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Hooray for the Class of 2024 Staples-Motley seniors celebrated their graduation by launching confetti cannons into the air. See more graduation photos on page 10a. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Valley View expanding

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council set a public hearing to continue the expansion of the Valley View housing development north of Staples. The hearing will be at the next council meeting on June 11.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said there are only a few lots left in the first portion of the development, with two homes being built and parties interested in building on two other lots.

The hearing is to vacate a cul de sac that is on the original plan and allow Spruce Drive to continue northward, allowing more lots to be platted. The city has already made changes to replate some duplex lots into single family home lots.

- In other news, the council
- Approved contributions to Community Concern for Youth, \$4,213 in 2024 and \$4,339 in 2025. Mayor Ron Murray asked why Staples was paying more to this program than Long Prairie, which is a larger city.
 - Approved re-bidding for the new six unit hangar to be built at the Staples Airport, after learning that the bidding process was not equal for all contractors.
 - Approved agreement with Central Lakes College to rent city owned farm land for \$2,052.
 - Learned that 20 trees were planted in the city on May 10, and 28 trees were planted at Pine Grove Park.
 - Learned that the City of Staples earned the designation of Tree City again this year.



Remembering the Unknown Soldier

Motley American Legion member Ron Hanson placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier as part of the Memorial Day Program May 27, at the Motley Public Cemetery. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Motley American Legion’s 21-gun salute

Members of the Motley American Legion Post #124 provided a rifle salute and the playing of ‘Taps’ at the Memorial Day Service in Staples May 27. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Singing “The Star Spangled Banner”

Deb Otteson, far right, led the audience in singing The National Anthem at the Memorial Day Service at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

2024
This Week’s Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
June 5	73	54	P. Cloudy
June 6	72	51	P. Sunny
June 7	76	55	M. Sunny
June 8	75	53	P. Cloudy
June 9	74	52	M. Sunny
June 10	71	53	P. Cloudy
June 11	72	53	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
June 5	78°	63	Sunny
June 6	84	62	Sunny
June 7	80	56	M. Sunny
June 8	77	57	Cloudy
June 9	80	60	P. Cloudy
June 10	83	63	Sunny
June 11	81	62	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 75° Low = 53°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO’s Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Serving pie and smiles

Members of the Motley Historical Society served pie at the Memorial Day Open House they hosted at Motley City Hall May 27. Pictured above, from left, are Florence Berndt, Bernice Thomson, Gayle Quinn and Robin Kramer. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Meeting up with friends

The Motley Historical Society hosted an open house at Motley City Hall on Memorial Day. Several historical artifacts were on display, and those in attendance also enjoyed visiting with friends while eating pie and ice cream. Pictured above, from left, are Paula Johnson, LaDonna Peterson and Marinell (Jo) Philipp, all of Motley. Pictured below are Mary Sperley of Staples and Duane Strack of Motley. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Leading the way

Members of the Motley American Legion provided the color guard and rifle salute at the Memorial Day Ser-

vice May 27, at the Motley Public Cemetery. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Remembering his dad and grandpa



Greg Frisk of Motley visited the graves of family members at Motley Public Cemetery following the Memorial Day Service that was held there recently.

Memorial Day landed on May 27 this year, which happened to be the birthdate of both Greg's father, Douglas Frisk, and his grandfather, Clarence Frisk. His grandpa always said, 'I got a son for my birthday,' Greg Frisk recalled.

All three generations served in the United States military, and in addition to flowers, an American flag was placed at the graves of Frisk's veteran father and grandfather as is custom on Memorial Day.

At left is the headstone of Douglas Frisk, who served in the United States Army during the Korean War. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Precious memories

Following the Memorial Day program at Motley Public Cemetery, Iris (Richmond) Lomnes of Motley stopped by to visit the graves of several family members including that of her husband, Jerry Lomnes; her baby brother; her mother Edna, and her father, George Louis Richmond, a WWII U.S. Army veteran. While at the cemetery, Lomnes (below left) met up with her friend and fellow 1966 Motley High School graduate Nancy (Huff) Nieken of Pillager. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Motley June Fest is June 15

Morrison County Motley Fair runs June 13 - 16

The City of Motley's annual June Fest will be held Saturday, June 15, from dawn 'til dusk. It's being held in conjunction with the Morrison County Motley Fair, which runs June 13 - 16.

Music, food, entertainment, carnival games, competitions and a parade are just a few of the items on this year's agenda, which includes something for all ages. Events take place downtown, on the west side of Hwy 10, and at the Motley Fairgrounds.

June Fest

June Fest, sponsored by Motley Community Events Organization (MCEO) kicks off at 8 a.m. with registration (at Converse Park) for those wanting to participate in the running events. The four-mile run begins at 8:30 a.m. and the one-mile at 9:15 a.m.

The parade, which begins at the Motley Water Tower at 11 a.m., will take

place along 3rd Ave. South.

The all-day festival will conclude with fireworks at dusk. Below is a list of activities, times and locations.

Food

- Food/Beer Gardens will be available at the fairgrounds beginning at noon.
- Root beer floats will be available at Converse Park beginning at 12:30 p.m.
- Rib Fest/Wing Fest will be held at the fairgrounds, beginning at 4 p.m. (tickets will be sold beginning at 3 p.m.) Open to the public. The winners will be announced at 5:30 p.m.

Kids events

- A bounce house will be available for children from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Converse Park.
- Pedal pull begins at 12:30 p.m. at Converse Park (register at noon)
- Crazy Hair/Face Painting from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Converse Park.

Fun and games

- Bean bag tournament will take place at the fairgrounds beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- Average Joe Car Show will be held at Converse Park from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Mud Volleyball begins at 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds.
- MCEO Raffle winners will be announced at 6 p.m., at the Ten Hi.

Fairgrounds events Saturday evening

- Demo derby, 5 p.m.
- Music at the fairgrounds, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m.
- Fireworks will take place at dusk.

Motley Fair

- Friday, June 14: The Horse Show begins at 9 a.m.; the Hatching Chicks 4-H building opens at noon. From noon - 8 p.m., the Commercial/Vendor building will be open. The day's agenda includes the Ninja Anywhere Free Obstacle Course, a Petting Zoo, the

judging of poultry and rabbits, plus food vendors and carnival games. The Lions Eatery building opens at noon.

• Saturday, June 15: Cattle judging begins at 9 a.m.; the Lions Eatery opens at 10 a.m.; the Petting Zoo will be held from noon - 5 p.m. From noon - 8 p.m., the Commercial/Vendor building will be open, and carnival games (as well as the Ninja Anywhere Free Obstacle Course) will take place. The day's festivities also includes a Strolling Magician from 1 - 3 p.m., followed by the Kristoffer Olson Magic Show.

• Sunday, June 16: Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast from 8 - 11 a.m., followed by a Community Worship Service that begins at 11 a.m. Closing out the fair from 1 - 4 p.m. will be the Wild Card Pulling - Lawn Tractor Show.

Trek through Todd County on June 12

Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is hosting a bus tour through the Wing, Red Eye, Crow Wing and Partridge River watersheds on Wednesday, June 12. The

tour will highlight projects including contour strips, shelterbelts, feedlots, irrigation, grazing and forestry. To go on the tour, call 320-732-2644 by 9 a.m. on Monday, June 10.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Polic Dept; May 21, Staples Police received a report of a rental property scam. Police advise all people looking to rent a house to meet with the owner of the property in person prior to making any rent or deposit payments. May 25, Staples Police responded to a dispute and property dispute, which started outside of the city of Staples. Police responded to a residence in Staples

and stood by while the incident was investigated. Also responding to assist was the MN State Patrol, Todd County Sheriff's, Ottertail County Sheriff's, and the Wadena County Sheriff's Departments. The reporting party was advised on the incident and given information for Hands of Hope. May 26, Staples Police responded to the Staples Depot for a report of a theft involving a railroad switch displayed outside.

Motley area law enforcement

Recent reports from the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:
May 22 - 28
May 23 - Motley Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a crash at the intersection of Hwys 10 and 210 in Motley. According to the report, a pontoon

belonging to Randall Egge had rolled off his trailer onto the highway. May 22 - Motley Police issued a speeding citation to Lesa Mcquaid, 58. May 22 - The MCSO received a report of an accident in Cass County. The Motley Fire Dept. was paged.

North Central SBDC legal clinics in June

The North Central Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Central Lakes College announced a partnership with Legal Corps to offer no-cost legal clinics for small business owners and entrepreneurs in Todd County. The legal clinics will be held from 4-6 p.m. on both Thursday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 25 at the Todd County Development Corporation office in Long Prairie. At the clinics, attorney Brenda Pfahnl will provide confidential business advice both in English and Spanish in half-hour sessions. Legal advice topics include:
• Business formation and structuring guidance, i.e. sole proprietorships, LLCs, etc.
• Employment law and HR best practices
• Contract review and drafting
• Regulatory compliance information
To sign up for a session, visit the North Central SBDC Facebook page. Katie Heppner, Regional Director of the North Central SBDC, emphasized the importance of legal support for small business owners and entrepreneurs. "Navigating the legal landscape can be daunting for small business owners and entrepreneurs. It is ten times more difficult if English is not your first language. Our goal with these clinics is to provide accessible legal assistance to help both Spanish- and English-speaking entrepreneurs thrive and succeed in Todd County." "Legal Corps. is a strong partner of the North Central SBDC," Heppner continued. Legal Corps. is an innovative Minnesota non-profit organization that aims to make access to the legal system more inclusive by providing free assistance in transactional matters to low-income entrepreneurs, small business owners, inventors and small low-revenue nonprofit organizations. The legal advice clinics are funded in part through

the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's Small Business Assistance Partnership Grant. The North Central SBDC provides no-cost, one-on-one business consulting and low-cost trainings to help entrepreneurs and small business owners start, grow and succeed.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 30, 1974 edition of the Staples World featured three faculty members of the Staples Elementary School who brought their teaching careers in Staples to a close that week after many years of service in the education field. Pictured, from left, are Ruth Bergiein and Mrs. Adeline Peterson who both retired; and Mrs. DeEtta Sorenson, who resigned. Miss Bergiein had been a first grade instructor in Staples for the past 27 years. Mrs. Peterson taught second grade in the Staples school system for 12 years and then for the past five years, she taught SLBP. Mrs. Peterson has a total of 33 years of service in education, having served in rural schools and at Pillager before joining the Staples faculty. Mrs. Sorenson has 14 years of service as a Staples teacher, having taught classes at the fourth and fifth grade levels. Kathy Odden of Staples recognized Adeline Peterson, and shared that she was her first grade teacher at Pillager. Bob Sorenson of Staples recognized all three, going on to share that DeEtta Sorenson was his mother, and

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• June 9, 1949 - By "joining hands" a bigger and better Motley fair can be held this year - this being the decision of a group of men from Motley and Staples which met in Motley June 6. All of the members of the Motley fair board were present for the meeting, plus four men from Staples, members of the Civic & Commerce Association, who offered their assistance in making the Motley Fair the big attraction for this part of the country this coming August. Heading the Motley fair board is William Jacobs. Other members of the board include Roy Carr and Herb Jordahl, both of Leader; Gus
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Torgerson of northwest of Motley, and Herb Beckner and LeRoy Greig, both of Motley. Men from Staples who met with the official board included Walter Eddy, president of the C & C, Harry Peirce, Harold Carlson, and J. V. Raine. Already, the Motley fair board has obtained a bigger and better carnival than in past years. • June 9, 1949 - At the meeting of the Staples Lions club June 6 at the Hotel Cafe banquet room, Glenn Sansburn was elected president of the organization for the coming year, succeeding John Rengel, retiring president of the club. Also elected to serve for the coming year were: Laurence Huff, first vice president; Lloyd Sapp, second vice president; F. C. McGivern, third vice president; Richard Longbella, secretary-treasurer; Leslie Harter, Lion tamer; Bernard Blessing, tail twister, and directors John Rengel, F. W. Perry, and K. R. Johnson. • June 9, 1949 - Mr. and Mrs. Erling I. Lian were host and hostess for the members of the Men's chorus of Staples and their wives at an "after glow" party at their lake cottage on Fish Trap lake June 6. About 70 members and their wives were in attendance during the evening. A pot luck lunch was served beginning at 6:30 o'clock.



Mystery photo

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

Entertainment provided included boating, fishing, and horseshoe pitching, but no champ was named for the latter. However, there was one "champ" at the meeting, and that was in the person of Charles Squires who landed a beautiful 6 1/2 pound walleye pike while trolling. Duane Lund was with him, and both of the men stated that the member of the finny tribe put up quite a battle before it was landed. (There is a story that goes with this fish, but it is better not mentioned here.)

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• June 6, 1974 - Kenny Zetah, a junior, was elected to succeed Kelly Boldan as President of the Motley FFA Chapter at the annual officer election held May 22. Boldan, also a Junior, did not seek reelection since he will be serving as Region II Reporter for the coming year and as a member of the 1974 People to People Good Will Tour. Floyd Jares and John Doherty, two sophomores, were elected to offices of vice-president and 2nd vice-president respectively. • June 6, 1974 - Three tracksters of Coach Ron Beachy will be entering the State Track meet this Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8, in Minneapolis. Representing the Cardinals of SHS in the meet will be Bill Backberg, Joe Lauer and Jeff Marden. They qualified for the event at the

Regional meet held at the University of Minnesota, Morris, June 1. Backberg took first in the high jump and set a new school and region record at 6'0", a new personal best. Lauer took second in the mile, which was his best personal time of 4:45.2. Marden captured first in the pole vault at 12'6" and was third in the high hurdles with a time of 15.9. • June 6, 1974 - Guy Doud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Doud, Staples, was presented the Concordia Theatre best male newcomer award by Concordia speech and theatre faculty. Doud is a senior at Concordia College, Moorhead. He acted in "Twelfth Night" and was the assistant director and member of the set construction committee and a actor for "Ernest in Love." • June 6, 1974 - Eight members of the Class of 1975 at Staples High school were given special recognition May 29, by their selection and initiation into membership of the National Honor Society. Honored at the ceremonies were Melissa Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris; Janell Sellnow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Sellnow; Karen Stevens, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Stevens; Steven Goligowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ardeen Goligowski; Ray Denning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Denning; Joy Roline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roline; Lorene Haglin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Haglin; and Patti Fearing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fearing. • June 6, 1974 - A change in the Staples Police Department went into effect June 1, at which time, William Card retired as chief of police and Michael Carr assumed the duties of Card.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• June 10, 1999 - An extensive remodeling and redecorating program of the First Integrity Bank branch office in Motley has culminated with plans for a grand opening gala to be held June 25.

According to Dave Howe, President of First Integrity, the interior of the bank was completely remodeled and redecored providing a totally new atmosphere. Changes included the addition of safe deposit boxes and a new accounts/loan office. Howe noted that it was the most major remodeling of the facility since it first opened over 20 years go as a bank branch office in 1977. The building was first a service station, formerly Denny's Auto Body Shop. Purchased by the bank, the bank branch opened on the corner of Highway 10 and Beaulieu Street in Motley on Nov. 14, 1977, with Shirley Longbella and Mavis Galligher as the two employees. • June 10, 1999 - The Staples Motley Cardinals capped off an excellent track season by taking second place in the Class A state high school track last Friday and Saturday. The cards Eric Klingaman and Jeff Brever finished first and second in the 3200 race on Friday afternoon. The team also scored points on Matt Heier's fifth place finish in the pole vault. • June 10, 1999 - For the second year in a row, the Staples Motley Cardinal golf team returned from the state golf tournament Tuesday night with the big trophy, the Class A team champion trophy, in the van with them. Dana Hasselberg, who shot a 163 for the best score of the tournament for the Cardinal girls, said her individual score wasn't important. "The team medal, the big blue medals, that makes everything a lot nicer," she said.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• June 5, 2014 - Ideal Construction put the pavement down on the Legacy Bike Trail recently, starting at the Jon's Family Foods parking lot in Staples. By the end of this week, they've planned to pave most of the trail out to the Living Legacy Gardens at CLC Ag Center. To get to that portion of the trail, riders will have to ride about half a mile along Airport Road.

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Is it time to license our fishing guides?

Within the past several weeks, in a popular Minnesota outdoor newspaper there appeared a story suggesting it might be time to require those who guide anglers for pay on our waters to have a bona fide guiding license. The proposal was put forth by a fishing guide based in northern Minnesota, who claims that a substantial number of his professional guide peers favor the idea.

Some, but not all. In the same edition of the same publication, a long-time guide and angling writer

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contended that there are already enough regulations, without adding more. True, Minnesota has plenty of angling regulations, some very targeted and lake-specific. But there is little that is specific to guiding. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources web site, “the Minnesota DNR currently only licenses fishing charter boat operators and fishing guides on Lake Superior and the St. Louis River Estuary,” the latter being the complex of wetlands, tributary streams, and bays leading into Superior itself.

The DNR web site goes on to say that “if you are carrying six or fewer passengers for hire there are no state licensing, permitting or inspection requirements.” If, however, a boat operator is carrying more than six passengers for hire, they need a Minnesota Boat Master License from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, and to have their boat inspected by that agency. This last requirement really affects only larger charter boat operations—those we’ve historically called “launch services”—the kind that have operated on Mille Lacs or Leech Lakes.

More times than not, a guided fishing outing on Minnesota’s inland waters

involves a personal fishing craft—deluxe and expensive though it might be—and smaller numbers of passengers. In practical terms, the rules that apply to these guided fishing trips are basically the same as those that would apply to any Minnesota angler.

Supporters of the guide licensing concept have cited a handful of consumer protection assurances that a proper guiding licensing program could provide. Things like competence in boat handling and safety, medical or emergency preparedness, law and regulation familiarity, and liability insurance. It’s safe to assume that testing in some form—“book learning”, on the water, or both—would be part of the process.

Both DNR Fisheries leaders and guide license advocates have suggested that guides could formally or informally share data from their angling logs with the DNR, the purpose being to enhance the agency’s real world understanding of what is happening on the state’s lakes and waterways. This, in turn, could become part of the DNR’s base of data that influences Minnesota angling regulations. The counter-argument is that fee-based guiding is a competitive business, and—just like a lot of everyday anglers—you don’t necessarily want the rest of the world to know what you’ve discovered through experience and trial-and-error. Don’t kiss and tell, in other words.

Not to be ignored, the license fee that would almost certainly be part of such a program could be directed to a dedicated fund and used for some needed fisheries management purpose. The trick would be to ensure that it would not merely replace funding already received from another source or appropriation. Next door, the state of Wisconsin charges \$40 for a resident, and \$100 for a non-resident to obtain a guiding license. Michigan residents pay \$150, non-residents \$300, for a three-year license.

So far, the most often heard argument for licensing fishing guides seems focused on consumer pro-

tection. That is, making sure that a guide’s clients are in good hands, both in terms of safety, and—ideally—skill at the art and craft of finding fish. Perhaps not top-of-mind, but there are other considerations, too. Like the fact that a guide is using—figuratively and literally—a public resource to earn private income. A guide sells his or her knowledge and experience, but the inventory—the fish—belong not to the guide, but to the general Minnesota public.

We can talk about how our fish are a renewable resource, but they’re not an unlimited resource. Harvest limits, slot limits, no-kill rules, and other restrictions are proof of that. Then there is catch-and-release, which can be a meaningful buffer against over-harvest. Some guides encourage it, even mandate it—depending on the fish species, and the water they’re fishing. But it’s well known that hooking mortality is a reality, and not all released fish survive. And of course, there will always be guiding clients who want that tangible reward of a fish fry following their fishing trip.

Day in and day out, the experienced, savvy guides are the ones most likely to regularly catch fish. They are also the most likely to adopt the most advanced fish finding technologies, a current example being forward-facing sonar, or FFS, which has made it even simpler to find fish, and even watch as they react to the lures and angling tactics we use. Though some top anglers have very mixed feelings about the potential impact on our fisheries of FFS, guides will find it hard to resist the cash and client pressure applied to them to adopt it.

For multiple reasons, it may be time—as other states have concluded—to make guiding fishermen a formally licensed activity in Minnesota. Not the least of these reasons may be that a guide fishing public waters receives a cash payoff, besides the pleasure payoff that all successful anglers receive.

Elder abuse awareness

By Connie Nelson
Hands of Hope Resource Center

According to the 2020 census, seventeen percent of our nation’s population, or one in six Americans are over the age of 65. As we age, we have a whole new way of life to get in touch with, including health issues, housing, finances, personal care, etc. Not everything about our aging falls in the “Golden Years” category.

As implied by the title of this letter, I’m going to talk about the non-golden events that are a possibility in our elder years. Abuse towards elders is not unlike that of other age groups. It can be physical, sexual, financial, caregiver neglect, isolation, mental abuse, self-neglect, and, or abandonment or a combination of these items. These things happening to someone that cannot defend themselves, makes them seem more malicious.

You can look for signs of abuse in your

elderly acquaintances, such as changes in behavior, cluttered unhealthy living, lack of basic amenities, unexplained sexually transmitted diseases, unpaid bills, cash missing, unusual withdrawals from banking accounts, and physical bruising or marks.

We can all watch over our elderly family and friends with a simple visit, compassion and caring and be available for them when needed. Make a list of important call numbers for them, such as police, medical, fire, minister, and close family, or friends.

Also on that list, include the number for Hands of Hope Resource Center, 800-682-4547, as we have a 24- hour hotline that can provide information and support to that individual, as well as a day phone, 320-732-2319, answered by trained advocates who can provide multiple resources and referrals that may be useful. All services through Hands of Hope are free and confidential.

Community pride in cemetery crew

It was a pleasure to see how neat and well kept Evergreen Hill was for the Memorial holiday weekend. We are blessed to have a group of volunteers who

truly care and hard working employees that keep our cemetery looking good and accomplish this within budget constraints that most cemeteries are dealing with these days.

We have family in three different cemeteries in Brainerd. When we went there last Wednesday, May 22, all three had not even been mowed. We drove back again on Memorial Day, and

Memorial Gardens out of town north of Brainerd had been mowed but the main big cemetery in town (Evergreen) had not been mowed, sad indeed. Some folks had actually gone home and gotten their mower or weed whip and cleaned up their family’s grave sites.

Kudos to our local team.

Rick & Karen Anderson
Staples, Minn.

Election 2024 dates to remember

The first ballots in the Minnesota primary election will be cast June 28. Election season will be in full swing through the general election on Nov. 5.

All Minnesota ballots will include races for president, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, state representatives and judicial seats. Many voters will also have city, school, hospital district, soil and water boards, and local ballot questions. Download the 2024 combined elections calendar here for details on public notice periods and more. Meanwhile, here are a few key dates to know for your news and advertising purposes:

June 4: The candidate filing period ends at 5 p.m. for federal, state, county, soil and water conservation districts, cities with a primary and school districts with a primary (known as the early filing period).

June 6: 5 p.m. deadline for declared candidates in the

early filing period to withdraw.

June 28: Early voting begins for the Aug. 12 primary election, by mail and in person, and continues through Aug. 12.

July 23: New, lapsed or relocated voters should register by this date to save time at the polls if they plan to vote in person on primary day.

July 30: Candidate filing period (known as the late filing period) opens for cities and school districts without a primary, towns with November elections and hospital districts.

Aug. 13: Primary Election Day

Aug. 13: Late filing period closes.

Aug. 15: 5 p.m. deadline for declared candidates in the late filing period to withdraw.

Aug. 18: Deadline to notify state of a required publicly funded recount in the primary election, usually when results are within

parameters defined by law Click for more on recounts.

Aug. 21: Deadline for primary candidates to request discretionary recounts usually when results are outside parameters set in statute.

Sept. 20: Early voting begins for the Nov. 5 general election. Ballots can be cast by mail or in person through Nov. 4.

Oct. 15: New, lapsed or relocated voters should register by this date to save time at the polls if they plan to vote in person on Election Day.

Nov. 5: Election Day.

Nov. 17: Deadline to notify state of a required recount in local elections.

Nov. 22: Deadline for candidates to request discretionary recounts; or within two to seven days after canvass, depending on office.

Dec. 16: Presidential electors meet and certify their votes.

Quote of the week

“Permanent remorse about failing to do your human duty, in my opinion, can be worse than losing your life.”
— Miep Gies, who protected Anne Frank for two years

Farm bill still needs work

By Kalee Olson
Policy Manager
Center For Rural Affairs

After months of anticipation, the U.S. House and Senate agriculture committees have taken initial steps in the long process of passing a new farm bill. The committees have been working on their respective versions since September after Congress approved an extension of the 2018 farm bill.

Earlier this month, Agriculture Committee Chair G.T. Thompson released a summary of the House bill, followed by the full draft—or “mark”—on May 17. Agriculture Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow released the Senate’s bill summary on May 1.

Each proposal outlines changes to all 12 titles of the current farm bill, ranging from conservation and crop insurance to nutrition and

rural development. Passing these bills out of their respective committees must occur before either is presented to the full House or Senate floor.

On May 24, the House Agriculture Committee was the first to take this step, passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 on a 33-21 vote. The bill was passed along party lines with the support of four Democrats.

The Senate Agriculture Committee has not set a date for debate and a vote on its bill.

Below are two topics of interest our staff will be monitoring in the months ahead.

Conservation funding

Since farm bill negotiations began, conservation funding—specifically money for working lands conservation programs allocated through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)—has been at the forefront of discussion. In a win for the agriculture community, both chambers have agreed that this historic funding should be rescinded from the IRA and built into the farm bill baseline, ensuring the money will grow and be available to producers implementing conservation practices over time.

The conflict, however, is whether or not to maintain

the “climate guardrails” established by the IRA. The House bill removes the stipulation that IRA dollars solely fund climate smart agriculture and forestry practices, such as cover crops, no-till, and prescribed grazing. The Senate Agriculture Committee, on the other hand, is supportive of maintaining these guardrails.

Rural development

In a big win for small business owners, the House bill includes reauthorization of and improvements to the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) outlined in the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Act of 2023. In addition to reauthorizing the program for five years, the bill would raise the loan cap from \$50,000 to \$75,000, allow entrepreneurs to renovate existing buildings, and allow lenders to fully fund loans using RMAP dollars. These changes are also outlined in the Senate summary.

If you would like to contact your U.S. representative or senators to express support for conservation funding or rural small businesses, please email kaleeo@cfra.org. You can find contact information for your members of Congress here.

Quote of the week

“Journalism can never be silent: that is its greatest virtue and its greatest fault. It must speak, and speak immediately, while the echoes of wonder, the claims of triumph and the signs of horror are still in the air.”
— Henry Anatole Grunwald

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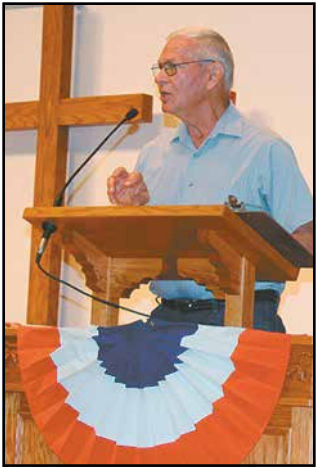
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Prayers, reflections shared

Several community members participated at the Memorial Day Program held in Staples May 27. Originally set to take place at Veterans Park, the event was moved to Faith Lutheran Church due to rain.

Above, Pastor Barry Klein, from the Church of Christ in Staples, offered the invocation. In back, from left, are Huck Holst, who served as the program's emcee, and Bob Hamann, Staples All Veterans Park President.



In lower photo, guest speaker at the Memorial Day Program was U.S. Army Veteran Phil Miller. During his talk, entitled "To Protect and Defend," Miller expressed appreciation for the veterans who gave their lives to protect our freedoms, and expressed concern about freedoms he believes are under attack today. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Congregate meal date changed to June 12

The congregate meal date has been changed to Weds., June 12 as the Senior Nutrition Site will be CLOSED on Juneteenth (June 19).

Senior Nutrition Program
218-894-2556

Congregate dine-in lunch followed by penny bingo will be offered at the Senior Dining Site, Staples Community Center senior's room on Weds., June 12 at 11 a.m.

Lunch may be reserved

through the nutrition site by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. Those wishing to attend should order the meal by 10 a.m. Friday, June 7.

June 12 menu at the dining site: Pork loin, baked yams, broccoli florets, cornbread w/marg., peach crisp, 1% milk.

Penny bingo will be played following the meal.

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Traffic flow and access to driveways will be maintained throughout the project. For questions, contact Scott Grabe at the city offices, 218-894-2550.

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To sign up, contact Tara Greer, City Clerk at 218-541-5004 or send an e-mail to tgreer@ci.staples.mn.us.

Mark Your Calendar

June 6
'WALK WITH A DOC' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakeview Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/>

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June 12
FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC - SPONSORED BY MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH Wednesday, June 12, 5 p.m., at Converse Park in Motley. Food, live music and games.

Motley Free Methodist Church's VBS June 17 - 21

Vacation Bible School will be held at Motley Free Methodist Church Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. each day.

This year's theme is "Scuba: Diving Into Friendship With God."

For more information or to register, call Jess at 218-296-2441 or visit the church's website at www.motleyfreemethodistchurch.com/vbs.html

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Where to catch the bus? Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie- 8am

What? Tentative Tour Sites

- Learn about cost-sharing a manure pit closure and why it is important to the Partridge River
- Pass through contour country for an explanation as to why some farmers choose contour strips for erosion control
- Learn about the benefits of shelterbelts for rural homes and farmsteads
- See feedlot fixes in various stages of construction
- Conduct an DNR aquifer Observation Well measurement
- See Irrigation technologies in the field and discover how these technologies help conserve water.
- Discover how the City of Hewitt, the DNR, MNDOT, and Todd SWCD are working together on the Highway 71/210 rotary project in 2026-27
- Learn from US Fish and Wildlife about wetland restoration and coupling grazing and forestry plans on working lands to get the best bang for your buck, managing the resources on your property
- Help us prioritize what landowner project types to fund

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Interactive lunch meeting at Sourcewell in Staples. Add citizen input to the local NRCS/SWCD priority project list for Todd County in 2024-2025. Learn about what Sourcewell has to offer communities

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Farmers, rural landowners, families, township officials, and the general public of Todd County, the Local Work Group Committee, County Commissioners, SWCD Supervisors, MPCA 319 partners, DNR, NRCS and BWSR representatives.

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- Tarissa Halvorson, Pillager, Dean's List
- Alaina Whittenton, Pillager, Dean's List
- Grace Jennissen, Staples, Dean's List
- Sabina Moe, Staples, President's List
- Olivia Olsson, Dean's List

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Obituaries

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Barry Ackley

Barry Trent Ackley, 76 of Staples passed away February 23, 2024 at Essentia - St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

Family and friends are invited to the inurnment at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 22, at Diamond Lake Cemetery, Aitkin. A Celebration of Life will follow at the former Ackleys' Resort & Campground on Ripple Lake, Aitkin.



Barry was born April 20, 1947 to Albert D. and Bernice V. (Bair) Ackley in Sigourney, Iowa. He graduated from Aitkin High School in 1965. He attended Minneapolis Community Technical College and later Staples Vo-Tech earning a degree in Tool and Die Design. Barry lived in Staples and worked many different jobs during his life including small engine repair that he learned from his father. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, trapping, fishing and shooting.

Barry is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Craig (Shelly) Ackley of Glen; two sisters and

brothers-in-law, Jackie (Al) Midthun of Mora and Cindy (Gary) Raynor of Eagan; 10 nieces and nephews, Joe Midthun, Anna Gaffey, Katie Piecek, Levi, Isaac, Hannah and Sam Ackley, Josh, Julie and Ben Raynor; many other special relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Aitkin. To leave a message of condolence go to www.srtfuneral.com.

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Staples

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

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

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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples..... 218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples..... 218-894-2372
Pastor Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class ... 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Janet Eckman SMA 218-837-5831
jre227@yahoo.com
Sunday Worship..... 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
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www.lincolnefree.org
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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.
YouTubing 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
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Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466..... 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live..... 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley..... 218-352-6399
Pastor Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m.

St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley..... 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley..... 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
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
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Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW..... 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday 6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass..... 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Sunday..... 10:30 a.m.

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

Wadena

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

"How Significant Are Four Words?"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Words are powerful, for better or worse. Like all good gifts from God (James 1:17), words are gifts from God that He entrusts to us to be good caretakers of.

It is significant beyond what we can do justice to in this devotion, that Jesus Himself is described as "The Word" in John 1:1. So, words count in exponential ways.

With that brief background, we come to our question: how significant are four words? We hear them as the very first four words of the Bible in Genesis 1:1, "In the Beginning God..."

I have a seminary professor and colleague friend who has been instrumental in curriculum entitled "Room for Doubt." It is a program that helps followers of God (and Jesus in particular) to encourage an atmosphere of discussion with those who may be skeptical of God's existence. After all, God wants us to "in your hearts, revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

So, let's now consider the meaning of the first four words of the Bible. We can't "prove" God's existence. (Neither can an atheist "prove" God's non-existence). But we can give life giving evidence of God's existence.

And, it is abundant.

I remember hearing a deep quote from philosopher Gottfried Leibniz of centuries ago, sharing what has been described by other philosophers as possibly the most profound question ever asked in philosophy when he asked, "Why is there something instead of nothing?" (Please ponder that question in an unhurried way.)

Contrary to some thought, you cannot get something into existence by chance out of nothing. Everything exists by God's creative word speaking it into existence. If we add a fifth word from Genesis 1:1, we get "In the beginning God created..." Everything around us, from what can be seen in a telescope to an electron microscope, oozes with DESIGN and INTENTIONALITY.

We said earlier that we can't "prove" God's existence. That is why Hebrews 11:1-3 is so important. It says, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible." So, let's all appreciate even more these four words:

"In the Beginning God..."

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Standout southpaw

Griffin Bettis stretches to fire a pitch as the winning pitcher against Wadena-Deer Creek. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Bettis, Tappe pitch Cardinal baseball deep into playoffs

Two pitching gems launched the Staples-Motley baseball team into the fourth round of the Section 6AA tournament by winning their first two games.

Griffin Bettis got out of several jams to lead the Cardinals to a 6-3 win over Wadena-Deer Creek in the first round on May 28. They faced top seed Holdingford in the second round on May 29, where Colbe Tappe held the opponents to one run for a 2-1 win. In the third round on May 30, Ben Tyrrell pitched a third strong game for Staples-Motley against Albany, but they couldn't keep up offensively and lost 3-1.

That dropped them to the lower bracket in the double elimination tournament, where they met St. Cloud Cathedral in a game played June 3, after this newspaper was printed. Another round is being played Tuesday, June 4, with the section final on Thursday, June 6, at Dick Putz Field in St. Cloud, at 4:30.

Staples-Motley 6, Wadena-Deer Creek 3

Griffin Bettis pitched a masterful game, keeping opposing hitters off balance with a mix of fastballs and breaking balls in different locations. He got out of a couple of bases loaded jams with strikeouts.

In the first inning, W-DC took a 1-0 lead when their second batter turned on a fastball and poked it over the fence. After that, Bettis started establishing his breaking ball and didn't allow another deep hit.

W-DC threatened again in the third inning and loaded the bases, but Bettis ended it with two strikeouts.

In the Cardinal half of the third, Ben Tyrrell got a hit and was sacrifice bunted to second by Jack Carlson. Colbe Tappe got an intentional walk and Kristofer

Taylor was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Tyrrell came in to score when a pitch bounced away from the catcher and he aggressively broke for home, beating the throw to the plate and tying the score at 1-1.

In the fourth inning, Bettis got in trouble again by allowing a couple of hits and an error to score one run. With the bases loaded, Bettis got a soft grounder back to the pitcher and he tossed it home to get the force out to save a run. He then struck out the last batter to end another threat.

Staples-Motley did not let the lead last for long, they came right back with their biggest inning of the game. Tyrrell led off with a double and Carlson knocked him home with a hit to tie the game. After Carlson stole second, Taylor beat a ground ball to first base to put runners on the corners. Alex Schultz cleared the bases with a deep drive into the right-center gap for a 4-2 lead.

The Cardinals added two insurance runs in the sixth inning. Gabe Decker got a hit and Eli Smith came in as a pinch runner. Tyrrell reached base with a bunt hit and Carlson earned a walk to load the bases. Tappe walked to bring Smith home and Taylor hit a sacrifice fly to score the second run of the inning.

Tyrrell came in to pitch the seventh inning. He started great with two quick groundouts, but errors and walks loaded the bases and brought in a run. Tyrrell ended the game with a strikeout and the Cardinals had advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

Staples-Motley 2, Holdingford 1

Colbe Tappe pitched a complete game, getting the final out with the bases loaded in the seventh inning.

The game couldn't have been any closer throughout.

"I was super proud of how our players handled the pressure and how they stayed focused the entire game," said Coach Shane Tappe. "You could just tell they wanted it."

The Cardinals scored first with Carlson sliding into home on a close play at the plate in the first inning. Holdingford tied the game before Staples-Motley scored the winning run when Schultz executed a hit and run perfectly, scoring Colbe Tappe.

Coach Tappe said it was a clean game on both sides, especially the Cardinal defense, who held Holdingford twice with bases loaded.

"Colbe did a great job of getting ahead of the Huskers hitters and locating his pitches," said Coach Tappe.

Staples-Motley 1, Albany 3

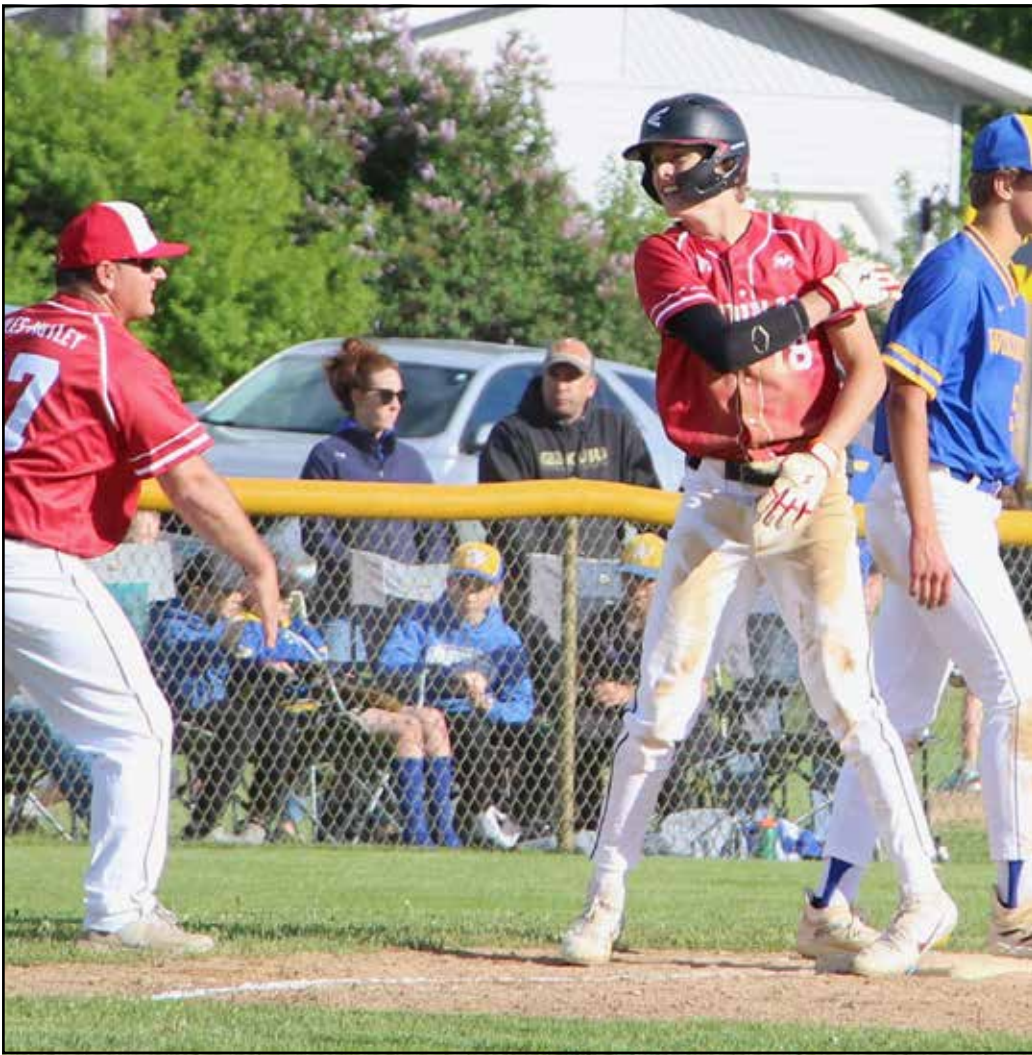
In the third round, another close game turned on a couple of defensive errors. Tyrrell pitched out of a few jams but costly errors at critical times put the team behind.

The Cardinals had chances to come back, but only collected three hits, by Colbe Tappe, Schultz and Cooper Tappe.

"We had opportunities to get back in the game but we seemed to stall and could not get the clutch hit that was needed to open up the game," said Coach Tappe.

The deep run into the playoffs is a result of a hard working group that has played good baseball for several years.

"These kids are resilient and have been faced with adversity throughout the season, so I have no doubt that they will respond," said Coach Tappe about continuing their postseason run.



Standing on third, Alex Schultz celebrates with Coach Shane Tappe after his two RBI triple, the winning runs against Wadena-Deer Creek.



Kris Taylor beats out an infield hit.



Jack Carlson throws a runner out from third base



Big hits and little hits

Ben Tyrrell salutes his teammates, above, after slugging a double into the outfield to start the fourth inning rally that provided the winning run against Wadena-Deer Creek in the playoffs. Tyrrell also played small ball, below, getting a base hit on a bunt that advanced a runner. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Girls golf team keeps improving scores

Mallory Uselman shot one over par in the last regular season golf meet, leading Staples-Motley/Verndale girls golf team that is starting to climb up the leader board after starting the season with an incomplete team.

The girls started the Section 6AA tournament on June 3, before this newspaper went to print.

At the St. Cloud Cathedral Invite at Wapicada Golf Club in Sauk Rapids on May 28, Uselman started out two over par on her first

nine holes, then went into awesome mode on the back nine, starting with a birdie, scoring five straight pars and ending with an eagle three on the 419 yard, par five 18th hole. That put her at one under par for those nine holes, for a total of one over par 74 on the par 73 course. She was playing so well that nobody on the course could keep up with her and she finished in first place by 14 strokes.

Other Cardinal golfers also played well. Katelyn Schotzko had one birdie

and one par on her round. Walker Johnson started her round with a birdie on the 277 yard par 4 17th hole.

Team results

St. Cloud Cathedral Invite, Wapicada Golf Club, Sauk Rapids

Albany 366, Melrose 392, Pierz 398, Milaca 406, Staples-Motley 418, St. Cloud Cathedral 420, Wadena-Deer Creek 427, Sauk Centre 501, Royalton Inc.

1. Mallory Uselman 74, 25. Walker Johnson 110, 31. Katelyn Schotzko 113, 45. Sarah Kroll 121, 50. Molly Hoemberg 136, 51. Maci Mithun 145

Boys golfers face tough section competition

The Staples-Motley/Verndale golf team faced high quality section opponents at the Cardinal Invite at Craguns in Brainerd on May 29, less than a week before the same top teams are meeting for the section 6AA tournament.

The boys started the Section 6AA tournament on June 3, with their first round not completed when this newspaper went to print.

At the Cardinal Invite, Carter White shot one under par 69, but finished in second place. He shot six birdies in his 18 holes.

Grant Bestland shot two birdies but also had to triple bogeys that dropped him to 16th place.

Peyton Mithun and Jackson White each shot 79, Mithun carding three birdies and White two.

Team results

Cardinal Invite at Craguns

Pequot Lakes 291, Albany 297, St. Cloud Cathedral 297, Staples-Motley 304, Osakis 311, Little Falls 327, Pillager 329, Foley 332, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 333, Pierz 339, Melrose 340, Milaca 342, Royalton 346, Sauk Centre 349, Wadena-Deer Creek 374

2. Carter White 69, 16. Grant Bestland 77, 24. Jackson White 79, 24. Peyton Mithun 79, 31. Thomas Johnson 31, 40. Keller Anderson 83

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Mane Vox ensemble sings about “Home”

Members of the Mane Vox ensemble, part of the Staples-Motley High School Music Department, performed the song, “Home” at the Commencement Concert May 17. Senior AJ Nienow, far left, pro-

vided guitar accompaniment. Other singers included Brynn Bestland, Gabriel Ritter, Brianna Mitchell, Cecily Moe, Olivia Opheim, Walker Johnson, Naila Mikhaeil. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Farm safety training for law enforcement



Central Lakes College and Cass County Farm Bureau are offering an accredited, award-winning one-day agriculture safety class for law enforcement students and officers. “Law Enforcement Response to Agriculture,” a one-credit class, features training in identifying livestock breeds, livestock handling techniques, farm equipment safety and truck-trailer safety. Taught by volunteer Cass County and Crow Wing County Farm Bureau members, veterinarians and law enforcement instructors,

the class offers hands-on training for students and officers who might encounter agriculture-related emergencies in their work. Past courses have included identifying horses and cattle by type, breed, color, markings, gender and size, safely shutting down farm power equipment, and truck-trailer operation and identification. In 2022, the American Farm Bureau Federation recognized Cass County Farm Bureau as a County of Excellence for its work in the training class. Scheduled for 8 a.m. to

4 p.m. June 5, at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds in Brainerd, the class is open to all law enforcement students and active law enforcement officers. Lunch will be available on the grounds. For more information or to register, contact Gae Davis, Central Lakes College, 218-838-3480, or Mike Sams, Cass County Farm Bureau Vice President, 320-241-2227. Students learn about cattle identification and behavior at a previous training class.



Heartfelt song from “The Civil War”

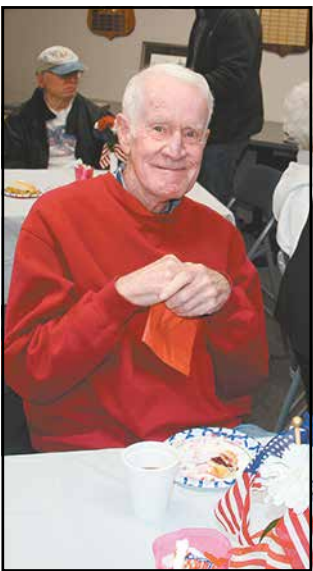
Members of the Staples-Motley High School Choir sang “Tell My Father” at the recent Memorial Day Program. The song, from the musical, “The Civil War,” is an emotional piece, written from the perspective of a young soldier who sings of his fa-

ther and his own mortality. Pictured, from left, are AJ Nienow, Brendan Macheel and Kaleb Harman. They were accompanied by Sandy Paskewitz. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Cardinal Band performs

The Cardinal Band, under the direction of Kristina Haataja, performed a few songs at the recent Commencement Concert at Centennial Auditorium in Staples, including music from the movies ‘Afterlife,’ ‘Roar,’ and ‘The Lion King.’ (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Enjoying pie

Ed Jordahl of Motley enjoyed eating a piece of pie at the Motley Historical Society’s open house on Memorial Day. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Public Notices

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For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service **QuestCDN.com**. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through **QuestCDN** for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated April 11, 2024.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$125.

A pre-Bid conference will not be held for this project.

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This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with U.S. Department of Labor and the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

The City of Staples reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City of Staples.

Jerel Nelsen
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Staples, Minnesota 22-24pnc

NOTICE STAPLES-MOTLEY ISD #2170, Staples, Minnesota

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1. Notice is hereby given, that Staples-Motley Independent School District No. 2170, Staples, MN, will receive sealed bids for Milk and Related Dairy Products for the 2024-2025 school year according to the specification and conditions which may be obtained from the office of the **Superintendent of Schools, Staples-Motley Schools, ISD No. 2170, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, Minnesota**. Bids shall be submitted in the form and manner contained in the specifications and the conditions.

2. **Sealed bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent no later than June 20, 2024 at 3:00 o'clock p.m.** at which time the bids will be opened and tabulated.

3. On June 24, 2024 at

6:00 o'clock p.m., the school board will meet to evaluate all bids and act thereon. The school district reserves the right to accept, reject or negotiate any bid and to make an award which is deemed most favorable and advantageous to the school district. If further information is desired, interested persons should contact the district office, phone 218-894-5400.

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Bob Reeck,
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Diane Mack, Clerk
Moran Township 24pnc

TODD COUNTY NOTICE OF STATE PRIMARY ELECTION MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES

TO THE VOTERS OF SWANVILLE CITY IN TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

1. This notice is given to all residents of mail ballot precincts in the State of Minnesota.

2. On August 13, 2024, the State of Minnesota is holding a State Primary Election.

3. Eligible voters not pre-registered by July 23, 2024, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address may contact the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office by phone, mail or in person for an absentee ballot application.

4. A voter who is not registered to vote in the district on the 21 st day before the election may submit, by mail or in person, an application for absentee ballot to the County Auditor of Todd County and receive voter registration forms and an absentee ballot for the election.

5. The County Auditor of Todd County no earlier than forty-six (46) days and no later than fourteen (14) days before the date of the election will mail the ballots. The ballot will be addressed to the voter at the voter’s residence as shown on the registration file unless the voter requests, in writing, an absentee ballot that will be mailed to the voter at a different address.

6. The voted official ballot may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), or may be delivered in person, or delivered by designated agent to: Todd County

Auditor-Treasurer 215 1st Avenue S, Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN 56347. The voter and the voter’s witness must complete the mail voter’s certificate on the return envelope. The voter may bring his/her blank ballot and envelopes to the Auditor’s Office to have a staff member serve as a witness if they do not have a witness.

7. In addition to the normal business hours, extended hours for absentee and mail ballot voting are: Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday August 12, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

8. The polling place for this election will be at the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office 215 1 st Ave S, Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN 56347. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. At least one assistive voting device will be available at the polling place; allowing for persons with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

9. All mail ballots will be counted at the Todd County Main Street Government Center at 347 Central Avenue, Long Prairie, MN 56347 after 8:00 p.m. on August 13, 2024.

Additional information is available by contacting the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office by phone 320-732-4414, by e-mail elections@co.todd.mn.us, or in person.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2024

/s/ on file
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Cardinals sending six to state track and field

The Staples-Motley track and field team qualified six athletes for the Minnesota State Track and Field meet, two of them in multiple events. The Section 6A meet was May 30 at Pillager.

Girls athletes heading to state are Audrey Brownell in the 800 and 1,600 meter runs, and Kyanna Burton in the 3,200.

Boys athletes qualified for state are Avandre Brandt in the 200, long jump and high jump, Sawyer Ferdon in the triple jump, Noah Larson in the 110 hurdles and Turner Beachy in the pole vault.

State track and field starts Thursday, June 6, at 3:30 p.m., with day two on Friday, June 7, at 3:30. Staples-Motley will have competitors on both days.

In the girls section meet, Brownell took the lead on the first lap in the 1,600 meter run and finished strong for a clear victory. In the 800, she relaxed on the first lap, then crushed her second lap with a 1:06 split to win.

Burton took the lead in the 3,200 with two laps to go and cruised to the victory. She also ran the 1,600 and was three seconds from qualifying for state, but finished in fifth place.

Brandt set personal bests in all of his events. In the 200 meter dash, he had a fast start and emerged from the turn with a slight lead that he extend in the final 100 meters for the win. In the high jump, he cleared 6'2" amid a swirling wind to tie for first place. In the long jump, a slight tail wind helped some of the jumps and Brandt made it to state by surpassing the state qualifying standard. Brandt's 200 and high jump crack the Staples-Motley top ten, while his long jump moves him to second place on the school's all-time list.

Beachy was unmatched in the pole vault, clearing his first three attempts at 11'10, 12'10 and 13'4. After clearing the bar at 13'10 on his second attempt, no other competitor was left so Beachy moved the bar to 14'5" but just missed on his three attempts at a personal best. Conner Kuhns placed third in the pole vault, one spot away from going to state. He made three good attempts at the state qualifying standard of 12'10", but knocked the bar off on each one.

Larson continued his impressive season the 110 high hurdles, keeping his steps all the way through. He was even with another runner for second place at the last hurdle, but finished strong while his competitor



Sawyer Ferdon



Audrey Brownell



Avandre Brandt

stumbled to earn second place and a trip to state.

Ferdon blasted his second attempt in the triple jump, setting a personal best by clearing 43 feet for the first time, which passed the state qualifying mark. He improved that on his fourth attempt, leaping into second place on the school's all-time list with a 43'6.75" jump. More importantly, it was second place in the section, which sent him to state for the second year in a row.

The boys 4x200 meter relay came close to securing a position at state with a season best time, but they ended up a second short in third place.



Avandre Brandt and Blake Neelan



Conner Kuhns

In the team scoring, the boys finished fifth, strong in the field events and a good mix on the track. Despite three titles, the Cardinal girls ended in ninth place in the team standings. The team had a few athletes who did not compete due to absence. Shot putter Cami Anderson was a potential top four finisher, but had an injury and could not compete.

Boys results

Section 6A track and field
Pelican Rapids 85.33, Sauk Centre 81, Osakis 80, Minnewaska 69.33, Staples-Motley 67, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 67, Pillager 35, Breckenridge 31.5, Wadena-Deer Creek 31, Ottertail Central 30, Rothsay 25, Border West 19.33, Frazee 18, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 15.5, Pkne River-Backus 14, West Central Area 12, United North Central 10, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy 6, Parkers Prairie 5, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 4, Barnesville 2

110 hurdles - 2. Noah Larson 17.19, 11. Gavin Chenoweth 19.57
200 - 1. Avandre Brandt 23.06
300 hurdles - 14. Larson 47.05
800 - 7. Logan Robben 2:10
1,600 - 12. Blaine Plattner 5:15
3,200 - 11. Plattner 11:38
4x200 - 3. Benet Robinson, L. Robben, Blake Neelan, Brandt 1:33.80

4x400 - 7. Robinson, Sawyer Ferdon, Dillon Robben, L. Robben 3:48
High jump - 1. Brandt 6'2"
Long jump - 3. Brandt 21'8.5", 10. Robinson 19'3.75"
Pole vault - 1. Turner Beachy 13'10", 3. Conner Kuhns 12'4"
Shot put - 9. Steven Petrich 39'10"

Triple jump - 2. Ferdon 43'6.75", 14. Kuhns 35'8.75"

Girls results

Section 6A track and field
Barnesville 63, Pelican Rapids 58, Minnewaska 52.5, Border West 50, Osakis 43, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 43, Frazee 43, Ottertail Central 42.5, Staples-Motley 35, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 32, Pillager 29, Browerville 28, Sauk Centre 27, United North Central 27, Wadena-Deer Creek 26, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 23, Parkers Prairie 21, West Central Area 15, Breckenridge 14, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy 13, Pine River-Backus 12, New York Mills 5

100 - 11. Sophia Luna 13.58, 16. Corinne Olson 13.79
800 - 1. Audrey Brownell 2:19
1,600 - 1. Brownell 5:06, 5. Kyanna Burton 5:24
3,200 - 1. Burton 11:49, 13. Aleea Holst - 13:05
Pole vault - 8. Tamara Strelti 7'7"



Noah Larson celebrates making it to state as an opponent crashes.



Turner Beachy



Blayne Plattner



Aleea Holst



Sophia Luna



Logan and Dillan Robben



Kyanna Burton looks towards the finish line as she starts to open up her lead in the section 3,200 meter run. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Benet Robinson



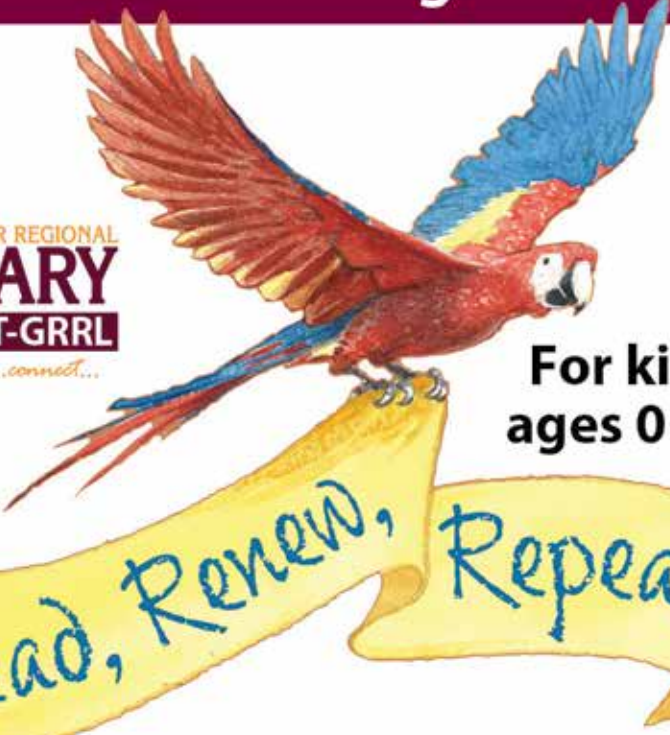
Bell tower installed at Staples Veterans Park

A new tower was erected to hold the ceremonial bell at Staples Veterans Park along Highway 10. Pictured, a group of Veterans Park Board members watch sculptor Jeff Kreutz and his crew secure the bell on the top of the tower. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Another northern lights photo by Matthew Vukolich of Staples. The Staples World had the wrong name in the May 15 edition.



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