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School handling declining enrollment

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

With next year's incoming kindergarten class smaller than the outgoing senior class, the Staples-Motley School District is adjusting projections for revenue and are leaving open the possibility of reducing staff positions when needed, but they are financially stable as they handle the enrollment numbers.

At the April 22 school board meeting, Business Manager Ellie Hill told the board that the district received around \$599,000 more in revenue than they had projected, much of it having to do with new state funding guidelines and a higher enrollment than they had projected.

Hill said when the state came out with new funding regulations last year, they only had a month to figure out how to implement the new requirements.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the district is in a better position than some other Minnesota schools because of the way they spent ESSER funds from the

federal government stimulus package. Because it is one-time funding, Tappe said the school used their portion of the funding for educational materials rather than for staffing. Now that the funding is ended, some districts are making significant cuts.

Most schools saw a big dropoff in student numbers after the COVID pandemic because of students going online for education, the Staples-Motley district did not see as big of a drop. The school still has a long term projection of declining enrollment because there are fewer children living in the district and they lose some to open enrollment.

With the lower kindergarten enrollment this year, the finance committee is looking into reducing a teaching position. Hill said they will also look into reducing staff by attrition, for example if a teacher retires, so that they have the right sized staff with the number of students.

READ Act
Staples-Motley Elementary Principal Allen Berg gave a presentation on the school's efforts to keep up

with educational standards and complying with the READ Act.

He said the math resources are being reviewed and they plan to implement the same curriculum across the entire system.

They are also working on new social studies and English standards. He said they are shifting to an E-12 model, with representatives from every grade from early childhood to grade 12 getting involved with the curriculum planning.

Berg said the READ Act, which requires all students to be reading up to their grade level, fits into what the school is already doing with their Continuous Improvement Plan by focusing on student growth. He said the state government will pay for staff development courses that focus on the READ Act, although the school will have to adjust their teacher development hours to accommodate the new requirements.

High School Principal Debbie Ferdon said the school recently received data from last year's graduating class showing that the school is still increasing their graduation rate, now up to 94 percent. She said the state data always comes a year later because of the way it is calculated. Ferdon said with the many educational options that students have now, the school's role has become helping them navigate the options and find their path, then help them graduate.

Hat policy
Staples-Motley student Gage Foss addressed the board over the school's hat policy. He said the policy is an ongoing concern among students. The school does not allow hats or hoods in classrooms, but Foss said wearing a hood helps him cope with anxiety.

"My hood benefits me, it could benefit others," said Foss.

Foss took an informal poll of teachers and staff and found only one person who was against changing the policy, while 17 of 29 were in favor of making changes and 11 were neutral on the policy. In a poll of students, 88 percent wanted to change the policy.

Foss asked if the school could implement more hat days and cited a rule at

See **SCHOOL** on page 12a

'Goodbye' to several downtown trees

Employees with Busker Concrete were at work in downtown Staples April 24, filling in spaces that had once held trees and grates.

Staples Public Works Director Scott Grabe said that a total of 15 spaces were being filled, due to the trees having died. Ten trees died last year, Grabe said, and five since last summer.

Trees had initially been planted during the city's 'turn-back' project, around 2010. Since then, a lot of work had been put into the trees for many years. Some made it a decent amount of time and many did not. "I think the idea was good, but it's just not a good environment for trees to grow," Grabe said, noting that a contributing factor to their demise was that heat from the concrete affected the soil.

Grabe does not think the city will try to plant trees again, which is why the spaces are being filled in with concrete. The grates will be offered for sale on MN Bid, a state auction site. Grabe went on to say that, "even though the trees aren't working out as well as some had hoped, there are still groups that are trying new things to beautify the downtown area." (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Wadena County Administrator updates Staples City Council

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Wadena County Administrator CJ Holl spoke to the Staples City Council at their April 23 meeting to introduce himself and talk about what is going on in Wadena County.

Holl said the county's new housing abatement program has been popular, with almost a dozen homes being built using the tax abatement program. He said they are looking to implement a similar abatement policy for commercial businesses.

Another effort of Wadena County is to encourage more commercial businesses along highway corridors within the county. Holl said he would like to work with cities to get more development along the highway corridors near the cities.

The county is working on establishing a housing trust fund to help communities focus on housing.

Prayer policy
The council held more discussion on a proposed policy to add a prayer at the

beginning of each meeting.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen presented the council with a policy similar to one that the City of Hutchinson uses. He said the prayer would be directed at the council only, not to city staff at the meeting or to members of the audience.

Nelsen said the city would send an invitation to all the churches in the Staples zip code to ask if they would like to participate in the invocation prayer. For example, the Church of Christ and Thomastown Church are not in the city limits but would be invited to participate in the prayer.

Some council members were concerned about people who do not want to participate in the prayer.

Mayor Ron Murray said if someone chooses not to be a part of the prayer, they could leave if they are uncomfortable. He said the council can't ask them to leave.

Council member John Jewison wondered how it would affect potential council members. "I would hate to have someone not run

for the council because they don't want to be a part of the prayer," he said.

Murray said the proposal will be on the council agenda for action at their May 14 council meeting.

In other news, the council:

- Awarded bid for the 2nd Street NE street and utility improvement project to Kuechle Underground for \$479,737, about \$50,000 less than the engineers estimate. The city received six bids for the project.
- Read proclamation for National Day of Prayer on May 2.



Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

High Low Cond.

May 1 65 46 M. Sunny

May 2 54 42 Rain

May 3 57 43 M. Cloudy

May 4 56 41 Showers

May 5 60 44 P. Cloudy

May 6 62 46 Showers

May 7 63 49 P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

High Low Cond.

May 1 60° 36 Sunny

May 2 62 35 Sunny

May 3 71 45 Showers

May 4 74 47 Sunny

May 5 71 44 Sunny

May 6 55 40 Cloudy

May 7 65 49 M. Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 64° Low = 41°

Compiled by

Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

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Jeanette Kratz

Joan Larson

Motley area law enforcement

Recent reports from the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

April 10 - 23

April 16 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County, requesting Motley Fire be paged to provide mutual aid for a grass fire at the 7000 block of 75th Ave. SW, Motley.

April 11 - The MCSO received a report of property damage at the 26000 block of Bear Rd., Cushing.

April 10 - Morrison County deputies arrested Kody Allen Pingeon, 31, at a camper near Topaz Trl. and Fieldstone Trl. in Cushing on an outstanding warrant. He was transported to the Morrison County Jail without incident.

April 23 - The MCSO received a report of a domestic situation at the 200 block of Cedar St. E., Motley. It involved a juvenile.

April 23 - The MCSO received a report of theft at the 26000 block of Bear Rd.,

Cushing.

April 22 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of a public safety concern at the 2400 block of Fish Trap Lake Dr., Cushing. The deputy stayed at the scene until a crew from Crow Wing Power arrived.

April 21 - The MCSO paged the Motley Fire Department regarding a vehicle accident at the 33000 block of Twin Oaks Loop, Motley.

April 19 - The MCSO received a report of a school bus stop arm violation. Subsequently, Victor Donovan Martinez, 28, was issued a citation.

April 17 - The MCSO received a report of a scream being heard on W. Shamineau Dr., Cushing. The responding deputy spoke to the reporting party who stated he'd not heard anything since his initial call. The deputy also knocked on some doors in the area but was unable to trace the location of where the scream had came from.

Septic system funding

Todd County Planning and Zoning has applied for funds through the Clean Water Partnership for septic system replacements as a continuation of the existing program. The Clean Water Partnership provides loans to Local Governments to in turn provide low interest loans to local land owners for non-point source pollution reductions measures. If funded, these loans will be available to eligible land owners for replacement of noncompliant, failing, or outdated septic systems. Loans will be issued on a first come, first serve basis to land owners that meet the criteria of the program. Eligibility is very simple, the land owner's property must have value of 3 times the cost of the septic system and the land owner's property taxes must be paid up to date. In addition, there will be a \$100 application fee. At the time of application land owners must have a septic design and a bid for that system.

The major difference between the new funding as compared to the previous cycle is that the interest rate of loans has increased slightly and the term limit has been shortened. Previously, loans were set at 1.5% interest paid over 10 years. Now, loans will be paid back at 3% interest over 7 years. The loans will continue to be paid back as a special assessment of property taxes, two payments per year with the

first and second half.

As Planning and Zoning waits for funding to arrive, we ask land owners to contact our office to express interest in the program. Having a list of potential applicants allows us to gauge the work load for this program. If all funds are exhausted during the loan period, additional funds could be applied for by Planning and Zoning. Having a waiting list of potential applicant provides justification for additional funding.

In addition to low interest loan funds, Todd County has grant funds for eligible land owners. Grant funds are income based and require submittal of tax documents for verification. Todd County aims to cost share approximately 75% of the system cost if those that qualify. Cost share payments depend upon the amount of grant funding available and how many land owners apply for funding. While trying to keep cost share payments around 75%, we also look to assist as many land owners as possible.

If you have questions about this potential funding program or would like to express your interest. Please contact Planning and Zoning as your earlier convenience. Planning and Zoning will provide prioritization of funding to those that inquire about the program in advance. You can contact the Planning and Zoning Office at 320-732-4420.



Fire destroys house at W. Shamineau Dr.

Fire fighters from several area fire departments were on the scene of a house fire April 24, at 2246 W. Shamineau Drive in Motley.

Brian Post, Scandia Valley Fire Department Fire Chief, said they were paged out at 2:26 p.m. that day. It is

unknown at this time the cause of the fire, and there were no injuries reported, Post said.

Assisting at the scene were the fire departments of Randall, Motley, Scandia Valley and Camp Ripley. (Submitted photos)



New water main going in along 2nd Ave. NE

Crew members from J & J Excavating, Inc., from Staples, were at work April 5, installing a new water main along 2nd Ave. NW in Staples. The previous week, crews worked on clearing trees and dewatering, preparation for digging the hole.

City of Staples employee Joel Lingenfelter explained that the existing water main needed to be upgraded be-

cause the old one was too small and there wasn't enough pressure to feed to the new Essentia Health Clinic being built on 2nd Ave., near the overpass. Public Works Supervisor Scott Grabe added that the pipe that was replaced was a 200 ft. section of 4-inch cast iron water main. The clinic is the last customer on that length of pipe. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





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Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.:
April 8, Staples Police received a report of a domestic dispute on the 700 block of Dakota Ave. SW. Police were called to this location two separate times and found three heavily intoxicated subjects who could not get along. They were advised both times to stop drinking and go to bed.
April 10, Staples Police were called to assist an individual trapped between his fridge and pickup. Subject stated he was not injured and denied medical treatment.

April 10, Staples Police received a report of a possible theft of medication from around the 400 block of Prairie Ave. NE.
April 10, Staples Police responded to an area near Hwy 10 to check on a MN DNR Conservation Officer who was not answering radio checks. Upon arriving on scene, officers found everything to be okay.
April 14, at 10:41 p.m., Staples Police responded to a noise complaint of loud music around the 600 block of 4th St SW. Officers spoke to the individual playing music and advised them of the city ordinance.

April 15, at approximately 1:24 a.m., Staples Police responded to a noise complaint on the 1400 block of 8th St. NE. Police spoke with a subject at the residence, advised them of the noise complaint, and they stated that they would turn down the surround sound.

April 15, Staples Police, along with the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. were requested to assist the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with a report of a domestic assault which was reported that a victim had been hit by a pipe. After investigation, the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. arrested Timothy Marsh Sr. 69, of rural Staples, for domestic assault.

April 16, Staples Police responded to the Staples Depot for a report of a homeless subject living in a bathroom stall. Police spoke to the subject who appeared to be having a mental health crisis. Police contacted crisis workers who determined the subject wasn't a danger to herself. Police, along with TIDA assisted her by purchasing the subject a Amtrak ticket to her destination.

April 16, a subject came into the Staples Police Dept. with a bag of used gift cards and receipts that appeared to be in the amount of multiple thousands of dollars. The subject found the bag in Wadena County, and the bag was held for safe keeping until the Wadena County Sherriff's Dept. came and collected the items.

April 16, Staples Police were requested to assist the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a report of a juvenile

who had flagged down a passing vehicle on Cty Rd 26. It was learned that the juvenile had run away from home due to a dispute among family members. Law enforcement spoke with the juvenile party and also with a parent regarding the incident.
April 17, Staples Police received a report of a sick beaver that was chasing workers and equipment in the BNSF railroad yard. Police dispatched the animal and it was removed from the area.
April 18, Staples Police received a report of financial fraud from a stolen debit card.

April 18, Staples Police received a report from Dollar General of a clear plastic baggy found outside in the parking lot. The baggy contained a white rock crystal. Police are following up on leads.
April 18, Staples Police received a report of an elderly driver who was confused and unable to locate their residence. The reporting person assisted the subject home. Police spoke with the subject at their residence and they were advised.

April 19, Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with an eviction in the 1500 block of 8th St. NE. Subjects were given a couple of hours to vacate the property.
April 20, Staples Police received a report of a stray cat caught in a live trap. Police brought the cat to the Staples Vet Clinic.

April 20, Staples Police assisted the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with a possible stolen vehicle found at Marsh's Landing. Vehicle was possibly stolen out of Cass County.
April 20, Staples Police were called to the 300 block of 7th St. NE for suspicious activity. It was reported some juveniles moved a couch on the complainants property and knocked on the door. The juveniles were located and advised to return the couch and apologize to the complainant.
April 21, Staples Police received a report of two headlights taken off a vehicle in the 200 block of 7th St. NE. Police obtained fingerprints from the vehicle and will be submitting them to be identified.

April 21, Staples Police received a call of possible squatters at a residence in the 700 block of Forest Ave. SE. Individual was advised to leave the property.
April 21, Staples Police Stopped a vehicle for driving conduct, driver appeared to possibly be under the influence. Police conducted field sobriety on driver. Driver was unable to complete the one leg stand. There was a five year old child in the back seat. Driver was arrested for 4th degree DWI and child endangerment.

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• May 5, 1949 - People of the Oylen community were out en masse Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, to help fight the forest fire which was raging in that community.

It's reported to be the worst forest fire in that community for many years. It was first noticed west of the Dale Flensburg saw mill. With high wind which prevailed, the fire soon crossed the Crow Wing River at two places. About a mile or

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better of timber was burned as far as the John Twedt place.

• May 5, 1949 - It isn't often that one correspondent takes the liberty to write about another. But in our historical writings of the community we found a fact about Albina Vasecka, World correspondent for may years, that we think is worthy of note. Albina's people were one of the very first settlers in this country. Albina makes pie with a wooden rolling pin that is still in constant use after one hundred fifty years.

• May 5, 1949 - The judges gave Staple high school band an "A" rating at the district musical festival for instrumental music held at Wadena April 29, and this winning entitles the band to go to the state contest which is being held in Minneapolis this coming Friday, May 6.

The band played "March Slave" for the contest number, and received the greatest round of applause of any of the band numbers played during the contest.

Soloists receiving an "A" rating were Wallace Ander-

son with a sousophone solo, and Miss Elaine Thompson with a Flute Solo.

Director Erling Lian is very proud of the band and the soloists, and people of Staples are just as proud of them.

• May 5, 1949 - Fees for the new drivers licenses and renewals were increased from 35 cents to \$1, according to a bulletin from the state highway department the first of the week.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• May 2, 1974 - Kelly J. Boldan, a Junior at Motley high school, was recently notified that he is to be featured in the Eighth Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High school students, 1973-74, the largest student award publication in the nation.

• May 2, 1974 - The Cardinal golfers of Coach Rollie Penfield repeated as winners of the Blooming Prairie Invitational Golf tournament held last weekend. The Cards finished with an identical total of last year with 320 strokes for the top four men. Staples beat out Lake City at 328 and host Blooming Prairie at 331.

Cardinal golfers included Dave Randgaard, Tom Backberg, Bruce Kirk, Dale Zappe, Mark Matanich.

• May 2, 1974 - Eight members of the Staples Chapter of the Future Farmers of America received Proficiency Awards at the District Banquet April 18.

Recipients were Jeff Jares, ag. mechanics; Gayle Neal, ornamental horticulture; Scott Miller, soil and water management; Mike Motl, poultry production; Robert Sowers, general livestock, production; Brian Roth, placement in ag. production; Carl Granby, sheep production; Doug Wonders,



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1999. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

placement in ag. processing.

• May 2, 1974 - The annual Junior-Senior Prom at Staples High school will be held May 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Staples Auditorium.

Theme of the event will be "If Words Could Make Wishes Come True." The public is invited to the program. Admission is 25 cents.

Mike Motl will be the master of ceremonies. The welcome will be delivered by Bill Gilroy, president of the Junior Class, followed by the response from the Senior Class president, Ron Kern. Humor will be added by Mike Thelen. The sophomore servers will present a skit.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• May 6, 1999 - The Staples Motley Cardinal girls softball team improved to 5-1 in the Mid-State Conference battle with 10-8 and 10-2 wins over Crosby-Iron-ton on April 27.

The Cards got 8 hits in the first game, including a triple and a base hit for Lindsey Hoemberg, who also had 3 runs batted in. Catcher Heather Dump-prope also had two hits and batted in a run.

Sarah Berg pitched the win, including getting out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the seventh.

• May 6, 1999 - Century 21 Brainerd Realty recently announced that Bill Skeesick, Jr. of Motley is a winner of the Emerald Masters Award for the 1998 Business Year. Skeesick was also named as Sales Person of the Month during March.

• May 6, 1999 - Dan Gunderson has been named Teacher of the Year at Central Lakes College, Staples campus. Gunderson teaches diesel mechanics at the college.

• May 6, 1999 - While a thunder storm caused electrical outages for some area residents and disrupted classes momentarily in

one area school, a bomb threat on Tuesday emptied another school building.

Pillager School District officials notified the Cass County Sheriff's Dept. at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday that they had received a bomb threat. The school building was evacuated of all students and personnel and a search of the building was conducted by school officials, Pillager Fire Department volunteer fire fighters and law officers from Pillager and Motley Police Departments, and the Cass County Sheriff's Depart

Chief Deputy Randy Fisher reported that no explosive devices were located and there were no injuries.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• May 1, 2014 - The National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) has announced that Frank Odell of Staples is the organization's newest diamond coach. Odell received a first Diamond Award after earning 1,501 career points,

Odell said the milestone is a reflection of the Staples Motley speech program and the students who have participated in the program.

• May 1, 2014 - This past week, Dale Hausmann of Staples enjoyed one of the perks of being a WCCO Weather Watcher. Hausamann and his wife Deb attended an appreciation event for weather watchers on April 26, at the WCCO studio in Minneapolis.

• May 1, 2014 - Staples Motley FFA members attended "Day at the Hill" March 27, and had their photo taken with Governor Mark Dayton. The attendees included FFA Advisor Kerry Lindgen, and FFA members Mary Sarah Sauber, Rebekka Paskewitz, Hayley Carlson, Christina Smith, Alexis Jordan, Kathryn DeGeest, Samie Moneta and Ray Kruse.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the April 16, 1987 edition of the Staples World featured the top scholars named at Motley High School. From left are Sean Anderson, the 1987 valedictorian; and co-salutatorians Jen Koll and Robert Boisjolie. Anderson is the son of Brenda Anderson, Koll is the daughter of Bob and Cheryl Koll and Boisjolie is the son of Leo and Geri Boisjolie.

Bob and Cheryl Koll of Motley, parents of Jennifer, recognized all and recalled the context of the photo. Brenda Johnson of Baxter also correctly identified all. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Todd County District Court report April 24

Long Prairie Police Department
Richard Anima, Melrose. Drive after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Joel Michael Halverson, Long Prairie. Failure to Yield to Vehicle/ Pedestrian. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Timothy Bruce Lloyd-fleck, Royalton. Operate vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Alfredo Munoz Jr., Long Prairie. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Germania Santos Taveras, Long Prairie. Disorderly Conduct- offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Dismissed.
Gary Alan Thomas, Long Prairie. Theft- take, use, transfer movable property—no consent. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Jeremiah Jonas Bebault, Grey Eagle. ATV- prohibitions on youthful operators/passengers- under 18 helmet required. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Michael Lawrence Gold, St. Cloud. Game and Fish Licenses- must have in personal possession. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Minnesota State Patrol
Franklin Eვნor Manzanarez Mejia, St. Cloud. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Joseph Daniel Matson, Finlayson. No Proof of Motor Vehicle Insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
James Richard Allis, Custer, S.Dak. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60.

Fee \$85.
Brad William Anderson, Otsego. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Brooke Alexandra Badjie, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Roger Nels Berg, Hartford, Iowa. Seatbelt required- driver and passenger must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Hale Nicholas Berntson, Buffalo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Joel Allen Bjergo, Champlin. Speed 78/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jules Berikt, Clarissa. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Nathan Bower Carr, Clitherall. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Tobias Matthew Cebulla, Belgrade. Speed 66/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Window restrictions- windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Window tint less than 50 percent transmittance. Fine \$50.
Fernando Cervantes, Melrose. Speed 69/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Seimy Elizabeth Gonzalez, Long Prairie. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.
Feliciano Hernandez Lopez, Cyrus. Open bottle- 18 or older (passenger). Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Hannah Elizabeth Heuer, Long Prairie. Hands-Free Law- hold wireless communications device with one or both hands. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Danielle Marie Kasmaker, Lake Elmo. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Shane Anthony Malecha, St. Paul. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Dismissed.
Noe Ulises Montanez Paramo, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Karina Marie Morales Banks, Long Prairie. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Zachary Michael Oliver, Melrose. Speed 92/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Logan Xavier Petersen, Eagle Bend. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Gabrielle Elena Reyes, Rochester. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Eugenio Romero Ruiz, Cyrus. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. No insurance owner. Fine \$200. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200. Driver/ owner allow open bottle. Fine \$100. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50.
Kyle Patrick Rutten, New Brighton. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jessica Marie Van Zee, Long Prairie. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Christian Jude Wiener, Long Prairie. Speed 103/70. Fine \$150. Fee \$235.
Kimorah Laulul Yobech, Hewitt. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Staples Police Department
Jacob Lee Klinghagen, Motley. Speed 58/30. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Todd County Sheriff's Office
Denise Kristine Biggs, Browerville. Issuing worthless check. Dismissed.
Jillian Kateri Kern, Bertha. Domestic Assault- intentionally inflicts/attempts to inflict bodily harm on another. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.
Caden James Line-Voge, Clarissa. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Tint to Dark. Fine \$50.
Jose Guadalupe Paramo, Long Prairie. Operate motor vehicle after license suspension, revocation, or cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Roy Robles Vega, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Jesus Guillermo Rodriguez, Brownsville, Texas. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Kaila Louise Strassburg, Staples. Domestic Assault- intentionally inflicts/attempts to inflict bodily harm on another. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 15, 2024.
Aaron James Eickhoff, Long Prairie. Second Degree DWI- alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. Sentenced. Fine \$200. Fee totals \$1,005. Local confinement 364 days. Stay 334 days for four years. Credit for time served, four days. Supervised probation, four years.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 16, 2024.
Vincent Earl Dailey, Verndale. Duty to drive with due care. Dismissed. Careless driving. Dismissed. Driving after revocation. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Local confinement 17 days. Credit for time served: 17 days.
Vermul Gbolu Pewee, Mahto-medi. Speed 80/70. Continued for dismissal. Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.
Tucker Michael Dorman, Browerville. Collision with unattended vehicle- notify victim or police. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$625. Unsupervised probation, one year. Community service 16 hours.
Curtis Floyd Olson, Clarissa. Public Nuisance- annoy, injure, endanger safety on Nov. 21, 2023. Dismissed. Public Nuisance- annoy, injure, endanger safety on Dec. 4, 2023. Stay of adjudication. Fine \$325. Unsupervised monitoring with-

out conviction, one year.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 17, 2024.
Taylor Rae Morrison, Minneapolis. DWI 2- Refuse to submit to chemical test; breath or test refusal or failure. Sentenced. Fine \$300. Fees \$105. Local confinement 364 days. Stay 359 days for four years. Credit for time served: five days. Supervised probation, four years. Drive without a valid driver's license. Dismissed.
Wallace Eugene Simpson, Osakis. Assault Second Degree- dangerous weapon. Dismissed. Careless Driving. Dismissed. Assault Fifth Degree. Stay of adjudication. Fine \$100. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, one year.
Ethan Daniel Wagner, Sauk Centre. Fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle. Stay of imposition. Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Local confinement one day. Credit for time served: one day. Supervised probation, three years. Careless Driving. Dismissed.



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Origins of Sourcewell’s historic partnership with U.S. Army

By Chad Coauette
Chief Executive Officer,
Sourcewell

The sound of a telephone ringing a number of years ago triggered a recent Sourcewell trip to Washington D.C. The Sourcewell board of directors and several Sourcewell staff recently returned from the Pentagon where we signed a ground-breaking agreement with the Army. You may have seen the story released by the military press last week. The agreement is for Sourcewell to support the Army Installation Management Command in their procurement efforts for installations (bases, camps, posts, etc.) across the United States. How did this come to be? Good question!

Sourcewell has a long history of supporting schools and public entities within the five counties surrounding Staples. I often get questions about what we do. The short answer is we do everything we can to help our local schools and public agencies meet their goals.

That is what the Minnesota Legislature had in mind back in the 1970s when it created nine Regional Service Cooperatives, each focused on serving specific Minnesota counties. Our headquarters are in Staples, and we serve Wadena, Todd, Cass, Crow Wing, and Morrison counties. Our work in these counties ranges from supporting bus driver recruitment to providing funding for the purchase of first responder jump bags to cooperative purchasing and more. We come alongside regional schools, cities, counties, and other public agencies to help them meet their goals for success in their communities.

What we are known for nationally is our cooperative purchasing work. When the state created the regional service cooperatives, they gave no ability to tax or borrow money. Instead, they listed specific ways that we could earn funds to provide services. One of those services is cooperative purchasing.

The American Bar Asso-



Service cooperative and military service

Sourcewell CEO Chad Coauette and Honorable Rachel Jacobson, Assistant Secretary of the United States Army Installations, Energy and Environment,

show the signed agreement with U.S. Army personnel backing them. The ceremony was held at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. (Submitted photo)

ciation Model Procurement Code defines cooperative purchasing as follows, “Cooperative purchasing is procurement conducted by, or on behalf of, one or more public procurement units.” The cooperative contracts created by Sourcewell’s team of procurement experts have been recognized and used not only by cities, counties, and schools in Minnesota, but also across the country. The city of New York, Orange County (California), and the Houston School District are some examples of large public agencies that have found our contracts valuable. Over the years, we have developed a national reputation for excellence in the field of cooperative purchasing.

That is how the Army found us. A procurement official from a military installation in New Mexico knew of us through our reputation supporting cooperative purchasing efforts for cities and counties nationwide. Military installations are just like cities. They need all the same things cities need like heavy equipment,

light posts, and heating/cooling systems. He called and left a voicemail with our legal team. It sounded a little crazy. The U.S. Army was calling us to see if we could help them with their procurement work. Luckily our organization’s chief legal and government relations officer, Marcus Miller, returned the call.

Historically, we had not put many resources into working with federal organizations due to the complexities within that level of procurement. But it just so happens that a handful of our staff have a background in military procurement. Those individuals worked closely with people from our legal and finance teams and teamed up with leadership from the New Mexico installation to find a way. They started with a few small purchasing projects – a water truck, a small fleet of zero-turn lawn mowers, and a shade structure. After testing and refining processes, we and the Army decided it was time to take the partnership and agreement to all Army installations

across the U.S.

Through the partnership, Sourcewell provides purchasing services, and the Army pays for those services. The Army will pick and choose the projects that make the most sense for their needs. For Sourcewell, those fees come back here, to Minnesota. The increased funding means we can do even more to support the schools and public agencies in the five counties we serve.

Marcus Miller responded to that original call from the Army when he was traveling through the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. After our meeting in the Pentagon with Assistant Secretary of the Army Honorable Rachel Jacobson, we returned home through that same airport. Thinking about that coincidence gave me a few goosebumps. It is an absolute honor to be able to serve the Army in this way. From our organization, right here in Staples. I believe so much good will come from this partnership for the Army and for the five-county region we serve.

Quote of the week

“Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.”
— Aristotle

Insanity is not an angling requirement, but it may help

Some say the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over, and expecting a different result. If so, many of us who are anglers fit that diagnosis like a glove. This thought came to me as I stood knee-deep in a Lake Superior tributary stream on Minnesota’s North Shore, two weeks before Minnesota’s 2024 general statewide fishing season opens on Saturday, May 11.

My aim was to catch a migratory steelhead rainbow trout, a fish legal to pursue this time of year when they return from having matured in the big lake, intent on reaching a spawning bed in one of the many North Shore tributary streams. There they will shed their eggs, or molt—depending on their gender—and in so doing take the first step to reproducing their kind.

A standard tactic for catching these legendary fish is to cast above a spot where experience says a fish is likely to be holding in the current, or passing through. The hope is that your drifting lure will be seen by a fish, and taken. Or, a cast will be made and the lure activated to resemble live prey, and the fish will be stimulated to strike. Either casting tactic is a lengthy, repetitive process, yielding a reward on only a small fraction of casts, if at all.

When a fish does take, the ensuing drama can be epic, as the large, strong, and agile fish dances above and below the water, around protruding boulders and logjams, with the odds stacked very much in its favor. If you’re fortunate, landing a bright and beautiful migratory rainbow trout approaching two feet in length—maybe more—will be the reward. But, as steelheaders know, it’s a low percentage game.

The same strategy is in play in other subsets of angling, like bass or musky fishing. Here, more often than not, the modus operandi is casting, rather than trolling or bobber watching. This, the most active form of angling, melds the coordinated motions of a flexing rod, precisely-timed release of line from the reel, in concert with an angler’s experience, judgment, and tackle control, coordinated to put a lure where a fish may sense or see it, and be motivated to strike.

On a lake, it’s a matter of the bass or musky angler pitching and retrieving a lure. In the case of a small-mouth bass fisherman on a river, or a trout fisherman on a stream, it’s a matter of casting and drifting a lure past a fish holding in the current, or giving that drifting lure motion that makes it seem alive. Often it is “fishing the water;” not seeing the fish, but putting the lure where experience has told us a fish is likely to be. At other times it’s fishing to

a visible fish, spotted with the naked eye in the shallows of a river or stream, or revealed by our boat’s electronics that betray its presence beneath a lake’s surface.

The part over which we have the least control is a fish’s response. Even when we know positively that a fish is “there,” we can’t always make it strike. Even when equipped with the revolutionary new forward-facing sonar—whose ability to pinpoint fish has been likened to a deer hunter locating a buck with an aerial drone—an angler cannot always make a fish he has located take a bait, or strike a lure.

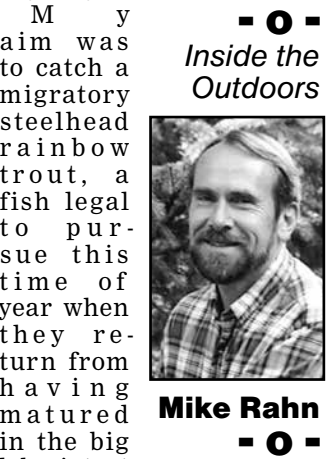
So we cast repeatedly, perhaps changing our lure—once, or many times—changing the motion we give it, or maybe the angle at which it is presented. We cast repeatedly in the hope that “one of these times” the fish will take. When it eventually happens, we feel the thrill and the adrenaline rush that makes us forget all the unrewarded casts, and ensures that we will keep coming back for more.

The rhythm of the repetitive casting can itself be hypnotic, as I am reminded the first time each year when I am back on open water. In this case—on that Lake Superior tributary—calculating my casts to drop a lure in the smooth, slackened water behind an underwater boulder, in whose current-breaking shelter a fish might rest before resuming its mission to continue upstream. Or dropping a lure at the head of a long, deep glide, where its weight can take it down to where a fish on the move might intercept it. Cast, drift, watch the line for a telltale pause that could mean the pluck of a fish. Be ready to strike. Reload, then do it again. And again, and again—ad infinitum—it often seems.

One of the contradictions of angling is that we spend time on the water to refresh and rejuvenate ourselves—to escape the pressure and hassles of everyday life—yet we often fish with intensity. We want to be in the right places, at the right times, using the right tackle and the right techniques.

Often it’s in enchanting places, like the rocky, ruggedly beautiful North Shore. Sometimes in our intensity we have to remind ourselves to “smell the roses.” To notice the blossoms of bloodroot or trillium wild flowers just off the trail. To look up to see if it’s an eagle that cast the large shadow that just passed overhead. To look away from the water for a moment to follow a smoke trail to the fireplace from which that heady smell of wood smoke is coming. These sidelights, too, are hypnotic in their own subtle way. They can be among the credits that even out the day’s balance sheet when the casting and catching are adding little tangible to the plus side of the ledger.

As anglers we do the same things over and over. But for us, we know that eventually—tomorrow, if not today—doing them over and over will indeed eventually lead to a different result.



Mike Rahn

Nutritionist offers tips for healthy aging

University of MN Extension

University of Minnesota Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing faculty Jenny Breen is a professional chef and advocate for sustainable food systems and food justice. She shares tips for prioritizing nutrition and making sustainable food choices.

Q: How do nutritional needs and access to food change as we age?

Breen: Generally, what we need for health doesn’t change, whole foods including a lot of fiber, quality fats, proteins, antioxidants, minerals, vitamins and more, but the quantity and proportions change as our metabolism and activity slows. These changes aren’t dramatic for most people, as long as they remain physically and mentally active.

Q: How can I stretch my food budget and minimize food waste?

Breen: People often see healthy food

as more expensive. If we move our focus away from meat and highlight other proteins like beans, legumes, eggs, soy, whole grains, fruits and vegetables, we can often eat very well on a reasonable budget. Emphasize preparing your own meals and buy in-season and in bulk from local farmer’s markets and grocers.

Q: How can I shift recipes and grocery planning when cooking for one person?

Breen: Many of the same principles apply, buying and cooking in bulk means you can cook once and eat several times. Use basic formulas. You might have a big pot of beans you use in a salad initially, and then tacos or soup later in the week. You can also freeze most everything if you get tired of using it. I like shopping in bulk because it allows me to buy as much or as little as I want and I also like to keep things in bulk so I can mix and match

as I like. Also, invite friends and family to cook and eat together.

Q: What ingredients are essential for healthy aging?

Breen: Nutrient diversity is key. Try to mix and match and include as many whole foods, fiber and quality fats and proteins as possible. Some of my favorite ingredients include leafy greens, orange and red vegetables, olive oil, avocados, nuts, seeds (fat, protein and fiber, all in one), beans and legumes.

Q: How is your work supporting Minnesota communities?

Breen: I spend most of my time educating future and current health professionals and their patients about food’s role in preventing disease and promoting health. We all deserve access to healthy, whole, sustainable food and the skills to prepare it.

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Mark Your Calendar

May 2

‘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>

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER will be observed locally on Thursday, May 2, at the Staples Government Center, 122 6th St. NE, from noon - 1 p.m. All are welcome.

May 3

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

May 5

Summer Foods program available at Staples-Motley Elementary School

The Summer Foods Program will again be available at the Staples-Motley Elementary School.

Service will start June 3, 2024 and will run Monday through Friday until August 23, 2024. **Schedule exceptions are June 19 and July 1-5, when there will be no meal service.**

Breakfast will run from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All youth ages 18 and under are eligible to receive one meal for breakfast and one meal for lunch per day.

Staples-Motley Elementary School is located at 1025 4th St NE, Staples and is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

For information contact Staples-Motley School District #2170, 218-894-5400 ext. 3164.



Lions donate to Lakewood

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$1,000 to the Lakewood Health System Foundation for their ‘Give Orange’ fundraiser May 3, with proceeds designated for the patient oncology fund. Pictured, from left, are Sarah Winter, LHS Foundation Marketing Assistant; and Lion President Rick Adamietz. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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

May 6

STAPLES AREA RETIRED EDUCATORS (REAM) MEETING Monday, May 6, 9:30 a.m. at Stales City Hall. Rynell Schock and Rosie Blessing will present the Sparks Mentoring Program.

May 7

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

RUBY’S PANTRY will be held Tuesday, May 7, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples.



National Library Week celebrated

National Library Week was celebrated during Storytime at the Staples Public Library on April 10. Following stories and flannel boards, the children decorated their own books. The next Storytime is Weds., May 15. Call the library at 218-

894-1401 to register.

Front: Silas LeBlanc, Jameson and Irelyn Basara, Rhett LeBlanc, Elias and Woodrow Krier. Back: AJ Biggar, Bjorn LaBlanc, Sawyer Krier, Ray Biggar, Martin Krier. (Submitted photo)

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

May

- **DFS AWARDS NIGHT** May 1, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **MS FINALE CONCERT** May 10, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **HS COMMENCEMENT CONCERT** May 17, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** May 24
- **CORDS AND AWARDS** May 24, 10 a.m., main gym
- **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY** May 24, 7:30 p.m., main gym
- **MEMORIAL DAY** May 27, District Offices closed

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

Veterans town hall meeting May 14

A veterans town hall meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 14, at 2 p.m., at the VA Clinic in Brainerd, located at 722 NW 7th St. The meeting is open to

all veterans served by the St. Cloud VA and provides veterans the opportunity to hear from and have concerns addressed by St. Cloud VA officials.

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Elijah Hagg recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Staples Public Library receiving his free hard cover book and stuffed animal. The program helps increase awareness of the importance of early literacy as well as encouraging parents to embrace their role as their child’s first teacher. The goal is to help children enter school ready to learn as reading is one of the most important things a parent can do to ensure their child’s success when they begin school. Stop by the library to sign your child up and receive a free book bag. The program is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Above: Library Assistant Angie Johnson with Elijah. (Submitted photo)

NOTICE
Water Main Flushing

The City of Staples Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the City as needed, **April 29 - May 10, 2024.** You may experience cloudy water during this time. If this occurs, allow the cold water to run until it clears.

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Lyda Cocking

Lyda J. Cocking, 86, of Staples, went to be with her Savior on April 19, 2024. Funeral Services were held April 29 at the Motley Free Methodist Church. Burial was at the Northwood Cemetery in Hines. Lyda was born to Axel and Myrtle (Johnson) Clausen in Funkley. She attended country schools and graduated from Blackduck in 1955. Lyda married Gordon Greenwaldt in 1956. Together they had seven children. She later married Wallace Cocking. Lyda loved working at the Mary Rondorf Home and Lakewood Care Center. She enjoyed gardening, canning and baking. Most of all, she loved her family and Savior. She is survived by her children, Linda Doucette, Gordy (Mary) Greenwaldt, Cheryl Hougardy, Cynthia (Dennis) Sales, Keith Greenwaldt and Wade (Dana) Greenwaldt; stepchildren,



Gary (Lori), Randy (Nancy), Mary and Dean (Shelly); one daughter-in-law, Ronnie; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wally; one son, Joel; son-in-law, Larry; two grandchildren; one great-grandson and seven siblings. Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Obituaries

Jeanette Kratz

Jeanette Mae Kratz, 87, of Staples passed away Sunday morning April 14, 2024. Jeanette was born December 12, 1936 to Morvan and Olive Bergeson in Wadena. She was the youngest of four children having the misfortune of losing her father to appendicitis before turning one and later losing her mother at age seven to tuberculosis. Several years after the passing of her mother, Jeanette lost a brother, Donald, serving his country in WWII. The remaining siblings, Wallace and Beverly, along with special friends/family helped care for young Jeanette. In 1954, Jeanette met Edward C. Kratz (Sonny) at the Cardinal Café in Staples which his mother (Gracie) owned and operated. On July 22, 1955, Sonny and Jeanette were united in marriage in Hudson, WI. The couple resided in Minneapolis during their early years where Sonny worked as a commercial artist and Jeanette worked for a local



Architecture firm, Setter Leach and Lindstrom. In February of 1969; Jeanette and Sonny had their first child which stimulated a move away from the Cities to Henning. Residing on East Battle Lake, the couple had their second child in September of 1971. The town of Staples became their final destination in 1976, ultimately residing on the property in which Sonny's father, Ed and mother lived/farmed until their death. Sonny continued his trade as an artist working for Walthall and Associates while Jeanette took a job working at the Staples DMV to help support the family from 1984 through her retirement in 1996. Jeanette was an avid church goer and member of the Christian Woman's Club - finding joy in helping others in addition to raising a family. She enjoyed reading and was known as an exceptional cook. Ironically, she utilized the ingredients

within herself to perfect a recipe of kindness, generosity, patience and perseverance which she served to all she knew. She was truly one of a kind, whose simple existence and smile warmed the many hearts who had the privilege of being a part of her life. Jeanette found her greatest satisfaction in selflessness and gratitude and through those qualities she accomplished being the best mother, grandmother and aunt humanly possible. Thanks, Mom, for taking care of the many birds and flowers of your life (and the pesty squirrels as well). Jeanette is survived by one son, BJ Kratz (Julie Skunberg) of Jamestown, ND; one daughter, Justene Kennedy of Farmington; three grandsons, Nolan Kratz of Williston, ND, Kohl Kratz of Jamestown, ND and Brendon Kennedy of Farmington; one granddaughter, Claire Kennedy, Farmington; three nephews Mark Blessing, Robert (Kathy) Blessing and Mike (Rosie) Blessing, all of Staples; three nieces, Pam Blessing, St. Paul, Patti Sciola (Mike), North Charleston, SC and Barb Markus, Motley and many cousins. Jeanette was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Sonny; parents; two brothers Donald (Alice) and Wallace (Margaret) Bergeson and one sister, Beverly (Pete) Blessing.

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Staples Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891 Pastor Zach Jones.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA.....6:00 p.m. Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m. Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m. Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m. WEDNESDAY Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m. Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m. Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Facebook Live Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....218-894-1546 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m. Sacred Heart Catholic Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2296 info@maysac.org Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Sunday.....8:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship.....9:30 am. Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m. Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923 Pastor Scott Jorgenson Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m. United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248 Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)	Aldrich Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Janet Eckman SMA.....218-837-5831 jre227@yahoo.com Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m. Cushing Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 Phone: 218- 575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad SUNDAY Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m. Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible study.....7:30 p.m. Leader Swan Valley Lutheran Leader.....218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship January - July.....9 a.m. July - January.....11 a.m. Maple Hill Lutheran Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Motley Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466.....218-352-6888 Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m. facebook live.....9 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. St. Michael Catholic Church 1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296 info@maysac.org Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Saturday.....4:00 p.m.	St. Michael 280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Joe Korf MASS: Saturday.....4:00 p.m. United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S, Lane, Motley....218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m. Oylen Oylen Alliance Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m. Pillager First Lutheran Church Pastor Mathew Sundquist 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, 2nd and 4th Sundays.....8:30 a.m. Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. Phone.....218-746-3839 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m. First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Jake Anderson 218-746-3768 curious@tbcpillager.com Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. Connection Point.....9:30 a.m. Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. Hewitt Community Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.	Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189 Tahna Kurup, Connections & Media Pastor Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor SUNDAY Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m. Worship Service.....10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m. WEDNESDAY Life Groups.....6:30 p.m. Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Family Night.....5:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Central Community Church 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952 Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study.....10:30 a.m. St. Frederick Catholic Church 20 Mason Avenue NW.....218-894-2296 info@maysac.org Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Saturday.....6:00 p.m. St. Hubert Catholic Church Bluegrass.....218-894-2296 info@maysac.org Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Sunday.....10:30 a.m. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 Call first. Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. Wadena St. Helen's Episcopal Church 22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN 218-631-3928 Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.
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"Hard Obedience"

By Rich Bennett (God's Word For Today)

Lillian Thrasher served as a missionary in Egypt. She opened an orphanage in Assiout after a dying woman gave her daughter into Lillian's care. Over a 50-year period, "Mother" Thrasher cared for approximately ten thousand children. Many who have seen the fruit of her ministry are unaware of what her obedience to go to Egypt cost her. Her fiancé, an ordained minister, did not share her call to go to Egypt, so she broke off the engagement ten days before the wedding. "Through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." --Genesis 22:18, NIV

Abraham obeyed God when it was hard to do so. He must have struggled with the strange command to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice, but he didn't delay in his efforts to obey it. His love for and faith in God made possible his obedience. He didn't have all the answers, but he obeyed. Obedience to God results in His blessings. Obeying Him in the face of criticism or opposition may be among the hardest things believers have to do. **Prayer Suggestion: Lord, help me to obey You even when it is hard to do so.** --Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly Of God

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Pines and Lakewood Health System Care Center. Despite the distance, she cherished the memories of her Battle Creek family and friends, but relished the opportunity to reconnect with relatives in Minnesota. Joni's passing marked the reunion of her and Bernie in Heaven, where they are joined by loved ones who have gone before them. Her family extends their gratitude to the Pennfield Panther community for their support over the years, and to the Battle Creek community for their care and friendship throughout the last six decades. PANTHER PRIDE! Joni was preceded in death by her husband, Bernie Larson of Battle Creek, MI; parents, Sven and Ruth (King) Erdahl of Fargo, ND; mother and father-in-law Francis (Kohler) and Ingvald Bakken; one sister Gloria (Erdahl) and Herman Moeller of Detroit Lakes; one brother, Dr. Bruce Erdahl of Wadena and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Keith and Verna Larson of Hugo. She is survived by her two sons, Christopher and Julie (Epstein) Larson of Mechanicsville, VA and Cameron and Trisha (Huseby) Larson of Staples; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Delbert and Luann (Palma) Larson of Moorhead; sister-in-law Barb (Larson) and Bruce Coufal of Frazee; sister-in-law Judy (Fransen) Erdahl of Wadena and many more nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations can be made to either: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 349 Capital Ave NE Battle Creek, MI 49017. Note: Heil Memorial Fund on behalf of Joan Larson; or Oak Grove Lutheran School Foundation; 124 N Terrace North, Fargo, ND 58102 ATTN: Matt Hallaway.

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Deep drive

Kristofer Taylor smashes a ball deep to the outfield. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Baseball team wins three out of four

The Staples-Motley baseball team blanked Crosby-Ironton 6-0 in the first

game of a doubleheader on April 23. They came out on top in a close game in the

second game, winning 9-8.

The Cardinals split a doubleheader at Park Rapids on April 25, winning the first game 11-3 and falling 10-9 in the second game.

In the first game against Crosby-Ironton, Jack Carlson hit a bases loaded single up the middle for a 2-0 lead in the 2nd inning. In the fifth inning, Cooper Tappe had an RBI hit and the Cardinals scored three more runs with the help of passed balls and errors. Colbe Tappe and Ben Tyrrell combined to pitch the shutout.

Uselman leads girls golfers in two meets

The Staples-Motley girls golf team started their season with two meets, at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley and Bemidji.

Mallory Uselman placed third and fifth at the two meets, with Katelyn Schotzko as the second Cardinal golfer in each meet.

At Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, Uselman shot one birdie and three pars. She increased that to two birdies and five pars at the Bemidji meet.

All four Staples-Motley golfers shot lower scores in the second meet of the week.

Team results WHA Lady Wolf Pack Invite

Roseau 400, Park Rapids 403, Pine River-Backus 440, United North Central 458, Staples-Motley 487; incomplete: Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, Bigfork, Blackduck, Kelliher/Northome, Cass Lake-Bena, Nevis, Red Lake

3. Mallory Uselman 88,

22. Katelyn Schotzko 126, 22. Sarah Kroll 126, 35. Molly Hoemberg 147

Bemidji Invite

Detroit Lakes 314, Moorhead 352, Grand Rapids 357, Bemidji 371, Crookston 395, Wadena-Deer Creek 408, East Grand Forks 424, Staples-Motley 426; incomplete: International Falls, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley

5. Uselman 82, 37. Schotzko 102, 53. Kroll 118, 56. Hoemberg 124

Boys golf team wins three straight meets

The Staples-Motley golf team had a busy week, winning all three meets they played in.

On April 22, they won the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Wolf Pack Invite. Carter White shot two under par for the individual win. Grant Bestland shot 78 with three birdies and seven pars for his round. Keller Anderson shot 10 pars, including five in a row early in his round.

The Cardinals won the Mid Minnesota meet at Wadena-Deer Creek on April 25. White was again the top golfer, shooting three under par with no bogeys the entire round.

The final win of the week was the Cardinal Invite

at The Vintage in Staples. White tied for the medalist with a 78. Peyton Mithun placed third in the big meet with a round of 81 that included two birdies and seven pars.

Team results Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Wolf Pack Invite

Staples-Motley 318, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 319, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 340, United North Central 368, Frazee 370, Pine River-Backus 374, Nevis 375, Park Rapids 385, Cas Lake-Bena 392, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 435, Bigfork 439, Northome/Kelliher 481

1. Carter White 70, 6. Grant Bestland 78, 7. Keller

Anderson 82, 18. Jackson White 88, 23. Peyton Mithun 91

Mid Minnesota meet at Wadena-Deer Creek

Staples-Motley 325, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 357, Pine River-Backus 376, Wadena-Deer Creek 378

1. C. White 69, 2. Bestland 81, 6. J. White 85, 7. Mithun 90, 10. Anderson 92, 10. Thomas Johnson 92

Cardinal Invite

Staples-Motley 326, Princeton 339, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 379, Royalton 380, Wadena-Deer Creek 382, Pine River-Backus 385

1. C. White 78, 3. Mithun 81, 5. Bestland 82, 8. J. White 85, 11. Johnson 89, 14. Anderson 93



American Cardinal

Ben Tyrrell pitches with the American flag waving above him.



Baseball action

Griffin Bettis takes a swing in front of the Staples-Motley bench.

Softball team scores 21 in win

After a narrow 7-6 loss in the first game of a doubleheader at Crosby-Ironton on April 23, the Staples-Motley

softball team exploded with 21 runs in the second game. Their defense also pitched a shutout to win 21-0.

Five track and field winners at Pillager

The Staples-Motley track and field teams had multiple winners at the John Riemer Classic in Pillager on April 25.

For the boys, Avandre Brandt won the 200 meter dash, Noah Larson was first in the 110 hurdles and Turner Beachy improved his pole vault personal best by clearing 13 feet, 4 inches to win the event.

In the girls meet, Annie Schlosser won the discus throw and Kyanna Burton was first in the 1,600 meter run.

Other impressive performances included Corrine Olson breaking 14 seconds in the 100 and Steven Petrich passing 42 feet in the shot put.

Team results

Pillager John Riemer Classic

Girls results

100 - 4. Corrine Olson 13.95, 7. Sophia Luna 14.10, 30. Charlotte Wunderlich 15.33
200 - 28. Kana Reese 32.22, 30. Tamara Streli 32.62, 35. Marissa Heifort 36.10
400 - 26. Brooke Bendson 1:18, 27. Leah Greenwaldt 1:19, 30. Madelyn Kist 1:22
800 - 14. Naila Mikhaeil 2:56, 1,600 - 1. Kyanna Burton 5:31, 11. Suhaila Mikhaeil 6:25
3,200 - 4. Alea Holst 13:31
100 hurdles - 20. Bailey Weiland 20.57, 21. Abby Brichacek 20.95

4x100 - 9. SM 50.29

4x200 - 9. SM 2:06
4x800 - 7. SM 11:52
High jump - 12. Avery Japke 4'4"

Long jump - 14. Wunderlich 14'7.5", 30. Paula Rauwerda 12'5.75", 33. Francesca Malangone 12'1.25"

Triple jump - 7. Ronnie Noska 30'5", 17. Brichacek 28'8"
Pole vault - 9. Wunerlich 6'7", 12. Strelci 5'7"

Discus - 1. Annie Schlosser 84'7", 3. Weiland 81'4", 16. Josie Jennissen 72'3"

Shot put - 4. Camden Anderson 29'10", 13. Weiland 26'9", 17. Schlosser 26'5.25"

Boys results

100 - 6. Massimo Pili 12.36, 15. Luke Bjerga 13.25, 29. Justin Olson 14.48

200 - 1. Avandre Brandt 23.74, 15. Josiah Critten 26.03

400 - 6. Dillan Robben 56.00, 13. Odin Trif 1:01

800 - 2. Logan Robben 2:06, 8. Trif 2:26, 25. Henrique Dos

Santos 2:49

1,600 - 10. Blaine Plattner 5:33, 15. Ivan Lozano 5:53

3,200 - 8. D. Robben 12:08, 9. Plattner 12:09, 10. Lozano 12:20

110 hurdles - 1. Noah Larson 17.58, 6. Gavin Chenoweth 19.54

300 hurdles - 5. Larson 45.90, 19. Chenoweth 53.96

4x100 - 4. SM 47.99

4x200 - 3. SM 1:37

4x400 - 5. SM 3:48

High Jump - 5. Brandt 5'8", 12. Larson 5'4", 16. Connor Kuhns 5'0"

Long jump - 17. Critten 18'1.5", 18. Benet Robinson 18'1.5", 27. Bjerga 16'1"

Triple jump - 5. Sawyer Ferdon 39'1", 11. Alexander Helstrom 34'9", 12. Chenoweth 34'8"

Pole vault - 1. Turner Beachy 13'4", 4. Kuhns 11'4"

Discus - 13. Drake Dukowitz 92'7", 19. Dustin Converse 80'8"

Shot Put - 2. Steven Petrich 42'4.75", 15. Converse 36'2.25" 17. Dukowitz 34'11.75"

Brownell sets new record at Hamline

Audrey Brownell lowered her school record in the 3,200 meter run, with a 10:54 at the Hamline Elite Meet, running against the top distance athletes in the state. Brownell finished in 7th place, with all the rest of the runners in Class AAA or AA.

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NOTICE
LEADER COMMUNITY
HALL BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall. Rental rules will be discussed.

Mark Strom, Secretary
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TODD COUNTY
NOTICE OF FILING
FOR THE 2024 STATE
GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in Todd County on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing candidates for the Federal, State, Judicial, and County offices listed below. The filing period for the offices of United States Senator, United States Representative, State Representative, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Judge of the District Court and County Offices begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

The filing period for presidential elector candidates begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 20, 2024, for non-major political party candidates and independent candidates. The certification deadline for major political party presidential elector candidates is August 27, 2024.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day. For presidential elector candidates, filing offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday

and Thursday, July 4, 2024, in observance of Independence Day.

The place of filing for Federal Offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, Veterans Services Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155. The place of filing for State Offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the County Auditor of the County in which the candidate resides.

Candidates for judicial office may file either with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or with the county auditor in the county where the candidate resides. A candidate filing for one of the Minnesota Court of Appeals seats that has been designated for one of the congressional districts must be a resident of that congressional district.

The filing place for County Offices is with the County Auditor.

Candidates may file in person or by mail, if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state. This notice is sent based on current law. Be aware that the Legislature and/or the Governor could make changes that affect some of these processes.

This notice is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 204B.33.

FEDERAL OFFICES
Presidential Electors (Ten)

United States Senator
United States Representative for District 7

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

State Representative for District 05B
JUDICIAL OFFICES
Supreme Court Chief Justice
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
-Seat 5
-Seat 6
Judges of the Court of Appeals

-Seat 2
-Seat 3 (2nd Congressional District)
-Seat 4
-Seat 6 (1st Congressional District)
-Seat 8
-Seat 12
-Seat 14 (8th Congressional District)
Seventh Judicial District Judges

-Seat 1
-Seat 5
-Seat 6
-Seat 7
-Seat 10
-Seat 16
-Seat 17
-Seat 20
-Seat 23
-Seat 29
COUNTY OFFICES
County Commissioner for District 1
County Commissioner for District 3
County Commissioner for District 5
Todd Soil & Water Conservation District II Supervisor
Todd Soil & Water Conservation District IV Supervisor

Witness my hand and official seal this 26th day of April, 2024.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer.

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WADENA COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
APPEAL FOR A
VARIANCE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 16th day of May, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Multi-purpose room of the Wadena County Courthouse, located at: 415 Jefferson Street S, Wadena, MN, the Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on the application of Ronald and Cheryl Martin, for a variance on property located at: 28406 Warner Rd., Staples, MN 56479 and described as: THE S 900' OF THE S1/2 SW1/4 SEC 31 TWP 134 RNG 32, EXCEPT *** THAT PT OF THE SW1/4 SW1/4(A/K/A GOV LOT 5) OF SEC 31 TWP 134 RNG 32 DESC AS: COM AT THE IRON MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 36 TWP 134 RNG 33; THN E ALONG S LINE OF SEC 36 TWP 134 RNG 33

AND THE S LINE OF SW1/4 SW1/4 (A/K/A GOV LOT 5) OF SEC 31 TWP 134 RNG 32 A DISTANCE OF 3505' TO THE POB. THN N 740'; THN W 540' MORE OR LESS TO THE CENTER OF HAYDEN BROOK(A/K/A HAYDEN CREEK) THAT GENERALLY RUNS NORTH & SOUTH THROUGH SW1/4 SW1/4;THN SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG CENTER LINE OF BROOK(CREEK) TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE S LINE OF THE SW1/4 SW1/4; THN EASTERLY ALONG THE S LINE OF SW1/4 SW1/4 (A/K/A GOV LOT 5) 265' MORE OR LESS TO THE POB.AND FURTHER EXCEPTING***** THAT PART OF THE S1/2 SW1/4 LYING WESTERLY OF THE CENTER LINE OF HAYDEN BROOK(CREEK) IF INFACT THE CENTERLINE OF THE BROOK(CREEK) SHOULD BE LOCATED ANYWHERE IN THE S1/2 SW1/4. AND FURTHER EXCEPTING***** COM AT THE SW COR OF SE1/4 SW1 /4 OF SEC 31 TWP 134 RHN 32'; THN W ALONG THE S LINE OF SAID QUARTER 450'TO THE POB OF TRACT TO BE EXCEPTED. THN N 250'; THEN W 300'; THN S 250' TO S LINE OF 1/4;THN E ALONG S LINE 300' TO POB. **SUBJECT TO EASMENTS OF RECORD**, Section 31, Township 134 North, Range 32 West, Thomastown Township, located in an A-1 Transitional Agriculture District.

Application, if approved, would allow an additional split of a 1/4 1/4 Section of land.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. An agenda for the meeting and associated materials can be found on the County website calendar at www.co.wadena.mn.us. Written correspondence must be received by the Wadena County Zoning Office, 415 Jefferson St. S., Room 234, Wadena, MN 56482 before close of business the day of the hearing in order to be accepted and must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence in order to be accepted for presentation to the Adjustment Board at the public hearing**. The correspondence may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the Zoning Office but it MUST include the required information.

Wadena County
Board of Adjustment
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ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #14
Mon., March 18,
2024,
6 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m.

Members Reese, Winkels, Reeck, Wright and Trout were present, comprising a quorum.

Member Anderson was absent. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Principal Ferdon, Principal Berg, Business Manager Hill, recording secretary Larson, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson staff, students and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda. **MC**

Chair Winkels welcomed and recognized the public

School/Community Forum

Presentation by current FFA Student Officers

Presentation by FFA Alumni

Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from the Feb. 26 Board Meeting

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

Approve the resignation of Melissa Wright, School Garden Assistant

Approve the hire of Ashley Orth, MS/HS Special Education Teacher

Approve the permission to post for the Elementary Principal position

Approve the FMLA request from Kelsie Tyrrell

Approve the 2024-2025 EduTrak Food Service Software contract

Motion by Reese, seconded by Wright, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**

Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels, to approve Grants/Donations in the amount of \$7,530. **MC**

Thank you to Leader Lions Club, SM Wrestling Boosters, Staples Lions Club, Paul Silbernack and SM Basketball Boosters for your generous donations.

Finance Items

Financial Report presented by Business Manager Hill

a. 2023-2024 Budget Review presented by Business Manager Hill

b. 2024-2025 Budget

Review presented by Business Manager Hill

General Fund: \$883,527.54

Food Service: \$61,292.13

Community Service: \$22,722.03

Construction Fund: \$716,573.52

Debt Service: \$0.00

Fund 45: \$0.00

Fund 47: (CLOSED) \$0.00

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Trout, to approve the February Disbursements. **MC**

General Fund: \$1,130,855.52

Food Service: \$ 101,770.41

Community Service Fund: \$18,798.52

Construction Fund: \$511,917.04

Debt Service Fund: \$1,079.26

Fund 45: -\$5,524.08

Fund 47 (CLOSED) \$0.00

Motion by Wright, seconded by Trout, to approve the February receipts. **MC**

Cabinet Member Presentation
Presentation by Middle/High School - Principal Ferdon

Facilities
Facilities Update - Presented by Williams of ICS

Policy
(Policy committee minutes 3-6-2024)

Motion by Reese, seconded by Reeck, to approve the review of policies with changes: Policy 416 - Drug and Alcohol Testing; Policy 416F - Drug and Alcohol Testing Form; Policy 714 - Fund Balances. **MC**

Motion by Wright, seconded by Trout, to approve the review of policies with minimal or no changes: Policy 404 - Employment Background Checks; Policy 405 - Veterans Preference-Hiring; Policy 407 - Employee Right to Know; Policy 508 - Extended School Year; Policy 521 - Student Disability Nondiscrimination; Policy 525 - Violence Prevention-Students & Staff; Policy 526 - Hazing Prohibition; Policy 530 - Immunization Requirements; Policy 530F - Immunization Form; Policy 704 - Fixed Assets; Employees setting off security alarms; Key Card Policy. **MC**

Approve the removal of Policy 530r - Staples' Immunization Compliance.

Motion by Trout, seconded by Reese, to approve the removal of Policy 530r - Staples' Immunization Compliance. **MC**

Other
Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve sealed bids for miscellaneous items. **MC**

Reports
School Board
FED - None
Sourcewell - None
Other

Principals - Reports by Principal Ferdon and Principal Berg

Activities - Report by AD Lee

Superintendent - Report by Superintendent Tappe

SMEA - Report by VP Evans

Motion by Trout, seconded by Reeck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. **MC**

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(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
2024 CONCRETE
BRIDGE PROJECT

Closing date:
May 14, 2024

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., May 14, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SAP 077-614-022

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding>.

Loren Fellbaum,
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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PUBLIC
NOTICES:
Your Right
to Know

NOTICE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIQUIDATION
TODD COUNTY

Todd County will be having an Online Auction to liquidate a few items with this Spring Liquidation sale.

Being sold are two (2) homes just west of the Court House to make room for a new parking lot.

The homes will be offered either complete, or specific building materials to be removed before demo.

Also on the sale are two (2) garages and two (2) storage sheds in town as well.

Todd County Solid Waste will also be liquidating some roll-off containers, a trailer and front-end loader on the same sale.

Alexandria Auction Service will be hosting the sale and managing the terms and conditions for the sale.

Sale information can be found online at: www.alex-auction.com

The sale will run online from **May 1 to May 10, 2024** and then the items will need to be removed shortly after that. Check with your mover ahead of time before the sale ends.

For more information, contact Marc at Alexandria Auction Service (320) 766-7218.

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CANDIDATE FILING NOTICE
CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE VOTED FOR
AT THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION

The following is the notice of federal and state offices that will be voted for at the state general election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The filing period for United States Senator, United States Representative, State Representative, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals, Judge of the District Court, and County offices begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

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Candidates for the following offices must file at the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State: FEDERAL OFFICES Ten Presidential Electors, One United States Senator and One United States Representative (One office per district, districts 1-8) District 8-Cass County)

Candidates for the following offices must file either at the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or the office of the county auditor of the county in which they reside: STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES Cass County; One State Representative for each of Districts 2B, 5A, 5B, and 6A. JUDICIAL OFFICES Three seats Supreme Court; One seat Chief Justice (Natalie E. Hudson); Two seats Associate Justice - seat 5 (Anne K. McKeig), seat 6 (Karl Proccacini); Seven seats Court of Appeals-seat 2 (Jonathan P. Schmidt), seat 3 (Sarah Wheelock), seat 4 (Tracy M. Smith), seat 6 (Renee L. Worke), seat 8 (Keala C. Ede), seat 12 (Diane B. Bratvold), seat 14 (Elise L. Larson). Six seats Ninth Judicial District - seat 3 (David F. Hermerding), seat 7 (John G. Melbye), seat 9 (Heidi M. Chandler), seat 10 (Christopher J. Strandlie), seat 13 (Erik J. Askegaard), seat 24 (Annie P. Claesson-Huseby).

Candidates for the following offices must file at the Office of the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer: COUNTY OFFICES One County Commissioner four-year term for each of the following districts: Districts 2, 3, and 5; one Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor four-year term for each of nominating Districts 2, 3 and 4.

Candidates for city, township, school district and United Hospital District offices (without primaries) may file for office at the respective clerk's office beginning July 30, 2024, through August 13, 2024.

/s/ Pamela Smith, Cass County Election Administrator

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NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES
CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The following precincts located in Cass County have elected to vote by mail ballot procedure in statewide elections as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 204B.45. All other precincts vote at their designated polling place on election day. Precincts that can vote at the Courthouse on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
Ansel Township	Bull Moose Township	Loon Lake Township	Slater Township
Backus	Byron Township	Meadow Brook Township	Smoky Hollow Township
Berclay Township	Chickamaw Beach	Moose Lake Township	Sucker Lakes Unorg.
Becker Township	Deerfield Township	Molley-part in Cass County only	Thunder Lake Township
Bena	Federal Dam	Ottertail Peninsula Township	Torrey Township
Beulah Township	Gould Township	Pine Lake Township	Wahnena Unorg.
Birch Lake Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Poplar Township	Walden Township
Blind Lake Township	Homebrook Township	Remer Township	Willow River Unorg.
Boy Lake Township	Inguadona Township	Rogers Point Unorg.	Wilson Township
Boy River	Lima Unorg.	Rogers Township	Winnie Portage Unorg.
Boy River Township	Longville	Salem Township	

The dates that ballots will be mailed for the foregoing mail ballot precincts are:

State Primary	August 13, 2024	Ballot Mailing Dates:	July 8- July 30, 2024
General Election	November 5, 2024	Ballot Mailing Dates:	September 25- October 22, 2024

Each voter registered by July 23, 2024, by 5:00pm, for the August 13, 2024, State Primary will be mailed a ballot automatically.

Each voter registered by October 15, 2024, by 5:00pm, for the November 5, 2024, General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically. Eligible voters not pre-registered by this date, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address, may apply for an absentee ballot. Voters may register and apply for an absentee ballot on-line by visiting mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us or the elections and voting pages of the Cass County website at casscountymn.gov. For paper applications or assistance, call 218-547-7260. Ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), delivered in person by the voter, or delivered by designated agent to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, PO Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to be counted. Normal business hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours on election day are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. At least one assistive voting device will be available at the polling place; allowing for persons with disabilities to vote privately and independently. Officials are also available at these locations to complete the witness requirements for mail ballots. Instructions are included with each ballot. The back of the return envelope must be signed by the voter and witnessed by any the following:

- anyone registered to vote in Minnesota, including a spouse or relative,
- a notary public, or
- a person with the authority to administer oaths.

Prompt return of voted ballots is encouraged so that any omitted requirements can be corrected in advance of election day. Ballots are processed when received, and voters will be notified if there is a problem. Voters casting a mail ballot may also track their ballot on-line by visiting the website of the Minnesota Secretary of State at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us.

In addition to the normal business hours, extended hours for mail ballot voting (for in-person drop off, voter assist terminal access or absentee voting for non-registered voters) are:

State Primary: from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and until 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the Primary election.
General Election: until 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election; from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the election; from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday immediately before the election; and until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

The counting of mail ballots will be completed at the Cass County Courthouse after 8:00 p.m. on election day. Additional information is available by contacting the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN, phone 218-547-7295.

Senior season

Below and right, a crew from the City of Staples hangs banners featuring seniors from the Staples-Motley Class of 2024. The tradition of hanging senior banners started in 2020, when that year's graduating class couldn't have senior events because of the COVID pandemic. It has continued every year since and lights up the town with the smiling faces of our greatest resource, our high school graduates. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Sporting seniors

The Staples-Motley baseball team honored their seniors between doubleheader games on April 23. From left, Eli Smith, Griffin Bettis, Andrew Salcido, Christian

Bachmann and Sabina Moe. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 2, 2024

Call to Order

Reginald Lambrecht addressed the County Board regarding the current mental health crisis situations in our communities.

Tammy Cebulla spoke regarding the request for Opioid funding and to request the County Board's support of the LPGE Post Prom event.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 2nd day of April, 2024 at 9:03 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 Neumann and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of item 4.6 Thunder Lodge Liquor License.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024 as presented.

To approve the resignation of Jeremy Puff effective 02/25/2024.

To approve the resignation of Ariana Don effective 02/28/2024.

Hire Nathan Cossentine as Full Time Deputy start date TBD Grade 10 Step 8 \$35.02.

To hire Whitney Wilson to fill the open Care Coordinator position. Grade 10 Step 2, \$28.91/hr. Start date: TBD

To approve an On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Thunder Lodge, Inc at the address of 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Byers and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the March 2024 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 903967 through 904015 in the amount of \$474,187.27 (Manual) 939 through 946 in the amount of \$45,110.73 and (Regular) 242356 through 242455 in the amount of \$318,284.69 for a total of \$837,582.69.

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403128 through 403150 in

the amount of \$15,344.09 and (Regular) 57877 through 57914 in the amount of \$88,548.27 for a total of \$103,892.36.

On motion by Byers and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 805186 through 805216 and (Regular) 711750 through 711811 for a total of \$117,148.19.

On motion by Denny and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601230 through 601235 and (Regular) 517769 through 517787 for a total amount of \$20,216.50.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

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

APRIL 2024 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in every community, and;

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month aims to raise public awareness about sexual abuse, harassment, and assault and educate communities about how to be involved in prevention, and;

WHEREAS, this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign theme, Building Connected Communities, calls on each of us to work together to prevent sexual abuse, harassment, and assault. We believe when anyone experiences sexual violence, every community member is affected, and;

WHEREAS, by striving to build more connected, respectful, and inclusive communities to promote our collective well-being and protect the risk of sexual violence, we believe all of our communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, races and ethnic backgrounds, ages, faiths, and abilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others to end sexual violence, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and to support and promote the Building Connected Communities campaign as an opportunity for our community to join with others around the world in committing to

prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.

Great River Regional Library

Karen Pundsack, Amanda Wehrspann and Cathy Perish provided an updated of the 2023 Great River Regional Library activity for discussion with the County Board.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition to clean a section of CD33 on parcels 20-0022800 & 20-0022600 - Reynolds Twp section 20.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the identified Care Coordinator personnel.

On motion by Denny and seconded by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the elimination of the Registered Nurse job description.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUPPORT TO SEEK FUNDING FROM SOURCEWELL FOR MENTAL HEALTH CO-RESPONSE AND JAIL PROGRAM GROWTH IN REGION V

WHEREAS, Sourcewell, is providing community impact funding for the Counties in Region V that address mental health needs, and;

WHEREAS, the Social Service and Public Health agencies of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties work to help individuals in the midst of a mental health crisis.

WHEREAS, funding will aim to avoid continued law enforcement contacts, reduce officer call time, decrease involvement with the justice system including the County Attorney's Office, and aim to reduce the strains on local Emergency Departments and;

WHEREAS, counties have been successful with co-response models in the community of collaborating with law enforcement on calls in real time and/or completing follow up visits after law enforcement has occurred, and;

WHEREAS, increased mental health programming in the jails counties has helped justice-involved individuals receive support, and;

WHEREAS, the continued demand and need for mental health services through law enforcement contact and in jails is increasing, and;

WHEREAS, counties have and are currently working on ways to meet the growing demand, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approves the Sourcewell Community Impact funding application submitted by Todd County Health and Human Services on behalf of the Region V Counties to apply for Sourcewell's Impact funding to develop and enhance our mental health co-response and jail programing to meet the needs in each county.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To voluntarily terminate the delegation agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for its noncommunity public water systems as of April 30, 2024.

On motion by Denny and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Opioid Settlement funding request for Wellness in the Woods to provide peer support in the jail.

On motion by Byers, the Opioid Settlement funding request to LPGE post prom was tabled to gather further information from an auditing standpoint and from an itemization standpoint for potential revisit at the April 16th board meeting.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the 2024 Property Tax Statements have been mailed, the annual audit continues with CLA and reminded that the TCDC Annual Dinner is happening on April 11th, 2024 and the Commissioners are all invited to attend.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney is pleased with the interest in their open position and remaining steady with some high-profile casework.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator has been meeting with many to learn about Todd County and projects in progress including TCDC, Facilities, Emergency Management, Extension and Expo building tour. The Coordinator also attended the AMC Leadership Summit.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Denny attended the Crow Wing Watershed, Prairie Lakes, Emergency Services, and GRRL meetings.

Commissioner Becker attended the Annual Feedlot, Facilities, Safety, Personnel, AMC Leadership Summit meetings.

Commissioner Neumann attended the SRWD, CPT, Personnel, AMC Leadership Summit meetings.

Commissioner Byers attended the Facilities, Safety, AMC Leadership

Summit meetings.

A reminder that the Osakis Lake Improvement District Public Hearing is coming up on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Osakis School Auditorium.

Recess

Chairperson Becker recessed the meeting until April 16, 2024.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

VENDOR	\$ AMOUNT
EBSO INC	\$294,150.57
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL	\$7,470.48
ST CLOUD ACOUSTICS	
INC	\$3,984.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	\$8,778.00
VERIZON	\$6,965.45
24 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$18,665.84
CENTRACARE HEALTH	
LONG PRAIRIE	\$12,109.12
CLIFTON LARSONALLEN,	
LLP	\$5,670.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING	
TECHNOLOGY	\$6,419.00
FLEET SERVICES/WEX	
BANK	\$6,864.23
LONG PRAIRIE OIL	
COMPANY	\$12,571.98
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION	
INC	\$4,863.62
METRO SALES INC	\$2,466.23
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	\$9,160.50
MORRISON COUNTY	\$23,619.90
PETERS LAW OFFICE,	
P.A.	\$8,624.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL	
SOLID WASTE	\$90,689.08
SHIRLEY'S GAS &	
GROCERIES INC	\$3,920.49
STAY \$10,525.55	
VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS,	
LLC	\$3,430.63
WIDSETH SMITH	
NOLTING INC	\$21,845.00
WONDERLICH/	
SCOTT A	\$6,908.00
37 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$12,560.11
CENTERPOINT	
ENERGY	\$2,550.53
CITY OF ST CLOUD	\$5,977.74
GBS - HUMAN RESOURCES	
CONSULTING	
GROUP	\$9,825.00
KANATI LAND	
MANAGEMENT	\$2,700.00
METRO SALES INC	\$2,662.38
MINNESOTA POWER	\$19,633.79
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	\$6,098.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$2,433.11
TODD TRAILS	
ASSOCIATION	\$2,035.30
YIPA	\$3,013.00
40 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$20,059.85
CENTERPOINT	
ENERGY	\$4,907.65
GALLAGHER BENEFIT	
SERVICES INC	\$2,000.00
STANTEC CONSULTING	
SERVICES INC	\$3,001.77
TODD CO	
AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$87,043.88
13 PAYMENTS LESS	

THAN \$2,000	\$6,268.18
US BANK - CC	\$9,694.88
MN DOR -A/T	\$29,836.27
7 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$5,579.58
TOTAL:	\$837,582.69

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
BRAATEN AGGREGATE	
INC	\$25,531.38
CARGILL SALT	
DIVISION	\$31,105.56
FORUM COMMUNICATIONS	
PRINTING	\$7,479.26
LONG PRAIRIE	
LEADER	\$4,287.50
MENCH/JAMES	\$7,755.00
NATIONAL BUSINESS	
FURNITURE, LLC	\$2,629.90
NUSS TRUCK &	
EQUIPMENT	\$2,400.96
RINKE-NOONAN	
CORP LTD	\$2,075.00
VIKING GARAGE	
DOOR CO	\$2,092.15
WAGNER ELECTRIC	
LLC	\$2,023.58
ZIEGLER INC	\$2,361.64
50 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$14,150.43
Total:	\$103,892.36

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
BUDGET HOST INN	\$2,152.20
DHS - SWIFT	\$60,733.73
GUDJONSSON/EINAR	\$2,400.00
MINNESOTA POWER	\$2,280.97
PERISH/ALAN	\$2,442.76
SHI CORP	\$8,000.00
US BANK	\$2,351.49
86 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$36,787.04
Total:	\$117,148.19

VENDOR NAME \$ AMOUNT

HOLISTIC FAMILY

EDUCATION SRVS

\$2,599.95

MERIDIAN SERVICES

INC

\$2,162.94

PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY

FOUNDATION INC

\$2,017.99

RESOURCE TRAINING

AND SOLUTIONS

\$2,825.40

21 PAYMENTS LESS

THAN \$2,000

\$10,610.22

Total:

\$20,216.50

On a motion by Denny and seconded by Noska, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held April 2, 2024 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 16, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file

Barbara Becker, County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

Beto, Page are Students of Character

Staples-Motley seniors Madalynn Beto and Richard Page were honored at the 2024 Students of Character Celebration on April 17, at Madden's on Gull Lake. The recognition is sponsored by Sourcewell.

Forty-five juniors and seniors from high schools throughout the area – including Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties – were honored at a special event recognizing students for their quiet leadership, perseverance, and dedication to their community, school, and fellow students. Each honoree was selected by staff from their school and presented with a \$750 scholarship, made possible by business and community donations.

“This event is a special time of year for our entire team,” says Sourcewell CEO Chad Coauette. “I’m inspired by every one of these students, for their commitment and drive amid such a variety of challenges. It’s an honor to recognize their character and their achievements, and to



be part of the immense generosity shown by this community to its students.”

Following are descriptions from the event program:

Madalynn Beto

Maddy’s confidence has helped her rise above difficult experiences, from academic challenges to peer bullying. She is committed to helping other students feel valued and cared for, and she has a knack for viewing the world from different perspectives. Maddy



is driven to do her best and move forward from tough situations in a positive way.

Richard Page

Richard has moved in and out of several schools and finds his way each time. Richard is known as a hard worker and a kind classmate, making every school a more positive place and helping others feel important. He plans to attend Central Lakes College and ultimately pursue a career in human resources or social work.

CLC student earns spot on democracy honor roll

Central Lakes College Staples Student Senate President Bri Adams received national recognition for her effort to advance nonpartisan student voter registration, education and turnout efforts in her community.

Adams is one of 137 college students recognized today by the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge (ALL IN) for its third annual Student Voting Honor Roll.

ALL IN’s Student Voting Honor Roll recognizes college students at participating campuses who have gone above and beyond to advance nonpartisan student voter registration, education and turnout efforts in their communities.

“Voting is crucial for college students, as it influences policies and decisions that directly affect their education, future prospects, and society,” Adams said. “By participating in the democratic process, they can influence legislation, education funding, and other issues that impact their lives. Additionally, College students should be passionate about voting as



Bri Adams

it allows them to shape their country, communities, and lives. They can advocate for policies aligning with their values, address issues like student debt, education access, and social justice, and ensure their voices are heard in decisions impacting them and future generations.”

Students were a driving force in getting their campuses registered and to the ballot box in 2023. All across the country, they helped their peers make their voices heard on critical ballot measures and local and state races. The Student Voting Honor Roll highlights students who played a key role in driving voter registration, education and turnout on their campuses. The diverse group of honorees spans 36 states, representing 20 community colleges, 20 Hispanic-Serving Institutions, 8 Historically Black Colleges & Universities, and 7 Asian

American Native American Pacific Island Serving Institutions.

“Whether it’s a presidential election year or one with critical state and local races on the ballot, students have a powerful role to play in fostering active and engaged campuses and getting their peers to participate in our democracy. Ahead of the 2024 presidential election, the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is honored to celebrate 137 student leaders who model nonpartisan democratic engagement,” said Jennifer Domagal-Goldman, Executive Director of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. “These honorees hosted candidate information sessions, created guides on polling location accessibility, registered their peers to vote and so much more. We know these students will continue to make a difference in our democracy.”

Studies show that voting and democratic participation are habits that are built and strengthened over time. A recent survey from CIRCLE showed that 86% of under-35 youth who voted in 2022 and 72% of those who voted in 2020 consider themselves extremely likely to vote in 2024. Colleges and universities have an important role to play in encouraging their students to become active and engaged citizens at the ballot box and beyond.



2024 Students of Character

Sourcewell’s 2024 Students of Character gathered for a group photo at the celebration ceremony on April 17. The students are nominated by schools in the five

county district of Todd, Wadena, Cass, Morrison and Crow Wing. (Submitted photo)

Richards joins with Region Five to help construction workforce

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) welcomed Diona Richards, an Economic Recovery Corps (ERC) fellow for the International Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). Alongside partners at the Leech Lake Financial Services, the R5DC will serve as the host organization for Richards, whose role is to focus on securing investments to support the construction industry workforce training, foster Native-owned housing businesses and increase affordable homeownership for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

The outcome of this project is a groundbreaking shift in how housing is approached in Indian Country, leading to increased homeownership, more housing units and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Launched in 2023, through a \$30 million cooperative agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA), this ERC program was designed to build capacity in some

of the hardest-hit and most economically distressed areas across the United States while cultivating the next generation of economic development leaders. Fellows will spearhead catalytic projects that advance new ways of doing economic development to build more resilient, inclusive and equitable economies.

Richards is a business advisor with more than 15 years of successfully navigating the complexities of the financial industry and launching innovative partnerships with public, private and nonprofit sectors. In 2020, Richards launched See Me Fund, a social impact organization providing women entrepreneurs access to capital, resources and strategic networks. In 2022, she launched Seen, a global podcast that promotes women’s visibility. With a mission to uplift women, she understands that capital is powerful and that, where deployed, it reflects what communities you choose to empower.



Sacred Heart food shelf project

Sacred Heart Area School Student Council held a penny war for their annual service project. The event raised \$1,092, which was donated to the Staples Area Food Shelf. Pictured above, students present a check to food shelf coordinator Frank Leidenfrost. Below, the students who contributed to the fundraiser.

The penny war was held March 18-25. Each grade had a collection jar located in the gymnasium. They gained points by adding pennies and paper bills to their grade levels jar. By adding silver coins to the jar, they lowered other grades totals. (Submitted photos)



Autism awareness in children

Todd County Health and Human Services

Developmental milestones

What is autism? Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability characterized by differences in social interaction and communication as well as the presence of restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior, interest or activities. People on the spectrum may experience a range of abilities and characteristics. Some people may have very noticeable characteristics, others may not.

Core characteristics of Autism include:

- Differences in social interaction and communication
- Restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests or activities.
- These characteristics typically appear early on in development (18 to 24 months), often before children enter grade school, but may not become fully noticeable until social demands increase (24 months to six years).

Although every child is unique and will learn and grow at their own pace, children are expected to develop in similar ways. Skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time and waving “bye bye” are called developmental milestones.

Keeping track of developmental milestones will allow you to:

- Support your child as they grow
- Identify right away if they may need extra help to learn

You can review development milestones by age at: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html>

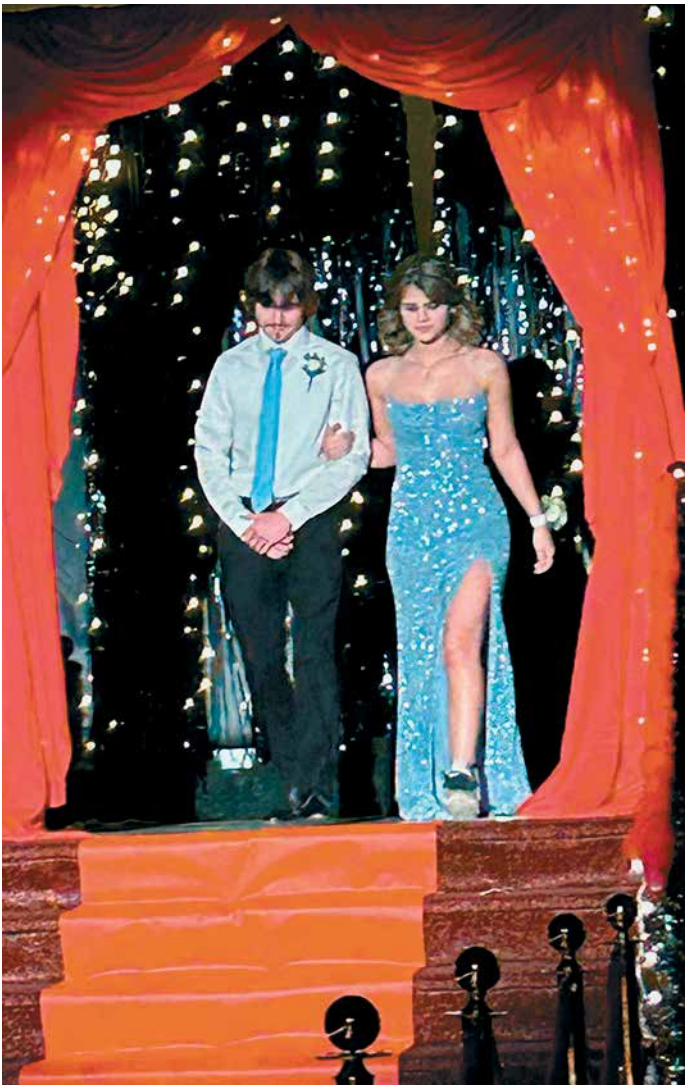
If you have concerns that your child is not meeting important developmental milestones, make an appointment with your child’s primary care doctor for an evaluation.

For more information visit the MN Autism Resource Portal: <https://mn.gov/autism/>

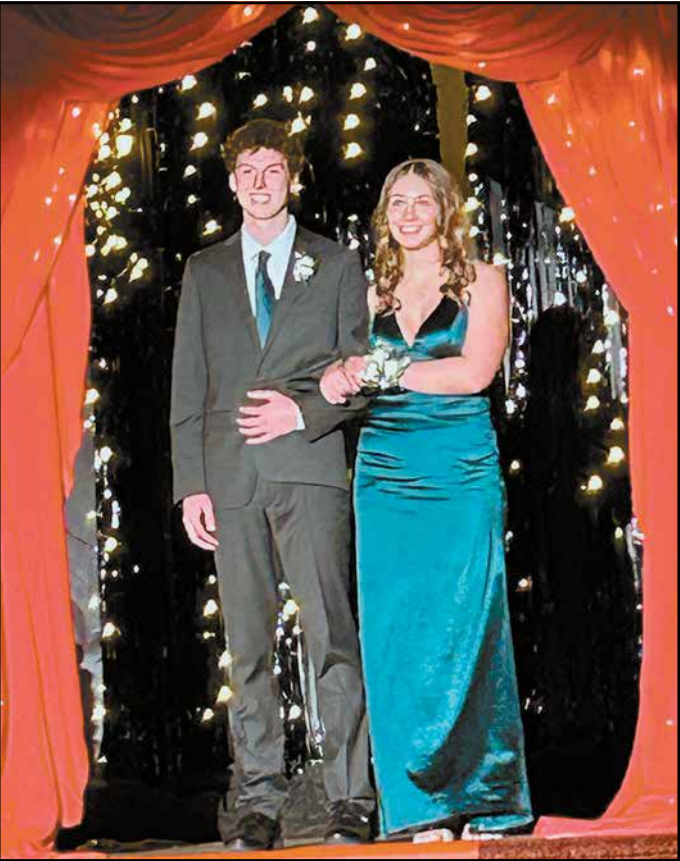


Rolling Out the Red Carpet, prom 2024

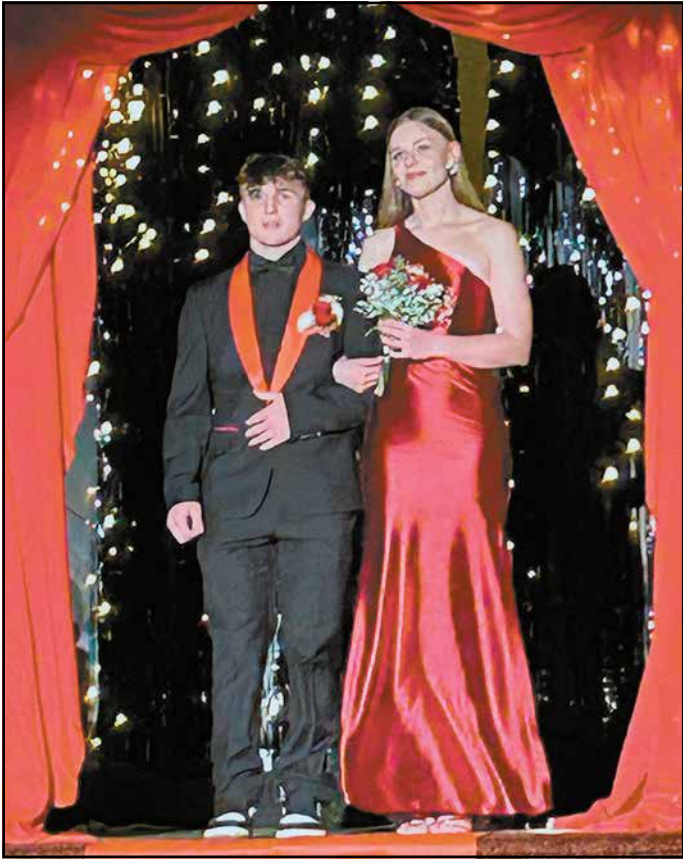
Staples- Motley High School Prom was held April 27, 2024 with the theme "Roll Out the Red Carpet." Left, front: Nora Kromer and Keller Anderson; middle: Reuben Kramer and Ellie Moulten; back: Lily Wolf and Eli Carlson. (Submitted photos)



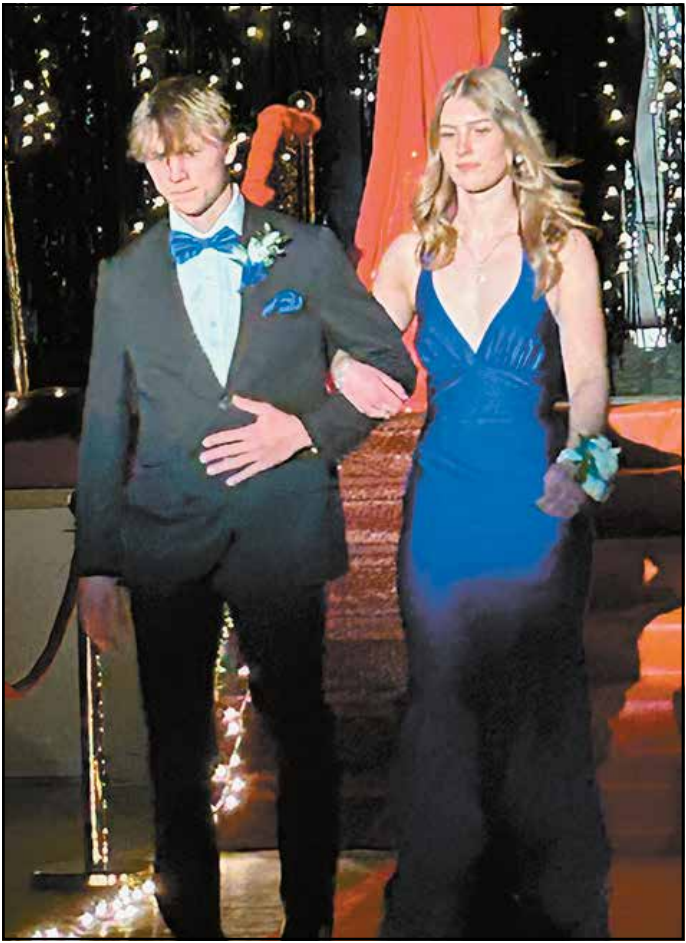
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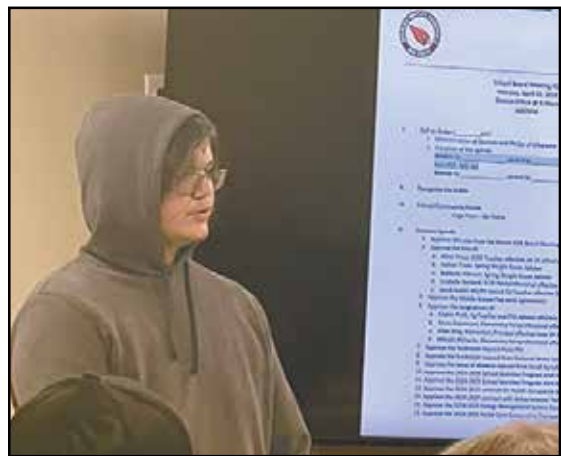
Logan Robben and Amanda Schotzko



Colby Tappe and Dalma Kovacs



Oden Trif and Paula Rauwerda



Gage Foss speaks to the school board

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Menahga that prohibits hats unless it shows school pride. He pointed out that the school sells Cardinal hats but students aren't allowed to wear them. He also cited other districts that have no hat policy and one that has hat Fridays.

School board member Ryan Wright asked Foss if he thought changing the hat policy could cause distractions. Foss said that if any students become irresponsible, there could be restrictions on those students. He said people with hats are generally respectful, but they get more

angry when told to take it off.

Another student in the audience pointed out that people wear hats at work, especially in industrial settings where it can be a protective piece of clothing.

School Board member Bryan Winkels recommended sending the subject back to the policy committee.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said he appreciated Foss bringing the subject to the board, especially giving information on what other districts are doing.

School board to send hat policy back to committee

In other news, the board

- Approved contracts for middle school play to Sandy Paskewitz, Nikki Paskewitz, Gloria Palmer, Kevin Olsen, Jeanette Evans, Mike Kincaid and Cade Bestland.
- Approved hiring of Alicia Truax, ECSE teacher; Holton Truax, weight room advisor; BobbyJo Johnson, weight room advisor; Izzabelle Nesland, ECSE paraprofessional; and Jacob Kuehl, special education.
- Approved resignations of

Kaylee Pratt, ag teacher and FFA Advisor; Annie Capistrant, paraprofessional; Allen Berg, Elementary Principal; and Mikayla Richards, paraprofessional.

- Approved leave of absence for Kandi Bartylla.
- Approved non-renewal of Emily Benson and John Holman, both probationary teachers.
- Approved School Nutrition Program Joint Atreements with Staples ALC and Sacred Heart Area School.
- Approved 2024-27 School Communications Plan.



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