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College dodgeball Central Lakes College students and Director of Student Life Erich Heppner, left, race to grab dodgeballs during an activity at the Staples Community Center in March. (Photo by Mark Anderson)



Hugs for the coaches after playoff win

Staples-Motley basketball players gave big hugs to the coaching staff following their Section 7AA quarterfinal win over Crosby-Ironton on March 9. Left, player Alex Schultz gives a hug to his father Nick, center, Noah Larson picks up coach Zack Qual and coach Justin Thorne is at right. See story, page 7a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Athletic HOF adds 2024 class

Five athletes, two teams, one coach and a pair of community contributors were announced as the 2024 class of the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame. The two teams are the 1978 and 1979 Staples wrestling teams and the 1998 and 1999 Staples Motley boys cross country teams. The individual athletes are:

- Jessica (Beachy) Rahman (1984) basketball, tennis, track and field
- John Riewer (1982) basketball, baseball
- Gordy Thompson Sr. (1972) wrestling, football
- Curt Johnson (1969) basketball, track and field, baseball, football
- Lyle Stevens (1960) football, wrestling, baseball, track and field

The coach is Glen Hasselberg, golf, and the community contributors are Huck and Marilyn Holst.

Induction ceremony

The above class will be inducted with a celebration on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Staples Police charge Myers with financial exploitation

After an investigation into financial exploitation of vulnerable adults in Staples, Staples Police have filed a criminal complaint on Natasha Myers, 32, of rural Verndale. The complaint claims she exploited \$15,865.14 from residents at a care facility in Staples. She is charged with Felony Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult in Todd County.

Staples Police Chief Melissa Larson (formerly Birkholtz) said Officer Emmitt Winkels worked many hours on the case. “We have had a busy month with officers investigating large cases,” said Larson.

Street assessments approved in public works special meeting

The Staples Public Works Commission held a special meeting to discuss assessments for the street project on 2nd Street NE in Staples. Public Works Director Scott Grabe told the Staples City Council about the meeting at the Feb. 20 council meeting.

He said for most projects, the curb, gutter, sidewalks, water lines and sewer lines are assessed to the property owners affected by the project while the water mains and are paid for by the city.

Grabe said there is some leeway for the city to change the assessment rates for the pavement portion of the project. The commission looked at how assessments in Staples have been done in the past, but “We didn’t find a pattern of how much homeowners paid,” said Grabe.

The commission decided to assess 60 percent of the pavement portion of the project to homeowners. They also recommended the city do an appraisal now and another appraisal after the project is completed, so people can see the value of the improvements of their property. Grabe said the appraisals would cost the city a total of \$1,700, which the council approved.

In other news, the council

- Approved Small Cities Development Program poll

See **STAPLES** on page 12a

Wyman to leave Staples EDA, head TCDC

Wyman said “I will be looking for new funding sources and partnerships” in her new position. “It’s been a great eight years, I learned a ton,” said Wyman. “I look forward to continuing to work with Staples.”

Before she leaves, Wyman will help kick off the Small Cities Development Program grant money that the city has qualified for: She has scheduled three informational meetings for Wednesday, April 10, at 6, 7, and 8 p.m. for three different loan qualifying groups: businesses, rental property owners and home owners.

Property owners interested in the program can get their applications at the meeting. The loans are given on a first-come, first-serve basis to those who qualify in each category.

The homeowner portion of the program will be April 26 and she will start at TCDC on May 6. TCDC covers all of Todd County and also helps support the economic development position in Long Prairie, which does not have a full time director.

Rick Utech, the current TCDC Executive Director, was also at the meeting and said he is retiring in May.

Weather

2024

This Week’s Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar 13	55	33	M. Cloudy
Mar 14	49	28	Cloudy
Mar 15	48	33	Sunny
Mar 16	40	23	Cloudy
Mar 17	34	18	M. Cloudy
Mar 18	37	22	M. Sunny
Mar 19	42	23	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar 13	26°	11	M. Sunny
Mar 14	27	3	M. Sunny
Mar 15	36	21	P. Cloudy
Mar 16	32	19	Cloudy
Mar 17	25	1	M. Cloudy
Mar 18	18	5	Sunny
Mar 19	18	4	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 41° Low = 21°

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WCCO’s Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Motley veteran receives Quilt of Honor

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Al Evans of Motley was surprised to receive a phone call one day from someone informing him he'd been nominated to receive a Quilt of Honor in recognition for his service to the United States of America.

It was humbling, Evans said of the unexpected nomination, as well as having the handmade quilt delivered to him in person by representatives of the Quilts of Honor (QOH) organization. "They came to our house," the Air Force veteran said, mentioning two women from the Little Falls QOH Chapter that made the presentation.

To be nominated for a Quilt of Honor, a veteran must meet certain quali-

cations, including serving multiple tours, and dealing with the effects of Agent Orange. Both apply to Evans.

He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1956, Evans said, going on to share that he'd served three tours in Vietnam during the years 1965, 1970 and 1972. It was during his second tour that he was exposed to Agent Orange. Evans was later transferred to Thailand. He is the recipient of a Bronze Star.

In total, Evans served 20 years in the military, and is grateful to have had the opportunity to serve his country.

His service has not gone unnoticed, as is evidenced by the red, white and blue quilt lovingly made for him by members of the Little Falls QOH Chapter, all volunteers. "It's beautiful,"

Evans said of the patriotic themed quilt, perfect for a United States Veteran. He went on to express his appreciation for being the recipient of the Quilt of Honor.

According to information on their brochure, "The mission of Quilts of Honor is to bestow a universal symbol and token of thanks, solace, and remembrance to those who serve in harm's way to protect and defend our lives and freedoms. Quilts of Honor are made by the loving hands of countless volunteers who wish to thank those who have served and to honor their service and sacrifice." More information about the nonprofit organization can be found online at www.quiltsofhonor.org.



Recognized for his service to the U.S.A.

U.S. Air Force Veteran Al Evans of Motley stands beside the 'Quilt of Honor' that was recently bestowed upon him in recognition and gratitude for his military

service and sacrifices made. The quilt was made by members of a Quilt of Honor chapter in Little Falls. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Community cookie delivery

The A-1 4H club rolled out, baked, decorated and delivered cookies to the

community, friends, and family in February. (Submitted photos)

Motley area law enforcement reports

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff's Office

(MCSO) included the following:
Feb. 28 - March 5
March 2 - Motley Police

received a complaint of a maroon three-wheel motorcycle driving around Motley playing very loud music.

Feb. 28 - Motley Police received a call from a resident at the 300 block of 3rd Ave. S., Motley, reporting that someone had broken into his grandson's vehicle over night. Nothing was reported to have been taken.

Feb. 29 - Morrison County deputies received a report of assault at Pine View Blvd and Shamineau Dr., Motley.

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Lions support Music in the Park

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$4,000 to go toward the Music in the Park series this summer in Staples. The event is sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council (SMAAC) and the City of Staples. Pictured above, from left,

are Lisa Kajer and Dawn Timbs, SMAAC volunteers; Lion President Rick Adamietz; and Jim Vollegraaf, SMAAC volunteer. Kajer wrote the grant on behalf of the arts council. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Staples Host Lions support area choirs

The Staples Host Lions recently made several donations, including \$1,500 to Colla Voce Choir, and \$500 to the Staples Area Women's Chorus. Colla Voce Choir will be traveling to Minneapolis in June to visit the Children's Theatre, and are scheduled to sing the National Anthem at a Lynx game at Target Center June 2. The Staples area Women's Chorus will use their donation to help fund their 'Our Voice, Our Song' choral event.

Pictured above, from left, are Cade

Bestland, co-director of Colla Voce; Lion President Rick Adamietz; Colla Voce member Maggie Grunewald; and Colla Voce Board Member Tyler Grunewald.

Pictured below, from left, are Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) board members Jeanette Evans and Beth Fabian; Lion President Rick Adamietz; SAWC Board Member RoAnn Trout; and SAWC member and grant writer Cindy Gold. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Great employer workshop

The North Central Small Business Development Center has announced a new workshop, How to Be a Great Employer, to be held March 18 at 5 p.m. at Central Lakes College, Brainerd Campus. The interactive workshop will cover employment law basics, new Minnesota legislation, including Earned Sick and Safe Time. In today's competitive workforce environment, we recognize that it's more important than ever for small business owners

and entrepreneurs to focus on their human resources efforts.

There a cost to attend this workshop. Central Lakes College students, employees and alumni are eligible to attend at no cost, with the Raider Family Discount.

How to Be a Great Employer will be lead by Legal Corps, an innovative Minnesota nonprofit organization that aims to make access to the legal system more inclusive by providing free assistance in transac-

tional matters to low-income entrepreneurs, small business owners, inventors and small low-revenue nonprofit organizations. Legal Corps attorneys will be holding a free Brief Advice Clinic before the workshop.

Clinic sessions can be attended online or in-person. Spots are limited.

To learn more and to register, visit: How to Be a Great Employer - Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (rschooldtoday.com).

Todd County feedlot meeting will be March 21 at Burtrum

From, Todd County SWCD

The Todd County Annual Feedlot Meeting was back in action again in 2023, with “This Little Piggy Went to Market.” There were 140 people in attendance for the meeting that was held at the Clarissa Ballroom.

This year’s meeting will be at Shattuck’s Hub Supper Club on Long Lake near Burtrum on Thursday, March 21, at 10 a.m.

The meeting is titled There’s a Hole in the Bucket! Feedlot topics this year will pertain to on the ground options for better farm and nutrient management, feedlot program updates and ventilation do’s and don’ts for feedlot owners.

We have three CFOs giving presentations, one on how MinnFARM helps determine compliance and the others on winter manure application and the runoff risk advisory tool.

Woven throughout the

day will be mini presentations on observation wells, local cost share opportunities, nutrient management, manure application and feedlot fixes.

Keynote “WOW” presenters will be Kenneth Blumenfeld from the Minnesota State Climate Office discussing climate trends and how they can affect feedlot owners, and Erin Cortus and Joe Armstrong from University of Minnesota Extension who will talk about the importance of proper ventilation in today’s confinement barns and how ventilation impacts live-stock health.

The end goal will be to get producers to think about long term animal ag resiliency and adaptation. There will also be some time set aside to discuss Todd County Feedlot Ordinance Updates. Meal will consist of chicken and ham with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw and dinner rolls. Call 320-732-2644 to RSVP.

Todd County Court report March 6

Long Prairie Police Department
Gabriel Andrew Mena, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Nicholas Robert Dziengel, Grey Eagle. Fish and Game- lend, borrow, or transfer a license tag or seal. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Pamela Kay Dziengel, Grey Eagle. Hunting- deer without a license. Fine \$300. Fee \$85.

Ryan James Hernandez, Clarissa. RV- fail to display valid ATV registration, decal as required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Robert James Moore, Waconia. Hunting-Transportation of Firearms— loaded firearm. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Minnesota State Patrol
Autumn Sky Clews, Brooklyn Park. Speed 79/65. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. \$200.
Vicki Lynn Foust-Hanisich, Staples. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Dismissed.
Madison Lousie Ash, Lakeville. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
William Michael Bazel, Taylor, Mich. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Maria Carraquillo, Melrose. No Minnesota Driver’s License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Nadya Enid Frangui, Cayey, Puerto Rico. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Jaqueline Garcia-Botello, Melrose. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Vera Verdier Harvey, Mahtomedi. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Tahmeah Brenda-Bettye Jackson, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Alexander Michael King, Minot, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Christopher Erich Lange, Motley. Unsafe lane usage on laned highway. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Michael Richard Lieser, Sauk Centre. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Wei Xian Lim, West Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$75. Fee \$85.

Timothy Michael Loecken, Paynesville. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Miguel James Maloney, Browerville. Hands-Free Law-hold wireless communications device with one or both hands. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Dairol Matos Ferraras, Long Prairie. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Keith Eugene McIntire, Goshen, Ind. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Viki Alejandra Mendozamora, Long Prairie. No Minnesota Driver’s License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

James Keigan Mundis, Sauk Centre. Speed 70/60. Fine \$100. Fee \$75. Unsafe passing. Dismissed.

Clara Marie Paleen, St. Paul. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Scott Aaron Schmidt, Alexandria. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tyler John Schnackenberg, Morris. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Mary Kay Stocco, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Richard Donald Thole, Alexandria. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Yariel Ivan Torres, Osakis. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Mario Rodolfo Verarangel, Fridley. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Phoenix Sky Vetsch, St. Paul. Speed 94/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Staples Police Department
Daniel Grant Cheney, Staples. Driving after cancellation. Dismissed.

Todd County Sheriff’s Office
Ryan Wayne Baron, city, state redacted. Fugitive from Justice from Other State. Extradition ordered.

Megan Sue Fletcher, Browerville. Speed 64/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Emmanuel Antonio Rodriguez Pena, Long Prairie. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Wayne Howard Rohde, Burtrum. Driver’s Licenses, driving restrictions, driver, operate control motor vehicle without ignition. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Jose Alfredo Salgado-Torres, Clarissa. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Larry Ray Sandberg, Bertha. Stray animals. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Brad Lee Veldkamp, Swanville. Domestic Assault, strangulation. Dismissed. Domestic Assault, bodily harm. Dismissed. Domestic Assault, fear. Dismissed. Disorderly Conduct, brawling or fighting. Dismissed.

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

Douglas Fay Crooker, Eagle Bend. Traffic- DWI- operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. Sentenced. Fine \$400. Fee totals \$505. Local confinement 365 days. Stay 275 days for four years. Credit for time served: five days. Supervised probation, four years.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Feb. 27, 2024

Sheri Lynn Abrahamson, Erhard. First offense Harassment; Restraining Order- violate and knows of temporary or restraining order. Stay of adjudication. Fine \$100. Fee waived. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, one year. Second same offense. Dismissed.

Logan Xavier Petersen, Eagle Bend. Public Nuisance- interfere, obstruct, render dangerous public road/water. Sentenced. Fine \$100. Fee totals \$175. Local confinement 10 days. Stay 10 days for six months. Unsupervised probation, six months.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Feb. 28, 2024

Adam John Bates, Bertha. Disorderly Conduct-offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Rodney Joseph Jedlicka, St. Cloud. Disorderly Conduct- offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$200. Local confinement 57 days. Credit for time served: 57 days. Harassment-causes or reasonably expect to cause substantial emotional distress to other person. Stay of adjudication. Local confinement 53 days. Credit for time served 53 days. Fine \$100. Fee waived.

The following cases were heard before Judge Kurt J. Marben in Seventh District Court in Todd County Feb. 29, 2024

Caitlin Rae Johnson, St. Paul. Fifth Degree Possess Controlled Substance. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Mystery photo

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

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• March 17, 1949 - Three babies, who were born within two and a half hours at the Staples Municipal Hospital Saturday morning, March 12, kept the hospital staff and doctors busy for a while. No sooner did they get one mother and her off-spring tucked away, then in came another.

The first baby, a nine pound boy, arrived at six a.m., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Peterson. They have named him Michael Cedric.

The second boy arrived at 7:05, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vasecka, Jr., of Motley. He tipped the scales at seven pounds, seven and three-fourths ounces, and has been named Glen John.

Arriving at 8:30 was Floyd Eugene Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson of Staples. He weighed in at six pounds nine ounces. Mrs. Wilson, the former Lavonne Bittner, is the daughter of Mrs. Cecil Bittner of this city.

• March 17, 1949 - Mrs. Milton DeWald heard Wednesday morning from a brother in California, whom she had believed dead for the past 45 years.

Mrs. DeWald, who was one of 12 children, was adopted when she was two by a Mr. and Mrs. William Walters of Minneapolis. When her father, Fred

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Herman died, the mother was unable to care for the children and four of them were put in orphanages at Owatonna.

When she was 14, an older sister, Emma, located her through an aunt, and one by one they located the rest of the brothers and sisters.

In November, Mrs. DeWald wrote to the home at Owatonna asking for the names and ages of the Fred Herman children, who were put in the orphanage in 1905 or 1906. The school wrote back giving the names and ages of one sister and three brothers, and stated that another brother Fritz, had been adopted by a family in 1908.

This was the first that Mrs. DeWald had heard of Fritz and had always believed that he had died when a child. She later wrote back, and through the correspondence learned that the family that adopted her brother (the Edward Brill family) had moved to California 25 years earlier. Fritz’s name had been changed to Edward Paul Brill, and he lived in Hawthorne, Calif. He was surprised to know that he had any brothers or sisters and wants Mrs. DeWald to visit him in California as soon as possible.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• March 14, 1974 - Mike Hassler almost did the impossible at the Staples High school speech contest last Saturday. With a score of 99 percent, he missed a

perfect round by 1 percent. He participated in the original oratory division of the contest.

Frank Odell, coach, said, “It is probably the best performance by a high school student that I have seen in seven years of coaching.” Odell also stated, “We had five others with excellent scores. They were Mark Evans, 98 percent; Steve Gardner, 98 percent; Nancy Sadusky, 96 percent; Sue Jay, 96 percent and Kim Sadusky, 96 percent.

• March 14, 1974 - Jerry Stone and Bob Sadlo were chosen this week by their teammates as the co-captains of the Cardinal wrestling team of Coach Don Dravis at Staples High school for the 1974-75 season. Both matmen will be senior members of the squad next season.

• March 14, 1974 - A team of Central Minnesota Council youths represented all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers in the council in reporting an outstanding year of program to Governor Wendell R. Anderson as part of Scouting’s Annual Anniversary celebrations.

Cub Scout, Jonathan Edin of Pack 61 in Staples was the only Cub Scout in the state delegation and he shared the spotlight with Explorer, Diane Winson of Explorer Post 501, who was the only girl in the group.

• March 14, 1974 - The Staples Cardinals closed their basketball season last Friday evening on the Brainerd hardwood by capturing the third place trophy of the District 24 tournament.

The Cardinals of Coach Tom Wolhowe went into overtime to win the consolation honors with 71-68 victory over the Aitkin Gobblers.

Finishing their high school basketball career for the Cards were Bill Backberg, Bruce Kirk, Don Pavlacky, Rick Bremer, Pat Goff and Phil Lindaman.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• March 18, 1999 - The Motley Staples Middle School Sixth Grade Choir participated in “The 1999 World’s Largest Concert” March 2, in the music room of the middle school.

They joined millions of other school students, teachers and citizens from around the world to participate simultaneously in this sing-along program broadcast on PBS stations nationwide and the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service overseas at noon on Thursday. “The sixth grade students prepared for this concert for over five weeks,” said choir director Jeanne Rohr.

• March 18, 1999 - Alisha Miller and Jill Mertens of the Cardinal girls cage squad took the runner-up and third place spot in the Mid-State Conference girls scoring race for the 1999 season.

Miller, a sophomore, hit 133 points in conference games, while Mertens scored 98.

Other conference scoring for the Cards included Shannon Hoffmann with 50

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points, Sarah Miller with 43, Amanda Hoffert with 39, Rachel Landecker with 27, Andrea Winter with 15 and Amanda Noska with 10.

• March 18, 1999 - Staples Motleys Dustin Hjelmeland finished with 161 points in eight Mid State basketball games to earn a tie for second place in this year’s league scoring race.

• March 18, 1999 - The Cardinals cruised into the Section 6AA finals at Concordia College with a 72-56 win over the Green Wave from East Grand Forks on March 11.

• March 18, 1999 - Staples Motley High School junior Matt Shaffer will be spending the week of June 13-18 competing in the 1999 Desert Sun National Forensic League Tournament at Desert Vista High School in Phoenix, Arizona.

Shaffer, a member of the SMHS Speech Team, specialized in U.S. extemporaneous Speaking.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• March 13, 2014 - On March 3, the Staples Police Department received a



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the March 7, 1974 edition of the Staples World featured Michael J. Matanich (left), director of the Staples Area Vocational-Technical School, accepting a \$500 check from Donald Peterson, manager of the 3M Company plant in Staples. The check would be used to provide scholarship aid to worthy students. Peterson, a Staples native, graduated from Staples High School, as well as the Machine Shop program of the Staples Area Vocational-Technical Institute.

Linda Bartylla of Motley correctly identified both Matanich and Peterson, going on to say that she worked at the technical-vocational institute beginning in 1977, and later Central Lakes College when they merged with Brainerd. Terrie Brown of Staples recognized both, and shared that her dad, Neil Krough, taught tool and dye design at the school. It was Mike Matanich who recruited her dad, who’d been working at Minneapolis-Moline previously. “It turned out well,” Brown said of their family’s move from the Twin Cities area to Staples. Mike Koppes, Kathy Odden, Bruce and Bev Nelsen, and Jim Vogel, all of Staples, also correctly identified both men. Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Matanich, but thought Peterson was Gary Wenschlag, a past administrator at Staples High School. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



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Letters to the Editor

Chamber seeks input

We hope this letter finds you well and your business prosperous. We're reaching out to share an update on the status of the Staples Area Chamber. Over the last few years, we have celebrated welcoming many new businesses and have had the pleasure to watch some businesses grow in our community. We've made Railroad Days bigger and better than some thought possible and added some new events that have grown connections within the community. Unfortunately, over the years the Chamber has seen a steady decline in membership and engaged

board members as well as not having the funding to sustain the leadership of an executive director. The current reality is we're in dire need of our members to become more involved in the Chamber, as we lack board participation and active/engaged membership. Without additional financial support and volunteerism that's required to operate a successful Chamber, we will be forced to make the difficult decision to dissolve the Staples Area Chamber. At this time, the board is asking for your input and thoughts regarding whether the Chamber should continue or dissolve. For the Chamber to continue moving forward and growing our amazing community, we will need as many members

involved in the ongoing responsibilities to maintain a successful Chamber. We strongly encourage and ask that anyone who has an opinion about the future of the Chamber attend our next board meeting on Wednesday, March 27, at 8:30 a.m. at the Timbers Event Center. If you're unable to attend, we would appreciate your thoughts and concerns, or any input in this matter via email at stapleschamber@gmail.com. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Staples Area Chamber. We look forward to hearing everyone's input and seeing you at our next meeting.

The Staples Area Chamber Board

Minnesota should not become a sanctuary state

By Mike Wiener
State Representative

The first month of the 2024 legislative session is coming to a close and it's nice that the pace has been slower compared to the breakneck speed of last year. Despite the slower pace, there is no shortage of issues I am fighting to prevent from becoming law this year. Top on the list includes the so-called North Star Act, which would turn Minnesota into a "sanctuary state" and a magnet for illegal immigration. I am also standing firm against legislation that further erodes the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding Minnesotans. I would like to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the Wadena County Board of Commissioners for approving a resolution opposing the North Star Act. Your leadership on this issue is an example to the rest of Minnesota's counties about the importance of representing and listening to the voice of the people. School Resource Officer Update Despite the many disappointments and challenges, I am pleased to report that the House of Representatives approved legislation on Monday that fixes a change in state law that had resulted in many schools around Minnesota removing School Resource Officers (SROs). The issue traces back to an omnibus education bill that Democrats enacted in 2023 that imposed certain prohibitions on the use of force in schools and created legal ambiguity for SROs, thus opening them up to possible litigation. Because of that, many school districts across Minnesota pulled SROs from their middle and high schools. SROs play an important role in not only

keeping schools safe but also building important relationships with students and staff. Since the summer, Republicans have been calling for hearings and a special session to immediately fix this problem. Until this week, the Democrat majority had continued to delay—choosing to listen to the anti-law enforcement voices in their party instead of the students, teachers, parents, and more who wanted SROs back in their schools. For House Democrats, Monday's vote was a full retreat from their previous position and is a clear victory for students, teachers, and parents.

State Flag Update

Like many of you, I have had significant concerns and reservations about proposed changes to the state flag as well as the process that has led to such a dramatic reimagining of our flag. This week, House and Senate Republicans held a press conference calling on Governor Walz and legislative leaders to let the people of Minnesota decide if they want to officially adopt the new state flag or if the Redesign Commission should go back to the drawing board. For most of us, the old flag was perfectly fine and there was no reason to change it in the first place. The fact that an unelected board gets to decide the new state flag without any official referendum vote from Minnesotans is wrong. You and your neighbors should get to decide what the state flag should be. Stay tuned for more on this, we're not done fighting to make the voice of the people heard.

Avoid processed foods for healthy eating

Submitted by the University of Minnesota

March is National Nutrition Month, an opportunity to focus on healthy and informed food choices. When people try to eat healthier, they may start by cutting processed foods. But are all processed foods bad for you? Job Ubbink, a professor and head of the Food Science and Nutrition Department at the University of Minnesota, answers questions about the difference between unprocessed, processed and ultra-processed foods and how to make nutritious choices. Q: Can you explain the difference between unprocessed, processed, and ultra-processed foods? Prof. Ubbink: Unprocessed foods are often also called minimally processed foods, as literally every food has seen some processing. Think of fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables, meat and seafood, pasteurized milk, dry beans and pulses and whole grain flours. Processed foods are those that are prepared from unprocessed foods, often by using processed culinary ingredients, such as cooking oil, refined flour, sugar and butter. Processed foods include many of our daily foods, such as bread, cheese, yogurt, cured and processed meats, and many of the options in the deli department. Ultra-processed foods contain high amounts of sugar, salt and fat, count a lot of calories and are otherwise nutrient poor. They are also often very appealing and easy to eat, inviting overconsumption. Typical products are candy bars, frosted breakfast cereals, fast food, pastries and crispy snacks. Q: Can processed foods offer unique nutritional benefits? Prof. Ubbink: One of the main reasons we process foods is to increase shelf life. Think of the pasteurization of milk or the freezing or

the canning of foods. Food processing can provide specific nutritional benefits. An example is lactose-free milk, which can accommodate those who are lactose intolerant. Lycopene, an antioxidant in tomatoes, is more bioavailable in tomato paste, and nixtamalized corn flour, which is traditionally prepared by the Native Americans by cooking corn in lye, has a much improved bioavailability of niacin, also known as vitamin B3. Processing can also have negative effects. Refined, white flours, have a high glycemic index and lack important nutrients and fibers. Chemical hardening led to trans fats, which are unhealthy and should be avoided. Processing may also lead to loss of nutrients, even though we're getting better and better at preserving these. Think of frozen vegetables and fruits, which have a better nutrient retention than canned or, after prolonged storage, even fresh ones. Q: What role do processed foods play in rural communities? Prof. Ubbink: Rural communities traditionally prepared and preserved many of their foods themselves, often using their own produce. While there's a renewed interest in pickling, canning and fermenting foods, we now rely on grocery stores for the bulk of our supplies. Distances to grocery stores are large in rural areas, and inclement weather, such as blizzards, which may occasionally prevent a trip to the store. So, many in rural areas stock up on shelf-stable processed foods in their pantry and freezer. A concern are so-called food deserts: In very remote and often poor areas, a convenience store may be the only place that is relatively nearby that sells food, leading to an overreliance on ultra-processed and fast food. Q: What advice would you offer for helping consumers

make informed decisions at the grocery store? Prof. Ubbink: Purchase fresh and minimally processed foods first: veggies, fruits and a protein source. Go with the seasons, buy cabbage or root vegetables instead of leafy greens in winter. Processed foods are needed in a modern lifestyle, but look at the nutrition facts panel on the backside of the packaging and avoid those that are high in added sugar, salt and saturated fats. Limit purchasing ultra-processed foods — this can be challenging, as they can be really tempting and convenient. Stick to your shopping list and don't go to the grocery store on an empty stomach. Q: How are U of M researchers working to better understand and utilize processed foods? Prof. Ubbink: We're looking specifically at the group of ultra-processed foods. This food category was introduced about 15 years ago by researchers from Brazil, and has started an important global debate about the role of industrially-formulated foods in the obesity pandemic. Now, while the concept in itself is useful, it's also flawed. For many of the ultra-processed foods, it's not so much that they are intensely processed, but rather that they're formulated to contain high levels of sugar, salt and fats, are high in energy and have little nutritional value. We explicitly recognize this by differentiating the processing from the formulation. This allows to better define ultra-processed foods, and can for instance be used in defining nutrition research. It also shifts the focus from processing, which is critical to our food supply, to the way industry makes choices on the formulation of foods. This may also provide a route to more wholesome foods, there's no reason that formulated foods cannot be healthy.

Quote of the week

“The difference between a democracy and a dictatorship is that in a democracy you vote first and take orders later; in a dictatorship you don’t have to waste your time voting.” — Charles Bukowski

CLC asking for local residents to take survey

By Cheryl Norman, Ed.D.,
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

At Central Lakes College, we are committed to building futures, and we believe that this is best achieved when we work together. Every five years, we undertake a New Program Initiative to identify programs that meet the evolving needs of our workforce. This initiative is not just about us; it's about you, our communities, our aspirations, and the future we collectively envision. CLC's objective is clear: to respond to the changing

needs of our community and establish a pipeline of programs to be introduced over the next five years, equipping students for the workforce. Our mission, "We Build Futures," is not just a slogan; it's a commitment. Together, we can shape the future of our community and create opportunities for all. We invite your feedback on Liberal Arts programs that smoothly transition into four-year degrees, including fields such as the Arts, Humanities, Communication, Business, Natural and Social Sciences. Additionally,

we're eager to hear your perspectives on technical programs such as Agriculture, Business, IT, Public Safety, Transportation, and Healthcare. Have other ideas and suggestions? We're all ears. Please take a moment to complete our survey and share any ideas or suggestions you may have for new program development. Your feedback is invaluable as we explore new programs. The deadline for completing the survey is March 25. Find the survey at: <https://tinyurl.com/CLC-NewPrograms>. Thank you for your input.

Farm bill should bolster conservation programs

From Center For Rural Affairs

Farm bill negotiations that began in 2023 are now on Congress' to-do list for 2024, and an unclear path

toward passage remains. However, even as lawmakers will be required to divide their attention among a number of issues in the coming months, the Center will continue to focus on advocacy for its farm bill priorities—specifically, protecting conservation program funding. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's flagship working lands programs—the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)—benefit producers through financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices on their farms and ranches. For many, these programs provide an important gateway to production methods that improve soil health and water quality, among other benefits to natural resources. Both programs have been chronically underfunded and oversubscribed, making a case for Congress to increase support for producers interested in enrolling. In 2022, Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which included historic investments in CSP and EQIP. Specifically, the legislation provided \$3.25

billion for CSP and \$8.45 billion for EQIP through 2026. This funding is in addition to farm bill dollars already allocated to these programs each year. To date, there has been no issue finding producers to benefit from the increased funding. In Nebraska and Iowa, for example, 100 percent of program funding—both IRA and farm bill dollars—for 2023 was distributed to enhance conservation across each state. Money from the IRA distributed in 2023, and now in 2024, is making CSP and EQIP available to more producers to implement practices that are good for their operations and rural communities. It is essential that our elected officials in Washington, D.C., have a clear understanding of how important conservation programs are to producers. Not only are practices such as no-till, nutrient management, and prescribed grazing good for natural resources, they help producers build operations that are resilient to a changing climate and viable for future generations. Therefore, the historic funding allocated to these programs must remain available for its intended use.

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Staples All Veterans Park receives grant

The Todd Wadena Electric Coop (TWEC) recently awarded the Staples All Veterans Park a \$1,183 grant to be used for the construction of a bell tower. The tower will support the 100 year old steam locomotive bell, which has been fitted with an electronic push button ringer. Pictured, from left, are Mel Daniels, veterans park representative; Kallie Baxter, TWEC representative; Milt Peterson, veterans park representative. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley School Board regular meeting March 18

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Groups or individuals wishing to be included on the school/community forum portion of the meeting must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting.

The agenda includes but is not limited to:

- Approve the hire of Kelsey Schmidt, JH Softball Coach
- Approve the 2024-2025 Sacred Heart Agreement for provided services
- Approve the fundraiser requests from Student Council

Facilities update - ICS
-Policy committee minutes 3-6-2024
-Approve sealed bids for miscellaneous items
-Upcoming schedule:
Mon., April 8: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., District Office
Mon., April 22: Board Meeting: 6 p.m., District Office
Mon., May 6: Board Work Session, 6 p.m. District Office
Mon., May 20: Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office
Fri., May 24: Last day of school and graduation.

Congregate meal at community center Mar. 27

Senior Nutrition Program
218-894-2556

Congregate dine-in lunch followed by bingo will be offered at the Senior Nutrition Site, Staples Community Center senior's room on Weds., March 27 at 11 a.m.

Lunch may be reserved through the nutrition site by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. Those wishing to attend should order the meal by 10 a.m. Friday, March 22.

March 27 menu: Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat dinner roll w/marj., fruit crisp, low fat milk.

The Senior Nutrition Site is located at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples.

Cardinal SM school events

March

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL** March 15, 7 p.m., and March 16, 2 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **POLAR PLUNGE** March 20, 1 p.m., at the MS/HS
- **SADIE HAWKINS DANCE (GRADES 9 - 12)** March 23, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
- **VOCAL LARGE GROUP CONTEST AT STAPLES-MOTLEY** March 27, all day event

Lakewood to hold grief support group

Lakewood Health System, Staples, will offer weekly grief support group meetings to be held every Tuesday from March 19 through April 23, from 3-4:30 p.m. at Sourcewell (202 12th St. NE, Staples). Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, child or any other loss is welcome to attend one or all meetings.

As a participant in the grief support group, you will have the opportunity to share with others who have also experienced recent grief and loss. Sharing is encouraged at your own comfort level. Everyone experiences the grief journey as an individual; the journey – when shared – can be a source of inspiration and comfort to you, as well as others.

In healing, there is hope for the future. The grief support group can help you move forward towards healing. Join us as we encourage one another through mutual support. The group is facilitated by chaplain, Paul Johnson, and social worker, Lindsay Kirk.

To register or for more information about the grief support group, call 218-894-8093 or email pauljohnson@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

2024 "Candyland Ball"

Friday, March 22

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•Sunday, March 17•

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March 13, 14

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'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 WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, March 14, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Brad Neutz, caller. For info., 218-894-2900.

March 15

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 17

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

March 20

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly board meeting Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples. The public is invited. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

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Obituaries

Stan Edin

Stan Edin, 88, formerly of Staples, passed away March 10, 2024 at Covenant Living Retirement Community, Westminster, Colorado.
Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 23, at 1 p.m. at the Thomastown Covenant Church, rural Staples.
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Duane Overby

Duane Joseph Overby, 88, of San Jose, California, passed away February 29, 2024.

Born on May 14, 1935, in Staples, Duane's early years were marked by instability and poverty. Leaning on the love and companionship of his only sibling, Monessa and his Catholic faith, Duane would endure and thrive in adulthood.

Duane proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1958, during which he participated in Operation Argus, a nuclear missile test secretly conducted over the South Atlantic Ocean. Following his military service, he pursued a successful career as a technical trainer with Lockheed Missiles & Space and as an instructor and department chair at San Jose City, West Valley and Mission colleges. Never one to be idle, Duane also bought, fixed up, rented and sold several homes in Northern California.

Duane loved to build and fix things and was even known to oil a squeaky door during a visit. But Duane's greatest joy was his family. Of his progeny he often remarked, "There isn't a dud in the bunch!" From the podium at family gatherings, he shared his rich oral history and his gratitude for a miraculous life. Duane carried the suffering of others as his own. He volunteered at the food pantry and advocated for policy that



would help the underserved. Duane was a member of St. Julie Billiarts Parish in San Jose, where his services will be held on March 16, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Duane leaves a legacy of full hearts, brighter minds, big grins and a wealth of sweet and colorful memories. He is survived by the love of his life and wife, Marjorie Habenicht; one sister, Monessa Overby, OSF; nine children, Duane Joseph Overby, Jr., Ramona Patterson, Blair Overby, Bruce Overby, Jacqueline Dias, Cynthia Overby, Carol Stanley, Eric Overby and Matthew Overby along with their spouses and significant others; 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Duane is preceded in death by his parents, Marie Frances Fellman and Joseph Melvin Overby; first wife and mother of his nine children, Ruth Lillian Jackson Overby.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Casa de Clara House in San Jose at 318 N. 6th St. San Jose, CA. Dewey will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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Student Achievements

ST. CLOUD TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE, has announced its Fall 2023 Academic Honors List. Students on the President's List earned a grad point average of 4.0, and those on the Dean's List received a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99. Local students named include:

- Morgan Hanson, Motley, Dean's List
- Sarah Kossan, Motley, Dean's List
- Lindsey Personius, Pillager, President's List

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

- Shaylyn Johnson, Pillager
- Mackenzie Shaw, Pillager
- Nicole Carter, Staples
- Riley Peterson, Staples

Something to Think About

--Author Unknown, EXCHANGE publication

On a recent trip to Haiti, I heard a Haitian pastor illustrate to his congregation the need for total commitment to Christ. His parable:

"A certain man wanted to sell his house for \$2,000. Another man wanted very badly to buy it, but because he was poor, he couldn't afford the full price. After much bargaining, the owner agreed to sell the house for half the original price with just one stipulation: he would retain ownership of one small nail protruding from just over the door.

After several years, the original owner wanted the house back, but the new owner was unwilling to sell. So the first owner went out, found a carcass of a dead dog and hung it from the single nail he still owned. Soon the house became unlivable and the family was forced to sell the house to the owner of the nail."

The Haitian pastor's conclusion: "If we leave the Devil with even one small peg in our life, he will return to hang his rotting garbage on it, making it unfit for Christ's habitation."

--Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God

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Brandt, Schultz lead Cardinals in Section 7AA upset win

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team advanced to the Section 7AA semifinal with a 59-49 win over Crosby-Ironton on March 9. The game was played at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, a venue change since all four teams in the bracket were much closer to Brainerd than the original scheduled game near Duluth.

C-I was the third seed and the Cardinals were seeded sixth, making this the biggest upset in the section tournament so far.

Staples-Motley won their first round game against Pierz, 85-61, on March 4.

Staples-Motley will now play against Pequot Lakes on Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at Romano Gymnasium at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. The other semifinal game will be between Esko and Moose Lake/Willow River. The winners of those two games will play for the section title on Friday, March 15, at 6 p.m. again at Romano Gymnasium in Duluth.

Against C-I, Avandre Brandt scored 21 points and Alex Schultz had 18 to lead the team, but the game was won on the defensive end. C-I had averaged 74 points per game during the season and finished 25 points short of that. This was the second fewest points C-I had scored in a game all season as they were unable to get open shots for most of the game.

C-I had won both meetings with Staples-Motley in the regular season, by 20 and 24 points. But the Cardinals came out with a new game plan and were confident throughout the game that they could go toe to toe with C-I.

Schultz said despite the earlier losses, the team felt they were in a good position to pull the upset.

"We're the underdogs, there is no pressure on us," said Schultz.

"They bought into the game plan," said Coach Zack Qual.

The game started out with both defenses being tough to crack. Staples-Motley built a seven point lead after Brandt made two drives to the basket, one of them pulling up for a close range jump shot to score.

C-I came back starting with the help of the referees declining to call a shot clock violation. They scored eight straight points but Grant Bestland made two free throws and hit a shot to bring the Cardinals back, but they were still down 27-23 at halftime.

C-I implemented a press in the second half, but Eli Rutten and Bestland were



Strong effort going to the basket

Alex Schultz slips past the Crosby-Ironton defense for a score in the second half. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

calm and patient in getting the ball up the court. C-I took their largest lead of the game early in the second half after hitting two open threes and scoring on a fast break to go up 35-28.

At that point, Schultz took control of the game on both offense and defense. Over the next stretch, he made four free throws and scored on a drive, a jump shot and a three pointer. He also made hustle plays on defense, once creating a turnover by diving for the ball.

How good was the defense? In one of the previous games against C-I, the Cardinals allowed four players in double figures, including a player scoring 30 points. This game, only one player was in double figures, with 22 points. In the

previous game, C-I made 15 three pointers, in the section game they hit just five.

Qual said the secret to the defensive effort was the bench players, most of whom didn't get into the game. "It was our 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10-11 guys, they learned the C-I offense in three days and they ran it well every day in practice so we would be able to defend it."

"We worked all week on stopping the ball screen," said Schultz, "during the game we knew what they were going to run."

Schultz said they played more man to man defense than in the previous meetings. "They have some good plays against our zone," he explained.

The plan was implemented with Schultz spending most of the game guarding the top player on C-I's team.

"He's one of the better players in the section," said Qual, "it was an awesome effort."

Schultz said it was more of a team effort on defense, as the entire team got involved, always switching on screens.

"It's all about helping, we defend from the mid-line," said Schultz.

The result was C-I players becoming hesitant at times and their offense was not flowing.

The Cardinals also brought a reinvigorated offensive effort to the game. Brandt said the offensive plan was to "move the ball, share it with teammates," he said.

"We wanted to be tough, fast and efficient," said Brandt.

Brandt had scored five points in the previous meeting, but was aggressive going to the basket and putting up long shots when he got in an advantageous position.

"My teammates trusted me, I took it to the hoop when they passed it to me," said Brandt.

The team had a decent night shooting from the outside. They didn't take many three pointers, but hit them at crucial times in the game.

The biggest shot was Brandt hitting a three pointer with five minutes left in the game to go up 44-43, a lead that they never lost. That was followed by Noah Larson outleaping an opponent to grab a rebound and score, Brandt finishing on a tough baseline drive with the defender draped on his side and Schultz scoring a reverse layup in traffic with 1:45 left for a 51-47 lead. All four baskets were examples of the pure determination that the Cardinals showed throughout the game.

After that, Larson, Brandt, Rutten and Bestland made free throws while the defense continued to force C-I into tough shots while Larson, Brandt, Schultz and Bestland clearing the rebounds.

Free throw shooting was a key, with Staples-Motley making 19 of 22 in the game. C-I made six out of ten, with even their best shooters missing shots from the line.

Schultz punctuated his defensive performance by ruthlessly blocking the final three point attempt of the game, extinguishing any hope C-I might have had.

The team celebrated the upset, at the same time looking forward to their next game.

First round

Against Pierz, Rutten scored 21 and Bestland had 16 as the Cardinals took a 19 point lead at halftime and maintained a double digit lead the entire second half.

Rutten blew the game open in the first half with three straight 3-pointers, one from the top, one from the corner and one from the wing.

The team made 14 of 15 free throws in the game.

Team results

Section 7AA playoffs

SM 85, Pierz 61

Scoring: Eli Rutten 21, Grant Bestland 16, Avandre Brandt 15, Alex Schultz 12, Conner Kuhns 8, Noah Larson 6, Logan Robben 2, Ryan Neelan 2, Peyton Jares 2

Staples-Motley 59, Crosby-Ironton 49

Scoring: Brandt 21, Schultz 18, Rutten 9, Bestland 7, Larson 4.



Eli Rutten shoots against Pierz



Peyton Jares hits a floater over two defenders.



Shooting concentration

Avandre Brandt focuses on the basket while shooting a three pointer.



Noah Larson sinks a putback late in the CI game.

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Public Comment
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 6th day of February, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of item 5.7 Discipline Designee.

Consent Agenda
On motion by Byers and second by Denny, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 16 and 29, 2024 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT – ST MARY OF MT CARMEL PARISH
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the St. Mary of Mt Carmel Parish through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the St. Mary of Mt Carmel Parish to hold a raffle event at the Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN on April 27, 2024.

GAMBLING PERMIT – SAUK CENTRE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a raffle event at the Howard & Katherine Marthaler Shed in Kandota Township at the address 10098 County 11, Sauk Centre, MN on April 27th, 2024.

GAMBLING PERMIT – SAUK VALLEY GOBBLERS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Valley Gobblers through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Valley Gobblers to hold a raffle event at Diamond Point in Birchdale Township at the address 12867 Bayview Dr, Sauk Centre, MN on April 20, 2024.

GAMBLING PERMIT – MIDWEST OUTDOORS UNLIMITED – PRAIRIE PARTNERS CHAPTER

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited – Prairie Partners Chapter through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited – Prairie Partners Chapter to hold a bingo event at Shady's Golden Eagle in Grey Eagle Township at the address 13218 County 103, Grey Eagle, MN on April 7, 2024.

GAMBLING PERMIT – SAUK CENTRE FAIRY LAKE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Fairy Lake Association through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Fairy Lake Association to hold a raffle event at the Lions Fairy Lake Association in Kandota Township at the address 10500 County 95, Sauk Centre, MN on May 22nd, 2024.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce at the Marthaler's Shed at the address of 10098 County 11, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 27, 2024.

To approve Brian Hollenkamp to fill the open Senior Engineering Technician position at Grade 12 - Step 8 at \$38.76/hour with a start date of 02/21/2024.

To approve the resignation of employee # 3101, effective 1/10/2024.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the January 2024 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 903774 through 903887 in the amount of \$2,030,916.58 (Manual) 908 through 916 in the amount of \$85,991.21 and (Regular) 242045 through 242254 in the amount of \$835,427.19 for a total of \$2,952,334.98.

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403007 through 403039 in the amount of \$74,147.15 and (Regular) 57697 through 57738 in the amount of \$39,314.65 for a total of \$113,461.80.

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 Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 804974 through 805010 and (Regular) 711491 through 711554 for a total of \$83,810.46.

On motion by Denny and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIIS Warrants number (ACH) 601158 through 601169 and (Regular) 517681 through 517700 for a total amount of \$161,679.33.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following resolution

was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION OF RECONVEYANCE OF FORFEITED LANDS FROM THE CITY OF BERTHA TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
WHEREAS, the City of Bertha had acquired parcel 29-0003201, to utilize for the purpose of public service facilities which would follow the definition of authorized public uses in Minnesota Statute 282.01. The City of Bertha after acquiring this property has found the costs too high to use this parcel as location for public service facilities. The City of Bertha would like to reconvey this property back to the State of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 282.01 Subd 1a paragraph a (2) authorizes the proper offices to convey the land, or the part of the land not required to an authorized public use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners recommends that this resolution of request to reconvey tax forfeited lands back to the State of Minnesota be granted and will be included on the next tax forfeited land sale.

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

A RESOLUTION RESTRICTING FUND BALANCE FOR CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP (CWP) LOAN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners on February 4, 2020 (Board Tracking # 20200204-18) approved for the Todd County Planning and Zoning Department to apply for a Clean Water Partnership Loan for septic systems via the MPCA; and;

WHEREAS, On February 19, 2020, Planning and Zoning received notification from the MPCA that their application for \$450,000 was awarded; and;

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, Planning and Zoning received the executed grant agreement for the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Loan Program; and;

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2020, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the Clean Water Partnership Loan General Obligation Note (Board Tracking #20200421-18); and;

WHEREAS, On January 18, 2022 the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the establishment of a Restricted Fund Balance for Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Loan Program with a balance of \$6,676.90 as of 12-31-2021. (Board Tracking #20220118-13); and;

WHEREAS, On January 17, 2023, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the establishment of a Restricted Fund Balance for Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Loan Program with a balance of \$30,933.19 as of 12-31-2022. (Board Tracking #20230117-10); and;

WHEREAS, Planning and Zoning collects application fees, annual principle and interest to supply for the loan repayment to MPCA; and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to update the Restricted Fund Balance for the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Loan Program account in Fund 01-613 with a balance of \$81,462.36 as of 12-31-2023.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint the Personnel Committee as the designee to carry out all disciplinary measures, with the exception of dismissal pending County Coordinator start date.

County Assessor

On motion by Byers and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: The Todd County Board hereby schedules the 2024 Todd County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for June 18, 2024; commencing at 6:00pm and not ending before 7:00 p.m.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

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

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT – DITCH MAINTENANCE – COUNTY DITCH 32

WHEREAS, Doug Carry, acting on behalf of the owners of four parcels, is requesting to maintain approximately 3,900 feet of County Ditch 32 that is located on these four properties. This footage is part of Lateral 3, and Branch 5 of Lateral 3, that is located on parcels 24-0008700, 24-0008800, 24-0009700 and 24-0009800. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed by all landowners and submitted to the Ditch Authority; and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done; and;

WHEREAS, applicants are allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch or moved to an approved upland site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Doug Carry, acting on behalf of the owners of four parcels which are listed above, to maintain approximately 3,900 feet of Lateral 3, and Branch 5 of Lateral 3, on CD32, Turtle Creek Twp sections 8 & 9. This maintenance will be done on their own properties and at their own expense.

MIS

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve hosting the Todd County website with Revize with the option to pay over 5 years.

Public Works

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the 2024 Spring Road Meeting for April 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Todd County Public Works Northern Shop.

Facilities Committee

On motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by

unanimous vote: Authorize the Facilities Committee to move the Todd County Historic Rockwall Restoration Project forward to the public construction bid phase.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Engineering and Architectural Services Proposal from Widseth for the Todd County Historic Rockwall Restoration Project for \$32,930.

Facilities Department

On motion by Denny and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To change the title of "Facilities Supervisor" to "Facilities Manager" to better describe the position.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP to parcel 21-0008601 with the following conditions:

1. Existing southern fence shall be moved to achieve a 50' setback from private wells. Fence shall be setback no less than 4' from the southern property line.

2. Perimeter fence shall be maintained to provide sufficient screening from all public roads. Perimeter fence shall be no less than 10' in height measured from the ground surface.

3. Perimeter fence shall be fully established no later than August 1st, 2024.

4. Applicant shall obtain MPCA Industrial Stormwater Permitting and provide verification of permitting to the County. Application shall be submitted no later than May 1, 2024.

5. Accumulation of scrap material shall not be visible from US Highway 71.

6. Applicant must abide by all applicable federal, state, and local standards.

7. County shall conduct a site review on August 2, 2024 to verify conditions.

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

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – “SALES ESTATES” SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Applicants and property owners Bruce & Christine Sales applied to subdivide a property that is described as part of Section 22 of Burnhamville Township with the plat to be known as "Sales Estates";

WHEREAS, Sales Estates consists of one lot; Block 1, Lot 1, 4.68± acres, located in Shoreland Natural Environment Zoning District in Burnhamville Township;

WHEREAS, On November 2, 2023, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 22, Township 128, Range 32, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West, assumed bearing, 399.50 feet along the east line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 06 seconds West 505.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds East 407.57 feet to the intersection with the north line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 25 minutes 09 seconds East 505.06 feet along said north line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning.

Together with:

An easement for ingress, egress, and utility purposes, over, under, and across that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 22, Township 128, Range 32, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West, assumed bearing, 399.50 feet along the east line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning of said easement to be described; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 06 seconds West 330.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds West 33.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 06 seconds East 330.00 feet to said east line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds East 33.00 feet along said east line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, On November 21, 2023, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Sales Estates preliminary plat with no conditions.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Sales Estates" be approved as presented. Information was provided to the County Board regarding Planning & Zoning with the support of Health & Human Services and SWCD intend to apply for grant funding to assist private well users with safe drinking water.

Soil and Water

On motion by Denny and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: To approve and support to authorize the SWCD to apply for grant funding in pursuit of funding to support a position via the Soil Health Grant.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the hiring of one Care Coordinator.

On motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by

unanimous vote: To approve the ARPA funding request in the amount of \$7,000 for a portion of a new convection oven purchase at Hilltop Regional Kitchen.

On motion by Byers and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Opioid Settlement funding request of \$6,500 for the support of the Long Prairie Police Department's DARE education program.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Opioid Settlement funding request of \$15,000 for lodging, transportation and TIDA supports.

Commissioners

On motion by Neumann and second by Byers, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO REDESIGNING THE STATE FLAG AND SEAL

WHEREAS, the 2023 Legislature created a State Emblems Redesign Commission in the Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 62, Article 2, Section 118 the purpose of which is to redesign the official state flag and official state seal; and;

WHEREAS, the Redesign Commission was charged with bringing recommendations on the redesign to the Legislature by no later than January 1, 2024; and;

WHEREAS, the official seal of the State of Minnesota has remained unchanged since 1858; the current official state flag was created in 1957 with minor modifications done in 1983; and;

WHEREAS, the official state flag and seal are not only symbols of our state, but also of our history and both the current official state flag and official state seal contain historical information on our farming background, Native American heritage and the co-existence that is part of the rich history of our state; and;

WHEREAS, there is a substantial public cost associated with making this change that does not advance the public interest, including every deputy badge, seals in every courtroom and County Board Rooms across the state at substantial public expense; and;

WHEREAS, the public reaction to the proposed designs has thus far been overwhelmingly negative;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby urges our legislative delegation and the Governor to reject the work of the State Emblems Redesign Commission; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby urges our legislative delegation and the Governor to retain the existing state seal and state flag as the official emblems for the State of Minnesota.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve letter of support for CTC USDA Community Connect Grant application.

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve financial support of \$5,000 for CTC for USDA Community Connect Grant, if grant is awarded.

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve Letter of Support for Nelson Park Splashpad in the City of Eagle Bend.

On motion by Neumann and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Board Chairperson to sign the letter of intent to submit for the PLSS Monument Grant Application.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve interim change to move GIS under SWCD/PZ reporting to the SWCD/PZ Director, until a final decision is made.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the terms of the Employment Agreement for the County Coordinator with a start date of 3/11/2024.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the office remains steady with audit and election preparations. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney is back at full strength with staffing.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Denny attended regular monthly meetings.

Commissioner Becker attended the West Central Reg. Juvenile, TWCC, Extension, Planning & Zoning, Facilities and Public Health Advisory meetings.

Commissioner Noska attended regular monthly meetings and noted that the Winter Demo Derby was a well-attended event.

Commissioner Neumann attended the SRWD, CPT, Finance Committee, Personnel, Surveyor, CMCOA, Public Health Advisory meetings.

Commissioner Byers attended the AIS, Wellness, Planning & Zoning, Facilities, and Wellness meetings.

Recess

Chairperson Becker recessed the meeting until February 20, 2024.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
AMC (MCHRM)	\$4,900.00
ASSOC OF MN COUNTIES	
	\$17,418.00
ASSOC OF MN COUNTIES	
BARR ENGINEERING	\$2,104.00
COMPANY	\$3,973.00
INITIATIVE	
FOUNDATION	\$7,500.00
LONG PRAIRIE	
SANITATION INC.	\$6,278.21
MCCC, M133	\$8,529.37
MCIT	\$27,021.00
MINNESOTA POWER	\$2,292.48
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	\$6,255.50
PETERS LAW OFFICE,	
P.A.	\$8,536.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS.	\$5,120.50
US BANK	\$374,515.00
VERIZON	\$5,928.20

VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$3,353.10
35 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$18,530.59
CITY OF BERTHA	\$9,546.46
CITY OF BROWERVILLE	\$3,178.26
CITY OF CLARISSA	\$7,144.31
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	\$13,585.98
CITY OF GREY EAGLE	\$13,578.51
CITY OF HEWITT	\$3,198.96
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	

	\$16,091.13
CITY OF STAPLES	\$15,235.91
SAUK RIVER WATER	
SHED DISTRICT	3,043.89
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213	

	\$33,451.21
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
2170	\$57,753.07
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
2753	\$70,596.48

SCHOOL DISTRICT	
486	\$19,311.29
SCHOOL DISTRICT 740	

	\$3,207.46
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743	
	\$28,420.49
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786	

	\$43,888.48
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786-DEBT	
DIST 86	\$2,305.96
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787	

	\$32,830.16
TOWN OF BARTLETT	
	\$4,639.70
TOWN OF BERTHA	\$12,256.78
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE	

	\$4,458.43
TOWN OF BRUCE	\$2,367.44
TOWN OF BURLEENE	\$3,439.39
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE	

	\$12,374.18
TOWN OF EAGLE	
VALLEY	\$8,430.29
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	\$5,147.40
TOWN OF GERMANIA	\$7,154.70
TOWN OF GORDON	\$9,350.30
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE	

	\$5,070.87
TOWN OF HARTFORD	\$6,510.32
TOWN OF IONA	\$7,231.97
TOWN OF LESLIE	\$6,640.27
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK	\$2,905.34
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK	\$7,761.90
TOWN OF LONG	

	\$3,320.66
PRAIRIE	\$5,654.48
TOWN OF MORAN	\$3,263.58
TOWN OF REYNOLDS	
TOWN OF ROUND	

	\$5,966.31
PRAIRIE	\$7,273.14
TOWN OF STAPLES	
TOWN OF STOWE	

	\$8,846.97
PRAIRIE	
TOWN OF TURTLE	
CREEK	\$2,295.77
TOWN OF VILLARD	\$4,001.98
TOWN OF WARD	\$8,379.34
TOWN OF WEST	

	\$4,368.25
UNION	\$16,714.09
TOWN OF WYKEHAM	
12 PAYMENTS LESS	

THAN \$2,000	\$9,399.40
ARC ELECTRIC	
SERVICE	\$8,621.71
CARD SERVICES	

	\$2,844.56
COBORN	
CARGILL SALT	
DIVISION	\$11,265.33
CENTRA CARE	\$11,532.50
DOUGLAS SWCD	\$3,872.90

FIRST NATIONAL BANK	
OF OSAKIS/THE	\$4,860.09
FLEET SERVICES/WEX	
BANK	\$6,035.74
FRENCH/NICHOLAS	\$26,451.00
GALLAGHER BENEFIT	

SERVICES INC	\$9,825.00
GINTER/NICOLE	\$2,386.04</



**NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
WADENA COUNTY**

Wadena County Board
of Commissioners

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

Written comments will be received by Darin Fellbaum, County Engineer, until April 5, 2024 at 221 Harry Rich Dr., Wadena, Minnesota 56482.

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

Heather Olson, Wadena
County Auditor/Treasurer
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**NOTICE
OLD WADENA
SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Old Wadena Society will hold their Annual Meeting Sunday, April 7, 2024 at the Staples Railroad Depot. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. The meeting begins at noon. Speaker is Dr. Ameiei Allard presentation on Fur Trading in the 18th Century: A view from Reaume's Leaf River Post, Dec. 2022.

The meeting is open to the public.

Darlys Hamberg
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**NOTICE
CITY OF STAPLES
PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED
ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Staples City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on March 26, 2024 at 122 6th St NE to consider and possibly adopt assessments for non-payment of utility charges against property.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples

Published: March 13, 2024
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77-PR-23-1040**

**In Re: ESTATE OF
DIANE M. KNAKE
Decedent.**

**NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL PROBATE
OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 25, 2024 at 10:14 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Todd County, Minnesota, on petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated October 20, 2003, and for the appointment of Lisa Goraczkowski, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

This Hearing will be held:

X This will be an administrative hearing, and your appearance is not required. If there is an objection to this petition, you will be notified of another date and time.

**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 Monday, April 1, 2024, 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

12-13pnc

**NOTICE
R5DC AND CASS
LAKE-BENA SCHOOLS
SEEK PROPOSALS
FOR ARCHITECTURAL
AND ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) and Cass Lake-Bena Schools (ISD115) are soliciting bids from licensed architectural and engineering firms to submit proposals for a project to provide services for specific energy efficiency and health and safety upgrades at Cass Lake-Bena Schools.

Interested parties are urged to review the request for proposal details posted on the R5DC website at regionfive.org/rfp. An optional meeting opportunity will be held on **Friday, March 15, 2024**, at the Cass Lake-Bena District Offices beginning at 9 a.m. to allow respondents to ask questions regarding the project specifications and conduct building walkthroughs. Questions must be received by March 15, 2024, and all Q&A will be posted on the <https://www.regionfive.org/rfp> webpage. The deadline for responses is April 1, 2024.

Proposals should be submitted to BJ Allen at bjallen@regionfive.org.

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Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice if further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3.801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: February 29, 2024

BY THE COURT
Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

Kim Peterson,
Court Administrator

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PETITIONER**

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

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Loren Fellbaum,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

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

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AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- The applicant is introduced

- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of December 28, 2023, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes

1. Ryan and Angela Rengstorf: 1. Edward C. Kortuem: Section 14, Birchdale Township, Sauk (North Bay) Lake

Site Address: 12281 Alcott Drive, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

PID: 03-0030000

1. Request for variance to reduce the setback from the OHWL from 100' to 75' for proposed new house with attached garage in RD Shoreland Zoning.

2. Request for variance to increase the height limit from the required 18' to 21'11" for proposed new house with attached garage in RD Shoreland Zoning.

2. Paul E. Van Gorp and Roberta M. Knutson: PID: 06-0009300, Section 07, Burnhamville Township, Big Swan Lake

Site Address: 18550 State 287, Long Prairie, MN 56347

PID: 06-0025000, Section 18, Burnhamville Township, Big Swan Lake

Site Address: NA

1. Request to reduce the road frontage requirement from 150' to 66' for parcel 06-0009300 in RD Shoreland Zoning.

2. Request to reduce the road frontage requirement from 150' to 0' for parcel

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CP 24:84**

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06-0025000 in RD Shoreland Zoning.

3. Dan and Jan Atkinson: Section 29, Grey Eagle Township, Big Birch Lake
Site Address: 30336 Aspen Drive, Grey Eagle, MN 56336
PID: 11-0062500

1. Request to reduce the OHWL setback from 100' to 50.9' in RD Shoreland Zoning.

2. Request to increase the peak height limit from 18' to 23'4.25" in RD Shoreland Zoning.

3. Request to reduce the road right-of-way setback from 35' to 14.77' in RD Shoreland Zoning.

4. Request to increase the roofed impervious limit from 15% to 16.8% and total limit from 25% to 26.1% in RD Shoreland Zoning.

4. John T. Masingale: Section 27, Grey Eagle Township

Site Address: 33052 Stearns Line Road, Freeport, MN 56331

PID: 11-0041001

1. After the fact Request to reduce the rear property line setback from 50' to 25' for detached garage in AF-1 Zoning.

2. After the fact Request to reduce the side property line setback from 30' to 26' for detached garage in AF-1 Zoning.

5. Nancy Primus: Section 14, Birchdale Township, Sauk (North Bay) Lake
Site Address: 12327 Alcott Drive, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

PID: 03-0029600

1. Request to increase the impervious surface coverage limit from 15% to 18.6% in RD Shoreland Zoning.

6. Corey and Angela Thieshafer: Section 34, Ward Township, Horseshoe Lake

Site Address: 26158 County 18, Browerville, MN 56438

PID: 26-0034000

1. Request to reduce the 150' OHWL setback to 135' for the construction of two support posts in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

7. Dawn and Greg Graves: Section 33, Leslie Township, Osakis Lake

Site Address: 13411 Falcon Drive, Osakis, MN 56360

PID: 15-0045800

1. Request to increase the peak height limit from 18' to 21' 5" for proposed cabin replacement in General Development Shoreland Zoning.Adjournment.

Next Meeting:

April 26, 2024

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

Todd County Board of
Adjustment
Richard Johnson, Chair
12pnc

**Retirement celebration
March 28 for Deb
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Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union (M M F C U) invites the community to join us in celebrating Deb Stevens' retirement on Thursday, March 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 1pm. Refresh-



Deb Stevens

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**Brainerd Community Theatre
announces auditions and
performance dates for three
Summer 2024 shows**

August: Osage County

Written by acclaimed playwright Tracy Letts and recipient of the 2008 Tony Award for Best Play and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, August: Osage County follows the Weston family as they unexpectedly converge on their Oklahoman family homestead after their patriarch goes missing. A maelstrom of repressed truths and unsettling secrets explode in a play that unflinchingly - and uproariously - explores the dark side of this Midwestern American family. The New York Times described August: Osage County as "fiercely funny and biting sad, this turbo-charged tragicomedy...doesn't just jump-start the fall theater season - 'August' throws it instantaneously into high gear."

August: Osage County runs June 6-15, 2024, and is directed by Cory Johnson, whose past shows at Central Lakes College include Silent Sky, Collected Stories, and Brighton Beach Memoirs. Roles are available for adults 20+ to 60+, and one female role for an actor in their late teens/early 20's. Auditions for August: Osage County will be held at Central Lakes College in Brainerd on Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chalberg Theatre, Monday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the Dryden Theatre, or by individual appointment with the Director before April 8th (to schedule an audition, please send an email to clcperformingarts@clcmn.edu.) Note that this play deals with mature subject matter and includes significant amounts of profanity - auditionee and viewer discretion advised.

Frozen JR.

Building upon the success of last year's High School Musical JR., which involved over 50 youth performers from the Brainerd Lakes Area and beyond, the CLC Performing Arts Center and Brainerd Community Theatre are excited to announce Disney's Frozen JR., performing at the Chalberg Theatre at Central Lakes College, July 11-14, 2024.

Based on the hit Disney movie, Frozen JR. is a story of true love and acceptance between sisters that expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure and plenty

of humor, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

Licensed by Music Theatre International, Disney JR. musicals are one-hour adaptations of their full-length counterparts and written exclusively for youth performers. Frozen JR. auditions are open to all actors aged 9 to 18 (or students who graduate high school in 2024).

Frozen JR. performs July 11-14, 2024, and is directed by Amy Borash. Auditions for Frozen JR. will be held at Central Lakes College in Brainerd on April 5 at 5:00 p.m. and April 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chalberg Theatre. No preparation is required - auditionees will learn a short song and dance routine, and some will be asked to read scenes from the script. Rehearsals will last from May through July, held three to four weekdays per week from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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The Prom performs July 23 - August 1, 2024, and is directed by Amy Borash. Roles are available for teens and adults 20 to 60+. Auditions for The Prom will be held at Central Lakes College in Brainerd on May 16 and 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Dryden Theatre. (Note - actors who wish to audition for August: Osage County may also audition for The Prom and schedule overlaps between the shows will be accommodated.)

More information about auditions can be found on the CLC Performing Arts Center website or by emailing clcperformingarts@clcmn.edu. All are encouraged to audition, regardless of experience level.

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Minnesota clay target lead ammo ban is a solution looking for a problem

I've always viewed myself a person of science. I believe, for instance, in the unwelcome truth of climate change, and that we humans are—at the very least—accelerating that change by our ways of living. Having lived through the years of the final climactic battles against crippling polio—which decades earlier had robbed President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the use of his legs—I believe in the science of vaccines to help us conquer disease. When science has proven itself, it should be believed.

On the other hand, in trying to follow the paths where science leads, in our haste it's possible to get ahead of science. A case in point may be the legislation that was recently introduced in both the Minnesota Senate and Minnesota House of Representatives. These companion

bills would on a broad basis ban the use of lead-based ammunition for all shooters in Minnesota. They would also ban the use of most lead-based fishing tackle, including commonly-used sinkers and jigs.

The lead ammo ban would be not just for hunting wild game, but for target shooting, too. This includes rifle and pistol bullets used at ranges both indoors and out, and shotgun shells used in outdoor clay target shooting: including for our youth who participate in school-sanctioned clay target leagues. The latter is one of the great success stories in high school extracurricular activities. But, as a consequence of the lead ammo ban, it could be threatened.

At first blush this legislation seems like a positive, forward-thinking idea. We know that exposure to lead can cause neurological damage—especially in children—and can lead to developmental disabilities from the minimal to the profound. For this reason lead has been eliminated from paint products, gasoline, plumbing, and more.

After many decades of being used in shotgun shells for game bird hunting, lead

shot was prohibited for use in hunting migratory birds—chiefly ducks and geese—nationally. This occurred after it was found that waterfowl were ingesting randomly dispersed lead shot pellets in the lakes and wetlands where they were hunted, and were becoming crippled or dying from lead poisoning. Since 1991, substitutes for lead have included steel shot, and more expensive bismuth or tungsten alloys.

The use of lead-free ammunition is now more widely required for hunting upland game, too—like pheasants—on some federal or state wildlife management lands. But, by and large, hunting game birds with shotguns and big game with rifles has remained a world in which lead-based ammunition is overwhelmingly used. The same is true in target shooting, whether breaking clay targets with a shotgun, or “paper punching” stationary paper targets with a handgun or rifle.

Beyond the unfortunate poisoning of migratory waterfowl that occurred before lead shot was banned, there are unquestionably other negative impacts on wildlife. Scavenging bald eagles, crows, ravens,

wolves, and others that feed on the “gut piles” of field-dressed deer—or on uncovered game carrying lead ammunition—often become poisoned by lead fragments or residue. And there is mounting evidence that deer and even gamebirds killed with lead-based ammunition that end up on a hunter's table can carry small fragments, or trace amounts, of lead from the bullet, or pellets, used. A potential risk to those who eat wild game.

These things argue for a future in which hunting wild game relies mostly, if not entirely, on lead-free ammunition. This is one of the provisions of the legislation, though it sets no deadline for the eventual use of lead-free ammunition by all hunters statewide.

Where this legislation departs from science is in its ban on lead-based ammunition used at Minnesota's outdoor shooting ranges. In particular, a provision that by November, 2024, the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League must adopt rules that limit participants to lead-free ammunition only. Clay Target League competition is shotguns only, not rifles or pistols. Depending on the

nontoxic substitute used, lead-free shotgun ammunition can be ballistically inferior, more costly, and/or more limited in availability in the kinds of loads used by clay target shooters. It's widely believed that such a ban could have a significant negative impact on participation.

As a former Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioner, Tom Landwehr is as familiar as most with the issue of lead-based ammunition and fishing tackle. In recently published comments, he was quick to agree that in the hunting realm there is cause for concern over lead ammunition. At indoor rifle and pistol ranges, too, there can be risk to shooters if that indoor range does not meet federally-mandated safety rules for protecting shooters and employees.

But, as Landwehr points out, there is nowhere to be found any data on a risk of lead-caused harm to outdoor shotgun shooters. Unlike rifle and pistol bullets, which when fired are cut and grooved by the barrels through which they are fired—and can shed tiny lead particles—lead in shotgun shells is fully encapsulated in a plastic

tube, or wad. It is fired from a smooth barrel, and does not disperse until it is well beyond the barrel and in the atmosphere.

Landwehr is critical of the Izaak Walton League, one of Minnesota's foremost and dependable champions of good conservation policy, for supporting the proposed legislation's ban on lead shotgun ammunition for Clay Target League shooters, without evidence that these shooters are at risk of harm. An early supporter of the Clay Target League, Landwehr fears that this legislation could do great harm to the fastest growing high school extracurricular activity in Minnesota. Landwehr accuses the Izaak Walton League of a poorly considered, “ready, fire, aim” approach, for recommending more research, but then advocating in this ban a drastic measure without waiting for any research results.

And, in the process, jeopardizing a program that benefits some 12,000 Minnesota students, in many cases members of an under-served segment of the student population, and promotes healthy participation in the shooting sports.



Mike Rahn



State champion number increases by one

Gage Bjerga saw his state championship added to the Cardinal Pride sign on March 7. Staples-Motley now has 68 individual state champions to go along with their 31 team state championships. Bjerga won the state wrestling 107 pound bracket, bringing the total of state wrestling champions from Staples-Motley to 24. Along the way, he gained some fans, some of them shown at right during the wrestling team's welcome home ceremony. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Sharing on offense, defense

Avandre Brandt (32) and Conner Kuhns (10) teamed up to trap a Pierz player, to get a steal that led to a fast break, right. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge

Central Lakes College students practice the five D's of dodgeball. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



STAPLES continued from page 1a

Gambling permits approved

icies and procedures prepared by Central Minnesota Housing Partnership.

- Approved gambling permit for Ottertail Ducks Unlimited to conduct bingo and raffle at Beck's Burger Co.
- Approved gambling license for Minnesota Fish-

ing Museum to conduct pull tabs at Monte Azul Mexican Bar & Grill.

- Approved Valley View plat and rezoning the Valley View neighborhood from R-3 to R-1, including changing twin home lots to single home lots.

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Business mentors starting

tion of the grant is for any home in Staples. The business portion is targeted to a downtown zone along 4th Street and 2nd Ave. NE. Wyman said the commercial zones are restricted because Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is strict on commercial zone laws. She said the zone was based on windshield surveys and the application requirements.

SCORE

Wyman said some people in Staples are looking to start a branch of SCORE, an organization where retired business owners and CEOs mentor business owners. TCDC Director Rick Utech said they focus on local small businesses.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police included:

Feb. 21, Staples Police received a report of a large white pit bull type dog that had jumped a fence and attacked another dog on the 700 block of 5th St. NE. Police will be issuing the owner of the dog a potentially dangerous dog notice.

Feb. 22, Staples Police received a complaint of clothes being stolen from the laundromat on the 900 block of 4th St NE. Officers are investigating.

Feb. 22, Staples Police responded to a two vehicle property damage accident at Hwy 10 and 14th St NE. Tyrese Smith of Staples pulled onto Hwy 10, striking Jordan Rick of Motley. There was moderate damage and no injuries.

Feb. 22, Staples Police responded to the Love Hotel for a disturbance. The offender had left the scene before officer arrival. Officers

found that the suspect, Jeffrey Hauer, 65, had broken a camera. Hauer was cited for damage to property.

Feb. 23, Staples Police pulled over a vehicle for failing to maintain its lane. Officers arrested Randy Reichel, 57, of rural Staples for 3rd degree DWI refusal. He was transported to the Wadena County Jail.

Feb. 25, Staples Police were requested to assist the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with the operation of the DMT for a DWI. Chelsea Olson, 33, was arrested for 4th Degree DWI and transported to the Wadena County Jail.

Feb. 27, Staples Police responded to the 900 block of Park Ave. NE for a report of someone being shot. Police arrived and determined the complainant was having mental health issues and no emergency existed.

Feb. 27, Staples Police assisted the Todd County

Sheriff's Dept. with a one motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Todd County Rd 21 and Todd County Rd 24. The driver, Karlee Chenoweth, 29, of rural Browerville, had been traveling southbound on Todd County Rd 21, when she went off of the roadway and struck a power pole. Also responding was the Staples Ambulance and Staples Fire Dept.

March 1, Staples Police conducted a welfare check in the 1400 block of 4th St NE. A Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center report was completed involving the call.

March 3, Staples Police received a report of a road rage incident where the complainant raised his middle finger at a subject. The subject then exited a vehicle and punched the complainants side mirror causing damage.

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