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Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Staples, Minnesota

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(Submitted photo)

Arson suspected in April 30 fire near Staples

On Sunday, April 30 at approximately 6:42 p.m, the Todd County Sheriff's Office received multiple reports of a grass/swamp fire just east of Staples on the Todd Line Road (Warner Road). The Staples Fire Department responded and were able to quickly head off the fire limiting the area involved. Deputies arrived and processed the scene. Based on evidence located at the scene it is believed that the fire is the result of arson.

Due to the fire conditions and high wind if the Staples Fire Dept. hadn't stopped the fire quickly it would have rapidly spread throughout the large swamp that runs along the east side of Staples between Todd Line Road and Hwy. 10. The Staples Fire Dept. was assisted by the Motley Fire Dept. and the MN DNR Forestry Division. Further forensic processing will be conducted on the evidence recovered

at the scene. If you were in the area at the time of the fire and saw anything suspicious, contact the Todd County Sheriff's Office, 320-732-2157.

Exciting boat races Central Lakes College held cardboard boat races on April 27 at the Staples Community Center, with student groups making boats out of cardboard and duct tape. Above, Director of Student Life Erich Heppner judges the winner of a race. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Smoke shop permit denied for second time

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council denied an application for a tobacco license for a second time, again based on a background check done by the Staples Police Department. At their April 25 meeting, the council got a second application from Othman Doudin for a tobacco license for the building at 215 2nd Ave. NE in Staples. Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz submitted a letter saying that they did a background check. "After careful review of the application, I find the applicant, Doudin, still in an ineligible status," said the letter from Birkholtz. Chief Birkholtz was not

at the meeting, but at a previous meeting she said the police background check finds information that is not available to the public and some of which can not be released to the public because it is private information. A Minnesota court records online search did not have any evidence of Doudin being involved in any court cases. This is the second time the smoke shop license was denied because of the background check. The Staples-Motley School District has also objected to opening a smoke shop in the building, citing studies that show an increase in teen smoking and vaping when there is a smoke shop near a school.

**New tobacco ordinance**  
The council passed the first reading to approve changes to the city's tobacco ordinance. The new language would prevent the sale of tobacco and related devices to more than 300 feet from a school building. There was also changes in the ordinance regarding the license application, to make sure that the person applying is the person who will be operating the business. The board received a map showing the proposed smoke shop building is just outside of the 300 foot no-sale zone. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen pointed out that the school is planned. See **COUNCIL** on page 3a

Todd County Commissioners  
Browerville School to lease Expo Building

Karin L. Nauber  
Todd County correspondent

At the beginning of the regular meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners held April 18, 2023, Chair Randy Neumann read a letter and asked for a moment of silence for the Pope County Sheriff's Deputy that was killed in Cyrus. He also asked for prayers for the other officers who were shot during the incident. With limited discussion, the board approved the Browerville School to use the Todd County Expo Building for spring sports practice. The commissioners further waived the rental and utility fees for the school. They will have to pay the \$1,000 damage deposit which will be refunded if there is no damage noted after the rental period from April 18 through May 31. **Background:** Due to the recent damage received at the Browerville School, there is a request to utilize the Todd County Expo Building for spring sports

practice. **In other business:**  
• Approved a gambling permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited-Prairie Partners to hold a bingo event at the Shady's Golden Eagle in Grey Eagle Township on May 21.  
• Approved a gambling permit for the Little Birch Lake Improvement Association to hold a raffle event at the Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township on September 16.  
• Approved the retirement of Norb Bueckers from the Solid Waste Depart. effective April 27.  
• Approved the hiring of Nathan Ruda as a Seasonal Worker for the Solid Waste Depart. effective April 24.  
• Approved the resignation of Eligibility Worker Michael Vazquez Garcia, effective April 12.  
• Approved Morgan Thole to fill the open Care Coordinator Social Worker position with a start date to be determined.  
• Recognized several staff for their years of service.  
• Adopted a resolution to proclaim April 23-29, 2023 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Todd County.  
• Rescinded a previously approved resolution to keep searching for a human resources manager as the position has been filled.  
• Approved an abatement, reducing the 2023 property tax on parcel 33-0028800 from \$1,426 to \$954.  
• Approved an abatement, which would reduce the 2023 property tax on 21-0000700 \$3,626 to \$1,324 and reduce parcel 21-0013800 \$1,886 to \$944.  
• Approved an abatement; recalculated the tax amount for the parcel based on the appealed value of \$133,000. This reduced the 2023 property tax from \$1,610 to \$1,316.  
• Approved an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Merrit and Jan Pulkrabek to establish a community solar energy system in Ward Township with the following conditions:  
1. Applicant must obtain permitting and/or licensing from additional governmental agencies as necessary.  
2. Submission of Interconnection Agreement with

the electric service provider prior to issuance of a Land Use Permit.  
• Approved an application for a subdivision to establish a single lot plat in Staples Township to be called Finally Home Preliminary Plat for William A. Dukowitz with the following conditions:  
1. Two sewerable sites shall be identified prior to final platting.  
2. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state and local standards.  
• Approved an application for a CUP to establish a new feedlot site consisting of 988.8 animal units of swine in Little Elk Township for Kyle Dalquist and Laura Dalquist with the following conditions:  
1. All traffic to and from the site shall be traveled along 335th Ave to County 31.  
2. Applicant must obtain all permitting in accordance with MN 7020 Rules prior to start of construction.  
3. All manure management See **BOARD** on page 10a

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
May 3	70	44	M. Cloudy
May 4	71	46	M. Cloudy
May 5	63	48	M. Cloudy
May 6	60	50	Cloudy
May 7	66	51	Showers
May 8	62	48	Showers
May 9	70	51	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
May 3	58°	38	Sunny
May 4	59	37	P. Sunny
May 5	60	43	M. Sunny
May 6	71	41	Sunny
May 7	72	48	Sunny
May 8	66	51	Rain
May 9	67	48	Cloudy

Average Temps:  
H = 64° Low = 42°  
Have a great week.

Compiled by  
Dale Hausmann,  
WCCO's Staples area  
Weatherwatcher

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Patrick Cline  
Vera Dickman  
Delmar Lindgren



# Council member Brenda Borash optimistic about Motley’s future

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

It’s been nearly five months since Brenda Borash took the oath of office to serve on the Motley City Council. She’s glad she did.

Borash was elected to her four-year seat last November and was sworn into office in January of 2023. She joined other newly elected officials Mayor Mike Schmidt and council member Nikki Bjerga, both of whom had served on an interim basis since the summer of 2022. Introductory stories on Schmidt and Bjerga had been shared in the Staples World at that time.

During a recent interview, Borash said that both she and her husband, Jason Borash, have always been very involved in their community. She noted that over the years they’ve served on a number of organizations together, including as Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders for Troop 51 in Little Falls.

When Jason, who now serves as the Motley Police Chief, first became an officer on the department, Brenda said she naturally wanted to join him in serving that community. “Jason and I have been helping with June Fest for four or five years,” Borash said of Motley’s annual festival which brings hundreds of visitors to town each year. She’s excited to be part of the efforts to make their town stronger and more inviting, and is happy for the opportunity to serve side-by-side with her husband once again.

She has strong roots in the area, having grown up in Staples (her maiden name’s Fonteyn), graduating from Staples-Motley High School in 1991. Borash later attended school in



## Happy to serve

Brenda Borash is currently serving a four-year term on the Motley City Council, having been elected to fill that seat in November of 2022. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Waseca, where she studied garden center/landscaping. She worked as a floral designer for a stint, while at the same time attending night school for accounting. “That’s when I got into insurance,” Borash said, adding that for the past 19 years she’s worked for North Risk Partners as a risk advisor for personalized insurance. “I office between Little Falls and Wadena,” she said.

When asked what she likes best about her job, Borash said, “problem solving and the people...getting to know all kinds of people.”

These are some of the same things she’s been enjoying during her short time on the council. Borash noted that she’s had the opportunity to talk with people around town and get their perspective on issues, and she hopes to do more of that as time goes on. And

as the council liaison to the Public Works Department, Borash said she’s spent time with Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton, to better understand what his job entails. “It was very interesting,” Borash said, of learning about the water treatment and wastewater treatment facilities.

Shortly after her appointment to the council, Borash attended a League of Minnesota two-day training, which she found to be very helpful. The seminar leaders stressed the importance of touring the city, as well as spending time with each of the department heads to have a better understanding of what they do and why they need the things they ask for.

While at the seminar, Borash said she also learned what things she can and cannot do as a council member who is married to the town’s police chief. If any issue being discussed or voted on could benefit them financially, “Then I can’t talk,” Borash said. For example, if the council were voting on a salary raise for the police chief, she’d have to abstain from voting.

Prior to running for city council, Brenda said she’d asked her husband if he thought it would be an issue, should she be elected. “I was impressed with his answer,” Brenda said, going on to explain that basically his advice to her was to “do what’s best for the city,” even if it doesn’t align with his thoughts or feelings.

Reflecting on these first months serving on the council, Borash said she believes they have a very strong leader in Mayor Mike Schmidt and is encouraged to see the direction the city is taking. She’s spoken with a variety of residents who’ve voiced their excitement about the

leadership.

In addition to the council’s leadership, Borash expressed praise for the city’s police department. “I’m impressed with the amount of drugs Motley is getting off the streets,” she said, going on to note that it’s a lot, especially considering they are a small town with two officers. As she thinks about the drug situation in the area, it makes her angry and scared at the same time.

When asked what it’s like to be married to someone in law enforcement, Borash said that, naturally, she’s concerned every time Jason gets a call, especially with increased news of police officers killed in the line of duty. Things have changed a lot over the past two years, she said.

She’s comforted to know that law enforcement is something Jason’s always felt called to do and she fully supports his role as police chief.

So, what does she do in her free time? “I love to fish...it’s my stress reliever,” Borash said. She also loves to garden and is looking forward to planting flowers in the near future. Spending time with friends and family is at the top of her list as well. “Family is very important to me,” Borash said, adding that she and Jason have two adult children, and she has family living in her hometown of Staples.

Borash is looking forward to the future of Motley and for the continued opportunity to serve on the council. She welcomes feedback from residents and said that if anyone would like to reach her on any Motley city issue, they can email her at [motley-council.brenda@gmail.com](mailto:motley-council.brenda@gmail.com).

# Motley area law enforcement report

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

## April 19 - 25

April 24 - Motley police assisted a dog owner whose dog was hit by a vehicle on Hwy 10. While helping move the dog, which was in severe pain, the dog bit the officer, puncturing his hand through his glove. No medical treatment was necessary. The dog was transported to a veterinary clinic.

April 21 - The MPD received a call regarding a suicidal subject with a knife in Motley.

April 25 - The MCSO received a report from Cass County of a grass fire at the 8000 block of 120th St. SW, Motley. Motley Fire was paged.

April 24 - Ashlee Gann, 24, was issued a citation for speed and driving with a revoked license from a Morrison County deputy.

April 22 - The MCSO received a report of a bur-

glary at the 1900 block of 260th St., Cushing.

April 21 - The MCSO received a report of an unwanted subject at 49 Hwy 10 S., Motley.

April 20 - Morrison County deputies and Motley Police responded to a report of a gun shot being fired at a person at the 34000 block of Hwy 10, Motley. Subsequently, Ryan William Schmidt, 30, was arrested.

April 20 - The MCSO received a report of theft at a cabin located at the 33000 block of W. Shamineau Dr., Motley.

April 19 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity at the 26000 block of 40th Ave., Cushing.

April 19 - David Chriss Powell, 39, was arrested for 4th degree drug DWI, following a traffic stop for driving conduct by a Morrison County deputy. A search warrant for blood sample was issued, the sample obtained, after which the subject was released to a sober party. The incident took place at Hwy 10 and Atlantic Rd., Cushing.





## Boat mechanics

Between rounds of the CLC cardboard boat races, teams made repairs with duct tape, the only material allowed in the competition. After several rounds, some of the boats floated better than others.

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## Jeans in the water

The CLC Heavy Equipment team celebrated winning the cardboard boat races by jumping into the pool at the Staples Community Center, some wearing jeans and reflective vests. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• April 29, 1948 - The Staples World is 58 years old today, and people will notice the change in the volume number on the left hand side of the masthead.

During the past 58 years, only four editors have had charge of The World, among them being John T. Drawz, who was the first “pilot” then came J. W. Featherstone, who headed The World for many years. E.D. Lum “took over the wheel”

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from Featherstone, and finally the present editor, H. W. Sims. The first three named men are now dead.

Mr. Sims came to Staples in October 1925, and has steadily improved The World until at the present time the paper is handicapped by the lack of adequate space, and some necessary equipment, which is hard to get at the present time.

Employed with The World at the present time are: Wendell E. Stone, business manager, who has been with The World for nearly 22 years.

Glenn W. Sansburn, news writer, who has been with the World for over eight years.

Mrs. Jeanne Fahnlander, society reporter, who has worked for The World for a total of four years.

Forrest VanDorn, a GI trainee, has been at the The World for a little over two years.

Marshall Bex, linotype operator, joined the staff of The World nearly three months ago.

Birten Herman, who is the “handy man” around the office has been with The World for a total of about three years.

• April 29, 1948 - Edward Tapley, 77, prominent retired Staples businessman, died in a hospital at Stromsburg, Neb., about three o'clock the morning of Friday, April 23, from the results of an auto-

mobile crash which happened about 12:45 noon of April 22 on U.S. Highway 81, two miles north of Benedict, Neb.

His daughter, Mrs. F. W. Perry of Staples, and his son, Robert Edward Tapley of Wadena, were notified of the accident, but arrived too late to see their father alive.

• April 29, 1948 - Mother deserves the BEST. Mother's Day is May 9...Give her a Waltham, first American made watch. From \$45 to \$55. Available at L. L. Kurpius Jeweler in Staples.

50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• May 3, 1973 - Howard Cronin and Mary Ehresman have been named as the top honor students in the Class of 1973 at Motley High school, according to an announcement today by H. Lyle Jones, high school principal.

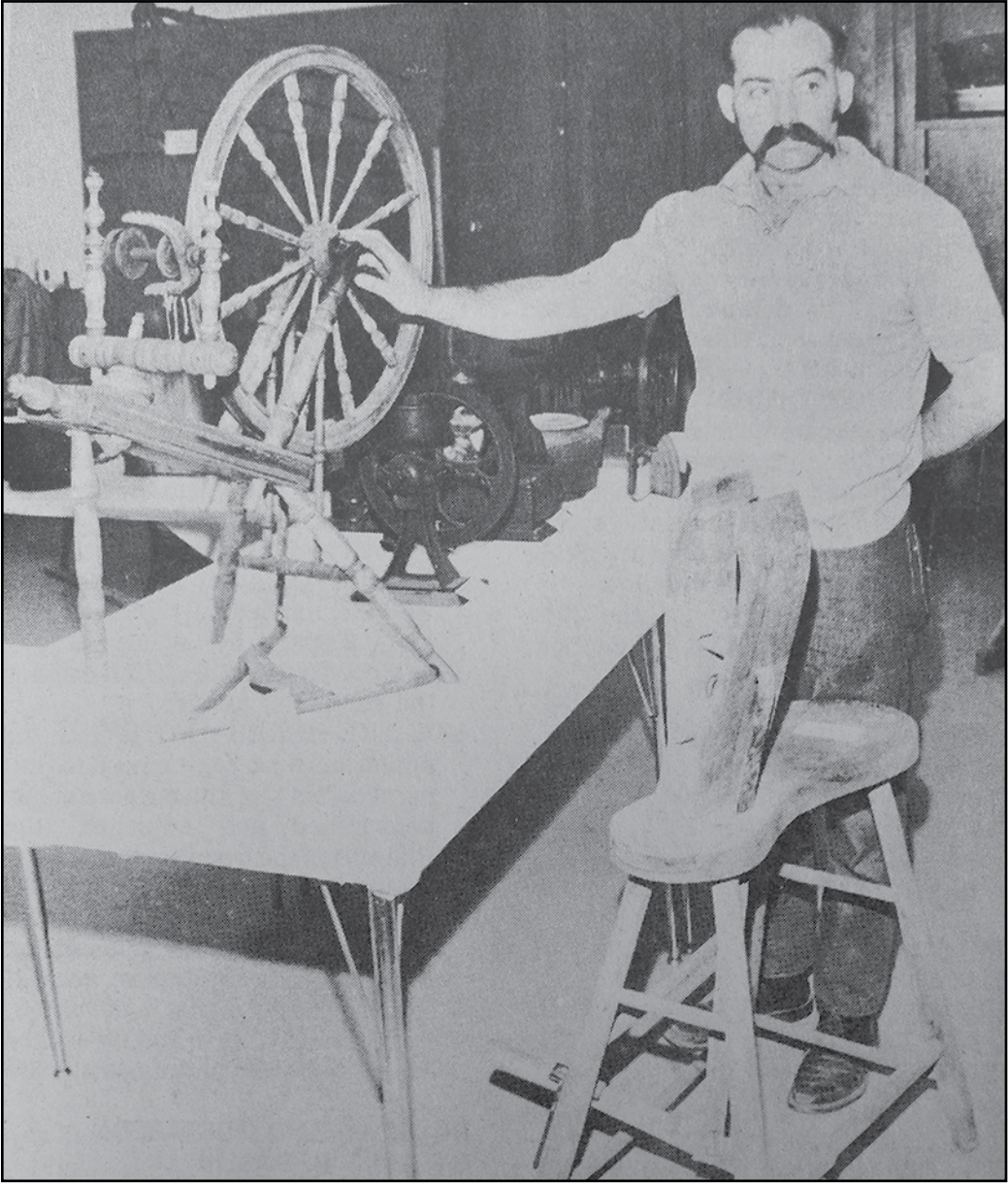
Howard Cronin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cronin, has been named valedictorian and Mary Ehresman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Ehresman, will be the class salutatorian.

• May 3, 1973 - Alan Halbersma was named as the grand champion of the single elimination checkers tournament held in the fourth grade of the Staples Elementary school. Fifty-eight contestants were entered in the event.

• May 3, 1973 - Staples Arts Council proudly presents, Ricardo Visus, tenor, Thursday, May 17, at the High School Cafeteria.

• May 3, 1973 - William (Bill) Finn, football coach at Motley High school, has the honor of being chosen by the area coaches as Football Coach of the Year. He will be honored along with other district coaches at a banquet in Minneapolis May 4.

• May 3, 1973 - Kenneth Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Corbett, successfully defended his title as the spelling champion of the Sacred Heart School in the Knights of Columbus sponsored spelling bee last Thursday evening. Corbett, a sixth grader, won the title for the second year in a row against nine other contes-



Mystery photo

tants.

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our May 3, 1973 edition. Do you know who this person is and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

• May 3, 1973 - The music department of Staples High School staged “My Fair Lady” at three separate shows last week. The musical, directed by Stan Carlson, was viewed by hundreds of persons throughout the area and will possibly be remembered as another top show at SHS. Lead roles in this splendid performance were played by Marilyn Tepley, who portrayed Eliza

Doolittle; and Pat Quance, ing an exact replica, wooden swers 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.

who played Henry Higgins.

• May 3, 1973 - Two members of the Staples FFA Chapter will receive the State FFA degree during that organization's State convention May 6 - 8. Receiving the degree will be Brian Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Roth, and Al Olander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Olander.

25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• April 30, 1998 - Two area men were uninjured after their small plane went down in a bumpy field southwest of Staples April 21 after losing engine power.

Mike Gregg of Staples and Rod Enberg of Motley walked away from Enberg's plane after it bounced and plowed to a stop in a field about two miles southwest of Staples, near the Irene Booth residence.

• April 30, 1998 - More than 100 people participated in the Community walk Sunday afternoon, April 26. Karlee Haglin was the grand prize winner of the bike and helmet courtesy of Greater Staples Hospital and Care Center and Lakewood Clinic.

• April 30, 1998 - The Cardinal boys tennis squad came home from the Wadena Invitational with the first place trophy. Members of the team include Paul Mayavski, Bobby Anglin, Luke Grandlund, Nate Grandlund, Kenny Swecker, Tom Craft, Adam Puthan, Derek Holmberg, Brent Sorenson, Jamie Carlson, Jeff Thompson.

• April 30, 1998 - Four Staples Motley senior have taken on an historically significant project as their Senior Seminar endeavor. Travis Edwards, Jace Carlson, Eric Tichy and Jesse Greenwaldt have researched the size and construction of ox carts used between 1844 and 1871 on the Red River Ox Cart Trail, which went from St. Paul to Pembina, N.D. They have been build-

wheels and all, and will be presenting it to Wadena County for display at the Old Wadena site and other locations.

10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• May 2, 2013 - The Central Minnesota Boys Choir, under the direction of Mary Moen, were one of six choirs to perform at the 'Boychoir Festival Concert' at Centennial Auditorium in Staples April 27. They also hosted the all-day festival event.

• May 2, 2013 - Seventeen people from the Motley, Staples and Alexandria areas recently traveled to the Copper Canyon in Mexico to do construction work at the boarding school/orphanage, run by Tarahumara Ministries. The team included Brian Sams, Heather Sams, Brian Nelson, Ben Bestland, Ken Peterson, Kyle Strickland, Cy Bestland, Talitha Decker, Deb Yoder, Doyle Yoder, Suzie Decker, John Decker, Christian Ornelas, Daniel Decker, Elijah Sams, Raessa Winkels, Hannah Lindgren.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 23, 1963 edition of the Staples World featured the top three graduates of the Staples High School Class of 1963. From left are Kenneth Klose, Co-Salutatorian; LaRee Erbe, Valedictorian; Donald Read, Co-Salutatorian.

Terrie (Krough) Brown of Staples recognized her classmates from the Class of 1963, adding that LaRee was her best friend. She went on to share that LaRee (Shebeck) now lives in Minnetonka; 'Donny' Read in Montana; and Ken Klose is in Staples. Terrie also shared that they would be celebrating their 60th class reunion this August during Railroad Days, at Timbers Event Center in Staples.

Judy Thorsett of Motley, a 1963 graduate of Staples High School, recognized all three of her classmates and said she's looking forward to their class reunion this summer. Fellow classmate Larry Knosalla of Staples named all three in the photo, adding that they

were “the smartest kids in the Class of 1963 and good friends to all.” Larry also recalled that he and LaRee used to joke around in Ken's dad's class (Lambert Klose) and he'd tell them to quit.

Rev. Lauren Germann of Staples correctly identified all, as did Pat Jensen, Staples, and her husband, Wayne Jensen, who graduated from SHS in 1964. Bill Bates of Staples, a 1964 SHS grad, correctly identified all. Judy Wolak of Staples identified all, adding that, “Ken and his wife, Lanie, have been good friends of mine since I moved to Staples in 1973.” Gerald Robinson of Rogers, a 1961 graduate of SHS, thought he recognized his classmate Sharon Morrison. He called back later to say his wife Susan, a 1963 SHS grad, found her yearbook and confirmed the gal in the photo was LaRee Erbe, not Sharon.

Ken Klose, Staples, stopped by to say he recognized the three people in the photo, and he's pretty sure they'd been arrested for loitering. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

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ning to expand the building in that direction, which would push the 300 foot limit to include the proposed smoke shop building.

Meat cutting

Nelsen reported on the Staples Planning and Zoning meeting, saying that there will be a public hearing on Tuesday, May 16, at 5 p.m., to talk about a change of plans with the Minnesota Farmers Union meat cutting facility.

Meat processing plant changing plans

The original plan was to have the animals slaughtered off-site, and they were looking at doing it in the Motley area. Nelsen said they have since found out that it is more efficient and economical to harvest the animals on site.

The facility plans to bring in portable meat cutting units to a site at the Staples Industrial Park.

There will be a second public hearing at the meeting to consider approval of

a request from Brian Reese to expand a permit to allow a storage shed on a lot zoned residential.

Other business, the council

• Decided to pass on purchasing two tax forfeit lots in Staples. Nelsen said the city could purchase the lots if they had a public purpose, but the council decided to allow the lots to go on the Todd County land sale instead.

Staples Police

Recent reports from the Staples Police Dept.

April 17, Staples Police responded to the Staples-Motley School for a juvenile who had walked away. The juvenile was located and brought back to the school.

April 17, Staples Police checked on the compliance of a nuisance violation at a residence in the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave SE. Police noticed trailers of garbage both the front and back of the property and miscellaneous piles of refuse. Photographs were taken by police and will be attached to the case file.

April 17, Staples Police transported a juvenile to the Lakewood Health System Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

April 17, Staples Police received an anonymous report of possible elder abuse and possible financial exploitation. Police are investigating.

April 17, Staples Police were dispatched to the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE for a report of residents burning garbage. Police located the fire, spoke with residents who showed they were burning leaves in a burn barrel. Police cleared the location without further action.

April 18, Staples Police received a report of dogs barking all day and night around the 400 block of 4th St SW. Police sat about a block away for approximately 30 minutes and heard a dog bark several times while unprovoked. Police advised the owner of the dogs of the city ordinance. This would be a verbal warning and the next complaint the owner would receive a citation.

April 19, Staples Police received a call regarding a package that appears to have been taken from a residence in the area of the 200 block of Dakota Ave. SE.

April 22, Staples Police received report of possible gunshots approximately a mile to a mile and a half north of the 900 block of 4th St. NE. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the source of the noise.

April 22, Staples Police received report of two juveniles riding bicycles and impeding traffic near the intersection of Airport Rd and Cardinal Dr. After identifying both juveniles, officers escorted them to their grandparent's home in the 200 block area of Wisconsin Ave. SE and turned over to their grandfather.

April 23, Staples Police responded to a medical call of an individual who taken one half of a cannabis gummy.

April 23, Staples Police were called to a residence on the 1400 block of 3rd St NE for an order for protection violation. After investigation Bradley Beach, 32, was arrested for the violation.

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# CLC focuses on student needs, campus connections

By Mary Sam, Dean of Students, Wellness & Equity and Mark Johnson, Interim VP of Academic and Student Affairs

Central Lakes College is more than a place to come, get an education and leave. It’s home. A family. It’s about connection. When students are here, we want them to be able to concentrate on their studies and not to have to worry about things like where their next meal is coming from. That’s why we’ve placed an emphasis on supplying basic needs to our students who need it. Students across both our Staples and Brainerd campuses struggle at times with having their basic needs met. When that happens, students tell us it’s difficult to focus, learn and to feel like they belong.

Through listening sessions, surveys and conversations with our students, it became clear that some of the barriers that impact student learning and student success include food insecurity, increasing mental health needs, lack of childcare, housing and transportation, and access to health services. Students also said they would like more supports around energy assistance, health insur-

ance, financial literacy and support for our growing LGBTQ+ community.

Our Student Life Department has provided leadership to create a student center, called The Hub, to serve as the go-to spot for resources like the food pantry, a mental health center with a social worker, clinical therapist and trained student mental health guides, and community resources. These resources include a partnership with Bridges of Hope, which offers community resource connections, Lutheran Social Services, offering resources for energy assistance, Affinity Plus, which provides financial literacy support and education, the WeARE Clinic, which offers sexual health services, STI testing, assists with vaccinations, provides a variety of educational sessions and will soon to offer additional health services.

Building connection within the college community increases student success, but also provides students with leadership, service, relationship, team building and life skills. In addition to academic coursework, our students engage with faculty, staff and community in the following areas:

- We have seven sports teams, which include football, volleyball, basketball,

softball, baseball and trap shooting.

- Performing Arts and Verse Like Water programs provide opportunities for broad engagement.

• Student Life supports our Outdoor Recreation Center, events and activities for students. We have close to 30 diverse Student Clubs. If students don’t see one they like, they can create their own with the support of a staff or faculty member.

- We have a strong student government organization. Student voices are essential.

• Cultural Thursday programs continue to educate, inspire and challenge us.

- Our new multicultural center, The Nest, encourages student engagement, hosts trainings and speakers, and will be offering cultural barbering every week.

• Our new Esports Lounge provides a gaming space where students can play casually or competitively. It is one of the fastest growing college sports.

Central Lakes College has intentionally created a wide range of activities so that students from any background can find a spot for themselves on our campuses – somewhere to belong. We encourage you to stop by our campuses and check it out.

## No conflict of interest

An editorial opinion piece published on April 19 referred to my role in a recent discussion among the Motley City Council of an item approving the Motley Police Department’s purchase of a second squad car. The author of the piece implied that my participation as a councilor in this matter represented a conflict of interest or even raised a concern about ethics, because my spouse is Jason Borash, the city’s chief of police.

Prior to my participation and vote, I researched current Minnesota law and found MN Statute 471.87, titled “Minnesota’s Conflict of Interest Law,” that states “A public officer who has authority to take part in making any sale, lease,

or contract in his or her official capacity, shall not voluntarily have a personal financial interest in that sale, lease, or contract or personal benefit financially from it.”

Neither I nor my husband have a personal financial interest in the matter of a new city vehicle purchase, so there was no need to recuse myself or seek additional opinion. The matter involved a business decision that benefits the city - not a decision that would result in personal gain or benefit.

My contribution to the discussion of issues before the council is an expectation of my job duties as a representative of Motley residents. Because the statute is clear in intent, there was not presence of conflict of interest, and no law was being violated, it seemed unnecessary for council deliberation about the appro-

priateness of my vote.

Serving my community as a new city councilor is a job I take very seriously and with great pride. To help my understanding of my proper roles and responsibilities, I voluntarily attended a two-day educational workshop for newly elected officials presented by the League of Minnesota Cities shortly after taking office.

I want every resident and business owner in the City of Motley to know that I am always available to discuss any city matter that concerns you. I can always be reached by email at motleycouncil.brenda@gmail.com or by calling city hall at 218-352-6200. I’m humbled by your support and honored to serve you as a representative of our community.

Brenda Borash  
Motley City Council member

# A museum can teach humility as well as biology

There is much that can be learned in a museum. This is especially true if its theme and subjects align with your interests. Sometimes, though, a person discovers that what they thought was of little interest, can actually prove fascinating. For me, visiting the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio, was not on my bucket list. But it turned out to be full of nostalgia to see up close the artifacts and memorabilia of the musicians who wrote, sang, and played the soundtracks of my youth. My wife spent a career as an art teacher, while I, on the other hand, can barely draw a stick figure. Yet in art museums I have found myself marveling at what a sculptor could chisel out of a block of marble, what a painter could convey with a brush and canvas, and how ancient cultures expressed their views of life and the world through their art.

Other museums would be slam-dunk favorites. For an outdoors person like me, steeped in a life of angling, hunting, and fascinated by science and nature, a visit to a natural history museum can be like an expedition to places either familiar or exotic, and a time machine that can take one to other epochs in the history of our planet, revealing their many and marvelous natural processes and life forms.



Mike Rahn

I recently visited the new Bell Museum on the University of Minnesota’s St. Paul campus. “New” may be a misnomer, and so—in a way—is its current name. The museum’s St. Paul campus home opened in 2018, but its life began decades ago as the James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History, at that time located across town on the University’s Minneapolis Campus.

Its namesake, James Ford Bell, was a passionate conservationist who was the founder of the cereal and grain processing giant General Mills, and who donated half of the funds needed to construct the Minneapolis campus building, which opened in 1940. Fast-forward to the 21st century, when—faced with an aging and maintenance-heavy structure, and a desire by museum leadership to broaden the subjects presented—a major fund-raising campaign led to the museum’s new home and name in 2018.

In its first life, and now in the museum’s new location, the museum features scenes of Minnesota’s many varied landscapes, and their many wild creatures and plant life. These landscapes are depicted in dioramas that combine painted backgrounds, taxidermy specimens of creatures as small as chipmunks and as large as bull moose, and landforms and vegetation made of castings, wax, and other materials that look truly alive. These dioramas were mostly created during the 1930s for the museum building that opened in 1940, the work of acclaimed artist Francis Lee Jacques, in collaboration with artist and diorama maker—and long-time museum director—Dr. Walter Breckenridge.

As a student at “the U,” more decades ago than I care to admit, I often visited that original museum during midday breaks between classes. So realistic and detailed are its dioramas—then and now—that you could sit on the built-in benches opposite them and easily imagine that you were on the shore of Lake Superior, or on the edge of a beaver pond, or out on the western Minnesota prairie. What a great temporary escape these dioramas were from the milling crowds of fellow students, the pressures of professors’ expectations, and the cares of everyday life.

A highlight of the new museum is a life-size reconstruction of the now-extinct

wooly mammoth. This elephant-like, elephant-size mammal, cloaked with a dense protective fur layer and armed with enormous curving tusks, roamed the northern regions of North America—including Minnesota—Europe, and Asia until about 10,000 years ago.

Like the first humans to arrive in North America, the wooly mammoth is believed to have migrated here over the Bering Land Bridge, the land connection that temporarily joined North America and Russia when ocean levels were much lower during the last ice age.

Small remnant populations clung to existence as late as 4,000 years ago, in such isolated locations as Russia’s Wrangel Island, and mainland Siberia. That’s little more than the blink of an eye in the history of life on our planet. The wooly mammoth’s extinction is thought to have been caused by some combination of warming climate, and the growing presence and effectiveness of human hunting of the huge beasts for food.

Modern humans have had an unusual window into the nature of the wooly mammoth, much more revealing than what we know of many other long-extinct creatures. We not only have fossils dating back many thousands of years, but also deep-frozen specimens that have been found in several far northern locations, locked in perpetual ice for these millennia. Still more unusual, one wooly mammoth specimen found in Poland was mummified in a liquid petroleum seep.

I’m humbled when I visit places like the Bell Museum. Humbled when I consider the long sweep of life on our planet, the diversity of creatures that exist not only now, but that preceded our own kind in millennia past; some that were never seen by our human ancestors before they passed into history.

Humans and our ancestors have existed for but a tiny fraction of the history of life on earth. Our species, Homo sapiens, is less than 200,000 years old, while the first mammals appeared 225 million years ago. As legitimate as it is for us to rely on other creatures to make our lives possible—to feed us, clothe us, or pull a plow to turn the soil for our agrarian forebears—other creatures are important in their own right; not just for their value and usefulness to us.

# Veterans eligible for PACT Act benefits

By Amy Klobuchar  
U.S. Senator

From the muddy fields of Vietnam to the sands of Afghanistan and Iraq, our servicemembers and veterans have always answered the call, fighting valiantly for our country at great personal risk. Over time, we have seen the severe and lasting consequences of their sacrifices—and in particular, their exposure to toxic substances. Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange experienced high levels of hypertension, and those who were exposed to toxic burn pits in the Middle East have gone on to suffer illnesses from asthma and rhinitis to severe cancers. For too long, it’s been nearly impossible to get care for those conditions through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

It’s always been my belief that when our servicemembers and veterans signed up to serve, there was no waiting line, so when they come home, there shouldn’t be a waiting line to access the benefits they deserve. That is why I spent many years working alongside Minnesota veterans and veteran families to make sure veterans suffering from exposure-related illnesses could get care through the VA. We made a huge stride forward with last year’s enactment

of the PACT Act, a landmark bill that expands VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to Agent Orange, burn pits and other toxic substances. The legislation included provisions from my bipartisan bill to improve education and training for VA health care personnel.

The PACT Act increases VA health care and benefit eligibility for 3.5 million veterans spanning the Vietnam, Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq wars, including an estimated 294,000 Minnesota veterans. Passing that bill was a hard-won accomplishment, and now I am focused on making sure that Minnesota veterans know how to access the benefits they are finally eligible for.

For Gulf War and post 9/11 veterans, the VA will now presume the diseases and cancers below were service-connected:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck cancer of any type
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type
- Asthma that was diagnosed after service

- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis

For Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange, the VA will now presume these diseases were service-connected:

- High blood pressure;
- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS).

If you think you or a surviving family member of a Veteran may be eligible for health care and benefits, I strongly encourage you to file a claim at VA.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MYVA411. My team also stands ready to assist you. For help, please reach out to my office at 612-727-5220.

When we ask our young men and women to fight for our nation, we make a promise to take care of them when they return home. With the PACT Act, we are showing our veterans and servicemembers that a promise made is a promise kept.

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Quote of the week

“Time you enjoy wasting  
was not wasted”  
— John Lennon



## National Day of Prayer observed May 4, noon

The Staples Motley Area Ministerial invites you to join together with them and millions of individuals across our nation on Thursday, May 4 for the annual National Day of Prayer. This local prayer event will take place at the Staples

Government Center (122 6th Street NE) from noon to 1 p.m.

At this gathering, prayer will be offered on behalf of our government, churches, military, families, educational institutions, media and our businesses.

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

- May**
- **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS AWARDS NIGHT** May 3, 7 p.m.
  - **PROM** May 6
  - **FINAL CONCERT, CHOIR/BAND ORCHESTRA (GRADES 5 - 8)** May 12, 7 p.m.
  - **COMMENCEMENT CONCERT, CHOIR/BAND/ORCHESTRA (GRADES 9 - 12)** May 19, 7 p.m.
  - **BACCALAUREATE** May 21, 7 p.m., Church of Christ, Staples
  - **CORDS AND AWARDS CEREMONY FOR SENIORS** May 24, 1:30 p.m.
  - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** May 26
  - **GRADUATION** May 26, 7:30 p.m.
  - **MEMORIAL DAY** May 29, Offices closed

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us) for up to the minute information.



### Puzzle challenge

The final puzzle challenge was recently held at the Staples Public Library. Above: Josiah Mumm, Teneesa Mumm, Jessica Kleinschmidt and Gunnar Kleinschmidt completed their puzzle the fastest. The event is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Upcoming programs will be listed in the Staples World and on the library's webpage at [www.griver.org](http://www.griver.org). (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

**May 4**

**'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>

Free Methodist Church, through May 30. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

**EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES** are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

**May 5**

**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.

**May 19**

**ENGLAND PRAIRIE PIONEER CLUB'S PANCAKE SUPPER** will be held Friday, May 19, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. on England Prairie Grounds, 14229 Cty Rd. 1, Verndale. Annual Spring Fundraiser. Sit down and take out available.

**FREE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE OF "QUILTERS"** presented by Perpich Arts High School, will be held Friday, May 19, 2 - 4 p.m., on England Prairie Grounds, 14229 Cty Rd. 1, Verndale. Bring a non-perishable item for the Verndale Food Shelf. Outdoor event, bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

**May 8**

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

**May 9**

**'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley



### Foxy trot

A fox was seen going about it's business in a field last week. Note the Canadian geese behind it on the left and the sandhill cranes upper right.



### Food shelf donation

Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples recently donated \$500 and five bags of items to the Staples Area Food Shelf (SAFS). Pictured, from left, are Kurt Wilson, Trinity Lutheran Church member; and Terrie and Bill Brown, SAFS volunteers. (Submitted photo)



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MN DEPT OF REVENUE .....	\$23,447.05
US BANK \$8,441.20 MN DEPT OF REVENUE ...	\$2,222.72
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Total: .....	\$1,149,318.50
COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME.....	AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES .....	\$2,249.97
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47 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 .....	\$14,631.48
Total: .....	\$68,096.85
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME.....	SAMOUNT
V# 16776 - COST EFF HEALTH INS .....	\$2,295.00
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PERISH/ALAN .....	\$2,441.26
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62 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 .....	\$18,084.63
Total: .....	\$45,428.98
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CARLSON/BARBARA J. ....	\$3,500.00
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PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 .....	\$8,763.24
Total: .....	\$42,765.88
On a motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held April 4, 2023 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 18, 2023.	
Witness my hand and seal: Randy Neumann, County Board Chairperson Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer	
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Obituaries

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Patrick Cline

Patrick “Pat” Cline, 75, of Maplewood, roared into heaven and was welcomed into the arms of his Almighty Father on April 21, 2023.

In lieu of a funeral, a Celebration of Life event will be held at a later date, with details to follow.

Patrick was born May 30, 1947 to Roy and Dorothy (Monk) Cline in Staples. He was the youngest of four children. He grew up in Staples and attended Staples High School. In 1967, he married Iris and they had two children, Rick and Lisa Marie. The union dissolved amicably in 1979.

While attending Church of Acts, he met his pint-sized angel, Cheryl and her three children, Domonica, Debbie, and AnnMarie. In 1982, they became one family and over time grew to include 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

During his career, he devoted many years as a service technician to Soderberg Optical and Minnesota Public Housing. Pat developed a love of vehicles and driving the open road as a teenager. He enjoyed working on cars, trucks, motorcycles and anything else with a set of wheels, including his mobility scooter. Pat cherished his blue 1940 Chevy Special Deluxe hotrod and hanging out with his “hot-rodder” friends at Back To The 50’s Weekend and other local car shows. He loved his grandchildren and put on many miles attending their events as they grew older. Pat also loved family celebrations where he would give a heartfelt blessing of the meal and finish singing “Happy Birthday” with his trademark line of “. . . and many more.” Other favorite activities included camping, visiting the North Shore, men’s Bible Study, plus hunting and fishing with his son. He had a unique sense of humor with a deadpan expression or sarcasm followed by a big laugh and smile. Underneath his initial gruff exterior, Pat had a heart of gold and was always willing to share his talents, finances, home, vehicles and self-built trailers with those in need while saying “Let’s get ‘er done.”

He is survived by four children, Rick (Cheryl), Domonica (Clint) Finne, Debbie (Erik) Teske, Lisa Marie (Jay) Lovgren; one



son-in-law, Bart Bashynski; 13 grandchildren, James, Jake, Jessica, Nick, Isabel, Bryce, Austin (Julia), Caitlyn, Crysta (Ross), Benjamin, EmmaMarie, Marty and Cayden; four great-grandchildren, Gavin, Lawrence, Jaylynn and Roger; two siblings, Marge Ervin and Dave Cline; three sisters-in-law, Valerie Yobbie, Renae (Lou) Vitiello and Michelle (Zane) Morgan; two brothers-in-law, Beecher, Jr. (Linda) Vaillancourt and Robert (Colleen) Vaillancourt and former wife, Iris (Richmond) Lomnes.

He was preceded in death by wife, Cheryl (Vaillancourt) Cline; one daughter, AnnMarie (Chilefone) Bashynski; parents; one sister, Betty deVaudreuil; parents-in-law, Beecher, Sr. and Maryann (Zoccoli) Vaillancourt; one sister-in-law, Barb Cline; four brothers-in-law, Louie, Bucky and Teddy Vaillancourt and Jerry Yobbie.

As Pat was a heart and liver transplant recipient, the family would like to offer sincere gratitude to his organ donor, the Mayo Clinic, Polar Ridge Senior Living, Ecumen Seasons at Maplewood and his Hospice care team.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: Gift of Life Transplant House and 98.5 KTIS.

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Delmar Lindgren

Delmar Vernal Lindgren passed away January 17, 2023.

A memorial service will be held Thurs., May 11 at noon at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery May 12, 2023 at 12:45 p.m.

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Vera Dickman

Vera M. Dickman, 84, Forest Lake, unexpectedly passed away April 26, 2023, at M Health Fairview Hospital in Wyoming.

Services will be held Fri., May 5 at noon at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples. Visitation will be held Thurs., May 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Fri., May 5 one hour prior to services at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel.

Vera was born October 8, 1938, to Alfred and Angeline (Riley) Greenwaldt in Staples. She grew up there graduating from Staples High School. She married Elmer Dickman from Staples. Vera had an outgoing personality. Everyone she met was drawn to her. She was a loving mother and grandmother and was truly loved by her family. She enjoyed spending every summer at the family farm, visiting relatives, traveling, cooking for family and friends, completing puzzles, reading and playing games on her tablet. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Vera is survived by one son, Kevin Dickman; two



daughters, Pam O’Brien and Teresa Dickman; two grandchildren, Ryan O’Brien and Allanah O’Brien; three brothers, Bob (Lorraine) Greenwaldt, Gerald (Shelba) Greenwaldt and Phil (Mary) Greenwaldt; two sisters-in-law, Erma Greenwaldt and Diane Dickman and beloved nephews and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; parents and six siblings, Violet, Kenny, Florence, Irene, Alice and Ben.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples

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

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Pastor Roy Miles  
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.  
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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.  
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Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.  
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WEDNESDAY:  
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

**First Congregational Church, UCC**  
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Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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Pastor Carl Larson  
Pastor Chris Mathiason  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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310 4th St. NE, Staples  
Church.....218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn  
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz  
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Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

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Pastor Scott Jorgenson  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

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1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372  
Rev. Robin Collins  
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

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310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

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Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown  
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad  
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Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.  
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.  
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

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Leader.....218-397-2470  
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Sunday Worship  
January - July.....9 a.m.  
July - January.....11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
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WEDNESDAY  
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

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Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
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Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
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WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

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Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.  
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WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

**United Methodist Church**  
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Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

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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.

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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)**  
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Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

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Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
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Sunday Service.....10 a.m.

An Ode to the Reading of Good Books

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

What does your reading pile look like? I am truly grateful to people who put me on to “good reading.” Good books seem to gain value when they come recommended through the life stories of other people.

We will come back to the “Good Book” shortly, but I am intrigued by how the apostle Paul, of whom God used to write sacred Scripture, was obviously a reader of other important literature.

In Acts 17:28, Paul obviously was aware of key poetry, as he quotes from the Cilician Stoic philosopher Aratus In II Timothy 4:13, the apostle Paul tells his understudy Timothy, “When you come, bring the cloak I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.” Yes, some of these may have been Scripture, but some theologians see a reference to other reading material also.

So let’s ask again, what does your reading pile look like? We understand that this venue includes various options for E-reading also. But the bot-

tom line is “what are we feeding our minds?” May I make a confession? I have succumbed to reading very good and wholesome material, but start realizing that it’s at the cost of giving the priority focus and time to “The Good Book,” that we know as the Bible. All reading needs to be evaluated through the lens of the Bible and not the other way around.

It is only truly “good reading” if it consciously and intentionally is surrendered to and evaluated by the Bible. We are a culture in deep trouble (and the church isn’t exempt) in the increasing preoccupation with human ideas at the expense of hungering to hear from God in His Word. The lowest common denominator of human whim (of which we wrongly call it “enlightenment”) is destroying our lives and those around us. So let’s return to and recapture the place of “good and wholesome” reading that are vessels to coming to God.

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## Burton sets school record in 3,200

Kyanna Burton broke the school record in the 3,200 meter run at the team's first outdoor meet of the season, at Pillager on April 27. Burton's time of 11:19.97 was 1.04 seconds faster than Naomi Landerker's school record of 11:21.01, set in 2008.

Burton's fast race so early in the season is impressive because she had been injured at the end of cross country season last year. "She has been doing some good things and learned a bunch from last year," said Coach Bruce Fuhrman.

Cardinal runner Audrey Brownell also moved up on the team's all-time list by winning the 1,600 in 5:17. Landecker also has the school 1,600 record at 5:15.

"It's fun for me to watch, as I coached Naomi also," said Fuhrman.

The boys team had multiple winners and ended up winning the meet.

"Remington Converse continues to compete running Staples-Motley honor roll times in each of his meets in the 100 and 200 meters," said Fuhrman. "Austin Weite is not far behind in both of these."

The Cardinals are also seeing big performances in field events.

"Hunter Miller (high jump) and Turner Beachy (pole vault) also compete at high levels," said Fuhrman. "as is Josiah Critten, Avandre Brandt, and Sawyer Ferdon in their field events."

Critten was just one inch from winning the long jump in the meet, but he ended up in third place.

On the girls team, Fuhrman said "Corinne Olson also shows growth and progression in the girls sprints."

### Boys results

Staples-Motley 92, Pequot Lakes 88, Pierz 82, Becker 78, Crosby-Ironton 59, Wadena-Deer Creek 29, Ottertail Central 22, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 22, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 22, Parkers Prairie 22, Pillager 17, Browerville 14, Pine River-Backus 8

100 - 1. Remington Converse 11.32, 3. Austin Weite 11.69, 22. Dakota Hennagir 12.87

200 - 1. Converse 23.18, 4. Weite 24.05, 24. Sawyer Ferdon 27.16

400 - 4. Logan Robben 54.62, 14. Benet Robinson 59.84

800 - 12. Ivan Lozano 2:31, 16. Blaine Plattner 2:34, 19. Ramiro Gallardo 2:36

1,600 - 16. Odin Trif 5:35, 20. Plattner 5:51, 25. Israel Ritter 6:08

3,200 - 2. Issiah Tabatt 10:51, 5. Dillan Robben 11:39

110 hurdles - 10. Noah Larson 19.38, 15. Gavin Chenoweth 20.87

300 hurdles - 8. Larson 46.85, 19. Chenoweth 54.04

4x100 - 2. (Hunter Miller, Converse, Avandre Brandt, Weite) 45.52

4x400 - 4. (Gallardo, Robben, Noah Greenwaldt, Robinson) 3:52

4x800 - 4. (Trif, Greenwaldt, Tabatt, Robben) 9:29

Shot put - 10. Steven Petrich 38'5", 13. Drake Dukowitz 35'8", 27. Blake Neelan 30'0"

Discus - 8. Petrich 93'2", 14. Ferdon 85'8", 28. Dukowitz 74'0"

High jump - 1. Miller 6'2", 14. Brandt 5'4", 14. Hennagir 5'4"

Pole vault - 1. Turner Beachy 10'6", 9. Conner Kuhns 8'0", 13. Ryan Neelan 7'0"

Long jump - 3. Josiah Critten 19'7", 11. Robinson 17'7", 32. Alexander Helstrom 15'4"

Triple jump - 3. Brandt 29'2", 5. Ferdon 36'9", 12. Beachy 34'3"

**Mixed 4x100 throwers relay** - 3. Ronnie Noska, Blake Neelan, Sawyer Ferdon, Annie Schlosser 56.05

### Girls results

Becker 104, Pierz 87, Pequot Lakes 65, Wadena-Deer Creek 64, Pillager 63, Staples-Motley 49, Ottertail Central 47, Cros-

by-Ironton 28, Parkers Prairie 16, Browerville 13, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 13, New York Mills 5, Pine River-Backus 4

100 - 16. Corinne Olson 14.54

200 - 16. Olson 30.63, 23. Ronnie Noska 31.67, 24. Isabel Cole 31.78

400 - 23. Cecily Moe 1:17

800 - 3. Ashley Robben 2:32, 22 Addisyn Cichos 3:08

1,600 - 1. Audrey Brownell 5:17, 13. Suhaila Mikhael 6:26

3,200 - 1. Kyanna Burton 11:19, 5. Bella Hines 12:49

100 hurdles - 9. Jayce Kobliska 19.23, 16. Abby Brichacek 21.72

300 hurdles - 9. Kobliska 54.38, 14. Brichacek 1:01

4x100 - 6. (Noska, Cole, Olson, Brichacek) 58.00

4x400 - 1. (Aften Robinson, Kobliska, Robben, Brownell) 4:19

4x800 - 1. (Sophie Schlosser, Robinson, Robben, Burton) 10:10

Discus - 17. Annie Schlosser 66'5", 23. Noska 57'0"

Long jump - 23. Cole 13'2", 33. Moe 10'7"

Triple jump - 10. Cole 30'8", 24. Brichacek 24'4"

**Girls top distance times**

**Staples-Motley girls 3,200 meter all time list**

Kyanna Burton 11:19.97 '23

Naomi Landecker 11:21.01 '08

Brittany Brenny 11:22.11 '05

Hannah Landecker 11:34.31 '06

Rhonda Reichel 11:48.00 '85

Emma Pogreba 11:59.02 '08

Amanda Reichel 12:06.34 '04

Liza Milless 12:08.30 '00

Jenny Giza 12:10.00 '90

Natasha Wenzel 12:14.10 '06

**Staples-Motley girls 1,600 all-time list**

Naomi Landecker 5:15.92 '08

Deb Trantina 5:16.10\* '79

Brittany Brenny 5:17.16 '04

Audrey Brownell 5:17.58 '23

Dorene Trantina 5:20.30\* '79

Amanda Hoffer 5:26.00 '98

Natashia Wenzel 5:26.10 '08

Kyanna Burton 5:26.95 '21

Court- Robinson 5:27.29 '05



Colbe Tappe

## Baseball team drops two games

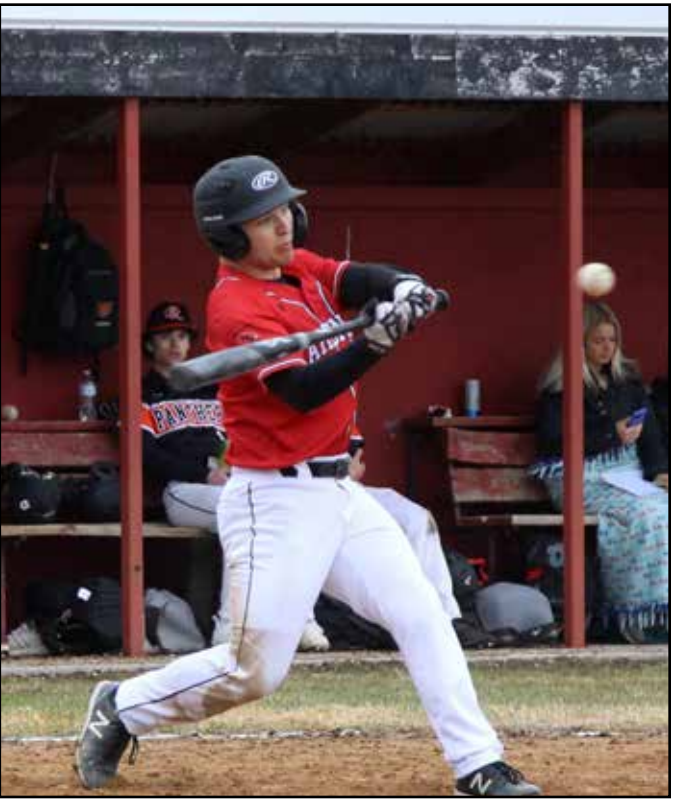
The Staples-Motley baseball team lost a doubleheader to Park Rapids on April 27.

In the first game, the Cardinals came back from a deficit to lose 5-4. In the third inning, Jack Carlson got a hit, Colbe Tappe reached on an error and Alex Schultz walked. The team scored on a passed ball, a strikeout where the catcher missed the ball, and Andrew Salcido earned a walk for an RBI.

In the seventh inning, Justin Phillippi walked, stole second, then scored on a single by Griffin Bettis

In the second game, the Cardinals had more hits but fewer scores. Hayden Rutherford had two hits and walked, but was stranded at third twice.

Bettis and Carlson shared pitching duties in the first game while Tappe pitched the second.



Andrew Salcido

## Cardinal golfers start with home win

The Staples-Motley boys golf team started the season strong by winning their home invite on April 29.

Carter White won the individual title by shooting one over par 73. Keller Anderson shot 84 to place 13th overall. The rest of

the team was right behind, showing excellent team depth. Jackson White had 85, Grant Bestland 86, Peyton Mithun 88 and Isaiah Schultz 90.

The team score put the Cardinals three strokes ahead of Pequot Lakes to

take the team title.

**Team scores**

Staples-Motley 328, Pequot Lakes 331, Walker-Hackensack-Akely 335, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 351, Princeton 355, Pine River-Backus 383, Wadena-Deer Creek 390, Royalton 401

## Softball team playing well despite losses

The Staples-Motley softball team played a competitive doubleheader at Park Rapids on April 27, but ended up with two losses, 8-2 and 7-2.

"The girls played best defense of the season and continued to hit well at the plate," said Coach Darren Holst.

He said a lot of the hard hit balls did not fall into place, some just missing the fair ball line by inches. The team was able to get on base and advance the runners, but left runners in scoring position several times.



Bel Birkholtz



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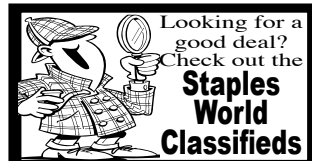
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Todd County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS April 4, 2023

**Call to Order**  
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 4th day of April, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

**Approval of Agenda**  
On motion by Denny and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 5.5 Amend Shady's

Golden Eagle - One Year Liquor License, removal of item 7.1 Central Minnesota EMS (CMEMS) Region Update, and removal of item 11.1 Holst Acres 1st Addition Final Plat.

**Consent Agenda**  
On motion by Erickson and seconded by Noska, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

- To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2023 as presented.
- To approve the resignation of Bob Cuchna, effective 04/01/2023.
- To approve the resignation of Shayla Baken, effective 04/03/2023.
- To approve the resignation of Charles Kloos, effective 03/31/2023.
- To approve Shady's Midway

Inc 2023 tobacco license application allowing them to sell tobacco products in 2023.

- To approve Teri Bense to fill the open Lead Eligibility Worker position. Grade 7, Step 9 at \$29.11. Start Date: April 5, 2023.

**Auditor-Treasurer**  
On motion by Becker and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the March 2023 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 903089 through 903132 in the amount of \$750,016.60 (Manual) 810 through 819 in the amount of \$37,459.15 and (Regular) 240730 through 240841 in the amount of \$361,842.75 for a total of \$1,149,318.50.

On motion by Denny and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402470 through 402498 in the amount of \$29,642.85 and (Regular) 56848 through 56871 in the amount of \$38,454.00 for a total of \$68,096.85.

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 803884 through 803906 and (Regular) 710346 through 710390 for a total of \$45,428.98.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600889 through 600893 and (Regular) 517297 through 517310 for a total amount of \$42,765.88.

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To amend BA #20230307-09 to remove the Off Sale license approval for Shady's Golden Eagle pursuant to MN Statute 340A.412 subd 3 effective April 1, 2023.

2023 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 77-23-03, said project for pavement markings located on various highways in Todd County, and;

**WHEREAS**, the following sealed bids were received:

- Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC, Edina, MN, \$185,812.06

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC of Edina, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$185,812.06.

On motion by Denny and seconded by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

**AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2023 DUST CONTROL PROJECT**  
**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received on March 28, 2023 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 77-23-08, said project for dust control located on various highways in Todd County, and;

**WHEREAS**, the following sealed bids were received:

- Knife River Corporation , Sauk Rapids, MN, \$183,389.70
- Northern Salt, Inc., Saint Paul, MN \$196,320.23
- EnviroTech Services, Greeley, CO, \$205,147.80
- All States Pavement Recycling, & Stabilization , Rogers, MN, \$213,851.04

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Knife River Corporation of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$183,389.70.

**County Sheriff**  
On motion by Becker and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the increase of seasonal Boat and Water staff from three to four part time employees.

**Planning & Zoning**  
On motion by Becker and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the Fiscal Agent Agreement for the Long Prairie River Watershed Collaborative.

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To sign the Letter of Support to submit to Representative Wiener for HF1231.

**Solid Waste**  
On motion by Denny and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the bid from Viking Garage Door in the amount of \$6,195.00 for the cost of the new door, controller, installation and minor repairs to MSW overhead door.

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the solid waste director to sign the proposal with Barr Engineering for Ground-water Reporting in 2023 for \$18,100.

Motion was made to table action to a future meeting after discussion was held regarding the timing for authorization by the board to publish notice for a public hearing for potential parcel fee increases as part of the financing for construction of the proposed solid waste transfer station.

An update of the plans for the Solid Waste Transfer Station Project was provided including the current schedule for permitting, schedule and process for permitting, proposed waste transportation, wastewater treatment and project financing.

**Health & Human Services**  
On motion by Denny and seconded by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHINGSUPPORT FOR SEEKING FUNDING FROM SOURCEWELL FOR A REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR AN INTENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE OPTION FOR YOUTH IN REGION 5**  
**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell, is providing community impact funding for the Cities and Counties in Region Five that address mental health needs, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Social Service and Public Health agencies of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties work to prevent intrusive residential treatment interventions, prevent truancy, prevent delinquency, deflect children from child welfare, want to support and stabilize youth's mental health and functioning, provide community-based services, and support families in

caring for their children with mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, The Adult Mental Health Initiative has been successful in providing a forum for collaboration and successful implementation of services for Adult Mental Health Services along with the assistance of a coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, The service model of Collaborative Intensive Bridging Services focuses on strengthening parents by providing intensive mental health services for youth 8-17 years old in the family home and community, teaching coping skills, building supports, and limiting time out of the home for placement; and

**WHEREAS**, A Region 5 Children's Mental Health Initiative would provide a forum for Children's Mental Health collaboration with assistance with a Coordinator to work with the unique partners that impact the continuum of care for children which include the coordination of Collaborative Intensive Bridging Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Collaborative Intensive Bridging Services has demonstrated positive outcomes and costs savings in other counties in Minnesota, and has increased youth's success and connectedness; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approves Sourcewell Community Impact funding application submitted by Morrison County Social Services on behalf of Region Five Counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena to collaborate with a professional non-profit organization that will build capacity within our communities to support families and children in need.

An update from the Todd County Opioid Settlement Advisory Council was provided to the county board for discussion on the planning of projects funded via this settlement.

**Administration**  
On motion by Erickson and seconded by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TODD COUNTY STAFF TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ENSURE TODD COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTI-STATE SETTLEMENTS RELATING TO OPIOID SUPPLY CHAIN PARTICIPANTS, AND IN THE MINNESOTA OPIOIDS STATE- SUBDIVISION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against opioid supply-chain participants related to the opioid crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to multi-state settlement agreements with several opioid supply chain participants, but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a deadline of April, 18 2023, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the above-referenced multi-state settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of Minnesota's local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, as amended (the "State-Subdivision Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Todd County supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Todd County supports and opts in to all future multi-state settlement agreements with opioid supply chain participants; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Todd County authorizes county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure Todd County participation in the multi-state settlement agreements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and in the State-Subdivision Agreement.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the final amount of ARP funds previously authorized via BA #20210907-22 for Sheriff Road Deputy costs at \$57,958.35, and allow remaining funds of \$32,041.65 to be available for other proposed projects brought forward to the Board of Commissioners.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve extension of Eligibility Worker and use of ARP funds through 12/31/2024, with an estimated cost of \$91,297.00.

Discussion was held regarding the ARPA proposed projects summarized and presented by the ARP Committees at the March 7 and March 21 work sessions. Concerns over the potential for unexpected cost increases of the large projects already approved and large projects proposed was discussed. Consensus to move forward with the transfer station landfill cover proposed project with formal action to be drafted for a board meeting very soon.

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**County Auditor-Treasurer's Report**  
The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the 2023 Property Tax Statements have been released within the required statutory timeline.

**County Attorney's Report**  
The County Attorney reported that office activity remains steady.

**County Commissioner's Report**  
The commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Noska had HRA meeting along with other committee meetings with other commissioners.

Commissioner Becker had Region Five, Facilities Committee, Safety Committee, 2nd Amendment meeting in Vernadale, Personnel Committee, annual weed training, spring road meeting and meeting with Senator Klobuchar staff.

Commissioner Denny had emergency service board meeting, spring road meeting at the northern shop and meeting with Senator Klobuchar staff.

Commissioner Neumann provided an update on the CPT meeting.

**County Coordinator's Report**  
The County Coordinator reported on many of the meetings already discussed and preparation for HR Manager to arrive.

**Closed Session**

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute §13D.05 Subd. 3(a) at 10:56 a.m.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the board meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Chair Neumann reported that the four department heads evaluated have met or exceed the expectations for their position.

**Recess**  
Chair Neumann recessed the meeting until April 18, 2023.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	SAMOUNT
ABARR ENGINEERING COMPANY	\$5,334.50
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$2,812.52
CLIFTON LARSONALLEN, LLP	\$4,780.00
EBSO INC	\$265,187.41
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY	\$6,554.15
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC	\$6,162.49
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AUTH	\$86,883.00
RAHN'S OIL & PROPANE	\$24,827.85
STODD TRAILS ASSOCIATION	\$10,292.10
VERIZON	\$32,852.54
WEX BANK-SINCLAIR	\$6,352.44
26 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$2,161.00
CENTRA CARE	\$12,339.43
CERTIFIED CRIME FIGHTER, INC.	\$11,532.50
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	\$2,100.00
COUNTRYSIDE RESTAURANT	\$5,629.00
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	\$4,041.40
HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL	\$2,168.52
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY	\$7,035.65
METRO SALES INC.	\$21,162.39
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	\$2,076.36
MORRISON COUNTY	\$4,711.50
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES INC	\$10,225.26
STANEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	\$3,830.35
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	\$47,700.00
VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$7,301.36
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A. 45 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	\$3,467.32
CARD SERVICES COBORNS	\$5,092.75
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$2,490.46
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$2,321.82
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$9,692.43
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$2,457.52

See **PUBLIC** notices on page 5a

Public Notices

NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETING

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary  
Leader Community Hall  
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File Number: 77-CV-23-310 Case Type: Contract

AMENDED CIVIL SUMMONS

Magnifi Financial Credit Union, Plaintiff  
vs  
Matthew Rahn and Tamara Rahn, a/k/a Tamara D. Rahn, John Doe, Mary Roe and each other person unknown claiming any right or interest in any part of the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants

This Summons is directed to (name of Defendants): Matthew Rahn and Tamara Rahn a/k/a Tamara D. Rahn; and John Doe, Mary Roe and each other person unknown claiming any possessory right or interest in any part of the real estate described in the complaint herein.

1. **You are being sued.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The *Complaint* is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that start a lawsuit and affect your legal rights, even if nothing has been filed with the court and even if there is no court file number on this *Summons*.

2. **You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the person/business who is suing you within 21 days to protect your rights.** Your reply is called an *Answer*. Getting your reply to the Plaintiff is called *service*. You must serve a copy of your *Answer* or *Answer and Counterclaim* (Answer) within 21 days from the date you received the *Summons* and *Complaint*.

ANSWER: You can find the *Answer* form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at [www.mncourts.gov/forms](http://www.mncourts.gov/forms) under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the *Answer* form.

3. **You must respond to each claim.** The *Answer* is your written response to the Plaintiff's *Complaint*. In your *Answer* you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the *Complaint*. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the *Complaint*, you must say that in your *Answer*.

4. **SERVICE: You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the Plaintiff.** If you do not serve a written *Answer* within 21 days, you may lose this case by default.

You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their *Complaint*. If you agree with the claims, stated in the *Complaint*, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for what the Plaintiff asked for in the *Complaint*.

To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your *Answer* on the person who signed this Summons in person or by mail at this address: Mark F. Uphus, Attorney at Law, 310 Main Street East - PO Box 158, Melrose, Minnesota 56352.

5. Carefully read the Instructions (CIV301) for the *Answer* for your next steps.

6. **Legal Assistance.** You may wish to get legal help from an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and would like legal help:

- Visit [www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp](http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp) and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota county.

- Court Administration may have information about places where you can get legal assistance.

**NOTE: Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still serve a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

7. **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an ADR process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still serve your written *Answer*, even if you expect to use ADR.

8. **This lawsuit may affect or bring into question title to real property** located in Todd County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter in Section 26, Township 127 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Todd County, Minnesota, lying Northeast of the Township Road together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto.

The object of this action includes, among other things: foreclosure of a mortgage and other security interests against the above described property and fixtures, improvements, and any unaffixed manufactured housing unit located on the described property; to obtain judgment that Plaintiff's mortgage, security and other interests and claims against said property have priority over any claim or interest of any herein named Defendants and any other person; and obtain and docket, as may be appropriate, a deficiency money judgment against the herein named Defendants.

Dated: April 26, 2023

/s/ Mark F Uphus  
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