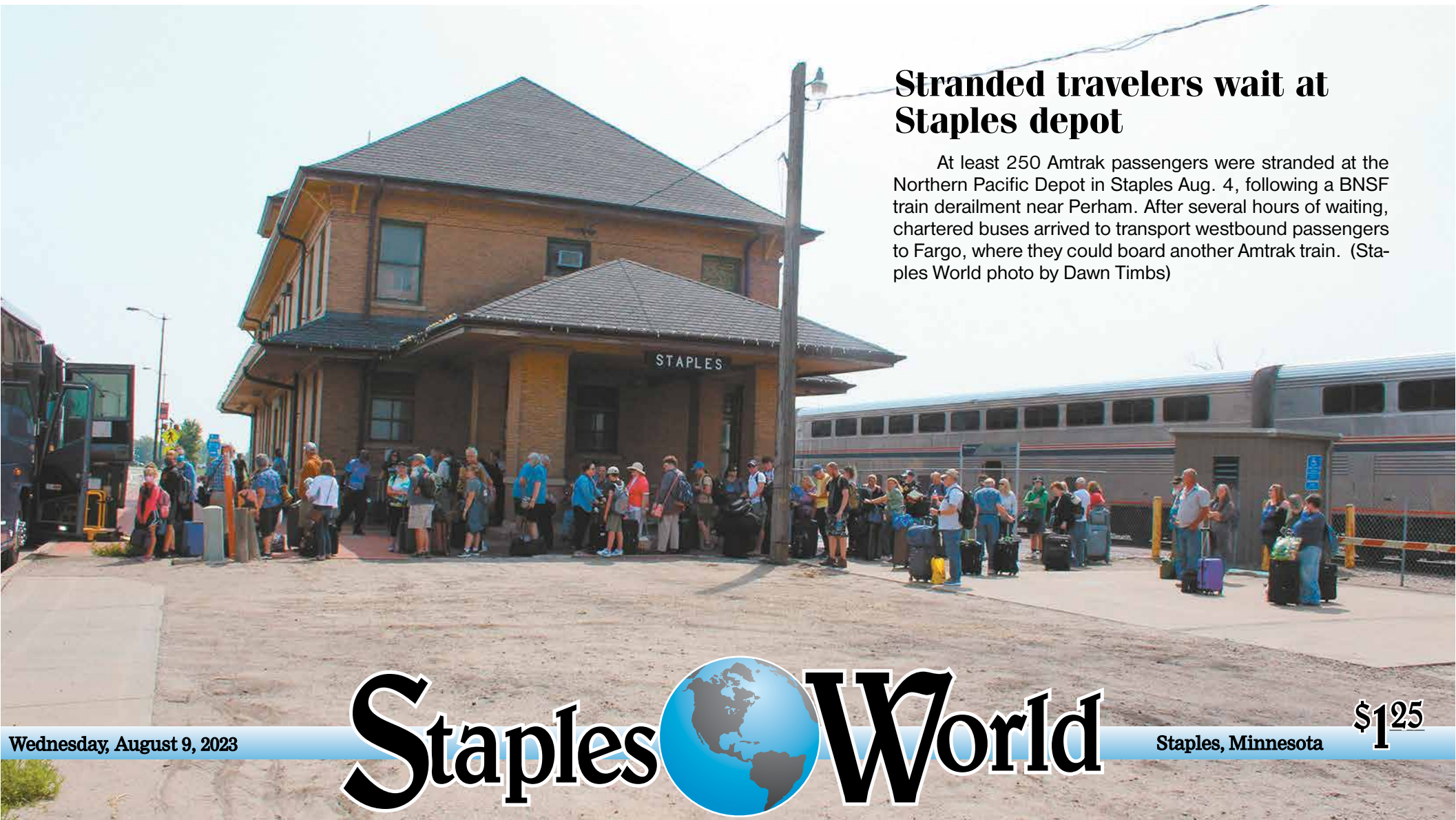


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Stranded travelers wait at Staples depot

At least 250 Amtrak passengers were stranded at the Northern Pacific Depot in Staples Aug. 4, following a BNSF train derailment near Perham. After several hours of waiting, chartered buses arrived to transport westbound passengers to Fargo, where they could board another Amtrak train. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Little Red Caboose Variety Show is Aug. 17

The Little Red Caboose Variety Show is back again to kick off the Railroad Days festivities with a showcase of local talent. It will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17, at Timbers Event Center in Staples with the show starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

In past years, the variety show has been held at Centennial Auditorium, but has been relocated to Timbers, due to construction at the school.

This year's show boasts newcomers and favorite acts, all local talent.

Newcomers to the show include The River Rats Band, along with guitarist Nathan Beard, and Micah Larson, who will be performing his state champion speech.

Returning favorites include the state champion speech duo of Caden Mrazek and Luke Bates; and music by Katie (Ziegler) Switzer and Mackenzie Wilds, Lauren Rutten, the Staples Area Mens and Women's choruses, a barber-shop quartet, Gary Timbs, Sarah Kroll, Trisha Larson, Emali Jimenez and the return of The Little Moran River Band.

Serving as emcee for the evening will be Katie Hepner.

Proceeds from the show will benefit Lamplighter Community Theatre's summer Lamp Camp, a performance arts camp featuring singing, dance and drama which gives children and young adults from the age of 8-18 a great learning experience in all three of those areas. The other half will go to the Staples Area Men's Chorus and their Real Men Sing choral festival which gives young male singers and their directors a full day of educational experiences with choral clinicians and male singers from all age groups, and culminates in a mass chorus concert that evening.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or for a \$2 dollar discount, can be purchased in advance at the Staples World office, True Value Hardware and Ace Hardware in Staples or online at [www.lctstaples.com](http://www.lctstaples.com).

Co-hosts for the Little Red Caboose Variety Show are the Staples Area Men's Chorus and Lamplighter Community Theatre. Sponsors include the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, Lakeland Public Television and the Five Wings Arts Council.

Congregational Church in Staples holds final service

By Tom Crawford

The members of the Staples Congregational Church, as they have for the past 133 years plus, gathered for their May 28, 2023 service at their place of worship on the corner of 5th Street NE and Second Avenue.

But this was a rather solemn service, since it was their last one. "We've had 10 or 11 people most of the time the last few years," long time member Rita Stone recalled.

That lack of parishoners sums up the main reason for the church's closing.

Kevin Olsen, member and moderator of the church council, echoed that feeling. "Our decision was based on two things, lack of attendance and on finances," he said. Church members had gathered for a congregational meeting and voted about two months prior to the final service.

Olsen explained that over the past few years, the church had been served by two pastors, one from Wadena. another from Brainerd.

Mike Gedde, church treasurer, added that the Brainerd pastor had informed them she would be retiring and not available. Their other pastor was only available on alternating Sundays.

So the combination of declining membership and with that, declining church income, plus a shortage of pastors, all contributed to the final decion to close the Congregational Church doors.

"For our last service we



Final church service

Congregational Church members and guests gathered at their final church service in May. Those pictured here include: front, Rita Stone; first row: Beth Gedde, Penny Olsen, Pastor Cindy Lemke, Marian Nelson, Sandy Odden; middle row: Kevin Olsen, Dawn Nelson, Ruth Davis Dave Odden; back row: Bill Hagen, Tami Brotherton, Paige Melse, Jos Melse, Chris Melse, Chad Miller, Mike Gedde, Rayma Miller and Dennis Miller. (Submitted photo)

had 17 or 18 people there, plus several former pastors and other ministers, so about 30 or so people all together," Rita Stone said.

Their recent attendance woes were a far cry from earlier days for the church. "Phil and I were married here in 1949 by Rev. Ray Ewing," Rita recalled. Likewise, Ellen Nelson recalled she and her husband Lloyd were also married in the Congregational Church by Rev. Ewing. He served as pastor there from 1949 to 1954.

Early Staples settlers began meeting and holding initial services at the Charles Tedford Hall in late 1889. Steps to formally organize as a church took place in the first months of 1890, with 15 members voting to establish a Congregational Church that August.

Church members built a frame building in 1890, the first church building in Staples, at the northeast corner of Second Avenue and Second Street (Burger King corner in 2023). How-

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

|         | High | Low | Cond.     |
|---------|------|-----|-----------|
| Aug. 9  | 81   | 53  | P. Cloudy |
| Aug. 10 | 80   | 60  | Showers   |
| Aug. 11 | 73   | 56  | Cloudy    |
| Aug. 12 | 77   | 53  | M. Sunny  |
| Aug. 13 | 75   | 54  | P. Cloudy |
| Aug. 14 | 80   | 56  | M. Sunny  |
| Aug. 15 | 80   | 56  | Cloudy    |

Last Year, 2022

|         | High | Low | Cond.    |
|---------|------|-----|----------|
| Aug. 9  | 81°  | 52  | Sunny    |
| Aug. 10 | 80   | 65  | M. Sunny |
| Aug. 11 | 77   | 62  | Sunny    |
| Aug. 12 | 75   | 63  | Rain     |
| Aug. 13 | 70   | 64  | Cloudy   |
| Aug. 14 | 77   | 61  | Sunny    |
| Aug. 15 | 76   | 60  | Sunny    |

Average Temps:

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Three suspects identified in recent crimes in Staples arrested

On August 2, 2023, while investigating several recent thefts and property crimes in Staples, the Staples Police Depart. identified the suspects in the crimes.

The Staples PD, West Central Violent Offender Task Force, Todd County Sheriffs and Wadena County Sheriffs conducted surveillance on the suspect's last known residence and located the suspect exiting the apartment.

Officers approached the suspect at which time he fled on foot from officers and ran into his apartment at 527 US Hwy 10. Officers

pursued the suspect and made entry into the apartment. The suspect, Michael Allyn Fitzherbert, was apprehended by officers. Once inside the apartment, officers also detained others present, as well as locating several items related to controlled substances and firearms' violations.

A search warrant was issued for the apartment and as a result, two other individuals present were arrested for controlled substance crimes and felon in possession of firearms (and ammunition). While executing the search warrant,

officers located suspected methamphetamine, crack cocaine, Fentanyl and other controlled substances. They also located two firearms, ammunition and evidence linking the suspects to the recent area thefts and property crimes.

The three parties arrested were:

Michael Allyn Fitzherbert - Fleeing on foot, Felony damage to property, two counts of theft and tampering with a motor vehicle. At the time of his arrest, Fitzherbert was also out of jail on probation from prior area thefts.

Zachary Mason Bielejeski - 3rd degree possession of controlled substance, two counts of possession of a firearm by prohibited felon.

Ashley Erin Laskowki - 3rd degree possession of controlled substance.

All three arrested parties were transported to the Todd County Detention Center awaiting charges.

The Staples PD was assisting with the investigation by West Central Violent Offender Task Force, the Todd County and Wadena County Sheriffs.

# Dozens of Amtrak passengers stranded in Staples after BNSF freight train derailment

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

A visit to Staples, Minn., probably wasn't in the travel plans of 200-plus Amtrak passengers, but that's just what took place Aug. 4, after a BNSF train carrying mixed freight derailed near Perham.

The derailment occurred just after midnight, and according to Lydia Underdahl, BNSF Executive Director of Public Affairs, there were no injuries, and no hazardous material was involved. Underdahl reported that BNSF personnel were on site shortly after the derailment, working as quickly and safely as possible to clear the incident.

Kimmy Doyle of Tampa, Fla., was one of the passengers on the westbound Amtrak train delayed in Staples. Doyle shared that they'd sat on the train for hours after it stopped shortly after midnight. She was very relieved when they were allowed to exit around 7 a.m.. "A lot of us needed a smoke break," she said. Doyle went on to say that she'd made a wish that they'd all be able to continue their journeys, and she was hopeful that it would come true.

Doyle was on her way to Everett, Wash., to visit

her daughter, Bryanna and grandson, Gabriel. "Named after the Angel, Gabriel," Doyle said. She'd left Aug. 1, from Florida, and since that time had had layovers in Washington, D.C. and Chicago. She hadn't expected the layover in Staples, but was taking it all in stride. "I love Amtrak," Doyle said, adding that she'd been traveling with them for 40 years.

Doyle, as well as other passengers, expressed relief upon hearing that buses were on the way to transport them to Fargo, N.D., where they could catch another westbound train. In all, eight buses were ultimately chartered.

Other passengers had arrived in Staples early that morning, hoping to catch an eastbound train. The Bontrager family from Deer Creek, bound for Illinois, said they'd been waiting at the depot since around 5 a.m. At 10 a.m., they were still waiting.

Due to the derailment near Perham, the train that had arrived from Chicago earlier that morning would have to be turned around, providing transportation instead to its eastbound passengers. That also meant first unloading all of the luggage heading west, transporting it to the chartered buses, and then

making sure the luggage of eastbound travelers was in the correct vehicle.

Despite the lengthy delays, passengers had some positive reports regarding their unexpected visit to Staples. For starters, when the Discover Staples crew learned about the derailment, they arranged to have Timberlake Hotel in Staples deliver free muffins and fruit to nearly 300 stranded passengers at the depot.

Doyle, and others, like Paul Walter of St. Paul, expressed appreciation for this kind gesture from strangers.

Upon learning that the delay would be longer than expected, some passengers took the opportunity to walk around town, visit some stores and get a bite to eat. Dillon Skaarup of Troy, N.Y., said he'd had a great breakfast at the Spot Cafe. He was headed to Portland, Ore., Skaarup said, to visit family.

Amtrak conductor David Baber, of St. Cloud, had been at the Staples depot since 2:45 a.m. Baber said their crew had been working hard since that time, helping facilitate the needs of their passengers. "We've got a great crew," he said. And, like the passengers, Baber was hoping that the situation would be resolved safely and that they'd be able to continue traveling in due time. "I'm hoping to get to my granddaughter's birthday party tonight," Baber said.

It was shortly after 12:30 p.m. when the last passenger had been boarded on to one of the eight buses headed to Fargo. Doyle waved as she walked up the stairs of the bus, the driver following behind with some of her luggage, including a bag filled with stuffed animals. These are for Gabriel, she'd mentioned, smiling at the thought of her grandson she hoped to see before too long. She'd have some stories to tell him when she finally arrived to Washington...including one of her adventures in Staples, Minn.



## Small town hospitality

After learning that 200-plus passengers were stranded at the Northern Pacific Depot in Staples Aug. 4, the Timberlake Hotel donated muffins and fruit to offer the weary travelers.



## West Coast bound

Kimmy Doyle of Tampa, Fla., was one of several dozen passengers who waited for hours at the Northern Pacific Depot in Staples Aug. 4, after a train carrying mixed freight derailed near Perham.

Doyle, who had left Florida Aug. 1, was on her way to visit family in Everett, Wash., via Amtrak. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Still waiting

Pictured above: Dillon Skaarup (left), of Troy, N.Y. and Paul Walter of St. Paul, waited outside the Northern Pacific De-

pot in Staples Aug. 4, after learning they would be bused to Fargo to catch a train there.



## Transferring luggage

Above: Robert Cizek, a bus driver from Hudson, Wisc., helped load luggage on to one of eight buses chartered to transport passengers from Staples to

Fargo, where they could catch another train. A train derailment near Perham had caused major delays while crews worked to re-route and assist passengers.

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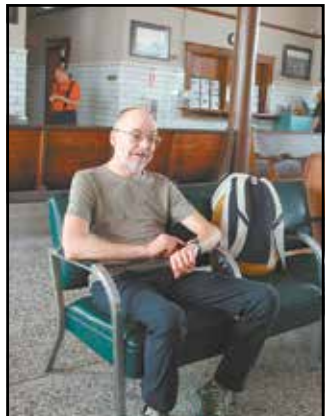
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## Running late

Paul Walter of St. Paul checks his watch while waiting patiently for transportation to arrive at the depot in Staples. A train derailment near Perham the early morning of Aug. 4, had 200-plus people waiting in Staples until buses arrived to transport them to Fargo, N.D. Walter, who was headed to a family gathering in Wisconsin, said he wasn't sure he'd make it in time, and wondered if he should just return to St. Paul.

# Lakewood Health System (LHS) conversion to new electronic health record vendor slated for Aug. 13

Beginning Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023, Lakewood Health System in Staples will be converting to a new vendor for Epic, which is its electronic health record system. Back end builds and data extraction for the conversion have been in progress since May of 2022.

The decision to undertake this conversion was made with both patients and staff in mind. Converting to a new vendor will allow Lakewood to provide patients with increased access to care information, integrated bill-pay, opportunities to expand MyChart use and applications, and more over the course of the next four months. Internally, this conversion gives Lakewood more autonomy and flexibility to adjust and streamline workflows and processes of care which allows for personalization of the system to best fit its patients' needs.

The week of and following go-live there may be delays and longer wait times for patients scheduling and registering for appointments as staff work to gather and input information. All patients will

need to provide a photo ID and insurance card, as well as re-sign consent, authorization and proxy forms, and take an updated photo during check-in for their first appointment, starting Aug. 13.

All patients with existing MyChart accounts through Lakewood will need to re-sign up for an account, starting Friday, Aug. 11. Sign-up information will be sent to patients through their current MyChart portal on Aug. 11. Patients can also sign-up using a code received during a Lakewood appointment on or after Aug. 13. Going forward, patients will need to use the newly created MyChart account, as access to existing/current accounts through Lakewood and its current Epic vendor will be read-only.

Lakewood looks forward to being able to provide even more personalized care and options for its patients with this system conversion. Patience and cooperation over the next few weeks are very much appreciated as teams work to make the conversion as seamless as possible for all.

# Court report August 2

## The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 26, 2023.

Richard Dean Johnson, Garrison, SD. Arson-2nd degree building value \$1,000 or more. Dismissed. Forestry-careless or negligent fires. Local confinement (45 days credit for time served: 45 Days). \$50 Fine. \$125 Fee Totals.

## The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 24, 2023.

Jamie Matthew Segelstrom, White Bear Lake. Speed 80/70. Continued for dismissal. Probation-Adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 Mo.)

Tiffany Mae Hill, Bemidji. Giving Peace Officer false name of another person. Sentenced. Local Confinement (364 Days, Stay 334 Days For 2 Yr Credit for time served: 20 Days). Probation - Adult (Supervised probation, 2 Yr). \$50 Fine. \$125 Fee Totals. Driving after revocation. Dismissed.

## The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County July 20, 2023.

Harrison B. Crown, New Lenox, IL. Speed 118/70. Sentenced. \$150 Fine. \$375 Fee. Careless driving-operate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway. Dismissed.

Arvin Walter Poser, New York Mills. Traffic-DWI-refuse to submit to chemical test, blood or urine as required by search warrant. Dismissed. Traffic-DWI-Operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. Traffic-DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 8 hours. Dismissed. Carrying pistol while under influence of alcohol-concentration less than 0.10, but more than 0.04. Dismissed. Traffic-careless driving-operate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway. Sentenced. Local confinement (00 days, stay 90 days for 1 yr). Probation-Adult (supervised probation, 1 Yr). \$400 fine. \$475 Fee Totals.

**Long Prairie Police Department**  
Carlos Nicolas Mendez Nunez, Long Prairie. Traffic-drivers license-driving after suspension. \$200 Fine. \$85 Fee.

Amy Lynn Schmitz, Mason, OH. Speed 70/60. \$40 Fine. \$85 Fee.

## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Juan Carlos Acevedo Disla, Long Prairie. Fish and game-open season for angling-take fish in closed season. \$100 Fine.

Kathleen Lynn Hempy, Osakis. Watercraft-personal flotation or life-saving devices required. \$25 Fee. \$85 Fee.

Matthew E. Jonathan Hill, Sauk Centre. PVC-operate between 1 hour before sunset and 9:30 am. \$50 Fine. \$85 Fee

David John Klammer, Circle Pines. Watercraft -personal flotation or lifesaving devices required.

Patrick John Moser, Minneapolis. Dredge, fill, change course, current, or cross-section of public waters w/o permit. \$200 Fine. \$85 Fee.

**Osakis Police Department**  
Aiden James Obright, Alexandria. Vehicle-window restrictions-tint too dark. \$50 Fine. \$85 Fee.

**Todd County Sheriff Office**  
Murrion Raelynn Even, Staples. Drugs-possess/sale small amount of marijuana-no restrictions. \$50 Fine. \$85 Fee.

Diana Gallardo Solana, St. Paul. Traffic-drivers license-driving after revocation. \$200 Fine. \$85 Fee.

James Ruben, Hatter, Aldrich. Domestic assault-misdemeanor-commits act to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death. Dismissed.

Melvin Josue Herrera Diaz, Perham. Drivers license-driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. \$100 Fine \$85 Fee.

Heather Marie Knight, Browerville. Speed 75/55. \$70 Fine. \$155 Fee.

Keiza Limaris Montalvo Silva, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. \$40 Fine. \$85 Fee.

Seth David Repp, Melrose. Traffic regulation-failure to stop at Stop signs or stop lines at entrance to through highway. \$50 Fine. \$85 Fee.

Michael Tod Rogers, Osakis. Speed 69/60. \$40 Fine. \$85 Fee.

Levi Chen Stearns, Clarissa. Speed 69/60 \$40 Fine. \$85 Fee.

Joan Torres Cruz, Eagle Bend. Drivers license-driving without a valid drivers license for vehicle class or type. \$100 Fine. \$85 Fee. Speed 76/60. \$60 Fine.

## 75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• Aug. 5, 1948 - Wanted: Country school teacher to teach school of 25 pupils in logging camp. Also employment for husband. Teacher's salary up to \$2,500 for nine months, plus housing. Tomlinson Timber Co., Duluth, Minn. Telephone Lakeside, 2825.

• Aug. 5, 1948 - About 60 members and friends of the Motley Methodist church gathered at the

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Chas. Mathewson lot on the east shore of Lake Shamineau Sunday here they partook of a bountiful dinner served picnic style. During the afternoon a program of group singing, prayer and scripture work and a Bible quiz was enjoyed. After those who wished had returned from swimming, all were treated to watermelon by those members of the Sunday school who were on the losing side in a recent contest. Awards were given to the children earning the most points on a membership drive. Eldon Morey was presented with a Bible by the Sunday school as recognition of his efforts in bringing in new members. Jenille Thomson also earned a Bible.

• Aug. 5, 1948 - Staples Men's Civic Chorus went to the Minneapolis Aquatennial musical festival Thursday evening of last week, and came out in third place in the contest, thus relinquishing their first place winning of last year to a Minneapolis chorus who appeared at the musical event for the first time.

A significant thing about the musical event was the fact that all first place winners, with but one exception, were from Minneapolis this year.

• Aug. 5, 1948 - Laurence Kurpius, jeweler in Staples for several years, has sold his interests in his business to Phil G. Andert of St. Paul, with Mr. Andert taking possession of the business as of Aug. 1. Mr. Andert is an experienced jeweler, and comes to Staples very highly recommended.

Mr. Andert, an ex-GI, is married and has a daughter, Phyllis Jean. They are making their home at 222 Dakota Ave., in Staples.

## 50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• Aug. 9, 1973 - Flight winners in the summer recreation golf tournament, held last week, included: Jon Dahl, LaCrescent; Steve Randgaard, Curt Wilson, Mark Palmer, Brad Baustian, Mike Kennedy, Todd Palmer, Diane Pipek, Kerry Klimstra, Championship Flight winners; and Bruce Kirk, dj Wilson, Jeff Cizek, Rob Kennedy, Paul Jenkins, Tom Dahl, Mark Crawford, Michele Hankey and Lori Lundgren, Championship Flight runners up.

• Aug. 9, 1973 - Lynda Sowers of the Poplar 4-H Club was crowned 4-H Style Revue Queen at the Cass County Fair in Pine River Aug. 1

Another title earned by

the 13-year-old 4-H'er was champion in the 4-H clothing judging. Miss Sowers, who has been in 4-H clothing project for four years, entered a garment consisting of blue wool pants and a gold and blue plaid jacket. She said she was especially pleased because her father had picked out the material for her outfit.

Lynda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sowers. She will now represent Cass County in the style review at the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul

• Aug. 9, 1973 - Region III Dairy Princess Darlene Cichy of Henning presented the champion showman ribbon to Lynette Tyrrell of the A-1 4-H Club of Browerville following the judging in the 4-H dairy show held at the Todd County Fair. Miss Tyrrell also had the champion Guernsey in the show.

• Aug. 9, 1973 - Robert Pederson, postmaster in Staples, advised today that recently there have been several reports of damage to mail boxes in the Staples and Motley areas.

"These malicious acts are usually done by those who do not consider the consequences," Pederson said.

• Aug. 9, 1973 - Bruce Kirk and Mark Matanich will represent Staples in the state Jaycee golf tournament to be held at Hastings Aug. 16 - 17. The two won out in a group of area golfers in competition last week.

• Aug. 9, 1973 - The Easthouse boys, Tim and Tom, were the big winners last Thursday in the third annual summer recreation tennis tournament.

Tom won the boys 11 and 12 year old tournament and Tim for the boys age 13 to 15. Then, the two combined to defeat Bruce Baustian and Chris Longbella in the doubles tournament.

The Finn family was also well represented. Debbie Finn won the 10 and under tournament, defeating William Volesky in the finals. Carol Finn defeated Renee Olson to win the girls 11 and 12 year old tournament and John Finn made it to the finals in boys bracket before going down to defeat before Tom Easthouse.

Marlene Card was the repeat champion in the girls tourney for 13- 15 year olds. She defeated Renee Huff in the finals. Tim Easthouse downed Bruce Baustian in the finals of the boys 13-15 group.

## 25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• Aug. 6, 1998 - 'Thomas-town Covenant Church to note Centennial this weekend' was one of the front page headlines.

Born of Swedish immigrants seeking a new life but wanting to retain the religious teachings of their homeland, the Thomastown Covenant Church of rural Staples will be celebrating 100 years of spiritual guidance and leadership this weekend. The special speaker for the Sunday service will be Dr. Paul Larson, president of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America.

• Aug. 6, 1998 - Showing at the Cozy Theatre in



## Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Aug. 2, 1973 edition of the Staples World featured Mark Palmer (left) and Todd Palmer, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Palmer, Staples, who had earned trophies in the Lucky Lindy golf tournament at Little Falls. Mark, 13, captured first place in matched play of the Fourth Flight, following a sudden death playoff, which went four extra holes. Todd, 11, was the runner-up of the Eighth Flight. It was also reported that Mike Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Kennedy of Staples, took consolation honors in the Eighth Flight.

Mary Martin of Staples recognized both, adding that Mark and Todd are her cousins. Paul Mertens of Wadena recognized both. Mertens, a 1978 Staples High School grad, shared that he ran cross country with both boys, and graduated with Mark Palmer. Gary Timbs, Staples, thought these boys might be Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Wadena - 'Saving Private Ryan.'

• Aug. 6, 1998 - Showing at the Staples Cinema - 'Armageddon.'

• Aug. 6, 1998 - Employees of the Month at Lakewood Health System in Staples, included: Jan Tyrrell, Hospital RN; Lois Detloff, Home Care RN; and Felicia Cizek, Administrative Secretary of Care Related Division.

## 10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• Aug. 8, 2013 - Tim Taylor, Nisswa, has purchased the former Nordell building on the corner of Hwys. 10 and 210 in Staples and is renovating it to become Taylor Funeral Home. He is hoping to have the main floor completed by Dec. 1.

• Aug. 8, 2013 - A memo-

rial bench has been installed at Old Wadena Park campgrounds. The bench was placed in honor of six individuals who contributed their energies to activities and park improvements over the years including: Valerie Garcia, Wadena; Jim White, Sebeka; Don Droubie, Staples; Dave Mattila, Sebeka; Myra King, Staples, and Ruth Chapman, Thomastown.

• Aug. 8, 2013 - The boys team from The Vintage at Staples brought home the third place trophy from the MGA (Minnesota Golf Association) junior team Championship held this past weekend in Duluth. They included Mitch Hagenson, Andrew Israelson, Dakota Waverek and Trent Hagenson.



## Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1983. 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.



## Going for a ride

Residents of Lakewood Manor and Lakewood Pines have been enjoying cruising around Staples on a golfcart this summer. Tina Fox from Lakewood Activities Department assisted Lakewood Manor residents boarding the cart on July 31. They included Donna Kastanek in the front seat, Vickie Tomlinson behind herGloria Pearson and Alice Pearson in the second seat, and Irene Kastanek in the back. (Photo by Tom Crawford)



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# Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen will close out Music in the Park Aug. 13

Country/rock musicians Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen will be bringing their acoustic sound to the Music in the Park series in Staples Sunday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chair.

This is the sixth and final concert in the summer series. The Staples Host Lions will be selling popcorn again, and there will be pizza by the slice available from Tower Pizza in Staples. Opening for the duo will be “Southern fried” piano man Gary Timbs.

Expect to hear a variety of tunes from the ‘90s, as well as songs Neznik and Franzen sang when they performed together in October Son in the early 2000s. The band played clubs and festivals throughout Minnesota, gaining a large following and a reputation for performing tight-knit versions of contemporary country and classic rock tunes.

Neznik, who was the lead vocalist and rhythm guitar player for October Son during those years, left the band in 2004, when he moved to Texas to pursue a career in country music.

For the next 20 years, Neznik worked as a full-time musician in the renowned music cities of Austin, Texas; and Nashville, Tenn. During that time he recorded five albums which include a mix of original

and cover songs.

Along the way, Neznik’s style was influenced by artists like Alan Jackson, George Strait and Garth Brooks. To have had the opportunity to record in the same studios as several of his musical heroes during his years down south, is something he’ll always treasure.

It was a wonderful, rich experience, but Neznik says he’s happy to be back in Minnesota (he and his wife Alissa own Tower Pizza in Staples), and excited for the opportunity to play music with Franzen once again.

“Jason is the best lead guitarist I’ve played with outside of Nashville,” Neznik said of his former bandmate, a Brainerd native who’s made his mark on the area music scene. In addition to his work with October Son (the band is still together), Franzen is known for being a part of a very musical family. “His dad, Jack Franzen, plays with Muddy Water; and his half-brother, Chris Dobson is also a great musician in the Brainerd area,” Neznik said.

Neznik recalled the October Son reunion concert they had in Staples a couple of years ago. That was a lot of fun, Neznik said, adding that it’s always a privilege to play with his



## A night of country/rock

Eric Neznik (left) and Jason Franzen will join together to perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. This will be the final concert for the season.

former bandmates. It will be a scaled down version of the band this time, but Neznik’s equally excited about this upcoming show, as well as the opportunity for he and Franzen to perform this acoustic show together.

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. For more information on the Music in the Park Series, check out [www.staples-motleyarts.org](http://www.staples-motleyarts.org).

[motleyarts.org](http://www.staples-motleyarts.org).

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

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



## Good old summer time

Members of the Lee family stopped for a photo near North Fourth Laundry on their way to the elementary school playground Aug. 1. Left to right: Penny, Scottie, mom Melanie, Emma and the family dog, Ginger. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

## Mark Your Calendar

### August 10

**‘WALK WITH A DOC’** Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lake-wood 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>

### August 11

**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.

### August 14

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

### August 15

**LIVING LEGACY GARDENS, STAPLES, WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS** Tuesdays, from 9 - 11 a.m. Located at 26505 Co. Rd. 2.

**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.

**DEADLINE**  
for all classified  
ads and copy is  
12 noon Friday

## VBS Aug. 13 - 16, at Staples Church of Christ

Vacation Bible School will be held at Staples Church of Christ Sunday, Aug. 13 - Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 6 - 8 p.m. Registration begins at 5:45 p.m.

‘Rocky Railway - Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through’ is the theme, with participants encouraged to ‘Climb aboard for the best week of the summer.’

Classes are available for ages four through sixth

grade. There will be an adult Bible class offered as well.

Expect to find new friends, amazing experiments, creative games, snacks, adventures and music.

Staples Church of Christ is located at 27343 490th St., approximately one mile south on Hwy 210, near Pine Grove Park. For more information call 320-808-1819.



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## Signs Not Permitted in Road Rights-of-Way

This message serves as a reminder that placement of political and other advertising signage is not allowed under state law on any highway right-of-way. This includes but is not limited to campaign signs, real estate signs, yard sale signs, advertisement and other signs. All state, county, city and township roads and highways fall under the same state law.

### What is considered a highway right-of-way?

Driving lanes, inside and outside of shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections.

### Why is this a concern?

Objects along roadways pose hazards. These signs can be a distraction to drivers, and can get in the way of important work being done by maintenance crews. Minnesota Statutes, Section 160.27 prohibits placement of signs in certain areas including:

- Placement, painting, printing or affixing on any object within the limits of any highway
- On private land without the consent of the owner or occupant;
- On public utility poles;
- On trees or shrubs;
- By painting or drawing on rocks or natural features; and
- Within the “right of way” or blocking the sight lines of drivers entering the highway or leaving the highway onto public streets or private driveways.

Violation of the law (Minn. Stat. 160.27) is a misdemeanor. Civil penalties also may apply if the placement of signage contributes to a motor vehicle crash and injures a person or damages a motor vehicle that runs off the road. Also, remember that landowner consent is needed before signs are placed on private property outside of the right-of-way.

**For information about the proper placement of signs or right-of-way boundaries contact Todd County Public Works (<https://www.co.todd.mn.us/divisions/public-works-services/public-works/>).**

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## Picnic on the Patio

### Staples Hi Rise

Thurs., August 17  
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119 3rd St. NE,  
Staples  
(former VFW building)

### 2023 Staples Railroad Days Activities at BECK'S:

●●● Friday, August 18 ●●●

Car and Bike Show ..... 4 - 7 p.m.

BBQ and Music

Class of '83 Reunion ..... 6 p.m.

80's Theme Glow

DJ Dance Party.....9 p.m. - close

●●● Saturday, August 19 ●●●

Bingo Under the Tent.....2 p.m.

Street Dance .....8:30 p.m.

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## 2023 Old Wadena Rendezvous & Chautauqua

9:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday  
August 12 & 13 Old Wadena County Park  
information at [www.oldwadenarendezvous.org](http://www.oldwadenarendezvous.org)  
admission \$10 for two days-families \$25 maximum  
kids 12 and under free, bring a lawn chair

**Saturday August 12**

9:30 am Jake Kaehne, traditional Ojibwe flute  
10:30 am Dave Virnala, ballads and story songs  
11:30 am Paulino Brenner, Battle of the Giants  
Noon Boots & Needles, original songs, traditional music  
1:30 pm Curtis & Loretta, original songs, traditional music  
2:30 pm John Gorka, original songs

**Sunday August 13**

9:30 am Jake Kaehne, traditional Ojibwe flute  
10:30 am Paulino Brenner – Battle of the Giants  
11:00 am Leane Flynn, singer/songwriter  
Noon Caitlin Robertson with Alex Sandberg, singer/songwriter  
1:30 pm Curtis & Loretta, original songs, traditional music  
2:30 pm Kelley Smith, singer/songwriter

Workshops – preregistration recommended  
Pre-register by email to [info@oldwadenarendezvous.org](mailto:info@oldwadenarendezvous.org), or, if workshop seats remain, at the Rendezvous  
Saturday, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm – Barn Quilt workshop with Lisa Kajer and Mary Noska (12 seats, \$20 material fee)  
Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am to 11:00 am – Ukulele workshop with Curtis & Loretta (10 seats, no fee)  
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 am to noon – Traditional Ojibwe flute workshop with Jake Kaehne (10 seats, no fee)  
Saturday and Sunday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Puppetry workshop with Margo McCreary (10 seats, no fee)  
Saturday and Sunday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Songwriting workshop with Loretta Simonet (10 seats, no fee)  
REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS BY EMAILING US AT:  
[info@oldwadenarendezvous.org](mailto:info@oldwadenarendezvous.org)  
Artisan Demonstrations – Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Wheel thrown pottery – Lowell Bayerkohler  
Jewelry and pit fired pottery – Cheryl Bannes  
Build a birdhouse – Jon and Darlys Hamberg  
Making Bread – TBA  
Making maple syrup – Les Schwartz  
Face/hand painting – Beth Kern  
Bees and honey – Dan Kern  
Horse drawn wagon rides – Gregor Wegscheid (Sunday only)  
Blacksmithing – Mike Hoffman  
Geology and ecology of Old Wadena – Dick Oehlenschlaeger  
Birchbark canoes – Ray Boessel  
Plein air painters – Shanna Cramer (Saturday) and Susan Seaborn (Sunday)  
Additional artists/artisans TBA

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Five Wings Arts Council  
MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD  
STAPLES WORLD

# Reunion set for SHS Classes of ‘54, ‘55, ‘56

Staples High School combined classes of 1954, 1955 and 1956 will hold a reunion Friday, Aug. 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at BRICKS Restaurant in Motley. Any questions, or for more information, call Gerald Germann at 763-244-4686.

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# Obituaries

## Lillian Grondahl

Lillian Elizabeth Grondahl, 91, Inver Grove Heights, passed away May 30, 2023, at one of her favorite places: the family lake home.

A private celebration of life will be held at the lake home later this summer.

At age three, Lillian became an international traveler. Born March 26, 1932, in St. Paul, to Oscar and Lilli Carlson, Swedish immigrants who found the promise of a fresh start in America difficult amidst the Great Depression, she returned to Sweden with her parents and two older brothers in 1935.

Lillian grew up in Linköping, Sweden, with six brothers: Lawrence, Oscar, Julius, Roland, Paul and Andrew. She told stories of helping her mom on wash and baking days, learning to sew, ice skating in clip-on skates, swimming and playing the mandolin in the church band.

Completing her formal schooling, Lillian pursued secretarial training and became a civilian secretary for the Swedish Army. She was active with friends, taught Sunday school and became an accomplished seamstress as a young adult. At age 20, the family had collectively saved sufficient funds to join their father who had emigrated to Canada. Upon arriving in Toronto, she attended night school to learn English and made new friends all while working full-time as a secretary.

In 1958, the family moved to Chicago. Lillian became an executive secretary in the Wrigley Building, another one of her favorite places. Lillian's youngest brother Andrew and his college roommate, Clayton, orchestrated a blind date that brought their older siblings Lillian and Vince together. On May 27, 1961, Lillian and Vincent Grondahl of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married and built a life together in Cedar Rapids where they raised their two daughters, Lisa (Mark) Acker and Carol Ferry.

Lillian poured her energy into raising her girls. A water enthusiast, she had the girls in swimming and diving lessons at early ages, spending summers at the pool. Notably, in 1964, Lillian won second prize in the Pillsbury Bake-Off with



her original Swedish Toffee Creams cookie recipe.

When her daughters began middle school, Lillian went back to school and earned an associate's degree in accounting from Kirkwood Community College. She began book-keeping with St Luke's Hospital. Lillian was an active member of the Christian Women's Club and New Covenant Bible Church in Cedar Rapids.

Upon retirement, she and Vince relocated to Inver Grove Heights. Between frequent travel, women's Bible study groups and hobbies, Lillian found joy in helping her daughters with the care of her much-loved grandchildren: Andrew Acker, Lilli Ferry Ellis (Korey), Anastazia Acker and Eric Ferry. She is fondly remembered for baking projects like the Christmas gingerbread house, movie nights and attic adventures which held treasures from the past.

Lillian's love of family and unshakeable faith in God left an enduring impact on her family. We take comfort in the words of Jesus in John 11:25-26, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die."

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## Donna Edgerley

Donna Berdeen Erickson Edgerley, 86, of Bozeman Montana, passed away July 29, 2023.

Services were held August 3 at the Bozeman United Methodist Church in Montana.

Donna was born in Staples in 1937 to Carroll and Marie Erickson. She moved to Three Forks, MT in 1947 when she was 10 after her dad passed away. Three years later they moved to Bozeman. Donna graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1956. She married James Edgerley in 1957. Together they had four children, Byron Edgerley, Carmen (Joseph) Edgerley-Dallal, Merrill (TimmieSue) Edgerley and Mark (Connie) Edgerley.

Donna is survived by four children; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Delores (Don) Barney and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband; parents; two sisters; two grandsons;



mother-in-law and three brothers-in-law.

Donna was well loved by family and friends. She was known as the train lady with the O.R.W. Possum Trot Line (Old Rusty and wobbly) miniature train.

She was an actively involved member of the Bozeman United Methodist Church and Past Matron Eastern Star Lily of the Valley Chapter #4.

Arrangements were by Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service, www.dokkennelson.com.

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# Student Achievements

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TWIN CITIES** has announced its 2023 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. Local students named include:

- Shaylyn Johnson, Pillager
- Mackenzie Shaw, Pillager
- Emmet Anderson, Staples

## GARAGE SALES

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**DEADLINE: Friday, August 11 by noon**

to be published in the **Staples World Aug. 16 / online.**

Staples World office, 224 4th St. NE, Staples



## Staples Area Church Directory

**Staples**  
**Staples Alliance**  
1512 8th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2891  
Pastor Zach Jones  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
AWANA ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Assembly of God**  
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) ..... 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 5 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.  
**Church of Christ**  
27343 490th St., Staples ..... 218-894-2609  
Pastor Barry Klein  
Facebook Live  
Bible School (youth and adult) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study ..... 7-8 p.m.  
**Faith Lutheran**  
430 12th Street. NE., Staples ..... 218-894-1546  
Pastor Carl Larson  
Pastor Chris Mathiason  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship ..... 10:05 a.m.  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
310 4th St. NE, Staples  
Church ..... 218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn  
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz  
MASS:  
Thursday and Friday ..... 8:30 a.m..  
Sunday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
**Seventh Day Adventist**  
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples  
218-894-0033  
Saturday Worship ..... 9:30 am.  
Sabbath School ..... 10:45 a.m.  
**Thomastown Covenant**  
15940 251st Ave., Staples ..... 218-894-3923  
Pastor Scott Jorgenson  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**Trinity Lutheran**  
1000 4th St., NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2372  
Rev. Robin Collins  
Sunday Divine Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School and Bible Class ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist**  
310 5th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2248  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

**Aldrich**  
**Balsamlund Lutheran**  
19550 490th Street, Aldrich  
Eric Clapp ..... 701-261-2394 (cell)  
Sunday Worship ..... 8:15 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
**Cushing**  
**Bethany Lutheran**  
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN  
320-749-2140  
Pastor Carl Larson  
Pastor Chris Mathiason  
www.bethanylutherancushing.org  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Communion ..... 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month  
**Lincoln Evangelical Free**  
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443  
Phone: 218- 575-2449  
www.lincolnefree.org  
Facebook Lincoln E Free  
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad  
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown  
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad  
SUNDAY  
Church Worship Gathering ..... 10:00 a.m.  
YouTube Channel ..... 10:00 a.m.  
**Cushing Baptist**  
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing  
Pastor Dan Holmes ..... 320-749-2583  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible study ..... 7:30 p.m.  
**Leader**  
**Swan Valley Lutheran**  
Leader ..... 218-397-2470  
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament  
Sunday Worship  
January - July ..... 9 a.m.  
July - January ..... 11 a.m.  
**Maple Hill Lutheran**  
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament  
Leader ..... 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)  
Worship and Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.

**Motley**  
**Motley Free Methodist**  
33 Wellwood Sr. E  
Motley 56466 ..... 218-352-6888  
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor  
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
facebook live ..... 9 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
AWANA ..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group ..... 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
**St. John's Lutheran**  
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley ..... 218-352-6399  
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler  
Sunday School and Bible Class ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.

**St. Michael**  
1st St. and Birch, Motley ..... 218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn  
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz  
MASS:  
Tuesday ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday ..... 4:00 p.m.  
**United Methodist**  
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley ..... 218-352-6466  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
www.motleyumc.net  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Monday AA meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.

**Oylen**  
**Oylen Alliance**  
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen  
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316  
Pastor Neal Maltcore  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
**Pillager**  
**First Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Mathew Sundquist  
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN  
218-746-3775  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
**Casino Assembly of God**  
Pastor Dan Johnson  
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.  
Phone ..... 218-746-3839  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**First Baptist**  
903 River Street South, Pillager  
Pastor Jake Anderson  
218-746-3768  
curious@fbcpillager.com  
Worship Gathering ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Connection Point ..... 9:30 a.m.

**Hewitt**  
**Church of the Nazarene**  
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN  
218-924-2028  
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY PRAYER ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist Church**  
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN  
Pastor Kenneth Uhren  
Sunday Services ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.

**Verndale**  
**Verndale Alliance**  
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481  
218-445-5619  
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley  
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes ..... 11-11:45 a.m.  
**Family Life Church**  
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568  
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com  
Pastor Amos Self ..... 218-371-7189  
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor  
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor  
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor  
SUNDAY  
Youth Prayer ..... 9:20 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 5 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Life Groups ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**Hope Chapel Alliance**  
18126 County Road 7, Verndale  
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316  
Pastor Neal Maltcore  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Family Night ..... 5:30 p.m.  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)**  
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**Verndale United Methodist**  
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale  
218-445-5108  
Pastor Jill Pawlowski  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
**Central United Methodist**  
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)  
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950  
Sunday Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Seeds of Hope ..... 7:00 p.m.

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## "Childlike Faith"

Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God

Author Unknown (God's Word For Today)

When six-year-old Logan heard his mother on the phone with Grandpa, he begged, "Please, Mommy, can I talk?" Thinking her son wanted to tell Grandpa about his fun day at vacation Bible school, she handed him the phone.

Logan asked, "Grandpa would you please give your heart to Jesus? I want you to play with me in heaven, but you can't get there without Jesus." After handing the phone back to his mother, Logan bounded off to play.

She was stunned when she placed the phone to her ear and heard her dad weeping aloud. For years she had intended to

speak to her hard-hearted father about the Lord, but feared he would mock her. Now, Logan's bold but simple faith had melted Grandpa's heart.

*"If only you would listen to his voice today! The Lord says, 'Don't harden your hearts as Israel did at Meribah.'" (Psalm 95:7-8, NLT)*

God is continually reaching out to the hard-hearted and longs to have His people join Him by sharing the gospel. *"It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).*

Thought: It is better to fear for the souls of the lost than to fear their reaction to the gospel.

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## Ascension of tumbling

Staples-Motley Community Education tumbling classes are filled with children learning to strengthen, stretch and control their bodies through tumbling skills. The classes include games, dance and practice skills while the younger students do simple skills and each succeeding class the skill levels become a bit harder, with the upper levels doing some amazing gymnastics moves. Tumbling included 60 kids participating. Mythanne Thompson is the instructor. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)







**NOTICE  
BECKER TOWNSHIP  
SPRAYING**

Becker Township will be spraying the ditches for noxious weeds and brush after the 13th of August, 2023.

Mary Fitcher, clerk  
Becker Township  
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**NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSALS  
STAPLES-MOTLEY ISD  
#2170**

Pursuant to MN Statue 471.6161, notice is hereby given that **Staples-Motley ISD #2170** requests proposals for Group Health Insurance.

Specifications will be available from the District's agent of record, National Insurance Services, at 14852 Scenic Heights Road, Suite 210, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, phone 800-627-3660.

Proposals are due no later than **2 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023** to Staples-Motley ISD #2170, 905 4th St NE, Staples, MN 56479 and as specified in the RFP.

**Staples-Motley ISD #2170** reserves the right to reject proposals, waive formalities, and to select the proposal that best meets the

District's needs.

Criteria for the evaluation of proposals will be provided when the specifications are requested.

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**TODD COUNTY  
BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENT**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

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

Questions? Call or email

320-732-4420 or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

**AGENDA**

- Call to Order
- 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 July 27, 2023, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes

**1. Wayne Terry:** Section 23, Little Birch Lake, Birchdale Township  
Site Address: 27601 Amber Lane, Grey Eagle, MN 56336 PID: 03-0050500

1. Variance request to reduce the ordinary-high-water-mark setback from 100' to 76' for dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning.

2. Variance request to increase the height restriction from 18' to 20' for dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning.

3. Variance request to reduce the road right-of-way setback from 35' to 24' for dwelling replacement in Recreational Development

Shoreland Zoning.

**2. Nicholas and Abigail Klimek:** Section 23, Beim Lake, Leslie Township  
Site Address: 15494 Galaxy Road, Osakis, MN 56360 PID: 15-0027100

1. After-the-fact Variance request to reduce the ordinary-high-water-mark setback from 150' to 64' for the construction of a deck in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning. After-the-fact Variance request to reduce the ordinary-high-water-mark setback from 150' to 64' for the construction of a dwelling addition in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

After-the-fact Variance request to increase the peak height limit from 18' to 26' for dwelling roof repair in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

**3. Lisa Ewer-Marshall and Michael Schaper:** Section 25, Little Osakis Lake, Leslie Township  
Site Address: 22565 Gateway Drive, Osakis, MN 56360 PID: 15-0029800

1. Variance request to reduce the road right of way setback from 20' to 0' for construction of a pole shed in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning.

**4. Bruce and Christine Sales and Colten and Haileigh Kruzel:** Section 22, Moose Lake, Burnham-

ville Township  
Site Address: 17799 Dutchman Drive, Burtrum, MN 56318 PID: 06-0033000 & 06-0033001

1. Variance request to eliminate road frontage requirement and replace with an access easement in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

**5. Michael Schwartz:** Section 34, Osakis Lake, Leslie Township  
Site Address: 14238 Ferret Drive, Osakis, MN 56360 PID: 15-0058000

1. Variance request to reduce the OHWL setback from 75' to 45.95' for the 281 sq. ft. addition to existing cabin in General Development Shoreland Zoning..

**Adjournment.**  
Next Meeting:  
**September 28, 2023**

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment  
Richard Johnson, Chair  
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| Principal and interest payments in 2023       | \$0                        | \$21,500                 | \$53,974                      | \$124,783      | \$64,020                   | \$13,678                     | \$57,319                    |
| Tax Increment received in 2022                | \$7,645                    | \$28,939                 | \$64,229                      | \$131,915      | \$55,695                   | \$13,568                     | \$60,165                    |
| Tax increment expended in 2022                | \$0                        | \$28,939                 | \$63,462                      | \$131,914      | \$55,694                   | \$13,567                     | \$60,165                    |
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MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING  
OF THE TODD COUNTY  
BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 20, 2023

Public Comment

Charles Anderson, Kandota Landing CUP applicant, provided further information regarding his CUP request for the board's consideration.

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 20th day of June, 2023 at 9 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 Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2023 and June 13, 2023 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT –  
LONG PRAIRIE LIONS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Long Prairie Lions through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Long Prairie Lions to hold gambling activities on the premises of Shady's Midway Bar & Grill in Round Prairie Township at the address of 17908 US 71, Long Prairie, MN.

GAMBLING PERMIT –  
NWTFF STRUTTIN  
BLACKBEARDS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the NWTFF Struttin Blackbeards through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the NWTFF Struttin Blackbeards to hold a raffle event at the Thunder Lodge in Long Prairie Township at the address 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN on August 25, 2023.

To approve a one day Dance License for Diamond Point at the address of 12867 Bayview Dr. (fenced area on north side of building), Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective July 12, 2023.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie Lions Club at the address of 24257 Riverside Drive (Long Drive In), Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective July 12, 2023.

Approve the Hiring of Kellen Pulliam for the FT Deputy position starting pay will be Grade 10, Step 1 \$27.65 per hour Starting

date to be determined.

Approve the Hiring of Lisa Bauer for the FT Jailer position starting pay will be Grade 6, Step 1 \$21.89 per hour. Starting date to be determined.

Approve hire of Amanda Blackstone as Payroll and Benefits Specialist, at Grade 8 Step 6 of the salary grid.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402610 through 402637 in the amount of \$24,727.35 and (Regular) 57044 through 57105 in the amount of \$148,021.36 for a total of \$172,748.71.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 804123 through 804209 and (Regular) 710641 through 710707 for a total of \$469,357.25.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600944 through 600963 and (Regular) 517393 through 517412 for a total amount of \$113,932.44.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH  
BANK CHECKING ACCOUNT  
FOR OPIOID

SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, at the December 21, 2021 board meeting, the Todd County Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution for Todd County's Participation in the Multi-State Settlements relating to Opioid Distribution and Manufacturers and the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, the terms of the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement state that the Opioid Settlement Funds shall not be commingled with any other money or funds of the Participating Local Government, and;

WHEREAS, the Opioid Advisory Committee has been building plans and projects for use of these funds, and;

WHEREAS, in order to be compliant with the MOA terms prior to funds being distributed for planned projects, the establishment of a bank checking account requires the approval of the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer to perform any required actions to open the separate bank account and fund register categorized as Opioid Settlement Funds account.

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

RESOLUTION FOR A PUBLIC  
LAND AUCTION OF  
TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS IN

TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS: Tax-Forfeited Parcels in Todd County have been reappraised and classified as provided by M.S. 282.01, and will be offered for sale by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at a public auction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve said land auction to commence at 10:00 a.m. on the 21st day of July, 2023. The Todd County Auditor/Treasurer is hereby directed to publish a notice of the upcoming land auction as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale are as follows:

All property is sold for cash or check only, no payment plans will be offered and full payment is due on the date of sale.

A charge of \$25.00 will be made for each State Deed issued.

A charge of \$46.00 will be made to record the State Deed.

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected. (0.0033 x purchase price of more than 3k or minimum of \$1.65)

A \$50.00 fee for well certificate, if applicable, will be collected.

A Tax Forfeiture Administration fee of \$250.00 will be collected.

A 3% Assurance Fund charge will be made (as per M. S. 284.28, Subd. 8).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tax-Forfeited Parcels will be offered for sale subject to liens, existing roads, easements and leases, if any, and any special assessments canceled at forfeiture may be reassessed by the municipalities after the sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Tax-Forfeited Parcels are sold as is.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the right is reserved by Todd County, in the interest of the public, to cancel this sale at any time prior to its sale.

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

A RESOLUTION ADJACENT  
OWNER SALE ON TAX FOR-  
FEITED PARCELS IN TODD  
COUNTY

WHEREAS, Parcels 03-0031201 and 29-0001002 have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of property taxes. The goal of this private sale to the adjacent owner is to achieve the best use of these Tax Forfeited parcel by adding it to its adjoining parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the terms of sale are as follow:

All property is sold for cash only, full payment is due on the date of sale;

A charge of \$25 will be made for each State Deed issued;

A charge of \$46 will be made to record the State Deed;

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected (0.0033 x purchase price);

A 3% Assurance Fund charge will be made (as per Minnesota Statutes 284.28, Subd. 8).

Only persons allowed to bid on said parcels are adjacent owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this private sale is

available to adjacent owners until December 1, 2023. If these parcels noted above remain for sale after December 1st, 2023 they will not be made available to the general public until the next public auction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the right is reserved by Todd County, in the interest of the public, to cancel this sale at any time prior to its sale.

Commissioners

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve letter of support for Hilltop Square and Hilltop Square Auditorium and Wellness Center in Eagle Bend.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition to install pivot crossings on parcel 26-0022800 Ward Twp section 25.

County Sheriff

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the out of state travel to send 2 Deputies to Field Training Officer training in Iowa in the month of August.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: a motion to remand this application for Kandota Landing Inc CUP on parcel 17-0039701 regarding the request to establish a 6 site commercial planned unit development back to the Planning Commission to continue discussion matching what was shared during public comment by the applicant.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 13-0011300 with the following conditions.

1. There shall be no loading/unloading of materials within the public roadway.
2. Off-street parking shall be provided for all business traffic.
3. Storage of supplies and finished products shall be stored meeting all setback requirements.
4. Land use permits shall be required for all future construction.
5. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 06-0033000 with the following conditions.

1. Applicant must obtain additional licenses as required by Minnesota Department of Health.
2. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the

findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 17-0016200 with the following conditions.

1. There shall be no loading/unloading of materials within the public roadway.
2. Off-street parking shall be provided for all business traffic.
3. Storage of supplies and finished products shall be stored meeting all setback requirements.
4. There shall be no storage or disposal of waste products in adjacent wetland areas.
5. Land use permits shall be required for all future construction.
6. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 28-0020301 with the following conditions.

1. There shall be no loading/unloading of materials within the public roadway.
2. Off-street parking shall be provided for all business traffic.
3. Storage of supplies and finished products shall be stored meeting all setback requirements.
4. All truck traffic must abide by load weight limits and seasonal road restrictions.
5. Land use permits shall be required for all future construction.
6. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and approve the preliminary plat for Dittrich Acres as presented with no conditions.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 05-0004900 with the following conditions.

1. There shall be no loading/unloading of materials within the public roadway.
2. Off-street parking shall be provided for all business traffic.
3. Storage of supplies and finished products shall be stored meeting all setback requirements.
4. Land use permits shall be required for all future construction.
5. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

County Auditor-Treasurer's  
Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer informed that the Candidate Filing for the County Commissioner District 3 seat closes today at 5 p.m. Due to the number of candidates received so far, it is now solidified that this will be a 2 election event with the Special Primary Election on August 8, 2023 and Special General Election on November 7, 2023.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney provided a summary of the case-loads currently working the office.

County Commissioner's  
Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Denny attended the Emergency Services board, TCDC, Prairie Lakes, Hilltop Kitchen, RDO Award for Water Conservation Efforts event and the County Board of Equalization meetings.

Commissioner Becker attended the Finance, Personnel, special TWCC meeting, SWCD, Personnel, Rainbow Rider, Personnel, Finance, Dept Head, AMC District 4 and the County Board of Equalization meetings.

Commissioner Neumann attended the Personnel, Extension, Finance, Personnel, SWCD, Solid Waste, Rainbow Rider, Personnel, Finance, Dept Head, Park Board, AMC District 4 and County Board of Equalization meetings.

Commissioner Noska attended the Fair Board and County Board of Equalization meetings.

Adjourn

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the meeting was adjourned for the month of June, 2023.

| COMMISSIONER WARRANTS  |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| VENDOR NAME            | \$ AMOUNT    |
| AMERICAN DOOR          |              |
| WORKS .....            | \$5,729.31   |
| COMPASS MINERALS       |              |
| AMERICA .....          | \$2,245.57   |
| FRIEDRICH'S TIRE &     |              |
| OIL CO .....           | \$2,136.39   |
| LONG PRAIRIE           |              |
| LEADER .....           | \$11,937.50  |
| MCCC, MI33 .....       | \$8,325.00   |
| SHIRLEY'S GAS &        |              |
| GROCERIES INC .....    | \$4,065.16   |
| TODD SOIL & WATER CONS |              |
| DIST .....             | \$101,641.00 |
| TROBEC'S BUS SERVICE   | \$2,385.00   |
| 82 PAYMENTS LESS       |              |
| THAN \$2,000 .....     | \$34,283.78  |
| Total: .....           | \$172,748.71 |

| HEALTH & HUMAN         |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| SERVICES WARRANTS      |              |
| VENDOR NAME .....      | \$ AMOUNT    |
| DHS - SWIFT .....      | \$357,537.50 |
| RURAL MN CEP INC ..... | \$15,998.76  |
| TODD COUNTY AUDITOR/   |              |
| TREASURER .....        | \$15,096.10  |
| USPS-POC .....         | \$5,858.00   |
| 150 PAYMENTS LESS      |              |
| THAN \$2,000 .....     | \$74,866.89  |
| Total: .....           | \$469,357.25 |

| VENDOR NAME             | \$ AMOUNT    |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| #17324 .....            | \$4,881.88   |
| HEARTLAND GIRLS         |              |
| RANCH .....             | \$10,191.00  |
| #17302 .....            | \$3,339.63   |
| LITTLE SAND GROUP       |              |
| HOME .....              | \$10,311.84  |
| MLPS FORENSIC           |              |
| PSYCHOLOGICAL           |              |
| SRVS LLC .....          | \$2,056.25   |
| PRAIRIE LAKES YOUTH     |              |
| PROGRAMS .....          | \$21,775.63  |
| # 17183 .....           | \$2,399.09   |
| STEP .....              | \$7,598.97   |
| VALLEY LAKE BOYS        |              |
| HOME INC .....          | \$23,250.00  |
| VILLAGE RANCH INC ..... | \$2,891.06   |
| PAYMENTS LESS           |              |
| THAN \$2,000 .....      | \$25,237.09  |
| Total: .....            | \$113,932.44 |

On a motion by Noska and second by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held June 20th, 2023 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on July 5, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal:  
Randy Neumann,  
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida,  
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer  
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MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE TODD  
COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 5, 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 5th day of July, 2023 at 9 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 Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motions and resolution were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 20th, 2023 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT –  
Ivy's Legacy Foundation

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Ivy's Legacy Foundation through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Ivy's Legacy Foundation to hold a raffle event at The Shed in Kandota Township at the address 10098 County Road 11, Sauk Centre, MN on October 13, 2023.

Approve the resignation of Social Worker, Maggie Chapin effective June 30, 2023.

Approve the resignation of Eligibility Worker Mika Kurnerth effective July 5, 2023.

To approve the hire of Jacob Schwebke to fill the open Behavioral Health Supervisor position, at Grade 13, Step 1 on the salary grid. Start date 07/06/2023.

To approve the hiring of Emily Olson, Solid Waste Seasonal Temporary Worker.

Commissioners

The Todd County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the County employees are our most valuable asset and presented years of service awards for staff achieved during Quarter 2 of 2023.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the June 2023 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 903286 through 903328 in the amount of \$1,062,569.36 (Manual) 841 through 850 in the amount of \$119,507.76 and (Regular) 241134 through 241244 in the amount of \$433,931.80 for a total of \$1,616,008.92.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402638 through 402657 in the amount of \$53,714.55 and (Regular) 57106 through 57139 in the amount of \$31,048.67 for a total of \$84,763.22.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 804210 through 804253 and (Regular) 710708 through 710763 for a total of \$199,887.96.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600964 through 600969 and (Regular) 517413 through 517428 for a total amount of \$53,288.19.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Budget Request Form to transfer \$8,318.50 from the Stationary & Forms account to the Equipment Purchase account within the Elections department's 2023 budget to facilitate the Election Equipment updates/upgrades.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following

motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the electronic roster (Pollpad) upgrade on behalf of the County equipment needs and the participating Todd County Municipalities with Knowlink for a total of \$34,125.

MCIT

Eric Nerness, MCIT Director of Claims presented a report to the board as a member of MCIT for informational purposes and discussion.

Todd County Ag Society/  
Fair Board

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the proposed window installation for \$175 per window (2 windows) and location switching for \$75 of the Ticket Booths via Eagle Creek Builders for a total of \$425 as paid for by the Todd County Ag Society.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the proposed additional 18 outlets for the Livestock Building with Todd County Ag Society providing \$3,000 of the cost with Ag Society grant funds per the attached quote from ARC Electric for a total project cost of \$6,317.08.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

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

Hold Harmless Agreement –  
Install Pivot Crossings –  
County Ditch 19

WHEREAS, Amthor Cattle Company LLC is requesting to install three pivot crossings in CD19 that is located on their parcel 26-0022800. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to install three pivot crossings. The crossings will be 24" culverts with fabric under them and crushed concrete on top for the irrigator tires to travel on.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permis-

sion to Amthor Cattle Company LLC to install three pivot crossing in CD19 that is located on their parcel 26-0022800, Ward Twp section 25. Amthor Cattle Company LLC will do this project at their own expense.

Solid Waste

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize WSN to complete the scope of services covered in the Agreement with a cost of \$44,000.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Discontinue service of collecting demolition debris with county-owned roll-offs, hook trucks, and staff effective January 1, 2024. Authorize (option) to sell up to two hook trucks and 20-30 roll-off containers. Department reserves the right to continue using hook trucks and roll-offs where appropriate, including transport of materials to end markets and abatement of non-compliant properties.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize the hiring of one social worker to provide Children's Mental Health-Targeted Case Management.

Kim Decock provided the County Board with an update of the preparations for the closing of the Home Care Program and transition of clients to other service providers.

Administration

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COORDINATOR  
PELZER TO CONDUCT  
BUSINESS AND  
ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS  
FOR PHASE ONE  
ROCK WALL GRANT

WHEREAS, the Historic Courthouse is registered on the national historic register, and;

WHEREAS, the Courthouse has a rock wall that is in need of repair, and;

WHEREAS, small grant

funds have been received to assist in completing a conditions assessment, and the conditions assessment has been completed;

WHEREAS, large grant funds have been received to assist in completing construction documents, and construction documents have been completed, and;

WHEREAS, large grant funds are available to begin restoration and repair of Phase 1 of the rock wall, and;

WHEREAS, in order to apply for the grant an organization must authorize someone to conduct business and accept the grant funding on behalf of the organization.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Coordinator Pelzer is duly authorized to conduct business and accept grant funding for the large grant application to potentially offset the costs of Phase 1 restoration and repair of the rock wall.

Closed Session

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05 Subd 3(c) 3 to develop or consider offers or counteroffers at 10:09 a.m.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the regular board meeting at 10:42 a.m.

County Auditor-Treasurer's  
Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer provided a statement in response to the article printed in the Long Prairie Leader regarding the upcoming Special Commissioner District election. A status update regarding the election preparation was given. Absentee voting will be available soon with absentee applications currently available in our office or online which can be submitted now.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney extended well wishes for the holiday festivities.

County Commissioner's  
Report

The Commissioners report-

ed on meetings and events attended.



Loves making ‘old’ things ‘new’

Julie Rosenthal is the owner of Pickers Passion in Staples, a store filled with antique, new, used and repurposed home decor items. Pickers Passion is located at

212 6th St. SE., located just off Hwy 210, across the railroad tracks. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Pickers Passion open in Staples

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

If you’re someone who likes garage sales, flea markets and shops offering unique decor, you’ll want to stop by Pickers Passion in Staples.

Located along Highway 210, just south of the railroad tracks, Pickers Passion is home to a variety of antique, new, used and repurposed home decor items.

The store is owned by Julie Rosenthal of Staples and has been in operation for about two years.

Collecting unique items is something she’s been doing all her life, Rosenthal said. She also enjoys the process of adding new life to worn, outdated items. Sometimes that entails adding a fresh, vibrant coat of paint to a shelf or table, or perhaps turning an antique window frame into a fun wall hanging. “I love creating new things out of old,” Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal recalled that she was 16 years old when she worked on her first piece of furniture. It was a dressing table with a mirror. “Gordy bought it for me,” she said of her high school sweetheart whom she later married.

Julie and Gordy have called Staples ‘home’ since 1989. It’s where they raised their three children, Jake, Sam and Alex; and established their other business, Rosenthal’s Greenhouse, in rural Staples. For many years they also operated the Staples Theatre, until its closing.

‘Picking,’ or searching for items to purchase for her shop, is something Julie is indeed passionate about. “My kids call it my sickness,” she laughed, adding that they, as well as Gordy, have seemed to catch it, too. Even their grandkids enjoy “exploring” with Grandma Julie at her shop, or at garage sales. Picking is in the family.

She finds her merchan-

dise by stopping by garage and estate sales, looking in the classified ads section of the paper, or shopping online. When she goes to people’s homes to buy things, she loves finding out the background of the items, Julie said, adding, “It’s very interesting.” She’s especially enjoyed working on old sewing tables. Joining Julie on occasion at Pickers Passion is Sheryl Chenoweth, who has done volunteer work there.

In addition to the items for sale at Pickers Passion, Julie said that she also can be hired to re-do (paint, etc.) furniture pieces for others.

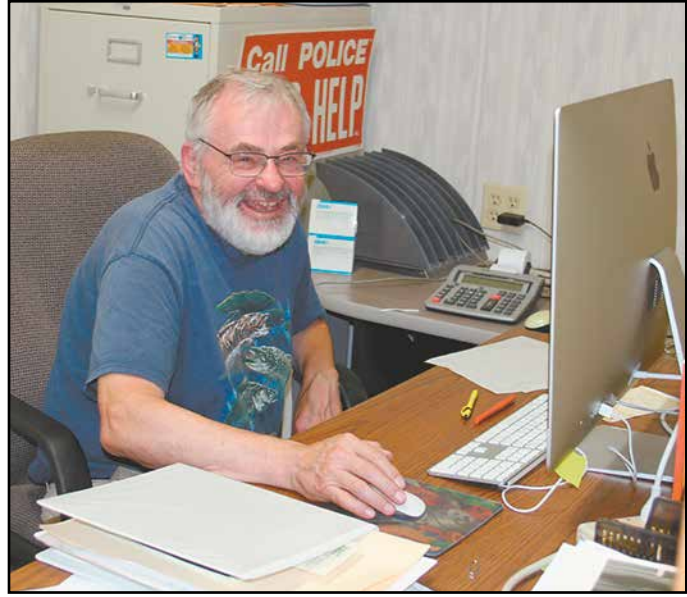
Pickers Passion is open on the second and fourth weekends of the month: Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Julie also said that if you see the door’s open, or there’s a car out front, just “come on in.” For more information, call 218-330-8789



Bound for Bar Harbor, Maine

Staples native Ryan Bart, 30, embarked on a ‘coast to coast’ bike trip across the United States June 10. After dipping his tires in the salt water of the Pacific Ocean, Bart headed east from Portland, Oregon, where he began his 3,500 mile (or so) journey, with hopes to dip his tires in the Atlantic Ocean near Bar Harbor, Maine, before September.

He’s pictured July 18, pulling out of his folks’ driveway in Bullard Township (rural Staples) onto Wilderness Drive, having stopped for a short visit and day of rest before heading back on the road. A 2011 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, Bart went on to receive a master’s degree in Freshwater Biology, and has worked in that field for several years, most recently in Coeur d’ Alene, Idaho. He took a risk recently, Bart said, quitting his job in order to fulfill his dream of biking coast to coast. He’s not sure what his next step will be, but he’s got time to think about it while out on the road. The Staples World plans to catch up with Bart when he finishes his trip and share some stories from his trip of a lifetime. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



What’s the scoop, Scoop?

Longtime editor Tom Crawford, now retired, has returned to the Staples World to lend a hand over the next couple of weeks as the paper has been short-staffed for a variety of reasons. Crawford, dubbed “Scoop” years ago, is back at his old office after retiring in 2010. He wasn’t sure he’d remember how to work the computer, but it came back to him in no time at all...as did the memory that his coffee group at Tower Pizza will probably make him buy donuts next time, since his picture is in the paper. Sorry, Crawford, but that’s the price you pay for working a glamorous temporary job. On another note, the World appreciates your willingness to help, and we know readers will enjoy hearing once again from ‘Scoop.’

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**AUGUST 17-19, 2023**  
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**Todd County Commissioners Minutes**

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|                                           |                       |                                           |                     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| MOTOROLA .....                            | \$8,838.12            | HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS          |                     |
| NORTHERN STAR COOP. ....                  | \$3,185.36            | <b>VENDOR NAME ..... \$ AMOUNT</b>        |                     |
| PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A. ....              | \$7,590.00            | DHS - MOOSE LAKE                          |                     |
| PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE ..... | \$86,883.00           | CODE 462 .....                            | \$2,179.61          |
| STEP .....                                | \$12,161.00           | DHS - MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM..... | \$5,319.60          |
| WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC .....           | \$3,385.53            | DHS - ST PETER                            |                     |
| 36 PAYMENTS LESS                          |                       | RTC - 472 .....                           | \$6,150.40          |
| THAN \$2,000 .....                        | \$20,976.24           | GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS .....           | \$5,859.93          |
| AVI SYSTEMS.....                          | \$14,587.95           | GREATERN MN FAMILY SRVS INC.....          | \$8,605.08          |
| BARR ENGINEERING .....                    | \$2,653.00            | PINEHAVEN YOUTH AND FAMILY SRVS INC.....  | \$15,057.17         |
| COBURNS .....                             | \$5,839.59            | PAYMENTS LESS                             |                     |
| FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK .....             | 9,479.37              | THAN \$2,000 .....                        | \$10,116.40         |
| LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY .....            | \$4,915.13            | <b>Total: .....</b>                       | <b>\$53,288.19</b>  |
| MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT .....             | \$19,444.89           | <b>VENDOR NAME ..... \$ AMOUNT</b>        |                     |
| MOTOROLA .....                            | \$12,749.12           | V# 17377 - COST EFF                       |                     |
| SIR LINES-A-LOT, LLC. ....                | \$131,299.93          | HEALTH INS.....                           | \$2,304.86          |
| TODD CO AUD-TREAS....                     | \$ 6,569.86           | BRENNY FUNERAL CHAPEL - STAPLES .....     | \$3,500.00          |
| US BANK.....                              | \$15,615.00           | DHS - SWIFT .....                         | \$80,910.03         |
| WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC .....           | \$8,757.50            | ITEN FUNERAL HOME - BROWERVILLE .....     | \$2,359.97          |
| 25 PAYMENTS LESS                          |                       | V# 14630 - COST EFF                       |                     |
| THAN \$2,000 .....                        | \$10,569.57           | HEALTH INS.....                           | \$4,867.35          |
| GREAT RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY .....        | \$89,536.75           | V# 13069 - COST EFF                       |                     |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL .....                | \$2,682.58            | HEALTH INS.....                           | \$5,333.28          |
| LIGHTWAY CONSTRUCTION LLC.....            | \$5,443.33            | MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.....    | \$4,591.53          |
| USPS-POC .....                            | \$7,099.16            | OTTER TAIL CTY HUMAN SERVICES .....       | \$6,600.00          |
| VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LLC .....   | \$4,216.20            | PERISH/ALAN.....                          | \$3,063.97          |
| WEX BANK-SINCLAIR.....                    | \$3,328.50            | TODD COUNTY MIS DEPT .....                | \$54,592.04         |
| 31 PAYMENTS LESS                          |                       | V# 16862 - COST EFF                       |                     |
| THAN \$2,000 .....                        | \$13,648.87           | HEALTH INS.....                           | \$2,001.92          |
| US BANK .....                             | \$8,175.18            | 89 PAYMENTS LESS                          |                     |
| MN DEPT OF REVENUE .....                  | \$51,485.34           | THAN \$2,000 .....                        | \$29,763.01         |
| MN DEPT OF REVENUE .....                  | \$4,942.00            | <b>Total:.....</b>                        | <b>\$199,887.96</b> |
| MN DEPT OF REVENUE .....                  | \$49,830.33           |                                           |                     |
| 7 PAYMENTS LESS                           |                       |                                           |                     |
| THAN \$2,000 .....                        | \$5,074.91            |                                           |                     |
| <b>TOTAL:.....</b>                        | <b>\$1,616,008.92</b> |                                           |                     |
| <b>COMMISSIONER WARRANTS</b>              |                       |                                           |                     |
| <b>VENDOR NAME ..... \$ AMOUNT</b>        |                       |                                           |                     |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES .....             | \$3,558.59            |                                           |                     |
| FARM-RITE EQUIPMENT, INC .....            | \$7,489.69            |                                           |                     |
| LSQ GROUP HOLDINGS LLC.....               | \$3,507.92            |                                           |                     |
| RINKE-NOONAN CORP LTD .....               | \$2,172.50            |                                           |                     |
| STREICHER'S.....                          | \$2,269.44            |                                           |                     |
| TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST .....         | \$6,400.00            |                                           |                     |
| TRUENORTH STEEL.....                      | \$43,015.56           |                                           |                     |
| 47 PAYMENTS LESS                          |                       |                                           |                     |
| THAN \$2,000 .....                        | \$16,349.52           |                                           |                     |
| <b>Total:.....</b>                        | <b>\$84,763.22</b>    |                                           |                     |

On a motion by Becker and second by Noska, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held July 5, 2023 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on July 18, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal:  
Randy Neumann,  
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida,  
Todd County  
Auditor-Treasurer

**Bring you Railroad Days Garage Sale ad into the Staples World office and register to win 2023 Renaissance Festival tickets.**  
**Drawing to be held in-house following RR Days. Please include your phone number when registering.**



## Congregational Church building

The Staples Congregational United Church of Christ is considered the first church built in Staples, dating back to 1890. The original church has had several

additions and changes over the years, including adding a basement and remodeling in 1949. (Photo by Tom Crawford)



## Congregational Church Choir

The Congregational Church Choir, from the 1950's. Front, left to right: Marianne Arndt, Ellen Thorp, Jeanetta Schmidt, ?, Darla Thorn, Judy Erskine, Jim Carlson, Virginia Cross, Wilma Kupitz, director. Row 2: Vicki Goepferd, Sharon

Sharff, Virginia Hess, Bill Cross, Sharon Liane, Ruth Ewing. Row 3: June Kingsley, Georgene Sapp, Lavonne Carpenter, Delores Liane. Row 4: ?, Bonnie Liane, Carol Sather, Elayne Thorn, Lois Goepferd, organist, Rev. Ray Ewing. (Submitted photo)

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## 100+ year old Congregational Church closes Hard saying goodbye to so many memories

ever, they soon discovered their site was too low and too wet due to being built in a swampy area. They first raised the building up on blocks and then added a raised board walk. Still too wet, in the early 1890s, the little white church was picked up and moved three blocks east to its present location.

That original church was later added on and improved several times to form the present structure.

Church records and newspaper clippings show the Congregational Church grew and thrived for virtually the entire 20th century. The congregation supported more than 28 pastors as of 1987, when Rev. Chester Olson retired, and several more since then. Church members organized several groups including a church choir, a very active youth group and various ladies aid and other women's groups.

Rita and Ellen recalled working with the youth

back then. "We had a large youth group back in the '60s and '70s. The kids would bring their friends from other churches," Rita said. John 'Pop' Rengel, school principal and parent of several boys, would often call the church. "You got an extra one down there?" he'd ask.

Congregational church members celebrated the milestones of their church, including 25, 50 and 75 year anniversaries. They observed 100 years of active ministry on Sept. 6, 1990.

For over 50 years, a major outreach of the Congo Church (as it has been commonly called over the years) was their annual Church auction, held many of those years at the Mary Gray farm on the far southwest corner of Staples, where the Long Prairie Road meets the Dower Lake Road.

The church auction started as a fundraiser for the Congo men's club. In 1949 the men spearheaded a

construction project. They excavated below their building to add a full basement. They added an auditorium area, a dining area and Sunday school classrooms, plus a furnace room.

Faced with paying for the additions, Pastor Ewing is credited with suggesting the church auction.

That was in 1949 and the annual auction continued for 50 years. In addition to finding a bargain or two, the church ladies put on a noon lunch of barbecues, beans and pie. The pies were all home-made and more than worth the stop at the auction.

"We had the same menu, I think, all those years," Rita said "It went over so well, there was no need to change."

But other changes did come and not all were positive. "Members moved on or died over the years," Rita said sadly. "Younger kids married and moved out."

# Fontaine brings 3D printing company to Staples

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

A company that is competing globally in the emerging 3D printer industry has moved to Staples.

Norston Fontaine, an Eagle Bend native who has been living in Plymouth, came to the July 25 Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) meeting to talk about how he started his company, Stacker, and how he got to Staples.

"I'm an inventor," Fontaine told the board.

Early in the timeline of 3D printers, Fontaine created his own and sold some, but he said they were large and had a lot of parts to put together. When COVID hit, he couldn't get the microchips needed to create the machines.

He pivoted from industrial machines to home 3D printers.

The early machines were expensive, and parts would cost up to \$500 for one piece. So he started concentrating on the parts angle.

"I wanted to make low cost parts for myself," he said.

Using carbon fiber 3D printers, he said the same parts now cost just a few dollars.

He also invented some safety devices for home 3D printers made by other companies. He said there was a danger of the machine starting a fire and burning the house down, so he made devices to prevent that.

One advantage to 3D printed parts is that moveable parts can be made in one unit, instead of creating separate parts and then assembling them.

"These are highly complex parts," said Fontaine.

He now makes 3D printed parts for companies such as Toyota and General Motors. He said the U.S. Navy uses 3D parts to make castings for their titanium parts. If an old submarine, boat or airplane needs parts, it is likely they are no longer made, but they can print the casting and make a metal part out of it. Fontaine said the 3D printers made in China are all connected to the cloud internet, so they don't want to use machines that will broadcast their parts around the world.

3D printing is a big focus of the Chinese government right now, said Fontaine. For that reason he has to invent new ways to stay ahead of them as far as making parts and safety devices.

### Community aspect

Fontaine moved to Staples to be close to friends and family in Fargo, Eagle



## Community relations

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman and Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen talk with Norston Fontaine after the SEDA meeting on July 25.

Bend and the Twin Cities.

He is renting space in the Staples Industrial Building. He said he likes the lower lease costs, since his business is basically a startup.

He also likes being close to local amenities such as the hardware stores and his accountant. He said while housing costs are cheaper than the Twin Cities, the costs of operating them are not much less, such as internet service and utilities.

Two negatives he reported to the SEDA Board are cellular services and shipping services. He said he is used to using DHL, which is more of an international shipping service, but he has not been able to get it to come here. He said UPS service here is great and Fed Ex has been spotty for his business so far.

Fontaine envisions people in the community being able to access the 3D printing technology. He said

he has a 3D printer being used by the Bertha-Hewitt School District and said he would be open to helping the Staples-Motley schools obtaining one.

He also sees retired workers being able to use the technology. "There are a lot of tool and die guys in this town, they know CAD (the system for drafting precise parts and machines), it's not that big of a leap to design something on a 3D printer," he said.

The future of 3D printing could be gigantic, said Fontaine. Right now there is a giant depository that will allow people to download any number of parts that could be needed. For example, he said they could print an exact door handle to replace a broken one. Fontaine said his own company uses AI (artificial intelligence) programs to design parts. "I can ask them to create a model for what you need," he said.



## Stacker maker

Norston Fontaine shows one of the parts made by a 3D printer by his company, Stacker. The cylinder object has moving parts inside, which are made as one unit and do not have to be assembled. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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