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Council questions high cost of building plans

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council questioned the high prices of planning services when asked to approve a proposal. At their Feb. 25 meeting, the council approved the proposal but will ask if the price can be lowered.

The City of Staples has been collecting a sales tax within the city in order to renovate the Staples Community Center. They have now collected enough revenue to start work on the center and the council was asked to approve the design proposal for locker room remodeling and boiler replacement. Widseth architects proposed doing it for \$114,400, which included \$85,000 for construction documents, \$3,400 for bidding and \$25,100 for construction administration.

Council member Roy Miles questioned why planning documents cost that much before construction

even starts. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said this is the company that the city usually uses. Mayor Ron Murray said if the city sent out for bids, the cost would likely be the same.

Nelsen said the request wasn't a contract, it was a proposal. If the council approves it, they will get a contract with detailed costs and they can ask for a lower cost at that time.

In the end, Miles made the motion to approve the proposal, but to ask for a lower cost on the contract. The council approved.

Also at the meeting, the council approved another request, for airport consulting services. The city received three responses for request for airport consulting services. The Staples Airport Board advised accepting proposal from SEH, the current consulting service. The council approved the proposal.

Fire call fees
Nelsen reported on meet-

ings with area townships about fire department mutual aid. He said the city has been charging a stand-by fee to townships, but not for calls within the city. He said the cost of providing fire protection is increasing, so the fire department is looking to increase revenues. Nelsen said stand-by fees and call fees are possibilities to raise revenues. They are also looking into charging an amount that is equal to an amount that is standard for homowner insurance policies.

In other news, the council

- Approved first reading of an ordinance to sell city owned lots.
- Approved electronic payment and wire fund transfer policy.
- Learned that Staples Planning and Zoning has advised that the 20 foot height limit on garages applies to separate structures, not a garage that is attached to a home.

Basketball playoff action Avandre Brandt had a double-clutch dunk against Greenway in the first boys basketball playoff game. He first avoided the 6'10 shot blocker, left, then reached back up to flush the ball down, right. The Cardinals won their first two playoff games to reach the Section 7AA semifinals. See story, page 7a. (Photos by Mark Anderson)

SEDA wonders if public investment is needed for housing

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Noting a need for housing in the area, the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) discussed the value of the city investing in housing at their February 25, meeting.

SEDA board member Steve Gertken said he wouldn't recommend that until all other options are exhausted.

Since housing is still needed in the city, Wakefield wondered if the SEDA would be willing to front some capital, partner with a private company to get some construction started and write it off if the project turned out to lose money. The housing could eventually become profitable because the homeowners would be paying taxes to the city for many years.

"There's not a lot of appetite for new construction," said Wakefield.

be a better option, with less risk," said Gertken.

Wakefield gave an example of starting the duplex portion of the Valley View subdivision on the north end of the city. The duplex lots are in the subdivision plan but have not been built on yet.

"If we can show that it works, we might find a buyer to hold it as a rental, or it might get them to build more units," said Wakefield.

SEDA board member Blake Gerard said "I believe there's a market for that,"

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REACH program improving grades

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The REACH program at Staples-Motley High School is improving grades for students and is now an elective course.

REACH coordinator Val Turner gave an update at the Feb. 24 school board meeting. She said the program had 75 students in the first semester and now has 74 in the second semester, for grades 9-12.

REACH stands for relationships, education, accountability, character and hard work. Students set semester goals, family goals, personal and academic goals. They also make weekly plans to reach their goals.

The program started as a way to help struggling students, but has grown into a volunteer program and a place where students feel connected.

When the program started six years ago, they saw a lot of behavior problems. Turner said the program is now more of an elective that students

choose to participate in.

"Kids have become loyal to the program," said Turner.

The students work on leadership skills and Turner said they have started volunteering at the food shelf every month and they volunteer twice a year for Lions Club projects.

Turner said the curriculum for REACH includes socio-emotional lessons, independence, confidence, overcoming apathy and resiliency. They have a de-escalation room for students who need a break from the pressures of school and they have other ways to help students to concentrate on their work.

This year, REACH students were able to go on an overnight trip to Deep Portage Learning Center, where students were challenged to get out of their comfort zone, said school board member Ryan Wright, who was a chaperone on the trip.

"Other staff are starting to see the things we are working on are a little different," said Turner. "Now

Food service

Another presentation at the school board meeting came from Wade Vangness, head of the food service. Vangness said the Staples-Motley kitchen staff has seven employees who prepare 20,000 meals every month.

"How great my team is, they are experienced and reliable, we are lucky to have them," said Vangness.

For the next school year, there will be new restrictions on the amount of added sugars in food items. Vangness said they have been trying some of the new products and the students haven't said anything about them yet.

The high school will be getting a new oven, a double combi like the one installed in the elementary school.

The food program also works with the school garden that is grown at Central Lakes College. Many of the plants are started by seed at the school's greenhouse.

Vangness said they haven't decided on the summer

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Weather

2025
This Week's Forecast
High Low Cond.

Mar. 12	53	32	Cloudy
Mar. 13	62	44	M. Cloudy
Mar. 14	68	35	Cloudy
Mar. 15	40	11	Snow
Mar. 16	27	13	Cloudy
Mar. 17	36	23	P. Cloudy
Mar. 18	39	22	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2024
High Low Cond.

Mar. 12	59°	34	Sunny
Mar. 13	60	37	P. Sunny
Mar. 14	54	33	P. Sunny
Mar. 15	55	30	Cloudy
Mar. 16	41	36	Cloudy
Mar. 17	23	19	Cloudy
Mar. 18	37	10	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 40° Low = 20°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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May Township 11A

TCC 11A

Obituaries

Denise Sirucek

Richard Warn

Staples-Motley High School honor roll

Staples-Motley High School recently announced the Second Quarter honor roll for 2024-25.

A Honor Roll

Grade 12

Sophie Albie, Grant Bestland, Tucker Braith, Jack Carlson, Kaylee Eckel, Sawyer Ferdon, Cole Greenwaldt, Alexander Helstrom, Emma Lamke, Ellen Lange, Dylan Lawrence, Jessica Lundquist, Peyton Mithun, Corinne Olson, Olivia Opheim, Jaden Radermacher, Benet Robinson, Hayden Rutherford, Miranda Schotzko, Alexander Schultz, Jade Storry, Lilly Tyrrell, Trentan Zetah, Heidi Zimmerman.

Grade 11

Mason Albertson, Sadye Anderson, Katriane Beach, Brynn Bestland, Abby Brichacek, Audrey

Brownell, Natalia Burciaga Perez, Isabel Cole, Geoffrey DeCamp, Abigail Dobson, Emmalee Dobson, Isabelle Dobson, Parker Hammer, Jameson Harvey, Walker Johnson, Reid Judd, Pamela Lawrence, Raina Mikhaeil, Cecily Moe, Alexis Opelia, Kiya Pope, Riley Reese, Torence Rodrigues, Eli Rutten, Annie Schlosser, Onna Schmitz, Michal Stastny, Colbe Tappe, Ruby Thoe, Livia Trif, Alaina White.

Grade 10

Isabelle Becker, Brooke Bendson, Emersen Bettis, Lily Davis, Allison Dukowitz, Mabel Haehnel, Mad-dock Harvey, Conner Heifort, Bella Hines, Thomas Johnson, Madelyn Kist, Bali Minoletti, Ronnie Noska, Justin Olson, Madison Perius, Mia Pesta, Tyler Pruitt, Tristan Rendon,

Carter Sarbaum, Katelyn Schotzko, Evan Schultz, Charles Simkins, III, Chloe Trantina, Tyson Turner, Paige Warren, Kylie Wilson, Cloey Wingert, Gracie Wolpert, Daniel Zimmerman.

Grade 9

Gage Bjerga, Andrew Black, Jacob Brandsma, Adalyne Brenny, Beau Carlson, Charlotte Daniels, Alexa Dolezal, Lauren Dolezal, Jada Ellingsen, Roman Engebretson, Kain Erickson, Lexi Fishman, Leah Greenwaldt, Natalie Hanson, Carolyn Hoppe, Casey Kaehn, Sarah Kroll, Lyndon Laney, Chloe Larson, Nathaniel Macheel, Clara Maros, Jadalynn McKenna, Keira Mevisen, Maci Mithun, Nayomi Perez, Ally Pesola, Addison Potter, Caleb Ritter, Lydia Roelofs, Alyce Scheler,

Paxton Sharpe, Scarlett Stracek, Anika Tureson, Brooklyn Winter, Kalee Winter.

B Honor Roll

Grade 12

Kattera Barnhart, Wyatt Berg, Gavin Chenoweth, Dustin Converse, Violet Dahlvang, Drake Dukowitz, Laken Hines, Brooklynn Huwe, Jaden Johnson, Griffin Judd, Olivia Lorber, Ivan Lozano, Naila Mikhaeil, Brianna Mitchell, Anika Mollner, Steven Petrich, Blaine Plattner, Mateus Rincon, Israel Ritter, Dillan Robben, Logan Robben, Logan Sam-borski, Giovanna Santos, Skyler Self, Kendra Shoup, Kristofer Taylor, Benjamin Tyrrell, Jamie Weinandt, Kierra Zivkovic.

Grade 11

Elliot Allen, Ashton

Anderson, Summer Ander-son, Turner Beachy, Ava Birkholtz, Luke Bjerga, Avandre Brandt, Owen Carl-son, Charles Dabbs, Addi-son Fonteyn, Gage Foss, Adrian Gomez, Elijah Gre-enwaldt, Alexander Harren, Avery Japke, Peyton Jares, Huntington Kleinschmidt, Gabriel Kroll, Noah Larson, Skye Larson, Mason Michael, Natalie Miller, Xander Moench, Ember Munger, Andrew Paklonsky, Elizabeth Tangeman, Skyla Tepley, Teegan Vogel.

Grade 10

Corben Berg, Leighton Bettis, Chase Blue, Josiah Burton, Marie Casillas, Hannah Cole, Joshua Cush-ing, Lillian Czechowicz, Savanna Davis, Jonathan Faulkner, Jacob Hansen, Kaleb Harman, Reece Head-ley, Jasmine Isley, Chase Koskiniemi, Caden Kramer,

Jocelyn Lenk, Suhaila Mikhaeil, Samuel Olsen, Joseph Opelia, Bryant Peterson, Hailey Richardt, Kyleena Rudlang, Logan Serich, Gavin Stevens, Jack Tetlie.

Grade 9

Jayci Borash, Connor Buss, Kylee Chenoweth, Ruben Dahlvang, Carson DeWald, Andrew Dobson, Bryson Dumpprope, Michael Falcon, Jacob Faulkner, Jesus Gallardo, Ryan Heifort, Molly Hoem-berg, Gauge Holst, Jaida Holst, Jasmyne Hove, Gunnar Kleinschmidt, Grace Lamke, Karter Lynch, Landon Moench, Josiah Mumm, River Munger, Kana Reese, Brooke Rei-senauer, Elliot Stracek, Emilynn Sullivan, Carsen Sweeney.

Staples-Motley Middle School honor roll

Staples-Motley Middle School recently announced the Second Quarter honor roll for 2024-25.

A Honor Roll

Grade 8

Waylen Anderson, Chloe Badger, Logan Bendson, Garrett Bjerga, Eli Bounds, Millinda DeWald, Jessica Dukowitz, Elaina Elfstrum, Brock Graton, Lexa Graves, Airen Gutknecht, Preston Hange, Aleea Holst, Ella Judd, Kennedy Judd, Caleb Kopp, Aubrey Lang, Levi Larson, Alex Leach, Olivia Lynch, Roxy Mertens, Rylee Mevissen, Hudsyn Nanik, Evah Noska, Jack-son Odden, Kaylee Perius, Taylee Reese, Nadia Santos, John Schotzko, Daniel Sturm-Hughes, Cooper Tappe, Ryder Thompson.

Grade 7

Tenley Bartylla, Tucker Baumgartner, Caleb Best-

land, Easton Bitzer, Lily Brichacek, Maxx Carl-son, Naudia Djuren, Layla Dumpprope, Mari’vel Duran, Kelsey Elfst-um, Katelyn Erickson, Gemma Fairbanks, Maggie Grunewald, Danielle Hanson, Piper Hanson, Meredith Hoemberg, Aubree Hove, Annabella Hurtig, Arthur Keplin, Zeva Kriesel, Aubrey Lund, Ryan Macheel, Lucille Maros, McKinley McGuiness, Llana Michel, Berkley Nelson, Nathan Nelson, Nora Nelson, Payton Nelson, Charlie Noska, Nyah Noska, Carter Odden, Benjamin Rutten, Chadia Schultz, Alexander Tkalcich, Elise Trif, Aubrey Vogle, Jocelyn Vogt, Joshua Winter, Madisyn Zetah, Landon Ziegler.

Grade 6

Everett Allen, Phaedra Arndt, Paislee Boozell, Ash-lynn Bornttrager, Kamryn

Brenna, Katherine Hoppe, Lukas Jares, Ryleigh John-son, Mia Kriesel, Eliza-beth Kroll, Reed Leach, Zane Leach, Timothy Lind, Abbie Lucas, Isaac Nor-ring, Alexis Odden, Breydi Orozco, Andromeda Smith, Camrik Tappe, Jayden Wilson, Corey Wojciech-owski.

Grade 5

Emily Beard, Danni Borash, Kaiya Brenna, Isaiah Detloff, Adalynn Dewald, Charlee Dukow-itz, Hugo Ellingsen, Tyler Fraundorfer, Eva Gre-enwaldt, Willow Hines, Adaline Hogate, Kayd Ingersoll, Dakota Karjala, Brekken Kuhns, Andrew Larsen, Evan Lehner, Elli-ana Mumm, Leah Nelson, Jace Odden, Robert Owen, Jr., Ava Roline, Roman Ross-Sullivan, Tristan Sam-borski, Benjamin Santos, Bennett Sonenstahl, Dom-inic Thiede, Reese Thomp-

son, Zara Vogel, Anna Warner, Annika Weber, Jayce Wilson, Derek Zim-merman.

B Honor Roll

Grade 8

Jackson Alexander, Hayden Anderson, Isaac Cole, Elliot DiGiovanni, Gabriel Gibson, Brayden Granby, Michael Hinson, Hannah Holker, Liam Jennissen, Michael Jew-ison, Raylan Laney, Wil-liam Lange, Julia Linehan, Jack Lundquist, Cameron Martin, David McKenna, Abby Miller, Anthony Mitchell, Tristan Moore, Lee Morrison, Cayden Neisen, Vanessa Nelson, Chord Pagel, Mikaela Pesta, Jacob Reeck, Evan Richards, Jayden Rogers, Owen Roline, Alexis Schwegel, Isabella Schwegel, Sawyer Storry, Ayden Wick-ham-Pirnie, Henry Zim-

merman.

Grade 7

Alivia Bingham, Jackson Bitzer, Emma Borash, Kiera Chenoweth, Braxton Cherry, Odin Davis, Mya Dobson, Natalie Dumpprope, Pat-rick Eckert, Blake Hafften, Logan Hoggatt, Addyson Holst, Matthew Jewison, Ryker Karjala, Lalonie Kenyon, Bentley Lahr, Bri-elle Mevissen, Christopher Mikhaeil, Blake Mongan, Brayden Moore, Levi Mumm, Kianorose Nobles, Angelina Paklonsky, Kade Potter, Braydon Pruitt, Leiten Rychner, Brennen Sonenstahl, Benjamin Ste-vens, Aubrey Suomi, Lydia Tkalcich, Tayden Weite, Christian Winter, Kaiden Wirtjes, Abiri Ziegler.

Grade 6

Evan Alexander, Mal-akai Bestland, Nakoda Church, Kalliemae Corey, Kaitlynn Dahlvang, Tyler

Daly, Charles Davis, Nevaeh Elifrits, Brooke Georges, Talia Graves, Harrison Grunewald, Nathan Huwe, Logan Jares, Savannah Kirby, Rylan Kuhns, Lane Laney, Taylin Lind, Char-lie Maros, Beckett Messer, Maddy Michael, Matthew Michel, Lylianne Nurn-berger, Alexandria Pearson, Ryker Pesta, Serenity Schar-en, Parker Sharpe, Taija Shequen, Makenna Warner, Anna Zolotoryova.

Grade 5

Preston Caldwell, Payton Church, Junior Converse, Emma Dumpprope, Jack-son Elifrits, Raquel John-son, Gustavo Lozano, Aurora Lydeen, Grayson McKenna, Libby Mumm, Lillith Orr, Cadence Pruitt, Connor Reeck, Canden Sirucek, Shay Sturm-Hughes, Austin Thomson, Carson Vargas, Ryker Weite, Axel Young.

Motley area law enforcement

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

Feb. 26 - Mar. 4

Mar. 4 - Motley Police responded to a report of suspicious activity at 3rd Ave. S., in Motley.

Feb. 26 - Mar. 3 - Motley Police spoke with a few residents regarding ordinance violations. One party had chickens on their property, and another had two vehicles

with expired tabs in their yard, as well as junk piling up. Citations would be issued if the parties remained in violation.

Feb. 27 - Motley Police issued a citation to Arial Elise May, 25, for driving after sus-pension.

Mar. 1 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a minor vehicle accident at the 1300 block of 320th St., Cushing.

Feb. 28 - A Morrison County deputy issued a citation to Jade Marie Berger, 42, for permitting public nuisance.

One injured in two-vehicle crash near Randall

The Morrison county Sheriff’s Office reports that on March 4, at approx-imately 3:52 p.m., their office received a report of a two-vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Bison Road and 230th St., approximately three miles west of Randall in Parker Township.

According to the sheriff’s office, 61-year-old Dwight Soderman of Brainerd was traveling east on 230th St., and 40-year-old Lance Hedin of Motley was driv-ing north on Bison Road approaching the intersec-tion. Hedin’s vehicle pulled out in front of Soderman’s vehicle and was struck in

the roadway. Soderman was transported by ambulance to St. Gabriel’s Hospital with unknown injuries.

The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by Randall Fire and Rescue and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.



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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1950

• March 16, 1950 - Wayne Stewart, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stewart of Staples has recently signed a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers as a pitcher for the baseball team.

Wayne left Staples last November to go to New Orleans to join the Dodgers and was in training in New Orleans during the winter season. Since March 1, he has been at Vero Beach, Florida in training with

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

the Dodgers, and has been in the Class C teams. After completing the spring training there he will be sent to the Texas League for play with the team.

Letters from the baseball officials to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart stated that if he improved as fast in the next few weeks as he has in the past, he will be placed in the Class B, and in that event he will go into the Arizona League of the team.

Last year Wayne skyrocketed to fame in the Staples vicinity, his home town when he pitched the Staples baseball team to the district championship of amateur baseball. The team lost out in the finals of the regional, however.

He has been prominent in baseball circles for the past few years and has been one of the outstanding pitchers in this section of the state.

• March 16, 1950 - Six seniors, playing on the Staples High School Cardinal basketball team, played their last game for their alma mater on the second night of the district basketball tournament played at Wadena on Thursday, March 9. Those seniors were Doug Anderson, Blayne Miller, Jim Johnson, Bob Kurpius, Jerry Hoxter, and Vern Rad-dohl.

• March 16, 1950 - Notice - If you want an auctioneer, call Jim Sly at Huck's Cafe. Phone 525, Staples.

• March 16, 1950 - Card Party - Tuesday, March 21, at the City Hall. 8:30 p.m. Scalloped potatoes and ham supper. Price 50 cents. Thomastown Farm Bureau.

50 Years Ago - 1975

• March 13, 1975 - Two separate fires, one in the city and the other in the rural area, caused heavy property damage last week.

Leo Fahnländer, Staples Fire Chief, reported that about 8:56 a.m. Thursday, March 6, the members of the Staples Fire Department were summoned to the Wally Anderson home at 315 NE 7th St., where a fire had started in the upstairs area.

When is a driver's license revoked?

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I know a person who had their driver's license revoked. Can you explain how this happens?

Answer: Your driver's license may be revoked if you:

- Refuse to take a test to determine whether you are under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, or if you fail the test.
- Are convicted of manslaughter or any other criminal action while driving a motor vehicle.
- Are convicted of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Are convicted of a felony in which you used a motor vehicle.
- Are convicted of driving in excess of 100 mph.
- Are convicted of fleeing a police officer.
- Are convicted of failing to stop, identify yourself and render aid when involved in a motor vehicle

About 1:23 p.m. Friday, March 7, the local department answered the alarm to the Bill Smith farm, where the barn was on fire. The Smith farm is located about 13 miles north of Staples in Bullard Township of Wadena County

• March 13, 1975 - New Listing at Gores Company Real Estate - 70 acres farm South of Staples. Attractive one story home. 36 x 38 barn and other out-buildings. About 35 tillable, 30 wooded pasture. Good soil. Priced to sell at \$26,000.

New Listing - 120 acre farm South of Staples. About 70 Tillable. 2 story home has new bathroom and other remodeling completed. Good barn and other buildings. Don't wait too long to buy this farm for \$26,500.

Tri-Plex on 7th St. N. Why not consider living in the downstairs apt. and letting the 2 upstairs pay for the house. \$10,000 buys it.

• March 13, 1975 - The Motley Independent team ending regular season play with a 20-2 record will travel to the state independent tournament at St. Cloud on Friday, March 14 to meet Cloquet in the opening bout.

Leading scorer for the year was Leon Trout who amassed a total of 298 points averaging 15 points per game. Leading rebounder for the year was Jim Bartholomaus' 195 followed closely by Leon Trout's 191 and Charles Knott's 174.

The team's success this year can be attributed to the fine cooperation among team members all of whom saw considerable action all year: John Beckner, Randy Skeesick, Ken Swecker, Phil Trout, Ian Macheel, Roger Bremer, and Tim Rach.

• March 13, 1975 - Poplar Township (Cass County) has become a member of the United Hospital District and has appointed Mrs. Lillian (Gordon) Johnson as its hospital board representative.

25 Years Ago - 2000

• March 16, 2000 - Taking over a project in a developing nation and working with people barely aware of democracy or free enterprise sounds like a daunting task - even in the best of circumstances.

So how about in the worst of times.

Ask Tom Kajer, who recently returned home to Staples after two years running a massive aid program in Pakistan.

"Overall, it was a good project, one of the better ones I've been involved with. We had pretty good control over corruption and other problems. We got the money where it was supposed to go," Kajer said.

It was not a quiet time in Pakistan. Among the events that happened in or near

crash, especially one that involves death or personal injury to others.

- Are convicted of lying under oath, signing any legal document that contains false information about legal ownership or operation of a motor vehicle, or making a false statement to DPS about that information.
- Plead guilty or forfeit bail for three violations in a single year of any Minnesota traffic law or ordinance that requires a jail sentence upon conviction.
- Are convicted of an offense in another state that would be grounds for revoking your license if you were convicted in Minnesota.
- Are convicted of a misdemeanor for driving a motor vehicle with prior knowledge that the owner of the vehicle did not have no-fault vehicle insurance.
- Own a vehicle without no-fault insurance and are found to have driven it or allowed others to drive it, with full knowledge that the vehicle was not insured.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1985. 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.

Pakistan in the past two years were: The assassination of several Americans a few weeks after Tom arrived. And, a failed U.S. missile strike at terrorist Osama bin Ladin's headquarters in Afghanistan created an international crisis when two of the cruise missiles landed in Pakistan.

• March 16, 2000 - Ever increasing oil prices on the international markets have fueled a record rise at the gas pump, a price increase seen in the Staples area as well as around the world.

The worst of it may be that, as the saying goes, 'We ain't seen nuttin' yet.'

While most Minnesota gas stations are charging \$1.49 to \$1.55 for unleaded gasoline in mid-March, prices on both the east and west coasts are flirting with \$2.00 a gallon at premium, full service outlets.

• March 16, 2000 - Senior Dustin Hjelmeland of Staples Motley and junior Kati Galovich of Crosby-Iron-

ton are the 1999-2000 scoring champions in Mid State Conference basketball. Hjelmeland tallied 122 points to win the boys' title, while Galovich tallied 145 points in winning honors among the girls' team. Jill Mertens of the Cardinals was second with 138 points.

Five Cardinal boys were among the top 15. They were Dustin Hjelmeland, 122 points; Wade Christensen, 88 points; Shannon Webster, 81 points; Tim Rutten, 77 points; Charley Speed, 75 points; Jeff Brever, 74 points.

10 Years Ago - 2015

• March 12, 2015 - Foster grandparents have been making a difference in the lives of Motley Elementary students for many years.

Currently, three 'Foster Grandmas' volunteer their time with MES students. They are Grandma Helen Bartle, Grandma Dorothy Killian and Grandma Darlene Gillson.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Feb. 27, 1975 edition of the Staples World featured Gene Peet, 9, holding a 17-pound northern, and Brenda Peet, 8, holding a 15-pound northern, both of which were speared Feb. 15, by their dad, Ron Peet, at Tripp Lake near Nevis. Ron said that spearing was good that day, getting another five-pounder, and losing two which he said were as large as the bigger of the two.

Todd County Sheriff's report

Recent report(s) from the Todd County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) included:

March 4, 2025, 7:43 a.m.: Todd County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of a two vehicle crash on Cty Rd 38, Long Prairie, east of the 165th Ave. intersection. A 2008 Black Pontiac G6 driven by a juvenile female was traveling eastbound on Cty Rd 38 when she lost control of the vehicle and crossed the centerline. A 2023 Silver Dodge Ram 2500 driven by Richard Johnson, 58, of Nerstrand, was traveling westbound on Cty 38 and struck the juvenile vehicle. The juvenile was pronounced dead at the scene. TCSO was assisted on scene by Long Prairie Fire Dept., Long Prairie Police Dept, Centra Care Ambulance, Petrie's Tow Co. and the MN State Patrol.



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Todd County Court report March 5

Long Prairie Police Department

Ojeda Bulmaro Caballero, Villard. Traffic regulation. Fine \$25. Fee \$22.

Jose Francisco, Sauk Centre. Motor vehicle registration-operate vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Luke Thomas Opdahl, North Branch. ER Big Game-fail to validate deer licensing. Fine \$25. Fee \$75.

Eason Ansylm Rahn, Randall. RV-fail to display valid ATV registration/decal as required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85. Shawn George Savickus, Long Prairie. Dark/Fish House/shelter-fail to display license tag when required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Tanya Marie Cariveau, Staples. Deep to the right (over center line). Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Norma Jean Elvine-Knosalla, Staples. Fail to yield right of way; making a left turn. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Trey Marvin Skeesick, Staples. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Garrett Austin Barber, Denham Springs, LA. Speed 70/60. Dismissed, Conditions met or expired.

Marissa A. Blunt, Defiance, OH. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Ludileidis Carvajal Pena, Ling Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Meadow Lynn Christenson, Elbow Lake. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Yale Verdon Clark, Cleburne, TX. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Cannabis open package-possess in motor vehicle-packaging has been opened or seal broken. Fine \$100.

Jesus Martin Cruz, Champlin. No MN driver's license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Christopher Garcia Montanez, Long Prairie. Speed 82/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Jesus Daniel Garcia Montanez, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Michael Jacob Hall, Baxter. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Emma Helen Johnson, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Elayna Tuff Kramlich, Tappen, ND. Use-possess or transport cannabis or hemp products under 21 years of age. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Joseph William Nikovics, Elk River. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

James Edward Plafcan, Browerville. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Pamela Sue Rapp, Browerville. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Nehomar Alejandro Rodriguez Claudio, Clarissa. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Vennie Marie Schmitt, Sauk Centre. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Gurinder Singh, Winnipeg, MB. Non-emergency stop on freeway. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Hannah Rose Stearns, Clarissa. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Lucille Umang, Long Prairie. No insurance owner. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Shane Michael Warnke, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Michael David Yanke, Bloomington. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Dept.

Shaine Michael Magnuson, Staples. Operate vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Joshua Thomas Schneider, Little Falls. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Mitchell Terrace VanAlst, Staples. License suspension/revocation/cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Kaylin Marie Beach, Brainerd. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Aidan James Bryniarski, Staples. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Jules Berikt Camacho, Clarissa. Drivers licenses-instruction permit violations-persons 18 years or older. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Leon Mark Dickinson, Clarissa. Driver fails to stop for STOP sign. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Mainor Josue Herrera Rodriguez, Cushing. Drivers license-driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Daliangelys Santiago Delgado, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Myles Jay Smith, Staples. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County February 26, 2025.

Omar Concel Del Rio, Long Prairie. Disorderly conduct. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay

0, yr 0, mo 87 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Fleeing Peace officer by a means other than a motor vehicle. Dismissed.

Miles Rene Ewaldt, Oakdale. Speed 105/65. Dismissed. Careless driving-operate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 90 days for 1 yr). Fine \$200. Fee \$75.

Leroy Anthony Chief, Mahnomen. Assault-4th degree-correctional employee probation officer; prosecutor, judge-demonstrable bodily harm. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections-adult (MN Correctional facility-St. Cloud, 17 mo.) Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Edwin Abran Garcia, Long Prairie. 2nd degree DWI-refuse to submit to chemical test; breath or test refusal or failure. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 274 days for 4 yr). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 4 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Driving after revocation. Dismissed. Obstruct legal process-interfere w/Peace Officer. Dismissed.

Kolby James Tabatt, Long Prairie. 3rd degree DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 359 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 5 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 4 yr). Fine \$200. Fee \$475. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Expired registration. Fine \$50.

Kirsten Mai Trutwin, Browerville. Driver fails to stop at STOP sign. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County February 25, 2025.

Victor Alexis Morales Lopez, Long Prairie. DWI-fourth degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Local confinement (90 days, stay 0, yr mo 88 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 2 days. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$400. \$100. DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed.

Lauris Hichez Frias, Sauk Centre. Operate MV while reg is canceled/suspended. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 6 mo).

Kory Charles Coyer, Clarissa. Driving after cancellation. Continued. Probation - Adult (Unsupervised probation, 6 mo).

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County February 24, 2025.

Brian Hugo Massmann, Sauk Centre. Criminal Sex conduct-5th degree-non consensual sex contact. Stay of imposition pursuant to M.S. 609.135. Local confinement (8 days credit for time served: 8 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, Indeterminate). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Trisha Nicole Bierwerth, Hastings. Domestic assault. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without adjudication, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Mark Richard Johnson, Clarissa. DWI 2-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 361 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Service-adult (community work service, 40 hours for indeterminate). Fine \$50. Fee \$805. DWI 2 operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County February 20, 2025.

Mitchell Allen Goff, Clarissa. Domestic abuse no contact order-violate no contact order-within 10 years of previous conviction. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 349 days for 2 yr credit for time served:5 days). Probation-adult(supervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$150. Domestic assault-misdemeanor-commits act to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death. Dismissed. Domestic assault-Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0, yr 0 mo 75 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 1 day). Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Theft. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 319 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 5 days). Probation-adult (Supervised probation, 2 yr). Local confinement (45 days, stay 33 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 12 days). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

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Cardinal Showcase

Kindergarten is a time of transition, learning

Ryan Koenigs, Principal
Staples-Motley Elementary

A day in kindergarten at Staples-Motley Elementary is filled with engaging learning experiences that help students transition from a primarily play-based preschool environment to a more structured instructional model. While play and hands-on activities remain an essential part of learning, kindergarten introduces students to foundational literacy and math skills through whole-group and small-group instruction. Kindergarten students also have the opportunity to explore different subjects by transitioning to other classrooms throughout the week. One current Staples-Motley Elementary student said, “My favorite part of kindergarten is going to gym class.” Kindergarten students participate in physical education classes to develop motor skills and teamwork, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) activities that encourage creativity, problem-solving and music classes where they learn rhythm, movement and basic instrumental skills. These experiences enrich their learning and provide opportunities for exploration and collaboration. The structure of the kindergarten day

helps students gradually adapt to routines and expectations, preparing them for future academic success. One student commented, “My favorite part of kindergarten is learning with my friends.” Teachers provide a balance of direct instruction, guided practice and exploratory play to ensure each child feels supported and confident in their learning journey. The welcoming and nurturing environment at Staples-Motley Elementary allows students to develop both academically and socially as they begin their educational careers. Kindergarten Round-Up has long been a tradition in schools across the country, serving as an important introduction to the educational experience for young children and their families. This event was established to help ease the transition into kindergarten by providing families with key information, familiarizing students with their new environment, and creating an opportunity to connect with teachers and staff before the school year begins. If you’re interested in learning more about what kindergarten is like, attend Kindergarten Round-Up on March 18. Additional information is available through the Staples-Motley Elementary School office.

Quote of the week

“Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic.”
— J.K. Rowling

Input request for Lake Alex, Shamineau fishing update

Lauren Peck, MN DNR
Central Regional Information
Officer, Operations Service
Division

March is the month to connect with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fisheries offices across Minnesota about 151 lakes in 40 counties that will have their fisheries lake management plans updated in 2025. “People interested in the health and quality of Minnesota’s fisheries are a critical part of the DNR’s fisheries lake management planning process,” said Shannon Fisher, DNR fisheries populations and regulations manager. “These plans establish fisheries management goals and objectives for each lake and define the work fisheries biologists do each year. Observations and input from a lake’s stakeholders are essential to the planning effort.” The lakes near Staples that are scheduled for management plan updates in

2025 are:

- Alexander, Scandia Valley Township
- Shamineau, near Motley

Comments on future management of these Morrison County lakes can be shared by calling or emailing Eric Altena, Little Falls area fisheries supervisor, eric.altena@state.mn.us, 320-232-1069, before March 31. Area fisheries teams will consider the observations and comments obtained during this step of the process as they begin developing updates for each lake fisheries management plan. “We want to hear from anyone interested in these fisheries,” Fisher said. “Comments about experiences, observations, concerns and wishes for the fishery, rather than suggestions on how the DNR might accomplish a specific goal or objective are the most helpful kinds of input.” People might ask themselves: “What kind of fishing experience am I looking for?” “Are there fish habitat

concerns I’d like to share?” “What kinds of fish do I like to catch?” “Do I like catching big fish or a lot of fish?” “Do I have concerns about the fishery’s draw or popularity among anglers or other social concerns?” The DNR’s interest in comments includes those from organizations as well as individuals. Representatives of lake associations, outdoors groups, conservation organizations and local units of government are also encouraged to comment during the comment period. Based on initial comments received, management approaches under consideration and other considerations, area fisheries managers might determine additional public engagement is necessary later in summer or fall before completing their update to a particular plan. The DNR will publicize those opportunities for additional engagement regionally and posted them on the DNR lake management page.

Quote of the week

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”
— Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

What’s happening in Greater Minnesota?

The Center for Rural Policy and Development gave updates on their most recent research in an online presentation on Feb. 6, hosted by Sourcewell in Staples. Below are some of the notes taken from different topic segments. (Recaps by Mark Anderson, Managing Editor)

Rural in-migration, wages rising

Presentation by Kelly Asche, Center for Rural Policy and Development

For rural areas, the aging populations are becoming a larger piece of the puzzle than births. Rural areas dealing with more deaths than births, it’s becoming more severe now. The trend started around 2020 to 2022. This trend isn’t going to change as the Baby Boomer generation is aging. Everybody is dealing with this. There were some surprising results when immigration was studied. International migration has been about the same, but domestic migration is exploding for rural areas and going way down for urban. That means people in urban cities are moving to rural areas in larger numbers.

In the early 2000’s, there was a large out-migration out of rural areas. That has reversed and by 2017-18 rural areas started seeing more in-migration. The 2020 pandemic intensified that trend, now more people come into rural areas than leave. The U.S. Midwest is called the frost belt. The cold weather affects migration. Southern states are seeing hardcore net in-migration. The people moving to rural areas are typically 30-49 year old. Around 35 to 40 percent of them were originally from the region or had ties to the area, 60-65 percent were not. **Economic vitality** Looking at earnings per capita, rural areas have the lowest gains. Rural wages have been going up and the gap between metro and rural wages is starting to close. Wages are still lower in rural areas, but the cost of living is also significantly lower. When comparing wages to cost of living, rural still comes out better. Agriculture is a big economic driver, but education, health care and social services are the biggest industries in rural Minnesota, with manufacturing a significant part. Government services need to be provided everywhere, so a larger percentage of people in rural areas have government jobs. Job vacancies rose to 9.8 percent in 2021, now are back down to 2020 levels, around six percent. Searching for a labor force is still a problem, more severe in Greater Minnesota.

Elder care crisis is coming

Presentation by Kelly Asche, Center for Rural Policy and Development

We have an aging population and we’re all trying to figure out how we’re going to care for them. Demand for nursing beds is projected to peak in the year 2037 for rural areas and will still be high through 2055 and beyond. The sad news is we have a decline in nursing beds, either facilities are closing or they’re reducing the number of beds available. Since 2005, Minnesota has lost one third of our nursing beds, around 40 percent in rural areas. More facilities are closing in rural areas. Why is there so much decline? Long term trends and policies have collided with workforce shortages. The federal government wanted to reduce cost and give people more choices. There’re now more assisted living facilities and home health care available, but that has hurt the nursing home facilities.

Since facilities are now only caring for the most acute patients, those who need the most care and the most staff, it’s more expensive to care for them. There’s no way to reduce patient cost without affecting care. If you’re a small facility, can you survive? The smaller you are, the harder it is to make a go of this business model. The need for skilled workers has increased. There’s been a lot of decline since 2020. We had a lot of folks leave the occupation during the pandemic and they’ve been trying to recover since then. Small rural facilities are turning people away daily until they find workers. Patient may need to go further away to find a bed. Because of the new situation, a lot of good initiatives and ideas are coming out from this industry. CRPD will have a podcast coming out on this, asking the question “what are the changes that need to be made?” CRPD will be studying elderly care for two more years.

Accessing youth mental health services

Presentation by Marnie Werner, Center for Rural Policy and Development

CRPD studied youth mental health with the Center for Rural Behavioral Health at MSU Mankato. This is an issue everyone is concerned about. Things are going well in rural Minnesota but we have a lot of people experiencing mental health issues, that’s especially true for our children. Incidents of self-harm started going down until 2009, then went up again. It took off after 2020. Timeline coincides with cell phone use and 2020 pandemic. Emergency room visits, anxiety, conduct disorders and suicidal ideation increasing. Where do rural parents get help for their kids? A big issue is workforce shortage that has to do with the pipeline of getting licensed, also difficulty recruiting people into the field and difficulty getting those people to rural areas. Internships can help, students tend to stay in the area where they did their internships. High school students are being promoted for careers in mental health, but that is a four to eight year process, we need people right now. **Finding care** Parents should educate themselves about children’s mental health. Issues show up differently, youth are unable to express their emotions. They need different conversations. Play therapy or art therapy are alternatives. Early intervention is important. Calling 988 is now a mental health resource. It’s no longer called the suicide hotline, it’s for all mental health issues. Crisis intervention: every county has a team that can come and de-escalate a situation. We need more beds in mental health facilities and also need more prevention. One of the most important things is consulting your regular medical doctor. An issue may be physical or a health deficiency. Doctors can also help with mental factors. The current trend is to integrate more mental health services within the regular medicine practice, with more mental health facilitators within the family practice clinic. Mental health services at schools has improved, the state legislature has been funding the last few years. It’s much easier for students to meet with therapists at school and can keep things anonymous. Trusted members of the community can be more aware of mental health issues. Loneliness is a big problem everywhere, but people in rural areas are more likely to talk to a friend. They may not even know they’re talking about mental health. More research is coming on why it’s important for friends and family to be aware with what’s going on with a person. It’s not scary or difficult to say something and help people out. Full report is at ruralmn.org.

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Letter to the Editor

President should work for us

Is the president working for you? He doesn’t appear to be working for you if you are one of the following: A veteran, a police officer, a school student, a senior citizen, a person who needs medicare or medicaid, a person with a disability, a person who is hungry, a cancer patient, a person with Alzheimer’s, the free press, a person who uses a bank, a credit card or the post office, a small business, someone who expects food safety, or someone who wants cyber security and air traffic safety, or the safety of our nuclear weapons, someone who wants the president to follow the law and respect the constitution, or a citizen who wants the U.S. to stand with our allies. Our current president said he’s a king. In the United States we do not have a king. We elect a person to work for us, the people. This president appears to be working for himself, Elon Musk, his billionaire cronies, big corporations and Vladimir Putin. Cheryl Koll Motley, Minn.



Escape Room at the Staples Library

The Biggar/Moon group held on to the quickest escape time, 28:33 minutes, to win a \$25 pizza party certificate provided by the Staples Friends of the Library. The escape room will again be featured next year during the winter reading challenge at the Staples Public Library. Many more programs will be offered at the Staples Public Library in the upcoming months. Hours are Mon., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tues., 1-8 p.m.; Weds., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m.; Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-noon. Check the webpage at www.griver.org.

Above: Jake and Alyssa Moon and Chad and Ra-chael Biggar. (Submitted photos)



Benjamin and Stacy Underhill escaped in 29.11.



Carrie, Ashley, Oden, Madison and Caile Maroney escaped in 29.45.



Katie Tackmann, Cathy Edin and Alison Meyer.



Donald, Bonnie, Tammy and Duane.

Microsoft getting into rural hospitals for cybersecurity

Editor's note: this press release from Microsoft, they states that they've partnered with Lakewood Health System to enhance cybersecurity. They claimed that

Kate Behncken, Corporate Vice President, Microsoft Philanthropies and Erin Burchfield, Senior Director, Technology for Social Impact

Last year, Microsoft launched its Cybersecurity for Rural Hospitals Program, an initiative designed to help protect access to healthcare for the 46 million people living in rural America. Funded through a philanthropic investment, the program now has more than 550 rural hospitals, nearly one-third of all U.S. rural hospitals, participating to receive free cybersecurity assessments, cybersecurity training, Microsoft security product discounts and AI solutions designed to promote hospital resiliency.

On March 5, we released a new white paper sharing what we've learned in the last year, including insights on the current cybersecurity landscape for rural health and the role technology companies can play. Our goal with this program is to address both the immediate cyber risks facing these critical community resources as well as broader systemic challenges facing rural health.

Rural hospitals are a cornerstone of healthcare in communities across the U. S., providing critical services for roughly 14 percent of the U.S. population. The need to support rural hospitals is immense. These

hospitals are often the only healthcare option for over 50 miles in the communities they serve. A cyberattack that disrupts care for weeks or months in these isolated settings can have a devastating impact and endanger human lives. When a rural hospital's IT systems go down, patients often need to travel even longer distances for medical care. Long travel distances for healthcare are directly associated with higher mortality rates, particularly for time-sensitive conditions like heart attacks and strokes.

The rural health cybersecurity landscape

According to an FBI report, the healthcare sector reported more ransomware attacks in 2023, than any of the other critical infrastructure areas in the study. Given the highly sensitive personal data involved, healthcare is a rich target for increasingly sophisticated cybercriminals and nation-state threat actors launching cyberattacks. According to a recent report based on a survey of 402 healthcare organizations, 67 percent experienced a ransomware attack in the past year, with the average admitted ransom payment amounting to \$4.4 million. While larger hospitals can often pay ransoms to avoid patient care disruptions, ransomware attacks pose a particular threat to ru-

ral hospitals who operate with much smaller operational teams and financial margins. Rural hospitals are prime targets for these attacks due to their often-limited resources and legacy technology. For rural hospitals, a ransomware attack may represent a tipping point toward closure, impacting not just the hospital, but the communities they serve with potentially life-threatening consequences.

As we've worked with these hospitals in the last year, our goal has been to help create strong security not just through our products but to also help address specific practice needs and identify broader systemic issues. For example, early on, we found most rural hospitals hadn't implemented basic cybersecurity best practices, such as email security and multi-factor authentication. By delivering a holistic solution that includes free assessment, curated learning pathways for employees and non-profit pricing for Critical Access and Rural Emergency Hospitals, we can help these hospitals to be less vulnerable to com-

mon threats and ultimately, better serve their communities.

Supporting rural health resilience

With the release of this white paper, we hope to increase awareness and understanding of these issues and drive more collaboration between technology companies, policymakers and healthcare providers to enhance the cybersecurity resilience of rural hospitals.

In the coming months, Microsoft will continue to expand efforts to support rural hospitals, ensuring they have the tools and resources needed to mitigate cyber threats and enhance their overall resilience. Leveraging AI for greater efficiency by streamlining and automating some hospital processes is just one way we are looking to provide support.

By addressing both immediate cybersecurity risks and broader systemic challenges, we can help ensure that rural hospitals remain a vital part of the healthcare ecosystem, providing essential services to millions of Americans.

Mark Your Calendar

March 12, 13

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

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

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, March 13, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Charley Huhtala, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

March 14

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

March 16

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

March 17

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

March 18

WOMEN'S AA MTG Tuesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Staples Church of Christ, on Hwy 210, south of Staples.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

March 19

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION board meeting Wednesday, March 19, in the lower level of Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, at 5:30 p.m. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139. Public invited.

Staples-Motley Elementary

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Tuesday, March 18th

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Obituaries

Richard Warn

Richard Warn, 73, of Staples passed away with family by his side on February 25, 2025 in Staples, after a long journey with dementia.

Services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples on Friday, April 11 at 12:00 noon, with visitation starting at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow at the church.

Richard will be interred at South Immanuel Church in rural Rothsay.

Richard was born October 15, 1951 to Robert and Inez Warn in Eveleth. He graduated from Eveleth High School in 1969.

He worked in many different trades as a young adult, including photo finishing and road construction. He completed college coursework in elementary education at St. Cloud State University before taking a job in the Trident Seafoods maintenance department in 1989. Over the next 30 years, Rich proved to be a dedicated, vital employee, eventually retiring from the purchasing department. Rich's co-workers, family, friends and neighbors attest to his work ethic and generous spirit. He rarely turned down an opportunity to help out. In his free time, he could often be found fixing vehicles, mowing, reconstructing, painting or building all kinds of things for others. He and Gail also restored a historic house where Gail ran her custom frame shop and Rich cut and assembled frames.

Rich and Gail were married on June 7, 1980 in Rothsay and raised their family in Staples. Rich was a proud father to Allison and Laura, always their most dedicated fan and most patient and reliable practice partner at the tennis and basketball courts. He found great joy in sharing his love of hiking, biking, camping, canoeing



and sports with his family and friends. He also enjoyed bringing his family back to the Iron Range and North Shore to explore his stomping grounds. Rich was an artist of all kinds - enriching the world with his paintings, photography, writing, snow sculptures, drawings, handmade canoe paddles and guitar music.

His laugh, humility and creativity will be greatly missed and gratefully carried on in his loved ones.

Richard is survived by his wife of 45 years, Gail Warn; two daughters, Allison (Jason) Ranallo and Laura (Joel) Lundeen; five grandchildren, Elijah Lundeen, Jona Lundeen, Quinn Ranallo, Hannah Ranallo and Myles Lundeen; two brothers, Robert (Yvonne) Warn and George Warn; one sister, Marilyn (Jim) DeRubeis; three sisters-in-law, Carolyn Howland (Harley), Mary Lou (Robert) Zimmermann and Linda Cariveau; nieces and nephews; family friends, the Coughlin family and the Williams family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; aunts and uncles; one niece; one sister-in-law, Elizabeth 'Betty' Warn; mother-in-law, Evelyn Ohe and two brothers-in-law, Donald Cariveau and Larry Ohe.

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Denise Sirucek

Denise Elaine Sirucek, 77, resident of Poplar Township near Leader, passed away March 8, 2025, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the church. A lunch will follow immediately after the service. The family is requesting potted plants in lieu of flowers.

Denise was born to Frances (Goggins) and David Hiebert in White Fish, Montana on April 29, 1947.

Denise married Donald

Sirucek, her husband of 59 years, in 1964, at the Little Brown Church in Big Fork, Montana.

She will be deeply missed by her children, six sons, Leo, Quincy (Vickie), Neil, Loren (Barbara), Justin and Tyler (Lydia) and one daughter, Paulette (John); many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister, Marilyn Goodsell; extended family members and dear friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald; one sister, Mariam and daughter-in-law, LaNette.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

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Heather Melissa's
turning 50 on March 12!



"Don't
It Make
Her
Brown
Eyes
Blue"



Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
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
Sunday Worship Service.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(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
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
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
.....218-397-2470
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Motley
Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E.....218-352-6888
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 Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Youth Pastor Joe Ward
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 Woffenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leaf River Township

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

Wadena

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

"Do Better"

Pastor Don Reigstad, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church, Cushing

One of Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Successful People" is to "Begin with the End in Mind." He encourages the reader to plan your own memorial service. I think it is a great idea. What do you want others to get up and say about you? Done? Now live in such a way as to make that possible. After all, you don't really want your loved ones to have to lie about you in order share something positive at your ser-

vice, do you?

I recall the suicide death of one man. Across my desk sat his wife, his mother and his ex-wife. After 15 minutes of negativity, I finally asked, "Doesn't any one of you have ANYTHING positive to say about him?!" Silence. It reminded me of a king in ancient Israel, of whom it was said, "He passed away to no one's regret." (2 Chron. 21:20) You can do better.

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Cardinals cruise into section semifinal

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team moved on to the Section 7AA semifinal with a 67-45 win over Barnum on March 8. In the first round, they defeated Greenway 65-49 at home.

The Cardinals will now play Pequot Lakes on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, at Romano gymnasium. The other semifinal, played at 5:30 at the same gym, will be Esko against Pierz. The section final is Friday, March 14, at 6 p.m., also in Duluth.

“We are proud of the way our kids have persevered,” said Coach Zack Qual. “The season hasn’t looked like we had hoped going into it with all of the injuries and what feels like a little bit of bad luck, but they have grinded through the hard stuff and I think we’re better for it now at the end of the season.”

First round

Against Greenway, the Cardinals had to deal with a 6’10” center who blocked multiple shots during the game. Early in the game, Josiah Burton hit a three point shot, pulling the shot-blocker out of the lane and giving Noah Larson opportunities for post-up baskets and offensive rebounds that he turned to baskets.

The Cardinals offense also stepped up their passing game, moving the ball around quickly until they found an open shot.

At the end of the first half, Ryan Neelan drove into the lane and hit a floater, giving Staples-Motley their biggest lead of the game, 29-16.

The lead expanded to 20 in the second half before Greenway started fighting back, hitting inside baskets early on and making some threes late in the game. But Larson had four offensive rebound putbacks and Brandt put the game away with two late three pointers.

Section quarterfinal

Against Barnum, the Cardinals took off fast and never looked back. Noah Larson and Eli Rutten powered the offense in the first half, with nine and eight points respectively. That led to a 33-20 halftime lead.

In the second half, Brandt kept the team in front, scoring on a three point shot, two free throws and a two



Clutch basket

Ryan Neelan scores in the final seconds of the half.

point basket early in the half.

But the story of the game was the Staples-Motley defense. The Cardinals had multiple pass deflections, with Brandt getting five and Eli Rutten three. Only three Barnum players scored in the first half. The Cardinals relaxed a little in the second half but maintained a 20 point lead until the end.

“I’m really proud of the kids and our coaches,” said Qual. “Both of our playoff games our boys have been really locked into the game plan and executed really well. Our assistant coaches Nick Schultz and Justin Thorne worked overtime to make it happen. They watched a bunch of film and knew both of our opponents so well which helped the boys know tendencies and certain actions that the teams liked to run. It also helped me when it came to crunch time and making in

game adjustments.”

Team results

Section 7AA boys basketball playoffs

Round 1: Staples-Motley 65, Greenway 49

Scoring: Noah Larson 22, Avandre Brandt 13, Eli Rutten 11, Josiah Burton 7, Ryan Neelan 7, Conner Kuhns 5

Rebounds: Larson 16, Burton 8, Brandt 5, Neelan 5, Kuhns 5, Rutten 4, Peyton Jares 1, Eli Blue 1

Assists: Rutten 5, Burton 4, Kuhns 3, Brandt 2, Larson 2

Steals: Kuhns 2, Burton 1, Rutten 1

Staples-Motley 67, Barnum 45

Scoring: Brandt 16, Larson 13, Rutten 12, Grant Bestland 7, Kuhns 6, Neelan 6, Burton 4, Evan Schultz 2, Eli Blue 1

Rebounds: Brandt 12, Larson 11, Kuhns 9, Rutten 6, Bestland 3, Burton 3, Blue 3, Peyton Jares 2

Assists: Kuhns 7, Rutten 4, Neelan 2, Bestland 2, Burton 2, Brandt 1, Jaden Johnson 1, Jares 1, Larson 1, Blue 1

Steals: Brandt 3, Bestland 1, Rutten 1



Big night inside

Noah Larson goes to his left hand to score against Greenway. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Eli Rutten



Grant Bestland

Acclaimed author sought answers to deadly forest fire

Norman Maclean may not be a household name, but the movie based on his best-known book—A River Runs Through It—is an icon in American cinematic history. Heart throb Brad Pitt’s star power, a setting of Montana’s mountain majesty, the charisma of its fly fishing subplot, and the drama of flawed character, were a 1992 Oscar-celebrated combination in a movie that was directed and co-produced by Robert Redford, himself a renowned actor.

Far less familiar is author Maclean’s book Young Men and Fire, based on the 1949 deaths of a crew of young “smoke jumpers,” the elite among U.S. Forest Service firefighters, in Mann Gulch in the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness Area of Montana’s Helena National Forest. It is a narrative constructed by a very talented, curious, and well-informed author, who from his early youth knew firsthand the business of logging, forestry, and forest firefighting

Young Men and Fire is the product of Norman Maclean’s attempt to understand the peculiar person-

ality of the fire that took 13 of 15 smoke jumpers’ lives, all but two of these deaths less than an hour after the group stepped through the door of their C-47 Skytrain aircraft to begin their slow parachute descent to a gulch between two precipitous ridges leading down to the Missouri River below.

Forest fire is a phenomenon all too familiar to Minnesotans. Though not confined just to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, that area is where some of our largest and most difficult to control forest fires occur; like the Greenwood Fire of August 2021, which burned more than 25,000 acres—roughly 39 square miles. Hardly a year goes by without a forest fire, large or small, occurring there. Minnesota has also been an indirect victim of other forest fires, blazes in forested Canada whose smoke has on multiple occasions drifted south across the border, leading to air quality health warnings in Minnesota and beyond.

Now-deceased author Maclean was born in Iowa, but grew up in Montana as one of the sons of a Presbyterian minister, in a family of devout trout fishermen, whose collective lives would later contribute theme and content for his semi-autobiographical, Pulitzer Prize-nominated book A River Runs Through It.

Maclean learned about forests and forest fires at a tender age, an age when

today’s youth are likely to spend summers in athletic pursuits, at summer camps, and in various “enrichment” activities. Because of a home front labor shortage caused by America sending troops to Europe to fight in World War I, Maclean began at the age of 14—too young for military service—to work in logging camps and for the U.S. Forest Service in the Bitterroot National Forest of northwestern Montana.

He returned after college graduation for two more Forest Service years, some of it in lonely towers on fire watch duty, before leaving Montana for graduate school, and eventual career tenure as a Professor of English at the University of Chicago. Maclean authored numerous short stories and novellas, but for the vast majority of Americans his name will always be most closely and inextricably linked to A River Runs Through It.

The unfamiliar do not imagine a forest fire to be overly complex. A forest fire is typically ignited by lightning, or by human carelessness. Its development is influenced by such things as wind and the combustible fuel available to it, and continues to burn until firefighting crews, rain, or natural barriers—or some combination of these—bring it under control.

After the Mann Gulch fire, Maclean—a former firefighter himself, a con-

temporary and associate of giants in the study of forest fire behavior, and a man of intense curiosity and analytical ability—dedicated great amounts of time, research, and deliberation to learn just how and why a fire that at first was believed to be routine, could turn into a raging monster that in a matter of minutes caught, trapped, and killed its elite firefighter victims.

Maclean came to believe that a combination of atmospheric conditions, the distribution of types of vegetation in Mann Gulch, the shape and topography of the rocky gulch area itself, and the ability of some fires to generate their own explosive energy, turned a small fire into a large and deadly one that few of the most fleet and athletic could have outrun. This, with the twist of the ingenious and near-miraculous survival of one of those who did not perish.

Young Men and Fire is a compelling read, both for the drama that its author spins, and for the mysteries of fire that are revealed by one who could best understand and communicate them. Young Men and Fire can be found not only among the numerous online book sellers, but also in Kindle format for those who read on an electronic device.

Those who read it are unlikely to think of a forest fire in quite the same light thereafter.



Conner Kuhns



Mike Rahn



NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 14, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$87,387.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Timothy L. Klimek and Dawn Klimek, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 17, 2016 as Document

Number 501301 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. by assignment recorded on March 16, 2020 as Document Number A518497 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at a point 467 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 3, Block 2, Rodman's Addition to Eagle Bend, Minnesota, thence East a distance of 150 feet, thence South 125 feet, thence West 150 feet, thence North 125 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 13, Township 131, Range 35, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 309 CENTRAL AVE S, EAGLE BEND, MN 56446

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$83,076.83

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Quicken Loans Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Rocket Mortgage, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 33-0003100

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100039033600886869

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been insti-

tuted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on October 24, 2025.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: February 14, 2025

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: _____/s/ _____
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25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(25-0137-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

10-15pnc

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION (These parcels have not forfeited to the State of Minnesota)			
State of Minnesota	Denise Gaida		
County of Todd	County Auditor/Treasurer		

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

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

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

Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Addition Owners/ Interested Parties	Legal Description	Amount Due
00-009790 TIMOTHY C JASMER 17206 490TH ST VERDALE MN 56481	CHARLES M JASMER 50667 COUNTY 77 VERDALE MN 56481	SECT 48 TWP 133 RANG 34 S2 SW4	\$ 1,518.64
08-004800 HARLIN & PATRICIA GROVER & SUE GROVER RISTINE 1648 HILLVIEW RD SHOREVIEW MN 55126		LOT 15 BLOCK 3 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1	\$ 157.77
08-004809 HARLIN & PATRICIA GROVER & SUE GROVER RISTINE 1648 HILLVIEW RD SHOREVIEW MN 55126		LOT 16 BLOCK 3 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1	\$ 157.77
08-010600 PETER & NATALYA SHEVCHENKO 2329 GURER RD SEDALIA MO 65091		LOT 2 BLOCK 12 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 147.57
08-010800 DELMAR GOLDENMAN CO NANCY SAGER 34022 XENON ST NW PRINCETON MN 55731	CARL LARUE 63025 ARROWHEAD RD CAMBRIDGE OH 43725	LOT 24 BLOCK 12 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 111.59
08-012250 RUPALI SUNIL SHAH 1256 WATER LILY WAY SAN JOSE CA 95129		LOT 20 BLOCK 1 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 147.57
08-012600 MATTHEW PRATT 9028 HIGHLAND AVE AVALON WI 53505		LOT 21 BLOCK 2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 121.81
08-012630 MATTHEW PRATT 9028 HIGHLAND AVE AVALON WI 53505		LOT 24 BLOCK 2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 132.03
08-013000 LEROY O & CAROLYN YOUNG 7573 MADISON ST OMAHA NE 68127		LOT 3 BLOCK 3 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 142.24
08-013750 TIMOTHY C RAVELING 8481 MAGNOLIA ST NW COON RAPIDS MN 55433		LOT 31 BLOCK 5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 121.81
08-015620 LELAND VANPACKER WHITEHEAD 819 SOUTH BREVARD AVE COCA BEACH FL 32935		LOT 22 BLOCK 9 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 178.20
08-015650 BENJAMIN F & MAREN C MOON 5775 120 TH ST SW PILLAGER MN 56473		LOT 2 BLOCK 10 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 132.03
08-015660 BENJAMIN F & MAREN C MOON 5775 120 TH ST SW PILLAGER MN 56473		LOT 3 BLOCK 10 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 132.03
08-016040 JOE ST GERMAIN 215 BLAIR AVE ST PAUL MN 55103		LOT 2 BLOCK 1 SECOND ADD TO LANDS END	\$ 1,846.28
13-0025100 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 27 TWP 130 RANG 34 NE4 NE4	\$ 4,098.02
17-0004400 EUGENE KRASUE AGRICULTURAL FARMS LLC 1630 210 TH ST LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 05 TWP 128 RANG 34 E2 NW4	\$ 11,535.00
17-0007400 LELAND THOMAS MIRON 19190 COUNTY RD 11 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 9 TWP 128 RANG 34 E2 NE4 SW4	\$ 4,589.54
18-0018200 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 17 TWP 129 RANG 33; AT NW COR OF SW4 SW4, E 367.80FT, SE 1/4LY ALONG CTRLINE OF CO RD 89 551.98FT, SW 320.49FT, NW 22.87FT, SW 102.79FT, SW 137.50FT, SE 86.05FT, SE 74.23FT, SE 27.50FT, NE 225.06FT TO PT OF	\$ 2,715.64
19-0041800 BRANDON GREENWOOD 39729 OAK DR BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 20 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 118.45
19-0042300 BRANDON GREENWOOD 39729 OAK DR BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 25 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 1,675.18
19-0042400 BRANDON GREENWOOD 39729 OAK DR BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 26 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 95.13
19-0045000 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 33 BLOCK 2 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 143.97
19-0075400 ANDREW & OLGA KRINITSYN 4440 145 TH LANE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT 14 BLOCK 5 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 110.68
19-0075600 ANDREW & OLGA KRINITSYN 4440 145 TH LANE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT 16 BLOCK 5 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 99.80
19-0097700 TARYN NESBIT CARLITA THOMPSON 2946 GOLF VIEW CT ST CLOUD MN 56301		LOT 1 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 95.13
19-0097700 TARYN NESBIT CARLITA THOMPSON 2946 GOLF VIEW CT ST CLOUD MN 56301		LOT 21 BLOCK 4 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 123.55
19-0122100 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 7 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 97.57
19-0122200 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 8 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 97.57
19-0122300 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 9 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 97.57
19-0122400 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 10 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 97.57
19-0122500 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 11 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 164.19

19-0122600 ARNOLD & SANDRA BOIE 27455 OKLA CIRCLE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT 12 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 1,203.20
19-0125900 MUTASIM S ASSIDIMI 43017 DONNILL CUP SQ ASHBURN VA 20147		LOT 45 BLOCK 1 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 157.07
20-0056600 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 33 TWP 129 RANG 34 E 12 RDS OF N 14 RDS OF NE4	\$ 3,580.66
20-0067600 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 33 TWP 129 RANG 34 BEG 977 FT S & 264 FT W OF NE COR OF NE4, N 117 FT, W 100 FT, S 84 FT, SE 105 FT TO BEG	\$ 80.48
20-0083000 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK 24 2ND ST S LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	SECT 34 TWP 129 RANG 34 SW4 NE4 EX COMM AT SW COR OF SW4 NE4, N 763 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE N 315 FT, E 222 FT, S 182 FT, E 88 FT, S 133 FT, W 310 FT TO BEG	\$ 2,186.98
21-0025000 JOSEPH & KAREN LAGANIERE CO PAT LAGANIERE 27710 170TH ST GREY EAGLE MN 56336	MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 444 LAFAYETTE ROAD ST PAUL MN 55155-3813	SECT 23 TWP 128 RANG 33 W 480 FT OF E 967 FT OF S 453.75 FT OF SW4 SE4	\$ 6,126.61
23-0003902 JASON T LEHMKEHL 50919 COUNTY HIGHWAY 73 WADENIA MN 56482		SECT 6 TWP 133 RANG 33 N 660 FT OF SE4 NE4	\$ 986.44
23-0024300 MATTHEW RAY GREWE 40279 131 ST AVE HEWITT MN 56453		SECT 28 TWP 133 RANG 35 E 28 RDS S2 N2 SE4	\$ 3,845.18
24-0031100 JODY S & MARIAN L LARSON 29171 LAAR RD CLISHING MN 56443	LARSON'S WHISPERING PINES CEMETERY CO GARRY LARSON	SECT 30 TWP 131 RANG 32 N2 NW4 EX PART W OF CREEK & SW4 NE4 EX S 313 FT OF E 696 FT & NW4 NE4 EX PART PLATTED FOR LARSON'S WHISPERING PINES CEMETERY	\$ 743.61
25-0007500 HAROLD G HARKCOM & GEARLEAN CAMERON CO ROBERT CAMERON 80529 385TH AVE STAPLES MN 56479	MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 444 LAFAYETTE ROAD ST PAUL MN 55155-3813	SECT 5 TWP 133 RANG 32 PART OF SW4 NW4 BEG AS COMM AT SE COR OF SW4 NW4, N 70.40 FT TO N LINE OF HWY 10, N 266.60 FT, W 116.50 FT, S 250.76 FT TO N LINE OF HWY 10, SE TO BEG EX E 16.50 FT	\$ 4,300.26
26-0019300 GARY HOMBERGER 5938 145TH AVE EAGLE BEND MN 56446		SECT 23 TWP 131 RANG 35 BEG AT NW COR OF NW4 NW4, S 386.19 FT, E 615.90 FT, N 376.84 FT, W 617.36 TO PT OF BEG	\$ 3,377.41
26-0029001 DAVID M SARFF 13487 340TH STREET EAGLE BEND MN 56446	MN HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY 400 SIBLEY STREET, SUITE 300 ST PAUL MN 55101	SECT 33 TWP 131 RANG 35 COMM AT NW COR NOE NE4 NE4, E 702 FT S 316 FT W 460 FT S 450 FT W 242 FT N 766 FT TO BEG	\$ 4,079.29
33-0001630 THOMAS J ATKINSON 1507 E 4TH ST BULLITT MN 55812	BREMER BANK, N.A. ATTN: RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE 8555 EAGLE POINT BLVD LAKE ELMO MN 55042	LOT 1 & 2 EX S 20 FT BLOCK 4 ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND	\$ 3,417.28
29-0005400 CHEAP HOME FINDERS INC PO BOX 800165 PORT ST LUCIE FL 34988		LOT 11 AUD. SUBD. OF E 706 FT OF SE4 SE4	\$ 2,886.55
29-0017700 VANACE & AMY M BURGER PO BOX 101 BERTHA MN 56437		LOTS 13 & 14 BLOCK 3 KILBURN'S THIRD ADD.	\$ 4,037.84
33-0000700 JAMES R RANDALL TRUST CO JESSIE RANDALL PO BOX 293 CAROLS MN 56319		SECT 11 TWP 131 RANG 35 COMM 21 RDS N OF SW COR OF SE4 SE4, THENCE N 23 RDS, E 16 RDS, S 10 RDS, E 16 RDS, S 13 RDS, W 32 RDS	\$ 2,148.56
33-0009100 CHARLES A & JOYCE KAY LARSON 537 TURBO AVE NW EAGLE BEND MN 56446	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. 194 WOOD AVE S SEALIN NJ 08030	AUDITOR'S PLAT W2 SW4 LOTS 4, 5 & 6 EX COMM AT NW COR OF LOT 4, E 235 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE E 134 FT, SE ALONG R.O.W. LINE 352 FT TO S LINE OF LOT 4, W 210 FT, NW 200 FT, E 47 FT, NW 146.5 FT TO BEG	\$ 5,447.52
33-0016300 THOMAS J ATKINSON 1507 E 4TH ST BULLITT MN 55812	UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A. 215 FOREST ST HATTIESBURG MS 39401	LOT 1 & 2 EX S 20 FT BLOCK 4 ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND	\$ 3,417.28
33-0020900 BERNARD P PAM DAHLVANG 8526 COUNTY 20 SW SEBEKA MN 56477		E 30 FT OF S 84.25 FT OF LOT 10 BLOCK 1 BOND'S FIRST ADDITION	\$ 4,810.02
33-0023800 LEONA PECHAN (TRETTER) PO BOX 177 EAGLE BEND MN 56446		LOTS 4 & 5 BLOCK 3 BOND'S 2ND ADDITION	\$ 3,968.92
33-0023900 RAYMOND J PECHAN & LEONA PECHAN (TRETTER) PO BOX 177 EAGLE BEND MN 56446		LOT 6 BLOCK 3 BOND'S 2ND ADDITION	\$ 174.15
33-0033000 BERNARD & PAM DAHLVANG 8526 COUNTY 20 SW SEBEKA MN 56477		N 111.5 FT OF LOT 1 BLOCK 2 SARFF'S CENTRAL ADDITION	\$ 7,026.84
34-0002300 PATRICIA C SEPERT ESTATE CO RICHARD SEPERT 15114 265TH AVE GREY EAGLE MN 56336		LOT 1 AUD SUBD SE4 NE4 & GOVT LOT 4 S 100 FT OF N 396 FT OF E 150 FT OF W 315 FT	\$ 6,596.94
34-0022000 JULIO A BOTELLO HURTADO SARAI BOTELLO BECERRA 428 STATE STREET E GREY EAGLE MN 56336		LOT 9 BLOCK 1 MCNAMARA'S ADDITION	\$ 2,045.55
35-0018900 ALLEN J DIRKS 420 MAIN ST HEWITT MN 56453	MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 444 LAFAYETTE ROAD ST PAUL MN 55155-3813	LOT 2 EX N 5 FT & ALL OF LOT 3 BLOCK 14 TOWNSITE OF HEWITT	\$ 6,553.21
36-0026300 DARRELL DEL BOIS HENRIQUEZ ROSALIA HENRIQUEZ SELMO 167TH STREET SE LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	MARTIN MONTANEZ-AMORELOS ARTEMA MONTANEZ CARRILLO 111 WOODLAND CIRCLE LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	LOT 2 BLOCK 3 TWEED'S FIRST ADDITION	\$ 3,512.76
36-0033100 LITTLE ELK CONSTRUCTION INC 33 2ND ST S LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		N 42.50 FT OF LOTS 9 & 10 BLOCK 3 TWEED'S SECOND ADDITION...	\$ 7,959.74
36-0036011 BARRY J & LARAE BAUER PO BOX 236 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT 21 TWP 129 RANG 33 LOTS 9 TO 12 EX N 6 FT OF LOT 12 BLOCK 1 LAWIN'S FIRST ADDITION TO LONG PRAIRIE	\$ 19,137.72
38-0023400 BRANDON & JACKLYN SMITH PO BOX 917 ANCHOR POINT AK 99556		LOT 3 BLOCK 21 STAPLES MILL	\$ 2,856.07
38-0040500 DAVID J BAKER TRUSTEE PERAL, BENJAMIN, JOHN BAKER 4272 JACKSON AVE CULVER CITY CA 90232		LOT 3 BLOCK 7 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADD...	\$ 250.60
38-0042800 KEVIN W HARRIS & MICHELLE L WEEKLEY 212 WISCONSIN AVE SE STAPLES MN 56479		LOT 4 BLOCK 5 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION	\$ 1,680.14

The time for redemption of the parcels of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of this notice and the filing of proof thereof in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, or July 31st, 2024 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

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

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

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

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

Denise Gaida,
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

by Recky Jager-Mai,
Deputy Auditor/Treasurer
Todd County Courthouse
215 - 1st Avenue South, Suite 201
Long Prairie, MN 56347-1378
Telephone: (320) 732 - 4473

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 29, 2022

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$149,153.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Eric J. Tichy, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 31, 2022 as Document Number A531000 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded on February 27, 2025 as Document Number A544828 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 23, Auditor's Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter Northwest Quarter (SE1/4 NW1/4) and the Northeast Quarter Southwest Quarter (NE1/4 SW1/4), Section 1, Township 133, Range 33, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 718 5TH ST NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$146,902.53

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: USAA Federal Savings Bank

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0104600

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1001056-3002612522-5

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that

an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 17, 2025.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORT



Public Notices

NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for the Township of Becker, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Tuesday April 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Becker Township Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor; and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION (These parcels have forfeited to the State of Minnesota)

State of Minnesota Denise Gaida
County of Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

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

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Todd County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on these parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) sixty (60) days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcels or (2) July 11th, 2025 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

IMPORTANT: If the parcels forfeit, they will be sold. If the proceeds from the sale exceed the total amount of the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs assigned to those parcels, you may be entitled to the excess proceeds from the sale. If there are excess proceeds, you will be notified and must submit the claim form included with the notification in order to receive the proceeds.

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

Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Addition Owners/ Interested Parties	Legal Description	Amount Due
03-0029200 JANET J GUERRA C/O LISA GUERRA 2060 CHARLTON ST APT 119 WEST ST PAUL, MN 55118		SECT-13 TWP-127 RANG-34 BEG AT A PT 33 FT E OF NE COR OF LOT 9 DIAMOND SPRINGS PARK THENCE E 141 FT NW TO N LINE OF LOT 1 W TO A PT 33 FT E OF NE COR OF LOT 7	\$ 1,494.10
06-0102100 DORINE A PETERICK 406 4TH AVE S BOWLUS MN 56314		LOT-38 BLK-1 BIG SWAN LAKE CAMPGROUND CIC #20	\$ 676.61
08-0006900 KENNETH E JENSEN JR 28744 444TH ST STAPLES MN 56479		SECT-06 TWP-132 RANG-32 W2 W2 SE4 NW4	\$ 3,306.91
08-0099700 ZACHARY GIBBONS 11934 302ND AVE NW PRINCETON MN 55371-3700		LOT-33 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 114.62
08-0099800 ZACHARY GIBBONS 11934 302ND AVE NW PRINCETON MN 55371-3700		LOT-34 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 112.01
08-0099900 ZACHARY GIBBONS 11934 302ND AVE NW PRINCETON MN 55371-3700		LOT-35 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 114.62
08-0100100 ZACHARY GIBBONS 11934 302ND AVE NW PRINCETON MN 55371-3700		LOT-37 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 104.38
08-0111400 DARLENE WILLIAMS & CAROL LEE OLSON 3410 VINCENT AVE N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55412		LOT-50 BLK-12 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 105.60
08-0118600 RICHARD & GENEVIEVE BOUDREAU 6997 HWY 55 SE ROCKFORD MN 55373		LOT-30 BLK-13 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 128.25
08-0122600 JASON C JEPPESEN 12198 MISSISSIPPI DR N CHAMPLAIN MN 55316		LOT-21 BLK-1 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 79.72
08-0136200 JOSHUA & BARIDURA ABUKI 2695 JABER AVE NE ST MICHAEL MN 55376	PAVEL MATVEYEV 14500 SE LAURIE AVE MILWAUKIE OR 97267	LOT-18 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 150.90
08-0136400 JOSHUA & BARIDURA ABUKI 2695 JABER AVE NE ST MICHAEL MN 55376	PAVEL MATVEYEV 14500 SE LAURIE AVE MILWAUKIE OR 97267	LOT-20 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 128.25
08-0137100 ABRAHAM HALE 3681 LENNEX ROAD BRAINERD MN 56401	ALLAN SCHNEIDER MARILYN BERG 15334 115TH AVE LITTLE FALLS MN 56345	LOT-27 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 118.22
08-0141900 SCOTT & JACQUELINE ENGEBRETSON 30317 TRADER DR STAPLES MN 56479		LOT-38 BLK-6 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 128.25
08-0142000 SCOTT & JACQUELINE ENGEBRETSON 30317 TRADER DR STAPLES MN 56479		LOT-39 BLK-6 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 118.22
08-0155900 SERGEI & ELLA SELYUKOV 9217 59 th AVE N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55428		LOT-19 BLK-9 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 26.47
10-0073600 JEFFREY FAULKNER 4028 19TH AVE S MINNEAPOLIS MN 55407	MAGNIFI 320 E MAIN ST MELROSE MN 56352	LOT-13 BLK-1 EARLY INN ESTATES C# 626	\$ 1,260.42
12-0013101 AGNES & MIKEL 24621 COUNTRY 14 BROWERVILLE MN 56438		SECT-09 TWP-130 RANG-33 COMM AT NE COR OF NW4 SW4, W 200 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE W 175 FT, S 820 FT, E 175 FT, N 820 FT TO BEG	\$ 214.24
15-0079700 TIMOTHY FORCIER 13657 FALCON DR OSAKIS MN 56360		LOT-6 BLK-1 HJELM SUBDIVISION	\$ 12,223.13
19-0040700 LISA MONJEAU 1418 RED HAWK CT NEW RICHMOND WI 54017-6596		LOT-9 BLK-4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 109.46
19-0042100 ANTHONY POLICANO 5905 42ND AVE N ROBBINSDALE MN 55422		LOT-23 BLK-4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 86.19
19-0051100 BEN ALLEN WRUCK 39724 OAK DRIVE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT-19 BLK-6 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 6,061.11
19-0052900 GERHARD P & SHELIA M SCHYMA 35952 OAK DRIVE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT-37 BLK-6 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 681.17
19-0057100 BENJAMIN THOMAS WILKINS & BEVELYN KEITH 16046 CAMBRIDGE CIR SE PRIOR LAKE MN 55372-1707		LOT-79 BLK-6 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 54.20
19-0062600 ALISA BALTERMAN W9994 BUTTERNUT LN PEPIN WI 54759		LOT-14 BLK-2 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 119.48
19-0067000 LAND TRUST COMPANY LLC 1118 LANCASTER DR NE SALEM OR 97301		LOT-20 BLK-3 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 86.19
19-0071100 VLADIMIR & ROZA KIROLOVICH 1309 196TH ST SW LYNNWOOD WA 98036-7187		LOT-14 BLK-4 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 91.19
19-0079300 CHRISTOPHER LEE KUTZORIK 217 SCOTT DR SARTELL MN 56377-1210		LOT-36 BLK-6 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 94.01
19-0079400 CHRISTOPHER LEE KUTZORIK 217 SCOTT DR SARTELL MN 56377-1210		LOT-37 BLK-6 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 94.01
19-0082500 RAQUEL E & SIGFREDO G MUNOZ 3100 AQUILA AVE N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55427		LOT-10 BLK-8 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 81.15
19-0106700 IRENE FREEMAN 1896 134TH AVE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT-22 BLK-1 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 29.41
19-0106800 IRENE FREEMAN 1896 134TH AVE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT-23 BLK-1 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 34.45

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Motley, Morrison and Cass Counties, Minnesota shall meet on Friday, April 11th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. this meeting is at the Motley City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

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

Given under my hand this 6th day of March, 2025

Danai Burt
Clerk of the City of Motley

19-0106900 IRENE FREEMAN 1896 134TH AVE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT-24 BLK-1 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 34.45
19-0113400 LEROY L & TINA POHLKAMP 1635 AKELING ST PHILADELPHIA PA 19124	CARL LARUE 63825 ARROWHEAD RD CAMBRIDGE OH 43725	LOT-19 BLK-3 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 91.19
19-0120700 KRISTINE SMIDA 11101 XERXES AVE S BLOOMINGTON MN 55431		LOT-20 BLK-6 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 406.27
19-0127200 TROY SIMMONS CO CASEY SIMMONS 67610 325TH STREET WATKINS MN 55389		LOT 10 BLK 2 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 86.19
20-0030703 GEORGANN M & DAVID W LARSON & GEORGE W LARSON 18670 COUNTY 10 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT-28 TWP-129 RANG-34 PART OF W2 SW4 DESC AS: COMM AT SW COR OF SEC 24 E 960.08 FT TO PT OF BEG; THENCE N 957.32 FT W 193.39 FT N 163.95 FT E 293.39	\$ 7,332.05
22-0037500 RUSSELL P SATHIER 1355 MONTANA AVE NW STAPLES MN 56479		BLK-9 PARK ADDITION TO STAPLES MILL	\$ 7,740.16
23-0007900 JOSEPH DENNY 12220-490TH ST HEWITT MN 56453		SECT-09 TWP-133 RANG-35 SW4 SW4 EX COMM AT S QTR COR OF SEC 9, W 1816.67 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE N 1316.40 FT TO N LINE, E 461.85 FT, S 1317.14 FT TO	\$ 382.30
23-0004000 JACKIE DEAN SALDANA DENNIS G LEE 50707 28TH AVE STAPLES MN 56379		SECT-06 TWP-133 RANG-32 E 660 FT OF N 707.52 FT OF SE4 NW4	\$ 7,627.29
23-0009200 KELLY MARIE (MISMASH) SUNNER 1306 14TH ST N ST CLOUD MN 56303		SECT-10 TWP-133 RANG-32 E 125 FT OF E 15 RDS OF W 25 RDS OF TRACT N OF S 60 RDS OF GOVT LOT 6	\$ 1,547.43
26-0011200 MARIE VANCE 28192 CO 18 BROWERVILLE MN 56438		SECT-12 TWP-131 RANG-33 E2 SW4 SE4	\$ 6,184.55
29-0016800 HALEY CHRISTINA VOIGT 3332 OAK ST APT B BRAINERD MN 56401		KILBURN'S THIRD ADDITION LOTS 5, 6 & 7 BLK 2	\$ 1,734.53
29-0016900 CHARLES & TAMARA MERK PO BOX 71 503 2ND AVE NW BERTHA MN 56437		KILBURN'S THIRD ADDITION S 84 FT OF 8 TO 11 BLK 2	\$ 1,616.43
29-0023400 JOSHUA M & KIM M REIERSON 301 CENTRAL AVE SOUTH BERTHA MN 56437		WESTERGRENS SECOND ADDITION S2 OF 7 & N2 LOT 8 BLK 1	\$ 2,249.08
30-0003901 JOHN NEDOROSCIK PO BOX 1025 BROWERVILLE MN 56438		SECT-08 TWP-130 RANG-33 BEG 78 FT W OF SW COR OF LOT 6 BLK 15 ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF BROWERVILLE, N 150 FT, W 100 FT, S 150 FT, E 100 FT TO BEG, PART OF NE4 SW4	\$ 6,586.43
30-0036100 LUCILLE LINE C/O WALTER BETTS PO BOX 3 BROWERVILLE MN 56438		BASSETT'S 2ND ADDITION LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 1	\$ 1,791.20
31-0006000 AMANDA J MEAGHER 16591 - 321ST AVE BURTRUM MN 56318		TOWNSITE OF HANSEN (BURTRUM) LOT 8 & N 27 1/2 FT OF LOT 9 BLK 2	\$ 3,444.75
33-0010900 DARLENE M ELDRED 25391 COUNTY 62 BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT-3 AUDITOR'S PLAT W2 NW4	\$ 12,337.12
33-0016100 JELYNDIA MARGARET (DOLL) SOLID PO BOX 72 EAGLE BEND MN 56446		ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND E2 OF LOTS 4 TO 6 BLK 3	\$ 1,300.77
33-0016200 JELYNDA MARGARET (DOLL) SOLID PO BOX 72 EAGLE BEND MN 56446		ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND W2 OF LOTS 4 TO 6 BLK 3	\$ 565.64
33-0022200 JAMES SCHUETT 12532 71ST AVE SW MOTLEY MN 56466		BOND'S 2ND ADDITION E 33 FT OF LOT 4 BLK 1	\$ 7,641.96
34-0021300 JAMES E & JEANETTE J DUMAS C/O JOYCE DUMAS & COLTON BOLLIN PO BOX 462 GREY EAGLE MN 56336	DAVID & LISA RAHN 31398 BIRCH VALLEY RD PO BOX 97 MELROSE MN 56352	LOT-8 FULLERS SUBDIVISION	\$ 2,961.36
35-0008500 NICHOLE J CANFIELD PO BOX 23 HEWITT MN 56453		TOWNSITE OF HEWITT LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 2	\$ 2,003.82
36-0002300 CONFESOR CARVALJAL JUSTINA M DE JESUS RODRIGUEZ 1147 FAIRVIEW AVE NW LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	MARTIN MONTANEZ PO BOX 306 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	SECT-17 TWP-129 RANG-33 W 104 FT OF N 18 RDS OF S 41 RDS 14 FT OF SE4 SW4	\$ 6,509.12
36-0045100 RICARDO & LORENA VASQUEZ 121 1ST STREET S LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		TWEED'S FOURTH ADDITION E 107.5 FT OF LOT 4 BLK 6	\$ 2,601.21
36-0113100 JEAN CARLO MALDONADO SANTIAGO 654 LAKE ST. SOUTH LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		OLIVER'S FIRST ADDITION E 140 FT OF W 300 FT OF LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 1	\$ 9,192.72
37-0020100 JEREMY WEGENER PO BOX 460 WATERTOWN MN 55388	ARTEMIA MONTANEZ CARRILLO 911 WOODLAND CIRCLE LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	LOT-7 BLK-1 IDLEWILDE RESORT	\$ 2,762.65
37-0020200 JEREMY WEGENER PO BOX 460 WATERTOWN MN 55388		LOT-8 BLK-1 IDLEWILDE RESORT	\$ 1,395.33
38-0042300 HEATHER A & TREASURE M WEEKLEY 214 WISCONSIN AVE SE STAPLES MN 56479	DEAN W & LINDA BROTHERTON 48678-291ST AVE STAPLES MN 56479	LOT-3 BLK-9 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION	\$ 646.10
38-0043200 BENJAMIN WEEKLEY MELVIN HANSON 216 WIS AVE NE STAPLES MN 56479	DEAN W & LINDA BROTHERTON 48678-291ST AVE STAPLES MN 56479	LOT-12 BLK-9 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION	\$ 1,494.79
38-0001000 JUSTIN R & ALYSSA L GRUNWALD 31322 COUNTRY HIGHWAY 67 NEW YORK MILLS MN 56567	ARNOLD & KAREN CARD ARNOLD & KAREN 9318-100TH ST SW STAPLES MN 56479	LOT-5 BLK-5 FOREST PARK ADDITION TO STAPLES	\$ 3,826.46
	UNITY BANK 602 4TH ST NE STAPLES MN 56479		

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

The redemption amount is shown above is figured thru March 31st, 2025. This amount will increase monthly. Please contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due to redeem said parcel if paid on or after April 1st, 2025.

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

Witness my hand and official seal this 3rd, day of March, 2025.

Denise Gaida
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

by *Becky Jagers-Meis*
Deputy Auditor/Treasurer
Todd County Courthouse
215 - 1st Avenue South, Suite 201
Long Prairie, MN 56347-1378
Telephone: (320) 732 - 4473

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 28, 2023

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$150,200.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jacquelyn Gilman, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 7, 2023 as Document Number A535533 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC by assignment recorded on October 17, 2024 as Document Number A543225 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The middle 1/3 of Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 9, Searle's First Addition to Staples, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 919 2ND AVE NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$154,358.29

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0059400

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1007159-7001852891-7

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

ment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 08, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 10, 2025.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: March 05, 2025

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: _____/s/_____

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**THIS IS A
COMMUNICATION
FROM A DEBT
COLLECTOR.**
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Public Notices

**TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT**
215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
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toddplan.zone@co.todd.
mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, March 27, 2025 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 being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

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

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of February 27, 2025, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes
- The applicant is intro-

- duced
- Staff report
 - Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
 - Site Visit Review
 - Public comment
 - Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. Brendan & Jacqueline Jay: Section 22, Burnhamville Township

Site Address: 33554 State Hwy 28, Burtrum, MN 56318
PID: 06-0032400

1. Request to decrease the OHW setback from 150' to 104' and;

2. Request to decrease the ROW setback from the State Hwy 28 from 50' to 21.5' for placement of RV in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

Adjournment.
Next meeting: **April 24, 2025**

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
Russell Vandenhoevel,
Chair

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JAN. 27, 2025

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 27th day of January, 2025 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Neumann and Noska.

Agenda

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the agenda as presented.

Union Negotiations

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the LELS beginning at 9:00 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 9:21 a.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 10:14 a.m.

LELS provided counter offer for the board's consideration and exited the meeting thereafter.

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the Dispatcher/Jailer LELS unit beginning at 10:30 a.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 11:26 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 12:00 p.m.

LELS Dispatcher/Jailer unit provided a recap summary to the County Board and exited the meeting thereafter.

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the Teamsters Courthouse unit beginning at 12:13 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 12:33 p.m.

Commissioner Neumann arrived at 12:35 p.m. and joined the closed session in progress.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 12:56 p.m.

Teamsters Courthouse provided counter offer for the board's consideration and exited the meeting thereafter at 1:32 p.m.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 1:35 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the board meeting. Summary of proposals and discussion was held with LELS-Sheriffs unit beginning at 1:47 p.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 2:22 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 2:54 p.m.

LELS-Sheriffs exited the meeting after their caucus with no further discussion.

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the AFSCME 65 – HHS unit beginning at 2:54 p.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 3:07 p.m.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 3:41 p.m.

AFSCME 65 - HHS unit provided a recap summary to the County Board and exited the meeting thereafter.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 4:23 p.m.

Chair Byers reopened the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the AFSCME 65 - Public Works unit beginning at 4:32 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 4:45 p.m.

AFSCME 65 - Public Works unit provided a recap summary to the County Board and exited the meeting thereafter.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Bob Byers, County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JAN. 31, 2025

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 31st day of January, 2025 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Agenda

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the agenda as presented.

Union Negotiations

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the AFSCME 65 - Public Works unit beginning at 9:00 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 9:21 a.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 10:03 a.m.

Negotiations resumed with AFSCME 65 - Public Works. Unit held caucus but did not return after.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers pending the next union unit arrival.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To resume the session at 10:42 a.m.

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the AFSCME 65 - HHS unit beginning at 10:42 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 10:50 a.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 11:20 a.m.

AFSCME 65 - HHS unit provided a recap summary to the County Board and exited the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 11:42 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To resume the session at 12:02 p.m.

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the LELS beginning at 12:02 p.m.

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 12:14 p.m.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 1:02 p.m.

LELS provided a recap summary to the County Board and exited the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 1:32 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To resume the session at 1:47 p.m.

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the Dispatcher/Jailer LELS unit beginning at 1:47 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 2:54 p.m.

LELS-Sheriffs exited the meeting after their caucus with no further discussion.

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the AFSCME 65 – HHS unit beginning at 2:54 p.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 3:07 p.m.

Summary of proposals and discussion was held with the Teamsters Courthouse unit beginning at 3:00 p.m.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 3:15 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 3:44 p.m.

Negotiations resumed with Teamsters Courthouse unit.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 3:58 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To resume the board meeting at 4:18 p.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 4:29 p.m.

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 4:43 p.m.

No further conversation was held with Teamsters Courthouse.

Adjourn

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Noska and second by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held January 29th, 2025 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 18th, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Bob Byers, County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JAN. 31, 2025

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 31st day of January, 2025 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Agenda

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the agenda as presented.

Union Negotiations

Negotiation discussion was held with Teamsters Courthouse unit beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 10:01 a.m.

The board meeting was resumed at 10:05 a.m.

Negotiation discussion was held with the Sheriff Supervisory unit beginning at 10:05 a.m.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 10:28 a.m.

The board meeting was resumed at 10:35 a.m. with negotiation discussion held with Teamsters Courthouse.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 10:40 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 11:04 a.m.

Negotiation discussion was held with AFSCME 65 – Public Works unit beginning at 11:05 a.m.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 11:34 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 11:57 a.m.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 12:04 p.m.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To resume the session at 12:23 p.m.

Negotiation discussion was held with AFSCME 65 – HHS unit beginning at 12:23 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 at 1:07 p.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 1:14 p.m.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 1:26 p.m.

The board meeting was resumed at 1:29 p.m.

Negotiation discussion was held with LELS unit beginning at 1:29 p.m.

The board meeting was paused by Chair Byers at 2:00 p.m.

The board meeting was resumed at 2:15 p.m. with LELS.

No further discussion was held.

Adjourn

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

On a motion by Noska and second by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held January 31st, 2025 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 18th, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Bob Byers, County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the January 2025 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 904719 through 904831 in the amount of \$2,157,792.64 (Manual) 1034 through 1046 in the amount of \$68,930.79 and (Regular) 243818 through 243981 in the amount of \$1,551,642.86 for a total of \$3,778,366.29.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403685 through 403712 in the amount of \$32,222.91 and (Regular) 58669 through 58702 in the amount of \$166,054.72 for a total of \$198,277.63.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 806169 through 806208 and (Regular) 712740 through 712785 for a total of \$56,002.47.

On motion by Neumann 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) 601559 through 601566 and (Regular) 518246 through 518267 for a total amount of \$39,596.39.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To update the 2025 Todd County Commissioner Committee Assignments listing to appoint Commissioner Becker and Commissioner Noska to the Morrison, Todd, Wadena Community Health Board with the other commissioners as alternates. Furthermore, to update the 2025 Committee Assignments for the Policy Committee to be the Chair and Vice-Chair Commissioners effective immediately.

Public Works

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Set the 2025 Spring Road Meeting for April 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the Public Works Northern Shop.

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To table the Authorization to Purchase Plow Truck agenda item to the February 18, 2025 meeting.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To table the Authorization to Purchase Tractor-Mower agenda item to the February 18, 2025 meeting.

Administration

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To rescind BAF 20240206-33, releasing the \$5,000 of ARPA funds committed for this grant program and allow the remaining funds of \$5,000 to be re-assigned according to the terms of BA#20241217-20.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the rescinding of Board Action Tracking Number 20240903-28.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that on February 11, 2025 the Swanville School District will be holding a special election. Absentee voting for the March Township Annual Elections will open on February 7th. The next week the Auditor-Treasurer will be attending the annual MACO conference.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had nothing to report but encouraged persons to vote in upcoming school election. County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator has been working with the Safe & Secure grant committee, 911 sign committee and attended leadership training, mediation and negotiation meetings.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended the Region V, Facilities, Safety, and labor negotiation meetings.

Commissioner Neumann attended the SRWD, CPT, and labor negotiation meetings.

Commissioner Noska attended the labor negotiations and MRCC meetings.

Commissioner Byers attended the leadership, Opioid, labor negotiation, Facilities, and Safety meetings.

Commissioner Denny attended the labor negotiation and AMC leadership training meetings.

Adjourn

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the meeting was recessed until February 18, 2025.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
ANDERSON BROTHERS.....	\$290,432.27
ASSOC OF MN COUNTIES.....	24,437.00
ASSOC OF MN COUNTIES.....	2,556.00
GAPINSKI/TIMOTHY AND CHRISTINA.....	13,546.45
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY.....	86,976.25
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVING, LLC	101,223.65
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC	6,317.90
MCCC, MI33.....	43,588.31
MCIT.....	29,238.00
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	8,285.75
SHI CORP.....	4,648.80
TODD CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.....	15,000.00
TODD TRAILS ASSOCIATION	53,791.20
US BANK.....	376,015.00
VERIZON.....	6,352.45
VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	3,377.68
36 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	15,154.22
AMC (MCHIRMA).....	5,500.00
CARD SERVICES COBORNS.....	2,678.17
CENTRA CARE.....	12,109.12
DOHERTY STAFFING SOLUTIONS.....	2,191.31

DOUGLAS SWCD	2,872.60
DSC COMMUNICATIONS ...	13,689.40
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK.....	6,621.88
HILDI INC.....	6,300.00
HY-TEC CONSTRUCTION.....	355,149.07
KNEISL/JASON & KAYLA.....	16,972.69
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC	2,508.45
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY.....	2,894.90
MACO.....	2,190.00
MASWCD	7,431.37
MCIT.....	467,833.00
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	6,571.00
MN STATE SHERIFFS ASSOC	6,844.77
MORRISON COUNTY.....	10,887.88
MOTOROLA.....	24,872.40
ONSOLVE, LLC.....	10,116.97
PATNODE/MARK.....	33,157.77
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES INC.....	3,212.09
STEP.....	10,084.83
STOECKEL JAHNER INC.....	33,370.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	8,690.77
VARNER/JOE.....	8,511.51
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	12,707.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.....	7,411.25
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A.....	5,203.50
42 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	19,061.21
CITY OF BERTHA.....	19,534.42
CITY OF BROWERVILLE	6,473.23
CITY OF CLARISSA.....	3,321.12
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	13,612.92
CITY OF GREY EAGLE	7,791.39
CITY OF HEWITT.....	2,864.77
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	20,922.96
CITY OF OSAKIS.....	7,696.45
CITY OF STAPLES \$ 23,962.42	
SAUK RIVER WATER SHED DISTRICT.....	3,540.92
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213.....	32,368.66
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170.....	62,408.44
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753.....	71,035.96
SCHOOL DISTRICT 486.....	17,502.63
SCHOOL DISTRICT 740.....	3,735.21
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743.....	27,743.79
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786.....	49,386.53
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787.....	54,690.83
SCHOOL DISTRICT 818.....	3,807.17
TOWN OF BARTLETT.....	6,819.74
TOWN OF BERTHA.....	13,297.08
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE	7,659.91
TOWN OF BRUCE.....	7,066.58
TOWN OF BURLEENE	4,755.26
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE.....	6,278.96
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY	9,051.06
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	5,441.01
TOWN OF GERMANIA.....	4,444.60
TOWN OF GORDON.....	9,976.12
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE	8,206.54
TOWN OF HARTFORD.....	6,316.04
TOWN OF IONA.....	11,178.04
TOWN OF LESLIE.....	6,202.81
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK	2,518.15
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK	7,423.99
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE	6,754.73
TOWN OF MORAN.....	6,390.91
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE	8,544.77
TOWN OF STAPLES.....	9,458.16
TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE	13,077.33
TOWN OF VILLARD.....	3,686.75
TOWN OF WARD.....	8,460.15
TOWN OF WEST UNION.....	2,883.03
TOWN OF WYKEHAM.....	20,126.70

14 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	7,973.75
ACTIVE911 INC.....	3,795.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	10,695.33
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY.....	7,240.00
DSC COMMUNICATIONS ...	41,651.76
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	2,000.00
GREYSTONE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.....	29,846.00
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION	7,500.00
MADDEN GALANTER HANSEN, LLP.....	5,964.87
MINNESOTA POWER.....	19,402.90
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	93,473.61
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,004.36
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	12,707.00
34 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	13,567.57
CARGILL SALT DIVISION.....	5,313.19
EBSCO INC.....	323,038.00
HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL.....	8,932.49
INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORPORATION.....	208,837.00
KITZMANN LAW OFFICE	2,760.00
MINNESOTA POWER.....	2,040.63
RAINBOW RIDER.....	46,407.49
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	9,220.52
TRIMIN SYSTEMS INC.....	11,364.00
YIPA.....	3,013.00
40 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	13,693.85
MN DEPT OF REVENUE.....	5,263.52
US BANK - CC.....	6,289.37
MN DEPT OF REVENUE.....	15,132.42
11 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	6,042.48
Total:.....	\$3,778,366.29

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
CARGILL SALT DIVISION.....	\$15,534.27
D & D AUTO REPAIR.....	5,263.29
G S EQUIPMENT INC.....	4,405.00
INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORPORATION.....	13,217.00
INTEGRITY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, LLC.....	4,653.00
M & I LOCKBOX MCCC.....	19,000.00
MN COUNTY ATTORNEY'S ASSOC	4,798.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.....	5,971.25
48 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	16,899.31
Total:.....	\$89,741.12

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
9 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	5,557.66
INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORPORATION.....	31,325.00
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	9,990.69
111 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	53,350.88
Total:.....	\$100,224.23

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
D & D AUTO REPAIR.....	\$2,088.12
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER.....	2,883.00
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY INC.....	8,700.92
NORTH STAR OVERHEAD CRANE AND HOIST.....	3,461.89
NORTHERN STAR COOP.....	5,668.57
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT.....	7,058.71

See **TCC** on page 8a

Public Notices

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of May, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 12:00 noon at the May Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, and advised that the township board of May Township in Cass County, Minnesota, will meet at the town hall in said township on the 17th day of March, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and determine, among other things, the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, May Township in Cass County, MN contains a number of township roads, and

WHEREAS, nearly all of the township roads have been established by use and/or prescription or by dedication and there may or may not be record of such roads recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Cass County, MN, and

WHEREAS, the township board of supervisors has determined it to be

in the best interest of the township, the public and all parties concerned to determine and record the center line location of Red River Trail, a duly established town road, and

WHEREAS, the town board has caused to be prepared, and a road map indicating the location of said town road contained in the township, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that easements for township roads and road rights-of-ways which will be presented to the aforesaid meeting are hereby determined to be the duly established center lines of the 66 foot road in said township and the center lines of the duly established 33 foot cart ways and roads in said township, all as shown on attached survey; that in the event the physical location of a town road differs from the legal description of that road as contained herein, the legal description shall govern unless otherwise noted.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the township map is on file with the township clerk and may be inspected and examined at reasonable times by calling the Clerk of the Township whose name is Bianca Wyffels.

YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED, that you may attend the meeting as scheduled above and state your position with reference to the township adopting the proposed resolution

Dated: January 22, 2025

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
9pnc & 12pnc



Cheering for the cheerleaders

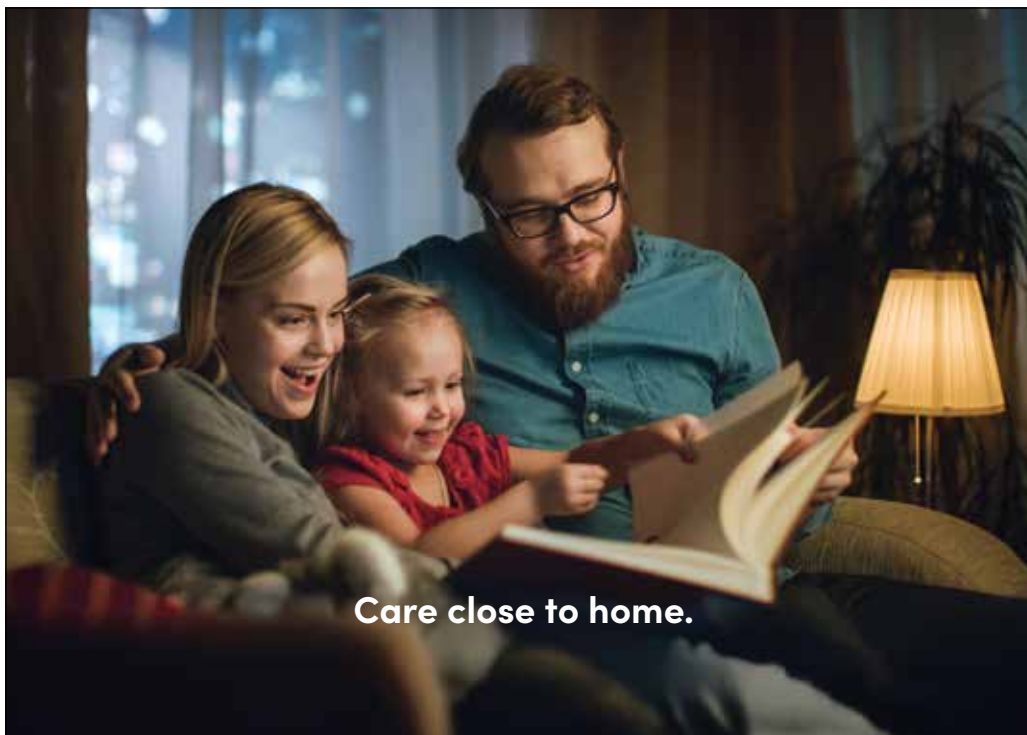
Staples-Motley cheerleaders performed at the boys basketball playoff game on March 4, above. During the game, the cheerleaders picked up a few fans of their own, below, who learned the actions and did the cheers along with them. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



CLC graphic design earns American Advertising Awards

Several Central Lakes College Graphic Design students and an instructor were honored at the American Advertising Awards Ceremony recently. Instructor Leon Dahlvang was given the Silver Medal Award, which recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions to advertising and who have been active in furthering the industry's standards, creative excellence and responsibility in areas of social concern. Conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation, the local American Advertising Awards Student Division is the first of a three-tier, national competition. Currently, across the country, local student entrants vie for recognition as the very best in their markets. At the second tier, local student winners compete with other student winners in one of 15 district competi-

tions. District student winners are then forwarded to the third, the national tier. **Student awards:** Luke Davidson (Baxter) - Gold, Vehicle Wrap design Scott Huttunen (New York Mills) - 2 Silvers, CorpID design and Point of Purchase display Will Heller (Verndale) - 2 Silvers, Point of Purchase display and Postcard design Vennesa Henderson (Wadena) - 1 Silver, Logo design Eli Schultz (Brainerd) - 1 Silver, Magazine ad



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School receives rebate check through city energy program

Missouri River Energy supplies electricity for the city of Staples. They gave a rebate check for \$40,285 to the Staples-Motley School District for saving energy. A press release on the check is below. Throughout the Bright Energy Solutions (BES) program, the school received a rebate of over \$40,000 from the City of Staples Utilities for their huge strides in energy efficiency which will result in lower monthly electrical costs for the school district going forward. Energy efficiency projects such as these also help the utility keep costs down for all citizens by reducing the electrical demand for the city as a whole.

“I’m enthusiastic about the value of the energy savings over the course of time resulting from the project,” said School Superintendent Shane Tappe. “I am also very appreciative of the assistance and work that the City of Staples and Missouri River Energy Services put in to make this rebate happen. It helped make the equipment upgrades more affordable for the school district and helped make this project a reality.”

Visit brightenergysolutions.com or contact your local utility for more information about BES incentives.



Money back for saving energy

Staples-Motley School District receives a rebate check for adding energy saving equipment to their recent construction project. From left, Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen, Staples-Motley Schools Superintendent Shane Tappe, Staples Public Works Director Scott Grabe and Joe Peters, Missouri River Energy field representative. The school also received a smaller rebate check for their elementary school renovation. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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New housing units fill up quickly in Staples

noting that the Pullman townhomes filled up quickly and has a waiting list. Wakefield said he’s been talking to home contractors about how to make new construction feasible. He said one asked if the city would approve a 25 year tax abatement, which Gertken labeled “extreme.” Wakefield said the Headquarters Regional Development Commission has been building homes with the idea that it would lose money but would get people to move to the area and gain tax revenue. “This is the most proactive thing we could do,” said Wakefield. “You want to get something going.” The current high interest rate is one reason homes are not being built. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said many homeowners are paying three percent on their current home loans, it’s disincentive to buy a new home at seven percent interest. “We’ve struggled to build houses for 50 years, it’s not going to change soon,” said Gertken. “We’re not going to have all that private investment coming in.” The SEDA board did not develop a recommendation, but said they will continue to look at ways to increase housing in the area. **Business growth** Wakefield said there has been talk about the Dunkin’ company looking at building a coffee/ donut shop on Highway 10 next to Casey’s. The deal is a long way off, as there are homes currently on the lot they’re looking at. If they can get a lot large enough, they may want to combine it with a Baskin Robbins store, said Wakefield. SEDA board member Doug Case suggested the city should ask another outside company to build here, Harbor Freight, which sells tools. Gerard did not like that the SEDA was “throwing out franchise names” to spur growth in the city. “I would rather see something we don’t have,” said Gerard, “we have two coffee shops and two hardware stores. When these companies come to town it makes matters worse. We should bring in something we don’t have.” Case said he thought the tool store could complement the local hardware stores by bringing more people to town. Wakefield said he also prefers to help a home-grown business start up, but if that isn’t happening, he asked if it’s better to deal with a chain franchise. “Do we deal with the devil or get nothing at all?” said Wakefield. Nelsen said they could also leave it up to the free market. “Is the role of the city picking winners and losers,” he asked, “who are we to decide if there isn’t a market for both?” Gertken said it was good to provide the thoughts of the board, they should also bring the issue to the city council, who will make the ultimate decision on it. The SEDA board also discussed downtown buildings. Wakefield said the old Ron’s Musical building is going to have to be torn down. Staples Mayor Ron Murray said he would like to see them make that area into a downtown green space but the city also needs downtown parking. They discussed possible uses for the former Longbella Drug downtown building and the Mayer-Porter-Nelson building, which is not empty but is also not being used in the same capacity as before the accounting business was sold. Murray said he and Wakefield had recently attended a course about leading economic transformation. “We’re looking at people’s approach to change. Some want to do it the old fashioned way, some want it more modern,” said Murray. “We have to be able to bring people together and they have tools on how not to get stuck in the middle and move forward to a point that actually makes progress.”

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School has to budget for food, labor costs

food program yet. Last year it was held at the elementary school because of construction at the high school. New restrictions for next year require students to eat the meals at the site instead of receiving meals to go. With food prices and labor costs continuing to rise, Vangsness said reimbursements are not keeping up with the costs. Tappe said one change for the elementary school will be new tables sized for the smallest grades. **In other news, the board** • Approved non-renewal of Jennifer Crimmins, probationary teacher. • Approved spring sports coaching list: - Baseball Head Coach Shane Tappe; assistants Jeff Halverson, Zack Qual, jr. high Drew Potter, Cory Lawrence - Softball Head Coach Darren Holst, assistants Deanna Anderson, Kelsey Schmidt, Sam Schimpp, jr. high Kayla Vejtas - Golf Head Coach Glen Hasselberg, assistants Brad Anderson, Wade Vangsness, jr. high Paul Mithun, Erik Johnson - Track and field Head Coach Bruce Fuhrman, assistants Marly Simmons,

Steve Fligge, Steve Jennissen

- Approved Bobby Jo Johnson and Jeff Sterriker as weight room supervisors.
- Approved contract with Vintage Golf Course
- Learned that Freshwater Education District is planning to levy LTFM (long-term facility maintenance) dollars from member districts. District superintendents voted that tax capacity would be the fairest way to levy for those building improvements. Tappe said the tax would be about a dollar a year for homes valued at \$100,000. The district would have to renew the tax each year.