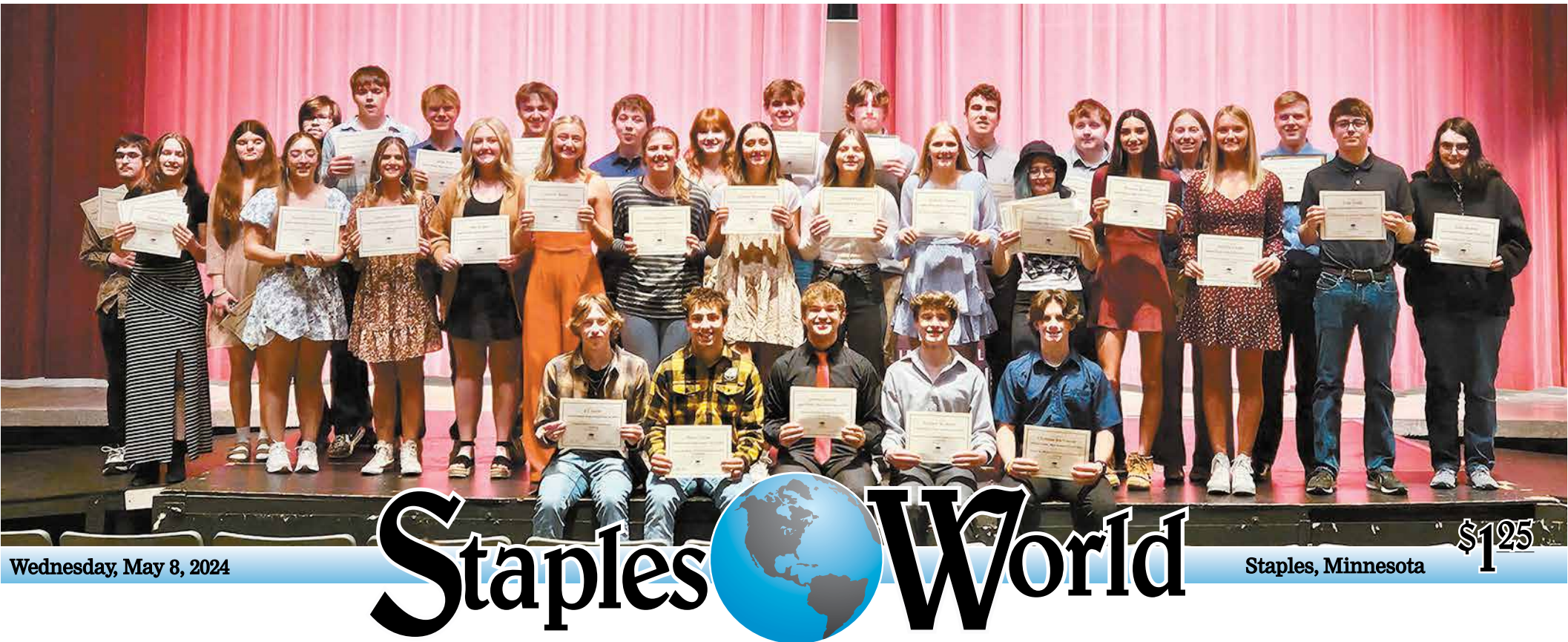


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Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Staples, Minnesota

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Lakewood holding public hearing to close geriatric psych unit

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Lakewood Health System, Staples will be hold a public hearing about closing their inpatient geriatric mental health unit.

The public hearing will be held Wednesday, May 15, starting at 6 p.m., online and via phone conference. LHS will host the meeting on Microsoft Teams and the public is invited to join by calling 1-651-395-7448, or use phone conference ID 777 081 222#. By state law, a public hearing is required in order to close the unit.

All other psychiatric care will remain in place throughout the health system, this closing is only for the 10-bed geriatric unit.

Lakewood CEO Lisa Bjerga said the closing of this unit is mostly due to staffing issues.

“With the staffing challenges and virtual care, it wasn’t meeing the level of care Lakewood needed to provide,” said Bjerga.

The specialized unit is designed for up to 10 patients in need of geriatric psychiatric care. Bjerja said the patients in this unit are age 65 or older and most of them have reached a stage of dementia where they exhibit aggressive behaviors. This unit brings in those types of patients and works to find the right medication so that the

person can move into a long term care facility.

The average stay of a patient is one month as they adjust their treatment, said Bjerga. Also, less than five percent of the patients are local people. Most come from all around Minnesota for this specialized care.

The unit is housed at the Lakewood Senior Campus, but is licensed as a floor of the LHS Hospital.

Bjerga said unit security has not been an issue, as it is safely separated from the rest of the Care Center.

Financial considerations are not a part of the decision to close the unit. Bjerga said other hospitals are making cuts due to finances, but this unit was paid through Medicare and Medicaid, reimbursed on a per-day basis.

Staffing

The geriatric mental health unit opened in 2007, and is licensed for 10 beds. For most of the time they have averaged around six patients at one time, which Bjerga said is usually limited by staffing.

Currently it’s staffed by a psychiatrist and a team of registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and social workers. Currently, the psychiatrist is not on campus but consults through a virtual model of care.

The combination of vir-

tual care and on-site staff made for staffing complications. Bjerga said the bulk of staff stay at the unit for less than a year, then move on to other jobs. In the past year, they have only had enough staffing for an average of four patients at a time.

The concern was originally brought to Lakewood administration by staff and was also discussed by the Lakewood Board and medical providers.

“It was basically impacting patient care, so we decided to end the service,” said Bjerga.

With the unit closing, Bjerga said all current staff have been offered other positions within Lakewood, so there is no loss of jobs due to this closing.

This type of geriatric mental health care is very unique. Bjerga said if a Lakewood patient has a need for it in the future, there are a few other hospitals in Minnesota who still provide a similar service.

Bjerga said the Lakewood Emergency Room can take in boarders for longer term care of 20 to 60 days, but they’ve never placed one of their patients into this geriatric psychiatric unit.

“We will continue to look at community needs and ask what are there demands for,” said Bjerga. “This was

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DFS sets scholarship record

Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars gave out \$118,172 in scholarships, the highest single-year amount given by the organization. Above, seniors who received scholarships at the awards night on May 3. Awards went to 34 Staples-Motley High School seniors and one non-traditional student. (Submitted photo)

Fires in Wadena County

On April 28, at 12:50 p.m., Wadena County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a trailer on fire located at a property in Section 6 of Thomastown Township. Upon arrival of the Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept. and Verndale Fire Dept. found that a large sized recreational vehicle (RV) was fully engulfed in fire. Additional fire crews responded and were able to extinguish the fire and in doing so, discovered an adult size dog along with three puppies inside of the RV that were deceased. It was reported to sheriff’s personnel that a possible cause of the fire may have been from a small space heater that had been running inside the RV to keep the dogs warm. The Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept., Verndale and Staples Fire Departments

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Red Sand Project at CLC

Activists poured red sand in sidewalk cracks at Central Lakes College in Staples on May 1, to signify human trafficking victims who fall through the cracks. The Red Sand Project raises awareness of the 40.3 million victims of human trafficking around the world, 81 percent of them trapped in forced labor. May 5 was the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. (Submitted photo)

Couple enthusiastic to buy True Value, now Hubbard Hardware

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Eric and Deidre Hubbard had been looking to buy a True Value Hardware store, and found just what they were looking for in Staples.

Eric has done various jobs, including an internet and telephone repairman and a butter maker with the Millerville Coop Creamery Association in western Minnesota. Diedre also worked at Millerville Coop, which owns two True Value Hardware stores. They both became involved in the stores and have attended True Value conventions.

Being very impressed with the stores, they started looking for one they could purchase. While talking to a representative at one of the conventions, they found out that the Staples store

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For the love of True Value

Eric and Deidre Hubbard are the new owners of the Staples True Value store, now named Hubbard Hardware. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

High Low Cond.

May 8 67 44 M. Cloudy

May 9 65 43 P. Cloudy

May 10 64 45 Showers

May 11 67 48 P. Cloudy

May 12 70 47 M. Sunny

May 13 70 49 M. Sunny

May 14 72 50 M. Sunny

Last Year, 2023

High Low Cond.

May 8 63° 48 P. Sunny

May 9 72 47 M. Sunny

May 10 73 56 M. Sunny

May 11 77 55 Sunny

May 12 73 62 M. Cloudy

May 13 62 56 Showers

May 14 70 54 M. Sunny

Average Temps:

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Compiled by

Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

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Kelly Boldan: Happy heavenly 100th birthday, Dad

By Kelly Boldan
Reprinted from West Central
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A father is often viewed as a legend in the eyes of his children. Such is the story of ours — Budd Anthony Boldan — so bear with my ramblings for this column.

April 27, Saturday, is the 100th anniversary of Dad's birth in the small town of Motley. Though he has been gone for more than 48 years due to accidental kitchen fire injuries, he is still remembered and missed.

Our dad was a good man, though not a perfect one. He smoked a pack or more of non-filtered Pall Mall cigarettes a day (though I still enjoy the smell of that brand's tobacco). He liked his Budweiser beer too much sometimes. And you didn't talk to him in the morning until he had drank at least one cup of coffee with at least a spoonful of sugar.

However, he always found a way to keep his commitment to his parents



Navy veteran

Budd Boldan's photo from the U.S. Navy in 1944. (Submitted photo)

and his family in good times and in bad. Dad always seemed to find a plan.

Dad wore calluses on his hands his whole blue-collar life. He started working odd jobs to support his parents in high school, but he stayed the course to earn his high school diploma.

In 1942, Dad and a friend from Motley headed for the West Coast to join his

cousin working in the shipyards. After running out of money in Idaho, they went to work in the Bunker Hill Silver-Lead-Zinc Mine in Kellogg, Idaho, which was a dangerous mining job.

He soon married my mother, and my older brother was born in 1943. The next year, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve his country as an electrician's mate in the LST 619's engine room in the South Pacific. In the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the ship was attacked by multiple enemy kamikaze planes, one of which turned at the last minute to hit a nearby LST and the others were shot down.

After WWII, Dad had multiple careers — farmer, logger, mink rancher, construction company mechanic, and gas station-garage owner/mechanic.

In 1965, Dad changed careers for the last time — becoming an ironworker walking the high steel and erecting buildings. He traveled, living during the week wherever the job was



Boldan family photo

The Boldan family of Leader posed for a picture in 1975. From left are Budd Boldan, Ruth Boldan, Janine Boldan, Jim



Boldan grandkids, 2018

Budd and Ruth Boldan's grandchildren in 2018 at the Bear's Den in Leader. From left: Dawn Wells Weite, Jodi Boldan

Wedll, Lynn Boldan Londo, Dale Wells, Ron Wells, Tad Boldan and AJ Boldan. (Submitted photo)

— Minnesota's Iron Range, Twin Cities, North Dakota missile bases, Wisconsin or Big Stone power plant. He would travel home virtually every weekend and get up early Monday morning to return to wherever the job was.

In 1967, Dad fell on a Twin Cities job site, landing on his arms on a cement floor and fracturing both elbows. The first few doctors wanted to amputate both arms, but Dad told them in ironworker language to at least get a doctor who would try to put his arms back together. The hospital did and it took more than a year of recovery. Eventually, Dad was able to return to walking and welding in the sky again.

By July 1975, my sister married and I was headed off to college that fall, so I was worried about my mother being all alone all

week. I talked to Dad about my concerns one Friday night in mid-August. His response was simple, "What do you think I do all week."

I finally recognized the sacrifice he had made for his family for so long. My sister and I never had to change schools or leave the many cousins we grew up with.

Two months later, I was not there that early Sunday morning when he passed away from his burn injuries at a Duluth hospital. There are so many things I didn't get to say. Yet in his death, he continued to have an impact on my life — his benefits helped pay for my college education. Our son is named after Dad and my brother, who were both lost to accidental deaths.

"The older I get, the more I can see how much he loved my mother and my brother, (my sister) and me. And he

did the best that he could," — Keith Urban lyrics in "Song for Dad"

His legacy lives on, with seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and two more in May and September.

On Saturday, April 27, I visited my 100-year-old mother in Leader. In the late afternoon, we went to the local Leader pub and we both raised a Budweiser Boilermaker in honor of Dad and his 100th birthday.

Cheers to a good man, a proud Irishman.

Kelly Boldan (Leader native and 1975 Motley High School grad) is the editor of the West Central Tribune and the editorial director of the Central Lakes Group of Forum Communications. This commentary is the columnist's opinion.

City of Motley will soon welcome new clerk

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

The City of Motley will soon say goodbye to City Clerk/Treasurer Kari Jacobson, and continue taking steps to welcome her replacement.

Jacobson, who came on board at Motley in October of 2023, has recently accepted a conditional offer for the county auditor/treasurer position in Faribault County. She will start work there later this month.

In a recent conversation, Jacobson shared that she had interviewed for the position prior to interviewing and accepting an offer from Motley. As time went on the "stars started to align" and she agreed to a second interview with Faribault County.

Jacobson went on to say that she

has really enjoyed her work in Motley, and was torn with how to respond to the offer she'd received.

In the end, her decision was based on factors that included being closer to family, and a better financial package. Jacobson went on to share that she is from Kiester, a small Southern Minnesota town in Faribault County. Her mother still lives in the area, and she has a grown daughter in Garner, Iowa, both of whom she looks forward to seeing more often. And as for finances, Jacobson said she anticipates retiring in five years, so it made sense to accept the offer with the larger paycheck.

Jacobson said that she already knows quite a few Faribault County employees, having previously held

government jobs in that area with the City of Kiester and serving on the school board for United South Central Public Schools.

As for Motley, Jacobson said she never anticipated leaving her position this early. However, she shared that plans are already in place for hiring a new City Clerk/Treasurer, and she feels things will go smoothly. She went on to note that the city recently filled the newly created Deputy Clerk/Office Manager position.

A special meeting was scheduled for May 2, to move forward with starting the search for the City Clerk/Treasurer for Motley. Jacobson said that per that meeting, the council voted on a new plan that would fill the position.

Motley area law enforcement

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

April 24 - 30

April 29 - The MPD received a report of two sisters that got into a physical fight with each other. The incident took place on the 300 block of Beaulieu St. W, Motley. The girls' mother told officers that they had parted ways and that everything was okay at this point.

April 27 - Motley Police assisted the Cass County Sheriff's Office and Pillager Police Department on a domestic call at the 3400 block of Front St. SW in Pillager.

April 29 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity at the post office in Cushing.

April 28 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County, requesting Motley Fire be paged for an incident involving a car that had hit a power pole at 96th St. SW and 79th Ave. in Motley.

April 27 - A Morrison County deputy met a Cass County deputy at Dove Rd and Swallow Dr. in Cushing, to take custody of a subject that had a warrant out of Morrison County.

April 24 - The MCSO received a report of a possible burglary at the 1000 block of 320th St., Cushing.

Free Shred Day at MMFCU May 28

Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union is hosting a free Community Shred Day at our Staples Office on May 28 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Shredding documents that have your personal information is a great way to protect yourself from identity theft by keeping the wrong person from your social security number, financial account numbers, credit card numbers and any other valuable identifying data.

Through a partnership with Paper Storm Document Shredding, Mid Minnesota is offering free shredding at all our locations:

- Tuesday, May 28, 2-3 p.m. at 1220 4th Street NE, Staples

We ask you limit your documents to three boxes. Mid Minnesota staff will be on hand to assist you. Shred Day will take place rain or

shine.

Mid Minnesota also recommends these additional ways to protect your identity:

- Set-up a "junk" email address for mailings or ordering products online to reduce the odds of your friends getting spam or malicious emails should your email get breached.
- Monitor your bank statements and credit card statements regularly.
- Review your credit report (at a minimum) once a year at: www.annualcreditreport.com
- Shred all financial information: bank statements, credit card receipts, pre-approved credit applications, etc.
- Have payments directly deposited into your account (ie. Social Security)
- Empty your wallet of extras. Remove your social

security card and credit cards you don't use often. Carry your birth certificate and passport only when necessary.

- Keep an emergency list of all your financial account numbers and credit card accounts in a safe location, such as a safe deposit box at MMFCU.

- Strengthen your passwords: minimum of eight characters; use numbers, lowercase letters, uppercase letters and special characters, pick themes and phrases; don't use names or phrases about yourself; and use different passwords for everything.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• May 12, 1949 - Showing at the Staples Theatre May 13 and 14 - Gene Autry in “The Big Sombrero.” Plus, Color Cartoon and News.

• May 12, 1949 - On May 17, the usual Motley School election will be held in the office of Supt. L. M. Orcutt, in the school house. The terms of Harding Blake and James Converse expire this year.

• May 12, 1949 - “Skip day” proved educational as well as recreational to the members of the Motley High School Senior Class last Friday, May 6, when they spent the day in St. Cloud.

In addition to the visiting the State Reformatory, radio station KFAM, and the “St.

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

Cloud Daily Times,” the class spent some time at the State Teacher’s College and Technical High School. An unexpected treat was the invitation of the Gamble store to have lunch as its guest in the new store there.

• May 12, 1949 - Summer resorts near Staples are all ready for the opening of fishing season on May 14, and some of them are having their formal openings on May 13.

During the spring season, resort owners have spared no time or effort in improving their places, and many a noted improvement has been noted about the grounds, the cottages, the beaches, etc.

Staples, in the Tri Lakes Region, is always behind these resort owners who do most of their trading in this city.

• May 12, 1949 - Sunday, May 22, at 8 p.m., Max Ward Randall, missionary to South Africa, will speak at the Church of Christ in Staples, announced the Rev. A. Eldon Hoskins, pastor of the church.

Mr. Randall is known as the “flying Missionary” and expects to take with him his plane when he returns to Africa. Mr. Randall and his wife and four children will go to South Africa very soon, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Tyrrell, the former being a graduate of the Staples High School, will go with them.

• May 12, 1949 - The Rev. Harvey Markle, rector of the St. Alban’s Episcopal church in Staples will give the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the Staples high school at the Staples Auditorium on May 29. He has chosen as his topic,



Mystery photos

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

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• May 9, 1974 - This year, the Motley Education Association participated in the 1974 Minnesota Teacher of the Year contest, an annual contest sponsored by the Minnesota Education Association and the Minnesota State Fair.

The nominee was Miss Pamela Sachs, a teacher in the English department at Motley high school. Miss Sachs, a native of Brainerd and a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Morris, joined the Motley staff in September of 1968. Since that time she has made a number of contributions to Motley school and its students, both in her teaching and in her extra-curricular activities.

• May 9, 1974 - Bob Sowers was elected to a state office and other members of the Staples Chapter earned awards at the 1974 Minnesota State Future Farmers of America Convention held April 28-30.

Sowers was elected Regional State Vice-President, representing Region II in the FFA. A senior at



Staples High school, Sowers served as vice-president of the Staples Chapter this past year and was vice-president of the district. He is the District president-elect. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sowers.

• May 9, 1974 - School officials announced this week that Phil Lindamann will be a co-salutatorian of the Class of 1974.

Lindamann will graduate with a 3.873 grade point average. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Budd Lindamann.

Graduation exercises for the Class of 1974 will be held May 30, in the Staples Auditorium. Jeanne Hesse is the class valedictorian and Lindamann and Suzette Jay will be the co-salutatorians.

• May 9, 1974 - Bruce Nelsen of Staples was unanimously endorsed as the Republican candidate for State Legislator from District 12-A at an endorsing convention held in Long Prairie last Thursday.

Nelsen resides on a 120 acre farm south of Staples and he is an instructor at the Staples Area Vocational-Technical Institute. Bruce and his wife, Beverly, are the parents of four sons.

• May 9, 1974 - The Staples Jaycee Wives held their first babysitting course April 23, 25, 30 and May 2. Mrs. Clyde Japke reported that 114 boys and girls attended the course and 108 passed the course test.

• May 9, 1974 - Ray Denning and Joy Roline, both juniors at Staples High school, will represent the Ivan V. Sarff Post No. 70 of the American Legion and Auxiliary at Boys and Girls State in June.

Denning will attend Boys State at St. John’s University, Collegeville June 9-16; and Miss Roline will attend Girls State at St. Catherine’s College in St. Paul June 9-15. Raymond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Denning. Joy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Roline.

• May 9, 1974 - A young Aldrich boy was injured as a result of being struck by a car early Tuesday evening, April 30, near Ted and Gen’s and the Aldrich Cheese Mart in that village.

Injured was Mike LaDoucer, 6 1/2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William LaDoucer of Aldrich. Young LaDoucer was rushed by ambulance to the United District Hospital, Staples. He suffered lacerations and a broken leg.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• May 13, 1999 - Nine retiring Staples Motley teachers, along with their families, invited the public to an Open House Celebration May 30, at Pine Ridge Golf Club in Motley. The event included a program at 7 p.m., followed by a dance. The retirees included David Anderson, Stan Carlson, Judy Gross, Bruce Larson, Greg Leifermann, Sonja Nefstead, Frank Odell, Pam Sachs and Bruce Tollefson.

• May 6, 1999 - A Staples Motley grad last week qualified for a national junior college tennis tournament.

Katie Peterson, who played for the Cardinal tennis teams since the eighth grade, won the regional NCAAA Division 3 tournament in Willmar last week. She will be leaving Saturday for Tucson, Ariz., to compete in the national NCAAA tennis tournament beginning Monday.

Katie has compiled a 7-1 record so far this season for the CLC Raiders, her only loss coming a week ago to Renee Bebler of Austin Riveland College.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• May 8, 2014 - People in the Staples area know Ray Gildow as an educator, community supporter and coach. His professional credentials include fishing guide, author and television talk show host. Now he can add one more title to his resume, “governor’s fishing guide.”

On May 2 it was announced that Gildow was selected to be one of two official guides to host Gov. Mark Dayton for the 2014 Minnesota Governor’s Fishing Opener. The other guide is Toby Kvalevog, who will take out Lieutenant Governor Yvonne Prettnr Solon’s fishing party.

Court report May 1

Long Prairie Police Department

Ayla Jane Gross, Roseau. Speed 46/30. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Alfredo Jimenez Munoz, Montevideo. Drive without a valid license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Abdias Yariel Miranda Colon, Long Prairie. Drive without a valid license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Roy Robles Vega, Long Prairie. Drive without a valid license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30.

Pablo Jose Rodriguez Erazo, North Saint Paul. Drive without a valid license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Susan Margaret Russell-Alexander, Saint Joseph. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jared Thomas Wehking, Eagle Bend. Failure to stop at stop sign or entrance to through highway. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Jeremiah Jonas Bebault, Grey Eagle. ATV- under 18, helmet required. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Minnesota State Patrol

Mackenzie Suzanne Blume, Perham. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Larry Nathaniel Coplen, Roseville. Display expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85. Fail to properly mark CMV. Fine \$60.

Michael Ron Ploeger, Andover. Speed 75/65. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Gitfee Monee Blehgar, Brooklyn Park. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Child passenger restraint system- not equipped and installed. Fine \$50.

Bruce Norman Bray, Monticello. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Joseph Alexander Broadwell, Carington, N.Dak. Speed 94/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. No proof motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.

Irvin Daniel Castro Vasquez, Minneapolis. No Minnesota Driver’s License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. No proof of insurance. Fine \$200.

Payton Bradley Crider, Sauk Centre. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Marvin William Drayna, Browerville. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Widman Enoc Funez Montoyo, Sauk Centre. No Minnesota Driver’s License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Move over- passing parked authorized vehicle- two lanes in same direction. Fine \$50.

Connor Louis Gamradt, Sauk Centre. Hands-Free Law- violate paragraph 2(A); second or subsequent offense. Fine \$275. Fee \$85.

Wade Robinson Gillespie, Palermo, Alaska. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Konnor Wade Hemmingson, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jose Guadalupe Hernandez Chavez, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Brittney Michelle Jaeger, Wadena. Speed 64/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Corey D. Johnson Griffin, Minneapolis. Public Nuisance- interfere, obstruct, render dangerous public road/water. Fine \$5. Fee totals \$130.

Codey Allen Lang, Fargo, N.Dak. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Caden James Line-Voge, Clarissa. Speed 69/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Shane Anthony Malecha, Saint Paul, Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Dismissed.

Mikaelah Alexandria Marty, Moorhead. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Pablo Morales, Brooklyn Park. Seatbelt required- driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Daevonte’ Jaquan Munson,

Blaine. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.

Todd Thomas Nathe, Sauk Centre. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200.

Gabriella Elena Reyes, Rochester. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Kyle Patrick Ruten, New Brighton. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jarrid Michael Schienbein, Monticello. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Pauline Marie Sikora, Oshkosh, Wis. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Maria June Stay, Bemidji. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

James William Tetzloff, Spicer. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Preston Latrell Marcell Thunder, Minneapolis. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jessica Maire Van Zee, Long Prairie. Speed 76/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Nicole Angela Wahl, Andover. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Shawn Joseph Wielenberg, Grey Eagle. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Valaria Marie Zins, Eagle Bend. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff’s Office

Scott Andrew Ferrian, Pillager. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Robert Jimenez Jacinto, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation Oct. 11, 2023. Dismissed. Driving after revocation Nov. 11, 2023. Dismissed.

Caden James Line-Voge, Clarissa. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Window restrictions- tint too dark. Fine \$50.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 18, 2024.

Richard John Schrom, Fertile. Criminal sexual conduct- first degree- penetration under 18/contact under 14- use force 609.341 subd 3(2). Dismissed. Criminal sexual conduct- Third Degree- penetration; victim 14-15, actor greater than 24 months older. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections, Minnesota Correctional Facility- St. Cloud, 36 months, stay for 15 years. Local confinement 30 days. Credit for time served: four days. Fine \$500. Fee totals \$935. Supervised probation, 15 years.

The following cases were heard before Judge Antoinette C. Wetzel in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 18, 2024.

Heather Jean McKenzie, Fort Collins, Colo. Receiving stolen property. Dismissed. Second Degree DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. Second Degree DWI- alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. Sentenced. Fine \$100. Fee totals \$10,605. 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 Antoinette C. Wetzel in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 22, 2024.

Michael Roy Arnzen, Melrose. DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Sentenced. Fine \$700. Fee \$100. Local confinement 364 days. Stay 334 days for two years. Credit for time served: two days. Probation to the court, two years. Careless Driving. Dismissed. Speeding. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Jade Rosenfeldt in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 23, 2024.

Jason James Loveless, Sar- See **COURT** on page 12a



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the May 6, 1999 edition of the Staples World featured Lindsey Williams (left) and Kathy Johnson (right) from Staples Motley High School who were among several Project 120 students who visited with Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer (center) April 20, at the state capitol. Project 120 was a bi-partisan educational experience for high school students, who spent a week at the capitol during the legislative session.

Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified Lindsey Williams, sharing that she’d graduated from SMHS in 2001, along with his daughter, Brigitte. He also noted that Lindsey is the owner of the Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.

April 26, Staples Police responded to the Dollar General for a shoplifting complaint. Officers cited Trinity Eberly, 21, of rural Staples for Misdemeanor Theft.

April 26, Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic dispute on the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. Police, along with the Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. responded to the call as well. One of the subjects involved in the dispute had left on foot prior to the arrival

of law enforcement. Officers checked the area, but did not locate the other subject involved. The subject that was present stated that the other party had thrown eggs at them. This subject was advised to contact Hands of Hope to assist in obtaining a restraining order.



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Mark Your Calendar

May 9

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

May 10

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 12

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

May 13

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY

are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

May 14

VETERANS TOWN HALL MTG will be held Tuesday, May 14, at 2 p.m., at the VA Clinic in Brainerd, located at 722 Northwest 7th St. Open to all veterans served by the St. Cloud VA.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St.,

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

May 15

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly board meeting Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples. The public is invited to attend. For Zoom information, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

Congregate meal at community center May 15

Senior Nutrition Program 218-894-2556
Congregate dine-in lunch followed by bingo will be offered at the Senior Dining Site, Staples Community Center senior’s room on Weds., May 15 at 11 a.m.

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

May 15 menu at the dining site: Beef pepper steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, peas and carrots, bread w/marg., oatmeal raisin cookie, 1% milk.

Bingo will be played following the meal.

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

Meals On Wheels Drivers Needed

The Senior Nutrition Site Meals On Wheels needs volunteer drivers to provide weekday delivery of meals to seniors. Scheduling usually averages five+ hours per month.

If interested, call LuAnn in Staples at 218-894-2556 for information or to sign up.

Meals are offered at a nominal fee on a weekday basis through LSS Meals. For menu information or to order meals from the Staples site, call by 10 a.m. Friday for the following week.

New ATV rules for Cass County roads

By Bryan Welk
Cass County Sheriff

Cass County has a new all-terrain vehicle ordinance after over a year of discussion by ATV Committee of Board Meetings, which included two Cass County Commissioners, County Administrator, Dept. heads and staff and several public hearings. At their regular meeting held on April 16, 2024, the Cass County Board of Commissioners conducted the fourth and final reading of the proposed ordinance regarding the regulation of ATVs on county highways and public rights of way. The ATV ordinance as presented was approved and Commissioners took into consideration evaluating the ordinance to see how it was going. The board unanimously approved the ordinance, which will take effect May 16, 2024.

It’s well known that Cass County has experienced an increase in ATV activity over the past several years. The increase in activity has impacted the Cass county Land Department, Sheriff’s Office and Highway Dept. It was identified early in the discussion phases that one of the most common complaints from landowners is related to driveway damage within the rights of way. It was also noted that the Highway Department is experiencing increased county road shoulder damage and costs from recreational ATV use. It was reported that most accidents take place in the ditch on driveway approaches. The Committee agreed that ATVs are here to stay, ATVs are getting more powerful and ATVs should be used on the surface of the road. Throughout the process, the Committee agreed that an ATV ordinance for Cass County should have a goal to increase public safety, protect soil and water and reduce costs for constituents.

A draft ordinance was created after considerable research and review of neighboring counties’ ordinances. A number of public hearings were held and meetings with ATV and snowmobile groups provided direction and feedback on the outcome of the new ordinance. While this isn’t a perfect ordinance, it addresses some of the issues that we’re often called to investigate, monitor and addresses complaints that we receive regarding ATVs and their use on public roads and rights-of-way. The ordinance is comprehensive for Class I and II ATVs, consistent with the current state statute. Class 1 all-terrain vehicle is an all-terrain vehicle that has a total width of 50 inches or less from the outside of tire rim to the outside of the tire rim on one side. Class 2 all-terrain vehicle is an all-terrain vehicle that has a total width greater than 50 inches but not more than 65 inches from the outside of the tire rim to the outside of the tire rim on one side.

The new ordinance addresses Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles on County Roads in Cass County. Here are some highlights:

- An all-terrain vehicle shall be operated on any County Highway in the same direction of travel as other vehicular traffic.
- An all-terrain vehicle

shall not be operated outside of the traveled portions of the County Highway and shall remain on the far-right side of the paved surface or gravel surface on a gravel highway.

- Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, an all-terrain vehicle operated on a County Highway shall comply with applicable federal, state and local laws or rules.

- Every driver of an all-terrain vehicle on a County Highway is responsible for becoming and remaining aware of the actual and potential hazards existing on the County Highway and must use due care in operating an all-terrain vehicle.

- No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on a County Highway at speeds greater than reasonable under the conditions. Class 1 all-terrain vehicles shall not exceed a speed of 30 miles per hour and Class 2 all-terrain vehicles shall not exceed the posted speed limit of the County Highway.

- When multiple all-ter-

rain vehicles are operated on a County Highway in the same direction of travel, the vehicles shall be operated one in front of the other in a single-file manner.

- Operation of an all-terrain vehicle on a County Highway shall not result in the spinning of tires.

- To operate an all-terrain vehicle on a County Highway, a person born after July 1, 1987, must possess a valid all-terrain safety certificate issued by the commissioner of natural resources and must have their own valid driver’s license or be accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who is in possession of a valid driver’s license.

- The Cass County Board of Commissioners may close any segment of County Highway authorized through this ordinance for all-terrain vehicle use.

- Unless otherwise noted in this ordinance, an all-terrain vehicle operated on a County Highway shall obey all Minnesota Statutes related to all-terrain vehicles and shall comply with all

driving rules found in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169.

It’s important to note that this ordinance is only in effect on County roadways. State statute still applies to State Highways, Township and City roads and streets. We would like to thank you for your participation in comments and input to help establish this ordinance. Understanding that it’s not a perfect ordinance, it will be reviewed yearly to consider updates or changes based on current usage, public input, and data collected.

If you have specific questions that you would like answered in this column or in person, feel free to contact me anytime using one of the following methods:

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303 Minnesota Ave W
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Walker MN 56484

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

May

- **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.



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Friday, May 17 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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May 16, 2024
5pm-7pm

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Shayna Tervonen

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A Memorial Service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2024, at Chisholm Baptist Church, with Rev. Dan Erickson officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service in the church.

Inurnment will be in Chisholm Cemetery.

Shayna Jean Tervonen, 30, of Stacy, died Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at Fairview Lakes Medical Center in Wyoming. She was born April 1, 1993, in Hibbing and attended Victory Christian Academy, Hibbing, Staples and Motley schools graduating from Cambridge High School. Shayna along with her parents, David and Patricia (Hanson) Tervonen lived in Chisholm (Balkan Township) until 2010 upon moving to Staples. She



also lived in Cambridge and Stacy. Shayna enjoyed attending a vocational day program in Stacy. She looked forward to shopping, had a deep love for cats, enjoyed photo shoots, crafting, attending dances, workouts at the YMCA, dressing fashionably and

spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her mother, Patricia Tervonen of Columbia, S.C., Noelle (Michael) Hudalla of Staples, Leah (Brian) Wiger of Columbia, S.C. and David (Meagan) Tervonen of Bemidji; multiple aunts, uncles and seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, David Andrew Tervonen; grandparents, Toivo and Helena Tervonen, Elmer and Myrle Hanson and Uncle Ronald Hanson.

Arrangements are entrusted to Rupp Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Chisholm, www.ruppfuneralhome.com.

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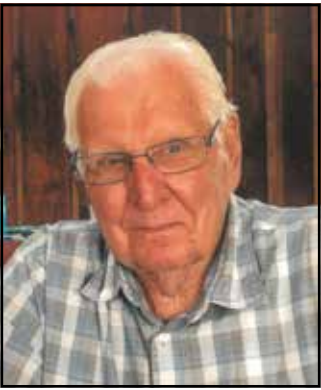
Dale Nelson

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Dale Nelson, 84, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, surrounded by family, at CentraCare Hospital in St. Cloud.

Visitation will be at the Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena on Monday, May 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church, with visitation one hour before the service.

Dale Lance Nelson, known to many as “Buzz”, was born on July 14, 1939, to Emil and Laura (Brown) Nelson, at his boyhood home in Stowe Prairie Township, Todd County. Dale walked to country school one-half mile from his home through eighth grade and finished his education at Verndale School.



Dale worked part-time at Walmart in Park Rapids and mowed lawns. They transitioned to Motley in 2010 and became the resident handyman for his daughters’ gift shop, still mowing lawns for area residents.

Over the years, Dale enjoyed deer hunting with his sons and grandsons. He loved taking his kids and grandkids fishing with him (ice or boat) and formed many memories with family around the campfire, giving four-wheeler rides and coffee outings with friends. Dale could strike up a conversation with anyone and find that they had some type of connection. He enjoyed meeting new people and developing friendships. His humbleness and warm personality drew people in. He also loved the quiet time in his wood shop making unique creations and giving them to people he cared about. He was loved by all who knew him, even if only a short time.

Dale is survived by his wife of 65 years, Muriel; four children: Kim (Marcus) Edin, Jeff Nelson, Dave (Christi) Nelson and Cam (Deron) Erickson’ nine grandchildren, Lance Edin, Amanda Edin, Andrew (Haley) Nelson, Anthony (Allison) Nelson, Sarina (Sheldon) Baron, Ryan Nelson, Carrie (Dallas) Ehrmantraut, Katie (Kevin) Will and Kellie (Caleb) Farber; 14+ great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Laura Nelson; four siblings, Lorraine Settle, Alverna Sorenson, Norma Baumgarten, Marvin Nelson; brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nieces and nephews.

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Robert Hanson

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Robert John Hanson, 58, of St. Anthony, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2024.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 on Thursday, May 9, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Robert was born October 25, 1965 to Louis and Eleanor Hanson in Staples. He attended Mounds View Schools and graduated from Irondale High School in 1984, going on to earn a business degree from the Minnesota School of Business. Before his retirement, Robert worked for Henne-

pin County Social Services.

Robert loved all animals, but especially his six cats. He enjoyed traveling and collecting coins.

Robert is survived by his mother, Eleanor Hanson; one sister, Carol Hanson; two brothers, Scott Hanson and Mark (Carol) Hanson; two nieces, Kate Schumacher and Kristin (Matt) Zelazny; one nephew, Zachary (Kimberly Hughes) Wefel and two great-nephews, Jack Schumacher and Rowan Zelazny.

Robert is preceded in death by his father, Louis Hanson.

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Robert Blessing

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Robert (Bob) P. Blessing, 78, of Staples passed away at his home on Friday, May 3, 2024, surrounded by his family. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 10, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with gathering of family and friends one hour prior to the service.

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Staples

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
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.
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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
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Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
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Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
218-894-2583
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
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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
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Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
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218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

Central Community Church
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Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

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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.

“What Does Jesus Mean to You?”

Fr. Aaron Kuhn, Pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples.

What does Jesus mean to me? I know and believe that He is Lord and Savior. But underneath the intellectual assent hides a raw and vulnerable place in my soul that understands Jesus is more than a historical figure whom I hope to see face to face after my death. When I ask others about Jesus I want to know what He means to them, not just that they know about Him.

In 2005, I was blessed to visit Galilee in Israel for a retreat. One morning, I woke up early and walked down the hill from the retreat center at the Mount of Beatitudes toward the shoreline where Jesus had selected His apostles as they disembarked their boats (Matthew 4:18-22). Halfway down the hill is a small cave where locals believe Jesus would have spent time praying away from the crowds. There, I sat and

watched the sun rise over the eastern mountains, sending golden rays of light across the still waters to the western shores where fishing boats were casting off for a day’s labor.

As the birds sang their morning hymns, I felt a peace and satisfaction that humbled me. I even said out loud, “Lord, how is it that you would bring me to this place?” To which I heard in that raw and vulnerable place of my heart a response which I often recall: “Because you are My friend.” My faith recalled Jesus at the Last Supper saying to those same apostles, “I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from My Father” (John 15:15).

Who is Jesus to me? He is my friend. Spend some time in prayer with Him today.

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Taylor scores game winner with double, play at the plate

In the field and at the plate

Above left, Kristofer Taylor saves extra bases with a running outfield catch. Above, Tayler dives as he races the ball to get to home plate. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Kristofer Taylor hit a seventh inning double and came around to score on a head-first dive to give the Staples-Motley baseball team a 3-2 walk-off win over Osakis on May 3.

The Cardinals also had an 8-1 win against Detroit Lakes on April 30 and lost to Hawley 8-2 on May 2.

Against Osakis, Staples-Motley got on the board first when Ben Tyrrell got a hit, Eli Smith walked, then Cooper Tappe hit a hard ground ball that bounced off of first base for a hit, scoring Tyrrell and Smith. In the third inning, Taylor made a running catch in left field to save a score. In their half of the third, the Cardinals loaded the bases but did not score.

Pitcher Griffin Bettis kept Osakis off balance by hitting the corners with his fastball and mixing in off-speed pitches, but in the fourth inning he allowed a walk and a couple of hits that tied the score at 2-2.

Still at 2-2 in the seventh inning, Colbe Tappe finished the inning on the mound after Bettis got the first out. When the Cardinals came to the plate, Taylor smashed a double into left field. He moved to third on a bunt by Elijah Kossan. Colbe Tappe got an intentional walk, bringing



Sudden victory

The Cardinals celebrate Taylor's winning run.

Alex Schultz to the plate. Schultz took a big swing but ended up with a slow ground ball down the third base line. Taylor broke for home and collided with the catcher just as the ball was reaching his glove, the ball rolled back into the infield and Taylor slapped the plate for the winning run.

Against Detroit Lakes, Colbe Tappe was the winning pitcher and he also had a good batting day with a triple, single, walk and two RBI. Jack Carlson also had a triple and a single. Other players contributing with hits were Taylor, Kossan,

Schultz and Hayden Rutherford.

Beating Detroit Lakes, the Cardinals are not 4-1 in Mid State Conference play with two conference games left, at Aitkin on May 14. If they win both of those games it will give them the conference championship in the final year of the Mid State Conference.

Against Hawley, Bettis and Schultz each hit doubles while Cooper Tappe and Kossan had singles. Schultz pitched well, but the Cardinals defense was hampered with six errors.



Good glove, quick feet

Hayden Rutherford beats the runner to first base after fielding a ground ball, backed up by second baseman Ben Tyrrell. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Advanced sonar is new chapter in an old fishing story

Next time you're on the water—perhaps during our upcoming general Minnesota fishing opener—you're likely to see some anglers slow-trolling along, intent on watching a display screen, perhaps only occasionally pitching lures with the rod they're holding. If so, it's a good bet their boat is equipped with forward-facing sonar.

This technology is the latest chapter in a decades-long angling story. For all intents and purposes, advanced angling technology began with the "green box" introduced to the fishing world by Carl Lowrance in 1959. Known then officially as the FISH LO-K-TOR, this small-as-a-lunch-pail unit provided anglers with readings of a lake's depths, which a knowledgeable and experienced angler could translate into the "where" part of catching fish. Under the right conditions, the flashing light on the unit's dial—generated by the sonar signal bounced back from the depths—could even pinpoint fish.

Before the FISH LO-K-TOR, an angler who wanted to verify a lake's depth in a particular spot might drop an interval-marked line with a weight attached to take a depth reading. Lake depth maps

existed, but by themselves could not tell an angler just where on a map's charted contours he might be. The green box was the angler's answer to uncertainty about depth, with the bonus of actually revealing fish.

The first real controversy over fishing technology, in our region anyway, materialized when this depth-determining capability was paired with graph technology. The result was a permanent visual image of a lake's depth contours beneath your boat—generated with ink on paper—as well as showing images of fish. Lowrance introduced their version in 1974.

Debates raged in the outdoor media over whether this device was unsporting, whether it went too far as an aid in finding and catching fish. Was it unethical? Would it make catching fish too easy, and threaten the resource? Some called for banning the technology outright. Others took up the counter cry of "manage fish, not fishermen," ignoring the fact that daily catch and possession limits, slot limits—and special regulations of many kinds—are all examples of managing fishermen.

No graph unit bans ensued, and we moved beyond paper chart technology to units showing real-time images on an LCD screen, eventually combined with satellite-enabled global positioning system (GPS) capability, allowing us to also mark productive locations so we could easily find them on subsequent outings.

The latest and greatest angling technology advancement is

forward-facing sonar, or FFS. While conventional down-facing sonar units reveal what is passing directly beneath a boat, FFS reveals an image of what is out ahead of the boat, in great detail. One angling industry web site—Mercury Marine—likened it to the ultrasound procedure performed during a woman's pregnancy, with sound waves sent out and echoes received back to "generate a high-quality, live, in-motion view." Mercury's web site went on to say that FFS technology "has ushered in an entirely new type of 'sight fishing,' using electronic imagery to watch fish chase, strike, or otherwise react to a lure in the water." Anglers who have used the technology have said that FFS very importantly allows them to locate and cast to fish from a distance, reducing the likelihood of fish being spooked by a boat's proximity.

Anglers can watch a fish's reaction to their lure presentation, and adjust or refine their tactics in hopes of inducing a take. Experienced FFS users point out that there are times when fish simply will not take a live bait rig or artificial lure, even when the angler knows their presentation was spot-on. But the finding part of the angling process is made significantly more certain by FFS.

When forward-facing sonar came on the market, some thought that its cost might be a limiting factor. Those who thought so don't know anglers very well, many of whom already have as much invested—or significantly more—in a rigged-to-fish boat, motor, and

trailer than they would spend on a pretty nice car, pickup, or SUV. So a price tag between \$2,500 and \$3,500 is not likely to permanently dissuade many serious anglers who want FFS. And, like so many things technological, the passage of time and rising sales volume seem to have a way of exerting downward pressure on price. Perhaps in the case of FFS, too.

If there is a factor that might dampen demand, it could be a philosophical one. There are some who feel that FFS's ability to find fish, and to visually reveal the entire underwater drama, might be beyond the boundaries of fair chase. One thoughtful ex-tournament angler suggested that using this new technology brought to mind a deer hunter being allowed to locate his buck using an aerial drone.

Another "conscientious objector," a guide and columnist in a popular outdoor publication, declared in print that he will not equip his boat with forward-facing sonar. He further shared that potential clients inquiring about his services no longer ask first about his guiding rates, but whether his boat is equipped with FFS. And they react negatively when he shares his anti-FFS leanings.

There seems to be some consensus that by making it easier to locate, approach, and effectively present baits or lures, there is a potential for over-harvest, downward pressure on fish populations, leading perhaps to reduced limits.

Those who use FFS point out that the technology does not kill

fish, and the angler has the choice of whether to keep, or release, his catch. But some species—like walleyes, and panfish—tend to be targeted more by anglers who envision filets sizzling in a frying pan than is the case with bass, muskies, or northern pike. The greatest expressed concern seems to be for panfish, not only during the open water season, but also under the ice. Not to be overlooked, if angler catch rates increase with this new technology, there is also the factor of hooking mortality, a potential outcome even for released fish.

Just as with the graph-type locator in the 1970's, one hears "the B-word"—B for ban—from time to time. As part of its annual Conservation Congress process, the State of Wisconsin this year asked whether a ban on FFS might be warranted if it was necessary to avoid reducing fish harvest limits. Roughly as many respondents said "yes" as said "no."

This genie, however, seems well out of the bottle. Forward-facing sonar manufacturers have invested heavily in the units' development and marketing. Many thousands of anglers have ponied-up and purchased them. Tackle makers have begun to market lures they claim are specially designed for compatibility with FFS-style angling, whatever that means.

The difference may be that this forward-facing sonar genie is much more powerful than that 1970's graph-finder version.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

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

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

AGENDA
•Call to Order
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
•The applicant is introduced
•Staff report
•Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
•Public comment
•Board review with applicant, staff, and public
•Approval of agenda
•Approval of March 28, 2024, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes
1. **Mark and Gwendoline Kunkel:** Section 03, Grey Eagle Township, Mound Lake
Site Address: 14284 Chip-

pewa Road, Burtrum, MN 56318
PID: 11-0049800
1. Request to reduce the OHWL setback from 100' to 59' for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.
2. Request to reduce the side property line setback from 10' to 2'3" for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.
3. Request to increase the maximum allowed impervious roof coverage from 15 percent (%) to 21.57 percent (%) and increase the maximum allowed total impervious from 25% to 25.6% for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.
4. Request to increase the maximum building height from 18' to 23' for a structure addition in RD Shoreland Zoning.
2. **Michael A. and Janice M. Rothstein:** Section 24, Birchdale Township, Long Lake
Site Address: 11680 Bluebird Drive, Sauk Centre, MN 56378
PID: 03-0033300
1. Request to reduce the OHWL setback from 150' to 89' for proposed house addition and garage in NE Shoreland Zoning.
2. Request to increase the height limit for structure within a setback from 18' to 24' for proposed house addition and garage in NE Shoreland Zoning.
Adjournment.
Next meeting: June 27, 2024
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**
Todd County Board of Adjustment
Richard Johnson, Chair
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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 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.
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 candi-

date 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.
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County Commissioner for District 5
Todd Soil & Water Conservation District II Supervisor
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Witness my hand and official seal this 26th day of April, 2024.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer.
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TODD COUNTY ATTENTION LANDOWNERS: NOXIOUS WEED AND BRUSH SPRAYING

Legal Notice is hereby given that there will be Noxious Weed and Brush Spraying of County Road Right of Way. The spraying will begin sometime after June 1, 2024.
Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Todd County Ditch and Ag Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, Located at Public Works, 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347, 320-533-4651, nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us.
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TODD COUNTY GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL OR ERADICATE NOXIOUS WEEDS
Notice is hereby given this 8th day of May, 2024, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 1 (2009), that all persons in Todd County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate noxious weeds on land they occupy or are required to maintain (Landowners are required to control noxious weeds on lands enrolled in an FSA program. Please contact FSA for control requirements). Control or eradication may be done by any lawful method, but the method(s) may need to be repeated to prevent spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice, Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 2 (2009), will be issued. Failure to comply with an individual notice may mean the inspector having jurisdiction may hire the work done. If the work is hired done, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. You may obtain the Noxious Weed List from your County Agricultural Inspector (CAI) or your Local Weed Inspectors (LWI). LWIs include the township supervisors, city mayors or their appointed assistants. More information regarding the MN Noxious Weed Law and a list of CAIs can be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Web Site: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list>. The noxious weeds that need to See **WEEDS** on page 8a

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RATE INCREASE NOTICE

April 2024

Minnesota Power has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electric rates by approximately 17.2% or \$127.9 million overall. Included in the proposal is a 5.2% or \$38.8 million annual reduction in the Minnesota Policy Adjustment line item on your bill. Depending on customer class and usage, the actual percent will vary based upon final approval by the MPUC. The MPUC will make its decision regarding final rates in early 2025.

Public Hearings

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf has scheduled public hearings to give customers an opportunity to present their views regarding Minnesota Power’s request to increase electric rates (MPUC Docket No. E-015/GR-23-155 and OAH Docket No. 21-2500-39686). Any Minnesota Power customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Minnesota Power’s service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
Monday, May 20, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Little Falls, MN	Morrison County Govt. Board Room 213 1st Ave SE
	7:00 p.m.	Cohasset, MN	Cohasset Community Center 305 NW 1st Avenue
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Eveleth, MN	Range Recreation Civic Center 901 Hat Trick Ave
	2:00 p.m.	Hermantown, MN	AAD Shrine Meeting & Event Center 5152 Miller Trunk Hwy
	7:00 p.m.	Cloquet, MN	U of M Forestry Center 175 University Rd
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Virtual Only	https://minnesota.webex.com Meeting number (access code): 2492 688 9582 Meeting password: bgUKT6paE82

Bad weather? To find out if a meeting is canceled, call 651-201-2213 or (toll-free) 1-855-731-6028, or visit www.mn.gov/puc.

The MPUC welcomes comments from customers. There are several ways to participate:

- Online:** www.mn.gov/puc/get-involved (for convenience, a link to a comment form is provided on this page)
- Email:** www.consumer.puc@state.mn.us
- US Mail:** 121 7th Place East, Suite #350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
- Fax:** 651-297-7073

Comments must be received by May 30, 2024. Be sure to include docket number 23-155

Important: Comments can be viewed by the public on the MPUC website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

For questions or help with the public comment process, contact the MPUC at: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782. Customers with hearing or speech disabilities may call through Minnesota Relay 1-800-627-3529 or 7-1-1.

Accessibility Accommodations

If you need any reasonable accommodation to enable you to fully participate in these public hearings (i.e., sign language or foreign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or large-print materials), please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7834 at least one week in advance of the meeting. **Customers with hearing or speech disabilities may call through Minnesota Relay 1-800-627-3529 or 7-1-1.**

Evidentiary Hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Minnesota Power’s proposal are scheduled to start on May 28, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., in the Large Hearing Room, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Minnesota Power, the Minnesota Department of Commerce–Division of Energy Resources, the Office of Attorney General–Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division and others to present testimony and to cross-examine each other’s witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene in this case should contact the Administrative Law Judge, Kimberly Middendorf, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164 or by email to oah.webmaster@state.mn.us.

Effect of Rate Changes

Below are examples of the effect of the proposed increase on typical bills of Minnesota Power’s customers. Individual changes may be higher or lower depending on actual electricity usage.

Customer Classification	Avg. monthly kWh usage	Avg. current monthly cost	Net interim monthly increase	Proposed final net monthly increase*
Residential	691	\$94	\$8	\$11
Residential Dual Fuel	970	\$96	\$8	\$11
General Service	2,683	\$361	\$31	\$43
Commercial & Industrial Dual Fuel	3,598	\$344	\$30	\$45
Large Light & Power	258,754	\$26,403	\$2,293	\$3,172
Large Power	49,194,469	\$3,999,252	\$344,917	\$478,966
Lighting	156	\$64	\$5	\$8

*Monthly increases include all line items on bills except sales taxes and municipal franchise fees, and may vary by customer based on usage.

The rate changes described in this notice have been requested by Minnesota Power. The MPUC may either grant or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may grant a lesser or greater increase than that requested for any class or classes of service.

For More Information

You may examine our current and proposed rate schedules and our request for new rates by visiting our website at www.mnpower.com/RateReview, or you may contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce–Energy Division at 85 7th Place East, Suite 280, St. Paul, MN 55101, Phone: 651-539-1500.

Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> and select 23 in the year field, enter 155 in the number field, click on Search and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

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Dance of the discus thrower

Drake Dukowitz spins around the circle as he gets ready to throw the discus. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals race through wind and rain

The Staples-Motley track and field team competed at a meet at Minnewaska on April 30. Rain and wind affected a lot of the races, but the Cardinals still set season bests in several events.

Boys results

100 - 10. Massimo Pili 12.36, 12. Blake Neelan 12.40, 14. Gavin Chenoweth 12.46, 19. Turner Beachy 12.98
200 - 1. Avandre Brandt 23.83, 9. Pili 25.20, 20. Noah Larson 27.22
400 - 16. Dillan Robben 1:00, 18. Ivan Lozano 1:02, 24. Henrique Dos Santos 1:11
800 - 3. Logan Robben 2:12, 9. Odin Trif 2:23, 25. Dos Santos 2:50
1,600 - 11. Blaine Plattner 5:26, 17. Lozano 5:39, 18. D. Robben 5:41
3,200 - 7. Plattner 11:49
110 hurdles - 4. Larson 17.73, 9. Chenoweth 19.11
300 hurdles - 13. Larson 49.84, 16. Chenoweth 52.85
4x100 - 5. SM 48.41
4x200 - 3. SM 1:36
High jump - 10. Larson 5'2"
Long jump - 3. Benet Robinson 18'1", 6. Josiah Critten 17'9.5", 15. Beachy 16'4", 18. L. Robben 16'2.5"
Triple jump - 5. Sawyer Ferdon 37'11", 14. Alexander Helstrom 33'7.5", 15. Jesus Gallardo 33'3", 20. Chenoweth 30'11.5"
Discus - 6. Drake Dukowitz 100'5", 16. Dustin Converse 85'4", 19. Steven Petrich 80'5", 22. Luke Bjerga 75"
Shot put - 3. Petrich 41'0.5", 14. Dukowitz 35'10", 18. Dustin Converse 34'2", 21. Luke Bjerga 33'10"

Girls results

100 - 3. Corrine Olson 13.77, 4. Sophia Luna 13.81, 22. Dalma Kovacs 15.23
200 - 15. Kana Reese 31.64, 26. Kovacs 33.75, 27. Francesca Malagone 35.47, 28. Marissa Heifort 35.81
400 - 19. Leah Greenwaldt 1:18, 21. Madelyn Kist 1:23
800 - 15. Naila Mikhaeil 2:57



Abby Brichacek and Ronnie Noska



Odin Trif



Kyanna Burton



Avery Japke

White's eagle gives golf team a big boost

Jackson White scored an eagle, recording two strokes on the par-4 357 yard 7th hole at Grand View Lodge on May 2. That helped the Staples-Motley/Verndale boys golf team to a clear win in a Mid Minnesota Conference meet.

That hole, along with three birdies, led to White's best round of the year, shoot-

ing 76 on a par 73 course. It was not just because of the great shooting, he also avoided any double bogeys for 18 holes.

Carter White joined his brother in the 70s, shooting an even par 73 to place first, with four birdies equaled by four bogeys.

The Cardinals had the top three scorers in the

match when Grant Bestland came in with 83, shooting three birdies in his round.

Keller Anderson placed sixth with 87 and Peyton Mithun was ninth at 93.

The Cardinals won the meet with 319, followed by Crobsy-Ironton/Aitkin 364, Wadena-Deer Creek 378 and Pine River-Backus at 386.

Kossan home run leads Cardinal offense

Despite two losses, the Staples-Motley softball team showed they can be a powerful offensive team.

The Cardinals lost to Menahga 19-9 on May 2 and 18-8 against Osakis on May 3.

Rachel Kossan led the offensive resurgence in both games, knocking a two-run

home run against Menahga, with a triple and single in her three at bats. Against Osakis, she had two hits and Jade Storry had three.

Coach Darren Holst said the team needs to cut down on defensive errors to become more competitive this season.

Girls golfers travel to big school meet

Mallory Uselman finished in 7th place at a big school meet at Alexandria on May 4. She shot two birdies on the front nine to go with eight pars for a total of

81 for 18 holes. She continues to be one of the top golfers in the area.

Katelyn Schotzko placed 56th with 125, parring one of the hardest holes on the

course. Olivia Olsson shot 150 to place 60th.

The Cardinals did not have a full team for this meet.



Massimo Pili



Benet Robinson



Bailey Wieland

Local group begins strategic plan for improving Centennial Auditorium

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

“Can you hear me now?” is a line that was voiced in a Verizon commercial a while back, but it’s probably been said, and perhaps shouted, from the stage at Centennial Auditorium in Staples a time or two.

“Can you hear me now?” Sometimes the answer might be “yes,” and other times, “no,” depending on a few factors, including where you’re seated in the 409-seat performance venue.

For over 30 years Centennial Auditorium in Staples has been the place to go for concerts, plays, musicals and a variety of other school and community events. Hopefully it will continue to be a performance venue for years to come. And, perhaps, thanks to the efforts of some Centennial Auditorium enthusiasts, it will one day see some much-needed improvements, including that of its acoustics.

In the fall of 2023, a group from the Staples-Motley area was formed, with the goal of creating a comprehensive, strategic improvement plan for improving and renovating Centennial Auditorium. Thanks to a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, they’ve been able to begin researching what work needs to be done in the space, as well as prioritizing items on that list.

Their focus at this time is on acoustics, building an orchestra pit cover, and improving the rigging system.

Mike Gold is the chair of the Centennial Auditorium Steering Committee. Having performed on the stage there as part of the Staples Area Men’s Chorus and Lamplighter Community Theatre, he’s well aware of some of the acoustical issues. He noted that there’s a “dead space” in the auditorium that’s a challenge for any sound engineer.

Others on the steering committee bring to the table their own love of the auditorium, as well as their area of expertise, Gold said. Tim Rice is known for being a successful community planner and organizer. He’s also performed at Centennial as part of the men’s chorus. John Kincaid is a staging and rigging specialist, and has helped with many shows performed at Centennial over the years. Kevin Olsen’s community involvement in the arts “is legendary,” Gold said, noting his work with theatre and music. Renee Kroll, who is very involved in both the community and the arts, is the fifth member of the steering committee. “Her specialty is in marketing and strategic planning,” Gold said.

Prior to beginning their study, the group met with the Staples-Motley School District to get their approval (Centennial Auditorium is located at the middle/high school campus). The next step entailed interviewing



Steering committee

Steering committee members of the Centennial Auditorium’s comprehensive improvement plan met April 11, with acoustical consultant Sari Ronnholm of Minneapolis. Pictured, from left, are Com-

mittee Chair Mike Gold, Tim Rice, Ronnholm, Renee Kroll, John Kincaid, Kevin Olsen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Discussing the orchestra pit

During her tour of Centennial Auditorium, acoustical consultant Sari Ronnholm (right) of Minneapolis discusses the pit orchestra area with Mike Gold, chair of a steering committee that is working

to create a comprehensive and strategic improvement plan for Centennial Auditorium in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

several stakeholders of the performance space, asking them what they felt worked and didn’t work at the auditorium, and what needed to be done?

The top three items that emerged were:

- Acoustics (not being able to hear)
- Orchestra pit cover (it was never completed)
- Rigging

This past April, the committee hired Sari Ronnholm an acoustical consultant from Minneapolis, to do an acoustic study at Centennial. This involved sound testing and listening (learning how the space responds to sound), as well as measuring the space.

Ronnholm is an expert in her field, and has been a part of bringing excellent acoustics to several notable performing arts venues, including the CTC Center in Pillager, and the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd.

Gold said that Ronnholm will come back at a later time with a recommendation to the group as to what needs to be done, and what the estimated cost will be. He also noted that, “a sound system can’t fix the acoustics,” explaining that the acoustics would have to be worked on before a sound system could be designed.

“Once the projects are defined, we will be able to set a budget and start fundraising,” Gold said. He went on to note that a lot of money had been raised when Centennial Auditorium was first built in the early 1990s, and since that time, thousands of people have visited the auditorium each year.

In addition to the school and community performance groups, many other well-known performers have graced the Centennial stage over the years, including the University of Minnesota Orchestra,

Riders in the Sky, James Sewell Ballet, Monroe Crossing, Tonic Solfa, jazz pianist Butch Thompson, mandolinist/violinist Peter Ostroushko, and the Fabulous Armadillos. Several of these groups were booked by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, which used to contract the auditorium as part of their performance series. “It would be great to welcome that kind of talent back to the auditorium stage to perform for the Staples community,” Gold said.

Gold and the other committee members feel that Centennial Auditorium is worth taking to the next level, that it has the potential to be a world-class performing arts center.

Rice went on to note that almost all of the stakeholders that they interviewed said that, “this (Centennial Auditorium) is a community asset. We are fortunate to have this.”

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Public invited to submit questions at Lakewood public hearing

not actually meeting a community need.”

More information on the hearing, including a link to the online meeting and a form to submit questions and comments, can be found at the Minnesota Department of Health web

site: www.health.state.mn.us/about/org/hrd/hearing/lakewood.html.

Comments and questions will be shared with Lakewood Health System and will be answered during the hearing.

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True Value open Sundays again, popcorn available

was for sale. Eric said they checked it out and this was the first store they found that met what they were looking for.

Two months and a day after they found out about it, they had a purchase agreement to buy the store and they took over on April 8.

Eric said they will keep the same inventory and slowly add items as they see needs for them in the community. They did make one change, opened the store again on Sundays.

Eric also has brought in a popcorn machine for customers to have a snack while they shop. This harkens back to an old hardware store tradition that Eric said his local store did.

Both Eric and Deidre have worked long hours after taking over the store. Diedre is still working at Millerville Coop, with spring being a busy farming season. It’s also a busy season for hardware stores,

so Eric works in Staples every day and Deidre drives over after work to do a few more hours of accounting for the store.

They’re also keeping most of the same employees at the store, which is making for a smoother transition.

“The employees are absolutely amazing, I don’t think we could do any of this without them,” said Eric.

Eric said he has always been a DIYer (do it yourself) with a lot of projects that required him to go to the local hardware store when build things. That’s one of the reasons he liked the Staples True Value, because of their big rental section.

“You have access to almost any tool,” said Eric.

The Hubbards have two children in college and one finishing up high school at Elbow Lake, where both of them are originally from.



Red Cardinals on blue track

Ivan Lozano and Dillan Robben race at Minnewaska. See sports, page 11a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Hay bale fire stopped from spreading to woods

responded to the scene.

On April 25, at 3:11 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a hay shed on fire located in Section 23 of North Germany Township. It was found that a hay shed, containing approximately 25 to 30 large round bales and a skid loader was fully engulfed in flames. Fire crews responded and were able to extinguish the

fire before it spread to the wooded areas nearby. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time. The MN DNR Forestry, Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept., Sebeka Fire and Rescue, Menahga and Verndale Fire Departments, Astera Health Ambulance, Gilster Excavating, and Elite Dozing and Excavating all responded to this incident.

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Todd County court report

tell. Public Nuisance- interference, obstruct, render dangerous public road/water. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Tahnee Lee Lohnes, Detroit Lakes. Driving after revocation. Sentenced. Fine \$200. Fee \$75.

Emmanuel Daniel Paye, Brooklyn Park. Public Nuisance- interfere, obstruct, render dangerous public road/water. Fine \$25. Fee totals \$100. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Dismissed.

Alan Nicholas Roering, Grey Eagle. DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Fine \$400. Fee totals \$505. Local confinement 364 days. Stay 364 days for two years. Supervised probation, two years. Criminal vehicular operation- bodily harm- under influence alcohol. Dismissed.

Sergio Joel Angeles Saldivar, Long Prairie. Underage drinking and driving. Dismissed. Driving without a license for vehicle class or type. Dismissed. DWI Fourth Degree- driving while impaired. Sentenced. Fine \$400. Fee totals \$575. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 89 days for two years. Credit for time served: one day. Supervised probation, two years.



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