• Daily study of sacred texts, words of wisdom, or devotional readings

• Writing daily in a gratitude journal

Practice Mindfulness Meditation

Similar to spirituality, mindfulness meditation gives us the chance to "just be" and accept ourselves as we are in each given moment. Doing a sitting meditation provides numerous benefits: stress reduction, improved ability to concentrate, better sleep, slower reactivity to problems, and more self-acceptance, just to name a few.

Learn Instant Calming Techniques

This might sound like a contradiction, but you can practice "quiet time" at any time, even during other activities. When you feel worked up or overwhelmed, learn strategies for finding calm and peace in the moment, wherever you are.

Press pause: Take one slow deep breath, filling your lungs from bottom to top. As you do, feel your ribs expand to the sides and the back. Hold your breath for just a moment before exhaling as slowly as you can.

Square breathing: Picture a square. Breathe in, counting to four slowly. Feel the air enter your lungs. Hold your breath for 4 seconds. Try to avoid inhaling or exhaling for 4 seconds. Slowly exhale through your mouth for 4 seconds. Repeat until you feel re-centered.

Quote of the week

“Spring is nature’s way of saying, ‘Let’s party!’”
— Robin Williams

Saving Minnesota’s forests for future generations

By Samuel P. Reed
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As a forest and climate ecologist in Minnesota, I am worried that the 2.5 million acres of School Trust land managed by the DNR are not prepared for climate change. By law these lands are managed to create revenue for Minnesota's public schools — but durable, long-term revenue streams from natural resources require strong climate action.

With rising temperatures, northern forests are undergoing rapid changes. Profitable tree species like aspen and spruce are declining or will decline with hot summers exacerbated by droughts, wildfires, and pests. This jeopardizes future revenue for public schools.

We need proactive management that makes these forests resilient to a changing climate. Governor Walz's Climate Action Framework offers valuable guidance for enhancing forest resilience, but it needs to be adopted at scale on School Trust lands. Incorporating climate-adaptive strategies, such as conserving old-growth forests, planting

heat-tolerant southerly species, and safeguarding peatlands, can bolster resilience against climate change while sustaining public education funding. Enrolling old growth forests and peatlands in carbon markets offers a path to generating revenue while conserving carbon-rich ecosystems.

In truth, climate adaptation efforts may slow immediate revenue, but climate resilient forests can yield better, longer-term value.

It is also worth stressing that 150,000+ acres of School Trust land are inside Tribal reservation boundaries, with Tribal schools receiving no School Trust revenue for the last 150 years. As a Minnesota resident, I think the state needs to start disbursing Trust revenue to Tribal schools and support sole or shared Tribal management of these lands. As an ecologist, this has added value because Tribes are leading the way in climate-adaptive land management.

With these actions, Minnesota can support climate-smart land management while conserving public education revenue into the future for all of our students.

Quote of the week

“In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.”
— Mark Twain

Rural hospitals make difficult choices of closing patient beds to focus on emergency care

By Benjy Hamm
The Rural Blog

Rural hospitals that are struggling financially have an option to receive more federal funding if they focus on emergency services instead of inpatient care. But less than 20 hospitals have made that switch since it became available in January 2023, reports Devna Rose for The Associated Press.

She writes: "Rural emergency hospitals receive more than \$3 million in federal funding a year and higher Medicare reimbursements in exchange for closing all inpatient beds and

providing 24/7 emergency care."

There are downsides to the changes, both for rural residents and the hospitals. Rose writes, "People might have to travel further for treatments for illnesses that require inpatient stays, like pneumonia or Covid-19. In some of the communities where hospitals have converted to the new designation, residents are confused about what kind of care they can receive."

According to the AP report: "'It's ironic' that the facilities that might need the most help can't afford to take the risk, said Car-

rie Cochran-McClain, chief policy officer at the National Rural Health Association. She pointed to having to give up certain services and benefits, such as a federal discount program for prescription drugs."

Only 19 hospitals have made the change so far, according to the University of North Carolina's Sheps Center for Health Services Research. But "Brock Slabach, the National Rural Health Association's chief operations officer, told the AP that upwards of 30 facilities are interested in converting to rural emergency hospitals this year."

Minnesota physicians reach policy priorities

Submitted by Minnesota Medical Association (MMA)

The state's largest advocacy group for Minnesota physicians and physicians-in-training is advocating for five legislative priorities at the Capitol this session.

"Many healthcare-related bills go through the Capitol each session," said Laurel Ries, MD, the MMA's president. "But to make an impact for patients and how medicine is practiced in Minnesota, we really need to focus our efforts on a few top issues. Reducing the use of prior authorization for critical services, where

insurance companies delay getting treatments to patients, is the key one this year."

The Minnesota Medical Association's top priorities include:

• Prohibiting the use of prior authorization for critical-care services.

This includes eliminating the use of prior authorization for preventive services, generic drugs, outpatient cancer treatment, outpatient mental health/chemical dependency treatment, and medication-assisted-treatment (MAT) of opioid use. In addition, the MMA will work toward limiting prior authorization for chronic conditions to just a one-time approval, eliminating its use for value-based contracts, and eliminating prior authorization for providers whose approval rates are within the norm for approvals.

• Limiting mid-year formulary changes for prescription drugs. This ensures that patients can't be forced by their insurer to change medications until the end of their health insurance contract. It also requires that health plans use "real-time benefit tools" to inform practitioners whether a prescribed drug is covered. If patients are obligated to remain on their insurance through their contract year, health insurance companies should not be allowed to change coverage in the middle of the contract year.

• Promoting physician wellness services. This includes prohibiting credentialing applications from asking applicants about past health issues; protecting medical information disclosed as part of SafeHaven, the MMA's new confidential, physician wellness program; and funding a public awareness campaign to encourage physicians to seek care. It also would include establishing a recognition program for hospitals and systems that promote workforce wellness.

• Implementing and funding an electronic registry for POLST (Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) forms.

This is needed to ensure that patients' wishes are followed by all physicians and other providers at end-of-life. Currently, providers only have access to paper copies of these critical medical orders. A statewide database is needed so these forms can be accessed at any time.

• Addressing substance use morbidity and mortality through a public health lens by supporting the legislative work of the Harm Reduction Collaborative.

This would include promoting the use of MAT in prisons, jails, and sober homes; and strengthening Minnesota's Good Samaritan law for seeking help during a drug overdose and providing safe recovery sites.

Quote of the week

“The greatest danger to our future is apathy.”
— Jane Goodall

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

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

March 29

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

March 31

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

April 1

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

STAPLES AREA RETIRED EDUCATORS (REAM) will meet on Monday, April 1, at the Batcher Block Opera House in Staples at 9:30 a.m. Colleen Frost, speaker.

April 2

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

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

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

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

‘Social Security and your retirement’ seminars in Staples and Wadena

Regardless of when you plan to retire, Social Security will likely be an important part of the road ahead. Join us for a no-cost, no-obligation seminar that will answer your Social Security questions and discuss routes you can take to help get the most out of your benefits. Find out how to set a clear direction on your

road to retirement.

This seminar is hosted by Matt Ratchenski, LPL Financial Advisor, with Mid Minnesota Investment and Retirement Services. Michael Mason, Regional Vice President TruStageTM, will be presenting information and answering your questions.

The seminar will be held:

- Tuesday, April 9, 6 - 7 p.m., at Timbers Event Center, 1220 2nd Ave NE, Staples
- Wednesday, April 10, 6 -7 p.m., at Little Round Still, 1114 Jefferson St. S, Wadena

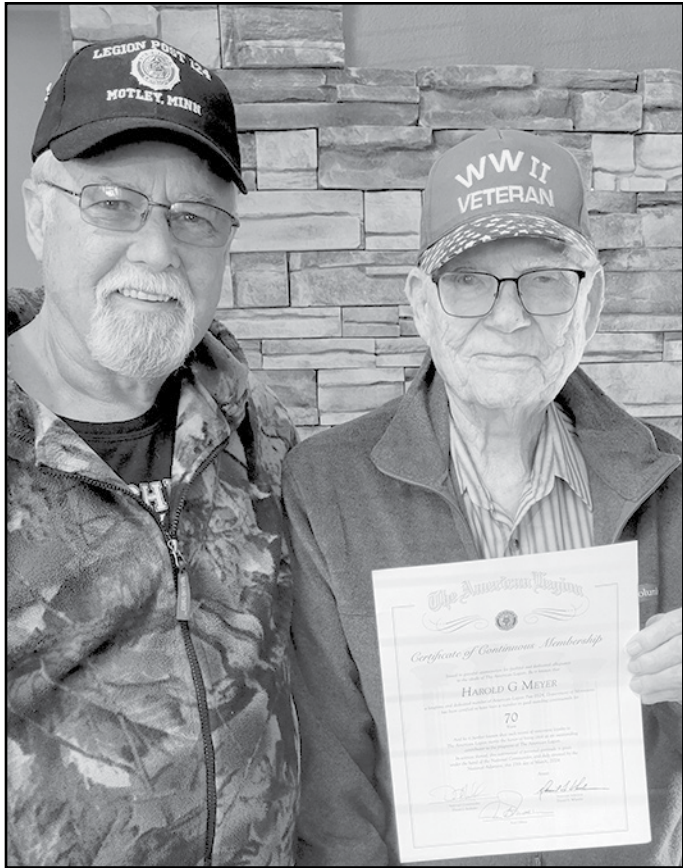
Refreshments will be served. Spaced is limited, so RSVP to Matt by calling 218-325-6540 or email m.ratchenski@lpl.com to reserve your seat.

Motley Fair Board meeting
Tues., April 2, 6:00 p.m.
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Volunteers needed.
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Easter Egg Hunt
at Staples Alliance Church, 1512 8th St. NE
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Family Fun Event for All Ages

Staples Area Church Directory

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Veteran honored

Ninety-eight year old Harry Meyer of Baxter, formerly of Staples, was presented with a certificate for 70 years of continuous membership in the American Legion March 18. A Navy veteran, Meyer served during WWII as a code talker in the Pacific Campaign. Pictured, from left, are Alan Marshall, Commander of the American Legion Post 124 of Motley presenting the certificate to longtime member Meyer. The Motley American Legion meets every third Thursday at Motley City Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. (Submitted photo)

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Parable of a Cross Country Runner

Pastor Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

Training for the next cross-country high-school season is not an easy road to travel in rural west-central Minnesota. The runner carries pepper spray and the dutiful parent follows a quarter mile or so behind on the barren rural county roads for protection from predators (human and animal). The parable of the protective parent watching over their running child, following where they go, ever attentive to the next blind intersection or tight curve in the road is quite appropriate as an example of the kingdom of God. It is a wonderful image of our Father God watching over His children as protector on the roads we travel in life. It reminds us of God’s faithfulness to our journey, allowing us to travel where we may go and being there all along to “jump in” if so needed.

The image also fails, doesn’t it. A God that only follows us and is there only when the needs arise fails to capture God’s eternal presence in our life. God is so much more than someone to whom we can turn to during disasters and difficult times and unknown circumstances. He is those things...but God is so much more.

What if we reversed the symbolism? What happens to our parable when the cross-country runner is God and the follower is us? Hopefully all the cross-country runners I know are not now saying, “Pastor Scott is calling us gods!” What I am saying is that God asks us to follow

Him. He doesn’t send us on our way in life and then follows along. God loves us so much that He is there not only when we need Him, but He has made a plan for our life. God isn’t just following the path that we travel, He has made a way for us (Isaiah 43:19). And Jeremiah 29:11 is even more clear with God declaring, “For I know the plans I have for you.” God isn’t some God way out there watching where we are going but is a God that has already run the race in His Son, Jesus, and will guide us on a path of His making if we are willing to follow.

The beautiful thing about our God is that by following Him we aren’t all molded into some generic little box. God has created us each unique in gifts and talents and passions that He will utilize to their fullest potential... if we are willing to follow. For some are mathematicians and some are teachers and some are cross-country superstars (to paraphrase Romans 12:6). What an incredible opportunity: loved by a God that has taken the time to prepare a path for each and every one of us. May we not squander that opportunity to walk a path designed to meet our specific, a path that utilizes our gifts, a path that celebrates our passions and a path that glorifies Him through us.

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Obituaries

Scott Meech

Scott Meech, 73, of Staples, passed away March 18, 2024, at his home.

Funeral services were held March 23, at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena with Kali Bell officiating.

Military Honors were provided by Elmer Goche V.F.W. Post #3922 of Wadena and the United States Navy Honor Guard of Minneapolis.

Pallbearers were Scott's grandsons: Michael, Cole, Brandon, Nicoda, Drew, Wyatt, Jace, Levi, Gage, Ryker, and Riggs. Honorary Pallbearer was Scott's grandson, Cody.

Scott was laid to rest at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Scott was born January 25, 1951, to Clinton Meech and Doris (Elifrits) Meech in Staples. On September 11, 1971, he married Sharon Wynn. Together they raised six children, Kristine (Thomas) Hendershot, Wadena, Jolleen (Scott) Yungbauer, Staples, Angie (Dwayne) Reisenauer, Staples, Scott Jr. (Tammy)Meech, Staples, Lisa Wilkins, Motley, Holly (Adam) Swenson, Watford City, ND.

Scott enlisted in the United States Navy in 1969 where he served in active duty until 1977. He then enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard until he retired in 1980. After his service he went to work as a welder, driving grain truck and spent many years as a truck driver for Russ Davis. He also worked as a mechanic for the business that he purchased in 1999 known today as Scott's Southtown and continued



to run the business until he retired in 2011 at which time his son took over the business.

After retirement he enjoyed riding motorcycle, spending time at his home in New Mexico, camping, spending time with his family on the many adventures he was always up for. His most recent adventure being his ice making endeavor.

He is survived by his children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; mother-in-law, Arlene; seven siblings, Laura, Sharon, Sue, Colleen, Tim, Joel and Jeff; many nieces and nephews and his AA family.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Sharon; parents; father-in-law, James Wynn; one grandson, Cody; four brothers, Roger, Richard, Terry and Jody and three nieces, Judy, Makayla and Darla.

Visit www.karvonen-funeralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Scott's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena.

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Beatrice Olson

Beatrice was born September 16, 1918, the fourth of 12 children born to Louis and Cora Zakariasen.

They lived in several places during her childhood, settling in Excelsior where she graduated from high school. She received a teaching degree from St. Cloud State College. She taught fourth grade in Kimball, Maple Lake and Alexandria where she met her husband.

Albert Olson and Beatrice Zakariasen were married July 31 1948 and she began her second career as a homemaker.

They lived in International Falls, Brainerd and since 1968, in Staples. She taught Sunday School in every location, which she truly enjoyed doing for over 40 years.

She moved to the Roseau Manor in October 2021 to be close to family which was the biggest blessing for all of us.

She loved to cook and bake, known for her many varieties of specialty breads, especially cinnamon.

She made lefse, potato dumplings - or 'klub' as it was known to us - and lutfisk which she ate for 100 straight years at Christmas. When the staff would ask if they could get her anything, most often the response would be - yes, lutfesk and lefse.

Her true passion and creative joy was as a seamstress. She purchased, combined and created her own patterns. She made clothing, curtains, draperies, bedspreads, many of her own design.

Every room in her home and the homes of her two daughters were a reflection of that creativity and she did it all on the only sewing machine she ever owned, a 1949 Singer.

She enjoyed reading and was very well informed. She read her Bible - at least



three chapters every day - and a newspaper, until 104-1/2 when the print became too difficult, but she was able to enjoy watching TV.

She is survived by one daughter, Cindi (Larry) Mertens of Roseau; two grandsons, Jacob (Kelly) and their children, daughter, Memphis and sons, Mack and Boyer and Dustin (Erica) and their sons, Trey and Ty, all of Roseau; numerous nieces and nephews, many of whom thought of her as a second mother and dear friends of all ages; two brothers, Louis, and Jim (Ruth) and one sister-in-law, Senada.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert, in 2008 after 60 years of marriage; one daughter, Debra Olson in 2021 from ALS and most of her siblings and their spouses.

We have deep gratitude for the staff at the Lake-wood Health Care Center in Staples and those at the Roseau Manor who's caregiving demonstrates the word love every day and who became like family.

She was an example, an inspiration and a blessing to all her knew her. Although not many people have a loved one in their life, with a sound mind, for 105 years, six months and three days, it's never time to say goodbye, she will be deeply missed.

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Rosemary Petrich

Rosemary Helen Petrich, 74, of Staples, passed away on March 20, 2024, at Lake-wood Health System, Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Rosemary was born December 12, 1949, in Staples, to Frank and Pauline (Sweet) Nelson. She graduated from Staples High School in 1968.

She married her best friend, Reggie Petrich on June 1, 1968, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. They lived in Fridley and Circle Pines, where they raised their two children, Paul and Michael. Rosemary stayed home with the boys until they started school and then began her 30-year career with Benson/Twin City Optical in Staples, retiring in 2010. After retirement she enjoyed volunteering at the Staples Food Shelf.

Rosemary had many adventures with Reggie - he would pick her up after work to go fishing at Mille Lacs or Leech Lake, where she would out fish him many times with her drop and pull method. They were long-time volunteers at "Back to the 50's" car show and attended car shows across the state. Rosemary always looked forward to Staples Railroad Days and the penny auction. If you knew her, you quickly realized she was lucky. She seemed to win every raffle and drawing. Her secret to winning may have been that, if she won money, she gave one third back to the church.

Rosemary enjoyed spending time with her family at Dead Lake and Lake Osakis, where she loved to sit by the lake and read books.

Bringing her the most joy was following her boys' and grandchildren's sports.



Rosemary and Reggie were members of the Staples Wrestling Club and attended every wrestling match and football game. She continued to be an avid sports fan of her grandchildren, following Staples-Motley football, wrestling, baseball, track and field, CLC and Bemidji State Football. She even became an Osakis fan, following football, track and Prairie Centre Hockey.

She was especially looking forward to meeting her first great-grandchild in May.

Rosemary will be lovingly remembered by her family for her mashed potatoes, spritz cookies and the over-abundance of gifts (including socks) at Christmas.

Left to cherish her memory are beloved husband of 55 years, Reggie; two sons, Paul (Kathy) Petrich and Michael (Greta) Petrich; seven grandchildren, Blake (Brooke) Petrich, Miranda Petrich, Kimberli Kronenberg, Adam Petrich, Issac Kronenberg, Jack Petrich and Steven Petrich; many nieces and nephews and three sisters, Juanita (Richard) Allee, Patronel (Gary) Steinke and Dorothy Hall.

Rosemary is preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings, Ruthie Hanson, Ronnie Nelson, Pauline Beach, Frances Winter, Elnora Dempsey, Jimmy Nelson and Chuck Nelson.

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THE STAPLES SPORTSMANS CLUB

would like to thank all those who donated and all those who attended the 2024 Annual Banquet. You made it one of the best banquets to date. A big thank you to the Clarissa Ballroom staff who served a wonderful meal. With your support we will be able to continue promoting Youth and Adult shooting sports activities.

~Darlys Hamberg, Secretary

Student Achievements

STACY VEEN, Motley, has been named to the 2023 Fall Semester Dean's List at Minnesota North College, Hibbing. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more credits while earning a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

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Jane Lynch

Jane Lynch, 84, Cushing, passed away March 9, 2024, at the Long Prairie Hospital.

A service celebrating Jane's life was held March 16 at the Staples Assembly of God Church.

Born Jane Felix in Jordan, she was the fourth of nine children in the Florence and Clement Felix family. She grew up immersed in country life on a small farm at Prior Lake. The Felixes didn't have much but they worked the land and tended their animals and faced adversity together with the strength of a close-knit family. Jane took this lesson forward into her adult life, embracing all celebratory occasions and holidays, welcoming family, friends and neighbors always.

The great love of her childhood was helping train and ride the family's horses, including one half-Arabian beauty named "Lady" who became the stuff of family legend. Jane loved animals and was energized by the natural world. She often walked with her sisters to the local schools, choir practices and was a flag swinger in high school, marching in all of the local parades. She graduated from Prior Lake High School in 1958. Ambitious and gregarious, Jane was hired as a teller at First National Bank in Minneapolis, where she worked for five years. She travelled to



see the sights on both coasts but always came back to Minnesota.

She met Robert (Bob) Lynch, the man she would fall in love with, marry and remain devoted to for the next 60 years. They soon moved from Minneapolis to a home on Lake Sarah in Greenfield, where they raised their four children. During this time, Jane started her journey of faith, a deeply important shift that became the bedrock foundation of her life going forward. She identified first and foremost as an ambassador and heir to the kingdom of Heaven.

She blended her faith and love of family, nature, animals and human connection in all facets of her life, from camping and hiking all over the U.S. and Canada with her family, gardening and running an organic orchard, to support the causes that meant the most to her, such as her faith, community, schools educating Native American children in their traditional

languages, health-centric nutrition, boreal forest preservation and building houses for bluebirds, to name just a few. She continued her education as a non-traditional student, receiving an AA degree at North Hennepin Community College in the late 1980s.

She and Bob lived on a farm in Maple Lake for several years. There she helped convert to organic production before settling in Cushing on Thunder Lake. She spent quality time with her husband, the grandchildren she adored and her Bible study group. She cared for Bob during a prolonged terminal illness and fought hard to keep him in the home he loved (miraculously, with a lot of prayer and help from local heroes, she often emphasized) until his passing in 2023.

Jane is survived by three sons, Robert, III (Kristine), Patrick (Wendy) and Daniel (Cory) Lynch; two granddaughters, Madeline Hodgkins and Lauren Lynch; one grandson, Grant Lynch and six siblings, Mary, Florence, Frances, Margaret (Paul), Dennis (Susan) and Michael.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; one sister, Anne; one brother, Clement and one daughter, Sheila.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home of Browerville.

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #13
Mon., Feb. 26, 2024,
6 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m.

Members Reese, Winkels, Reeck, Wright, Anderson and Trout were present, comprising a quorum.

Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Principal Ferdon, Principal Berg, Business Manager Hill, recording secretary Larson, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson and other staff. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda. MC

Chair Winkels welcomed and recognized the public School/Community Forum

None

Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from the Jan. 22, 2024 Board Meeting

Approve Minutes from the Feb. 5 Work Session

Accept the resignations of:

a. Coral Cuppy, Transportation

b. Margaret Urbanski, Long Term Math Substitute Teacher

Approve the FMLA request from Tanner Anderson

Approve the hire of Naomi Sullivan, Middle/High School Paraprofessional

Approve the list of spring coaches

Approve the fundraiser request from ISC and Student Council

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Trout, to approve the consent agenda. MC
Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of \$10,490.12. MC

Thank you to Region Five

Development Commission, Motley Lions Club, National FFA Organization, Hospitality MN Education Foundation, Todd County DHIA and MSHSL Foundation for their generous donations.

Finance Items
(Finance Committee Minutes 2-14-24)

Finance Report was presented by Business Manager Hill

a. 2023-2024 Budget Review presented by Business Manager Hill

b. 2024-2025 Budget Review presented by Business Manager Hill

General Fund: \$609,084.36

Food Service: \$52,786.01

Community Service: \$12,099.31

Construction Fund: \$800.01

Debt Service: \$3,643,565.00

Fund 45: \$8.31

Fund 47 (CLOSED): \$0.00

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson, to approve the January Disbursements. MC

General Fund: \$1,334,486.69

Food Service: \$79,043.50

Community Service Fund: \$40,710.19

Construction Fund: \$59,994.00

Debt Service Fund: \$62,634.81

Fund 45: \$99.53

Fund 47: (CLOSED) \$ 0.00

Motion by Wright, seconded by Trout, to approve the January receipts. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2024 Business use standard mileage rates. (.67 per mile) MC

Food Service Report presented by Food Service Director Vangsness

Facilities Report presented by ICS representative Etter

Personnel

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Reese, to approve the Non-Renewal of Kelsie Tyrrell, a Tier 1 Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year. (Roll Call Vote: Reeck, Reese, Winkels, Anderson, Wright and Trout voted in favor and none opposed) MC

Motion by Trout, seconded by Wright, to approve

the Non-Renewal of James Wimmer, a Tier 1 Teacher effective at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year. (Roll Call Vote: Wright, Anderson, Trout, Reese, Winkels and Reeck voted in favor and none opposed) MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to approve the Non-Renewal of Karla Zeck, a Probationary Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year. (Roll Call Vote: Trout, Winkels, Wright, Reeck, Anderson and Reese voted in favor and none opposed) MC

Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson, to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE ECSE Teacher effective the 2024-2025 school year. MC

Motion by Trout, seconded by Wright to approve the addition of 1.37 FTE ECSE Paraprofessionals effective the 2024-2025 school year. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson, to approve the ULA of .5 FTE for Skyla Rewitzer, Spanish Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year. (Roll Call Vote: Anderson, Reeck, Winkels, Trout, Reese and Wright voted in favor and none opposed) MC

Other

Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Negotiations Settlement of the Non-Certified Employee Group; five percent (5%) pay increase for 2023-2024 and five percent (5%) pay increase for 2024-2025. MC

Reports

School Board

FED - Minutes 1-24-2024

Sourcwell - Minutes 12-19-2023 and 1-24-2024

Principals - Reports by Principals Ferdon and Berg

Activities - Report by AD Lee

Superintendent - Report by Superintendent Tappe

SMEA - Report by Representatives Kneisl and Evans

Other - CEAC minutes

Tour of "The Nest" Project

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF OSAKIS LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TODD COUNTY

Upon petition by the Osakis Lake Association for a proposed Osakis Lake Improvement District, the Todd County Board of Commissioners has set a public hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, in the Osakis Public School Auditorium, 500 First Avenue East, Osakis, Minnesota.

The boundaries of the proposed Osakis Lake Improvement District shall include parcels with lake frontage, or lake frontage access, on Osakis Lake in Douglas and Todd Counties. The purposes, programs, and funding for the district are outlined in the Petition for Proposed Osakis Lake Improvement District, a copy of which is available for public review at the Office of the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer, Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue S, Long Prairie, Minnesota and is also available on the county website: <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/>

The establishment of the proposed Osakis Lake Improvement District requires review by the Commissioner of Natural Resources, by the town board of a town wholly or partially within the boundaries and the approval of the Douglas and Todd County Boards. Concerned citizens may submit evidence at the public hearing or send written comments to the County Auditor-Treasurer Department prior to the public hearing. Mail to: Todd County Auditor-Treasurer RE: OLID, 215 1st Avenue S, Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN 56347 or email clerk@co.todd.mn.us

This hearing is being held prior to the passage of any order establishing the proposed lake improvement district. Concerned citizens may also submit evidence and opinions to the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

Questions can be directed to Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer by email clerk@co.todd.mn.us or by phone at 320-732-4469.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
Clerk to the Board

Loren Fellbaum,
Todd Coutny Public Works Director/Engineer

NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY CLEANUP

Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, will be conducting their spring cleanup on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

Two flower arrangements are allowed either on shepherd hooks or pole style pot holders, or a monument topper. Flowers must be maintained in an attractive manner or they will be removed.

Bob Reeck,
Secretary/Treasurer

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

NOTICE TODD COUNTY 2024 PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT Closing date: April 9, 2024

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., April 9, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

C.P. 77-24-03
Pavement Marking Application
Various County Highways (256.14 miles)

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 Coutny Public Works Director/Engineer

TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
215 1st Ave. South,
Suite 103
Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, April, 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

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

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

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of March 7, 2024, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes

1. Proposed Amendment to Todd County Feedlot Ordinance:

Section 9.11: Feedlots
2. Proposed Language Amendments to Todd County Ordinance:
Section 5.03: Variances
Section 5.05: - Conditional Use Permits
Section 5.06: Zoning Amendments
3 North Star RNG, LLC: Section 33 and 28, Long Prairie Township
Site Address: 21695 MN-287, Long Prairie, MN 56347

P I D : 18-0032600, 18-0033000, 18-0040800, 18-0040700, 18-0032300

1. Request for the construction and operation of an anaerobic digester to renewable natural gas project in AF-1 Zoning.

4. Sunset Point Preliminary Plat: Section 17, Kandota Township, Long Lake

Site Address: 12579 County Highway 11, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

PID: 14-0017202

1. Request to plat one 3.2-acre lot in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

5 Paul A. Hershberger: Section 15, Reynolds Township

Site Address: 24584 County Road 11, Long Prairie, MN 56347

PID: 20-0017300

1. Request for Wood Processing-windows, doors, post or metal, with signage and building addition in AF-2 Zoning.

Next Meeting:
May 2, 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 Planning Commission
Jim Pratt, Chair

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RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals for the work described below will be received online through QuestCDN.com until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read at the office of the City of Staples, 122 6th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

- 2700 SY of Bituminous Removal
- 1300 CY of Common Excavation
- 600 TONS of Bituminous Pavement
- 460 CY of Aggregate Base, Class 5 (CV)
- 1210 LF of Concrete Curb and Gutter
- 510 LF of PVC Sanitary Sewer
- 650 LF of PVC Water-main
- 52 LF of 18" Concrete Storm Sewer

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Prevailing Wage Rates, Truck Rentals, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals, Targeted Group Business Program Goals, and Veteran-Owned Small Business, Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions, Buy American Iron and Steel Provisions, and Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by 08/15/2024.

PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.questcdn.com or www.bolton-menk.com.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com or www.bolton-menk.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #9016649 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$50.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SUBMITTAL: A bid shall be submitted online no later than the date and time prescribed. For this project, the Owner will only be accepting online electronic bids through QuestCDN. To access the electronic bid form, download the project document and click online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

BID SECURITY: A Proposal Bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Staples shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

DATED: March 22, 2024

/S/ Jerel Nelsen
City Administrator

Published:

Staples World
March 27, 2024, April 3, 2024, April 10, 2024
Finance and Commerce:
March 27, 2024, April 3, 2024, April 10, 2024

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NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP Important Information Regarding Property Assessments This may affect your 2025 property taxes

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Bartlett Township will meet on April 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

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

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township

NOTICE WADENA COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING

Wadena County Board of Commissioners

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Hearing regarding the proposed County Road Turnback and will provide an opportunity to citizens to give comment relating to the same.

Written comments will be received by Darin Fellbaum, County Engineer, until April 5, 2024 at 221

Harry Rich Dr., Wadena, Minnesota 56482.

The meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aldrich Township Hall, 18118 150th Street, Vernadale, Minnesota 56481.

Heather Olson
Auditor/Treasurer

NOTICE MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Meadowbrook, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. this meeting is at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

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

appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Ty Peterson, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT MEETING

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of May, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 12:00 noon at the May Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

NOTICE TODD COUNTY 2024 GRAVEL SURFACING PROJECT Closing date: April 9, 2024

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., April 9, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

CP 24:82
CP 24:84

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NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION
(These parcels have not forfeited to the State of Minnesota)

State of Minnesota
County of Todd

Denise Gaida
County Auditor/Treasurer

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Todd County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on these parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) sixty (60) days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcels or (2) July 31st, 2024 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the County Auditor/Treasurer; the legal description and parcel identification number of the parcels; and the amount necessary to redeem the parcels as of the date listed below:

Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Addition Owners/ Interested Parties	Legal Description	Amount Due
01-0007900 TIMOTHY C JASMER 17206 490TH ST VERNDALE MN 56481	CHARLES M JASMER 50667 COUNTY 77 VERNDALE MN 56481	SECT-08 TWP-133 RANG-34 S2 SW4	\$ 1,318.64
08-0046800 HARLIN & PATRICIA GROVER & SUE GROVER RISTINE 1648 HILLVIEW RD SHOREVIEW MN 55126		LOT 15 BLOCK 3 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1	\$ 157.77
08-0046900 HARLIN & PATRICIA GROVER & SUE GROVER RISTINE 1648 HILLVIEW RD SHOREVIEW MN 55126		LOT 16 BLOCK 3 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1	\$ 157.77
08-0106600 PETER & NATALYA SHEVCHENKO 23520 GUIER RD SEDALIA MO 65301		LOT 2 BLOCK 12 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 147.57
08-0108800 DELMAR GOLDEMAN C/O NANCY SAGER 34922 XENON ST NW PRINCETON MN 55371	CARL LARUE 63825 ARROWHEAD RD CAMBRIDGE OH 43123	LOT 24 BLOCK 12 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 111.59
08-0122300 RUPALI SUNIL SHAH 1256 WATER LILY WAY SAN JOSE CA 95129		LOT 20 BLOCK 1 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 147.57
08-0126000 MATTHEW PRATT 9028 HIGHLAND AVE AVALON WI 53505		LOT 21 BLOCK 2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 121.81
08-0126300 MATTHEW PRATT 9028 HIGHLAND AVE AVALON WI 53505		LOT 24 BLOCK 2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 132.03
08-0130000 LEROY O & CAROLYN YOUNG 7573 MADISON ST OMAHA NE 68127		LOT 3 BLOCK 3 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 142.24
08-0137500 TIMOTHY C RAVELING 8481 MAGNOLIA ST NW COON RAPIDS MN 55433		LOT 31 BLOCK 5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 121.81
08-0156200 JULIE ANN PACKER WHITEHEAD 819 SOUTH BREVARD AVE COCA BEACH FL 32935		LOT 22 BLOCK 9 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 178.20
08-0156500 BENJAMIN F & MAREN C MOON 5775 120TH ST SW PILLAGER MN 56473		LOT 2 BLOCK 10 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 132.03
08-0156600 BENJAMIN F & MAREN C MOON 5775 120TH ST SW PILLAGER MN 56473		LOT 3 BLOCK 10 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 132.03
10-0060400 JOE ST GERMAIN 515 BLAIR AVE ST PAUL MN 55103		LOT 2 BLOCK 1 SECOND ADD.TO LANDS END	\$ 1,846.28
13-0025100 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 27 TWP 130 RANG 34 NE4 NE4	\$ 4,098.02
17-0004400 EUGENE KRASUE AGRICULTURAL FARMS LLC 18363 210TH ST LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 05 TWP 128 RANG 34 E2 NW4	\$ 11,535.00
17-0007400 LELAND THOMAS MIRON 19190 COUNTY RD 11 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 9 TWP 128 RANG 34 E2 N2 SE4 SW4	\$ 4,589.34
18-0018200 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 17 TWP 126 RANG 33; AT NW COR OF SW4 SW4, E 347.80FT, SE ERLY ALONG CTRLINE OF CO RD 89 551.98FT, SW 320.49FT, NW 22.87FT, SW 102.79FT, SW 137.50FT, SE 86.05FT, SE 74.23FT, SE 27.50FT, NE 225.06FT TO PT OF	\$ 2,715.64
19-0041800 BRANDON GREENWOOD 39729 OAK DR BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 20 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 118.45
19-0042300 BRANDON GREENWOOD 39729 OAK DR BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 25 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 1,675.18
19-0042400 BRANDON GREENWOOD 39729 OAK DR BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 26 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 95.13
19-0064500 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 33 BLOCK 2 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 143.97
19-0075400 ANDREW & OLGA KRINITSYN 4440 145TH LANE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT 14 BLOCK 5 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 110.68
19-0075600 ANDREW & OLGA KRINITSYN 4440 145TH LANE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT 16 BLOCK 5 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 99.80
19-0097700 TARYN NESBIT CARLITA THOMPSON 2946 GOLF VIEW CT ST CLOUD MN 56301		LOT 1 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 95.13
19-0099700 TARYN NESBIT CARLITA THOMPSON 2946 GOLF VIEW CT ST CLOUD MN 56301		LOT 21 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 123.55
19-0122100 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 7 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 97.57
19-0122200 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 8 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 97.57
19-0122300 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 9 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 97.57
19-0122400 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 10 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 97.57
19-0122500 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 11 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 164.19
19-0122600 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 12 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 1,203.20
19-0125000 MUTASIM S ASSIDMI 43617 DUNHILL CUP SQ ASHBURN VA 20147		LOT 45 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 157.07
20-0036600 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 33 TWP 129 RANG 34 E 12 RDS OF N 14 RDS OF NE4	\$ 3,580.66
20-0036700 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 33 TWP 129 RANG 34 BEG 977 FT S & 264 FT W OF NE COR OF NE4, N 117 FT, W 100 FT, S 84 FT, SE 105 FT TO BEG	\$ 80.48
20-0038000 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK 24 2ND ST S LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	SECT 34 TWP 129 RANG 34 SW4 NE4 EX COMM AT SW COR OF SW4 NE4, N 765 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE N 315 FT, E 222 FT, S 182 FT, E 88 FT, S 133 FT, W 310 FT TO BEG	\$ 2,186.98
21-0025000 JOSEPH & KAREN LAGANIHERE C/O PAT LAGANIHERE 27710 170TH ST GREY EAGLE MN 56336	MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 444 LAFAYETTE ROAD ST PAUL MN 55155-3813	SECT 23 TWP 128 RANG 33 W 480 FT OF E 907 FT OF S 453.75 FT OF SW4 SE4	\$ 6,126.61
23-0003900 JASON T LEHMKUHL 50919 COUNTY HIGHWAY 73 WADENA MN 56482		SECT 6 TWP 133 RANG 35 N 660 FT OF SE4 NE4	\$ 986.44

23-0024300 MATTHEW RAY GREWE 46279 131ST AVE HEWITT MN 56453		SECT 28 TWP 133 RANG 35 E 28 RDS S2 N2 SE4	\$ 3,845.18
24-0031100 JODY S & MARIAN L LARSON 29171 LAIR RD CUSHING MN 56443	LARSON'S WHISPERING PINES CEMETERY C/O GARRY LARSON	SECT 30 TWP 131 RANG 32 N2 NW4 EX PART W OF CREEK & SW4 NE4 EX S 313 FT OF E 606 FT & NW4 NE4 EX PART PLATTED FOR LARSON'S WHISPERING PINES CEMETERY	\$ 743.61
25-0007500 HAROLD G HARKCOM & GEARLEAN CAMERON C/O ROBERT CAMERON 49519 305TH AVE STAPLES MN 56479	MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 444 LAFAYETTE ROAD ST PAUL MN 55155-3813	SECT 9 TWP 133 RANG 32 PART OF SW4 NW4 DESC AS COMM AT SE COR OF SW4 NW4, N 70.40 FT TO N LINE OF HWY 10, N 266.60 FT, W 116.50 FT, S 250.76 FT TO N LINE OF HWY 10, SE TO BEG EX E 16.50 FT	\$ 4,390.26
26-0019500 GARY HOMMERDING 85938 145TH AVE EAGLE BEND MN 56446		SECT 25 TWP 131 RANG 35 BEG AT NW COR OF NW4 NW4, S 398.19 FT, E 615.90 FT, N 376.84 FT, W 617.36 TO PT OF BEG	\$ 5,377.41
28-0029001 DAVID M SARFF 13487 340TH STREET EAGLE BEND MN 56446	MN HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY 400 SIBLEY STREET, SUITE 300 ST PAUL MN 55101 BREMER BANK, N.A. ATTN: RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE 8555 EAGLE POINT BLVD LAKE ELMO MN 55042 U.S. BANK, N.A. 13487 340TH STREET EAGLE BEND MN 56446	SECT 33 TWP 131 RANG 35 COMM AT NW COR NOF NE4 NE4, E 702 FT S 316 FT W 460 FT S 450 FT W 242 FT N 766 FT TO BEG	\$ 4,079.29
29-0005400 CHEAP HOME FINDERS INC PO BOX 881655 PORT ST LUCIE FL 34988		LOT 11 AUD. SUBD. OF E 706 FT OF SE4 SE4	\$ 2,886.55
29-0017700 VANCE A & AMY M BURGER PO BOX 101 BERTHA MN 56437		LOTS 13 & 14 BLOCK 3 KILBURN'S THIRD ADD.	\$ 4,037.84
33-0000700 JAMES R RANDALL TRUST C/O JESSIE RANDALL PO BOX 293 CAROLS MN 56319		SECT 11 TWP 131 RANG 35 COMM 21 RDS N OF SW COR OF SE4 SE4, THENCE N 23 RDS, E 16 RDS, S 10 RDS, E 16 RDS, S 13 RDS, W 32 RDS	\$ 2,148.56
33-0009100 CHARLES A & JOYCE KAY LARSON 537 THIRD AVE NW EAGLE BEND MN 56446	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. 184 WOOD AVE S ISELIN NJ 08830 UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A. 215 FOREST ST HATTIESBURG MS 39401	AUDITOR'S PLAT W/2 SW4 LOTS 4, 5 & 6 EX COMM AT NW COR OF LOT 4, E 235 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE E 134 FT, SE ALONG R.O.W. LINE 352 FT TO S LINE OF LOT 6, W 210 FT, NW 200 FT, E 47 FT, NW 146.5 FT TO BEG	\$ 5,447.52
33-0016300 THOMAS J ATKINSON 1507 E 4TH ST DULUTH MN 55812		LOT 1 & 2 EX 5 20 FT BLOCK 4 ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND	\$ 3,417.28
33-0020900 BERNARD 7 PAM DAHLVANG 8526 COUNTY 20 SW SEBEKA MN 56477		E 30 FT OF S 94.25 FT OF LOT 10 BLOCK 1 BOND'S FIRST ADDITION	\$ 4,810.02
33-0023800 LEONA PECHAN (TRETTER) PO BOX 177 EAGLE BEND MN 56446		LOTS 4 & 5 BLOCK 3 BOND'S 2ND ADDITION	\$ 3,968.92
33-0023900 RAYMOND J PECHAN & LEONA PECHAN (TRETTER) PO BOX 177 EAGLE BEND MN 56446		LOT 6 BLOCK 3 BOND'S 2ND ADDITION	\$ 174.15
33-0033000 BERNARD & PAM DAHLVANG 8526 COUNTY 20 SW SEBEKA MN 56477		N 111.5 FT OF LOT 1 BLOCK 2 SARFF'S CENTRAL ADDITION	\$ 7,026.84
34-0002300 PATRICIA C SEIFERT ESTATE C/O RICHARD SEIFERT 15114 265TH AVE GREY EAGLE MN 56336		LOT 1 AUD SUBD SE4 NE4 & GOVT LOT 4 S 100 FT OF N 396 FT OF E 150 FT OF W 315 FT	\$ 6,596.94
34-0022000 JULIO A BOTELLO HURTADO SARAI BOTELLO BECERRA 438 STATE STREET E GREY EAGLE MN 56336		LOT 9 BLOCK 1 MCNAMARA'S ADDITION	\$ 2,045.55
35-0018900 ALLEN J DIRKS 420 MAIN ST HEWITT MN 56453	MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 444 LAFAYETTE ROAD ST PAUL MN 55155-3813	LOT 2 EX N 5 FT & ALL OF LOT 3 BLOCK 14 TO WNSITE OF HEWITT	\$ 6,553.21
35-0026300 DARIBEL DEL BOIS HENRIQUEZ ROSALLA HENRIQUEZ SELMO 16 7TH STREET SE LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	MARTIN MONTANEZ-MORELOS ARTEMIA MONTANEZ CARRILLO 911 WOODLAND CIRCLE LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	LOT 2 BLOCK 3 TWEED'S FIRST ADDITION	\$ 3,512.76
35-0033100 LITTLE ELK CONSTRUCTION INC 33 2ND ST S LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		N 42.50 FT OF LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 3 TWEED'S SECOND ADDITION...	\$ 7,999.74
35-0093601 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 21 TWP 129 RANG 33 LOTS 9 TO 12 EX N 6 FT OF LOT 12 BLOCK 1 LAWB'S FIRST ADDITION TO LONG PRARIE	\$ 19,137.72
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The time for redemption of the parcels of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of this notice and the filing of proof thereof in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, or July 31st, 2024 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LAND PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The redemption amount is shown above is figured thru April 30th, 2024. This amount will increase monthly. Please contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due to redeem said parcel if paid *on or after* May 1st, 2024.

Inquiries as to these proceedings can be made to the Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer Office, whose address is listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 20th, day of March, 2024.

Denise Gaida,
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

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**COUNTY OF TODD
TODD DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF
DELINQUENT TAXES**

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Todd County on which delinquent real property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the district court administrator of Todd County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested persons must either pay the tax and penalty plus interest and costs or file a written objection with the district court administrator. The objection must be filed by March 31, 2024, stating the reason(s) why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and costs.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 13, 2024. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities.

The redemption period is five weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method to paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments, with a down payment due at the time you enter into the confession. The length of the installment plan varies: five years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just three percent of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent property tax.

To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office, 320-732-4469.

Dated: 2/16/2024.

Kim Peterson
Todd County Court
Administrator
Todd County, Minnesota

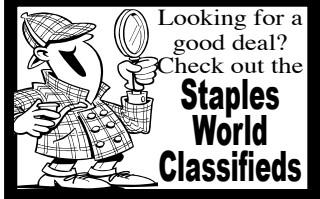
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Help Wanted City of Motley

The City of Motley is accepting applications to fill the position of
Deputy City Clerk-Office Manager
Salary: \$20.05 - \$22.65 Hourly Depending on Qualifications
Application Deadline: April 15, 2024

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



A resume, cover letter, and application are required. Applications can be found on the City's website www.cityofmotley.com or picked up at the city office. Application packets must be received by noon on Monday, April 15, 2024. Contact Kari Jacobson City-Clerk Treasurer for questions. Phone: 218-352-6709 or email clerk@cityofmotley.com.
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Hines qualifies for speech nationals

The Staples-Motley Speech team had a busy weekend March 15-16, dividing the team into two different competitions. Friday and Saturday, one team was in Brainerd for the Northern Lights National Qualifier Tournament. The Cards had four competitors make it to semi-finals: Lily Davis; Humor, AJ Neinow and Maddock Harvey; Duo and Laken Hines; Humor.

Hines placed fourth in Humor; earning a spot in the National Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa in June.

The other team traveled to the Parkers Prairie Petite Meet, where despite small numbers, took second place in the tournament.

Individually, Walker Johnson took two firsts in Prose and Extemporaneous Reading, Sabina Moe; second in Discussion and Brynn Bestland, Raina Mikhaeil and Jaden Johnson took first, third and fourth respectively in Great Speeches.



Nationals ticket

Laken Hines with his award and a sign showing he had qualified for the national speech competition in June. (Submitted photo)



FFA alumni

Staples-Motley FFA Alumni chapter members Tom Brichacek and Cory Detloff at the Staples-Motley School Board meeting. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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FFA combines education with agriculture

educational program. They said the value of the program is in both career development and in helping students figure out their role in the community and who they are as a person. Zimmerman said “Everything is connected to agriculture,” including most products such as the wooden table the school board sits at. “It makes a huge impact on all of us in many ways,” she said.

FFA Alumni chapter members Tom Brichacek and Corey Detloff, both American Degree recipients, followed up with a presentation of their role with the local FFA.

Brichacek pointed out that FFA is a co-curricular program, with instruction inside the classroom and also outside of the school, working alongside agriculture and other businesses.

Detloff said because

it is not just a school program, many FFA chapters run their finances through the alumni association. He said the Staples-Motley FFA Alumni chapter is registered with the state FFA association, which makes them eligible for scholarships and grants. They told the board that they are looking to set up a similar arrangement for Staples-Motley.



Petite Meet elite

Staples-Motley speech contestants, who competed at the Parkers Prairie Petite Meet, from left, Walker Johnson, Sabina Moe, Raina Mikhaeil, Maria Halverson, Brynn Bestland, Jaden Johnson and Jessi Bursch. (Submitted photo)



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