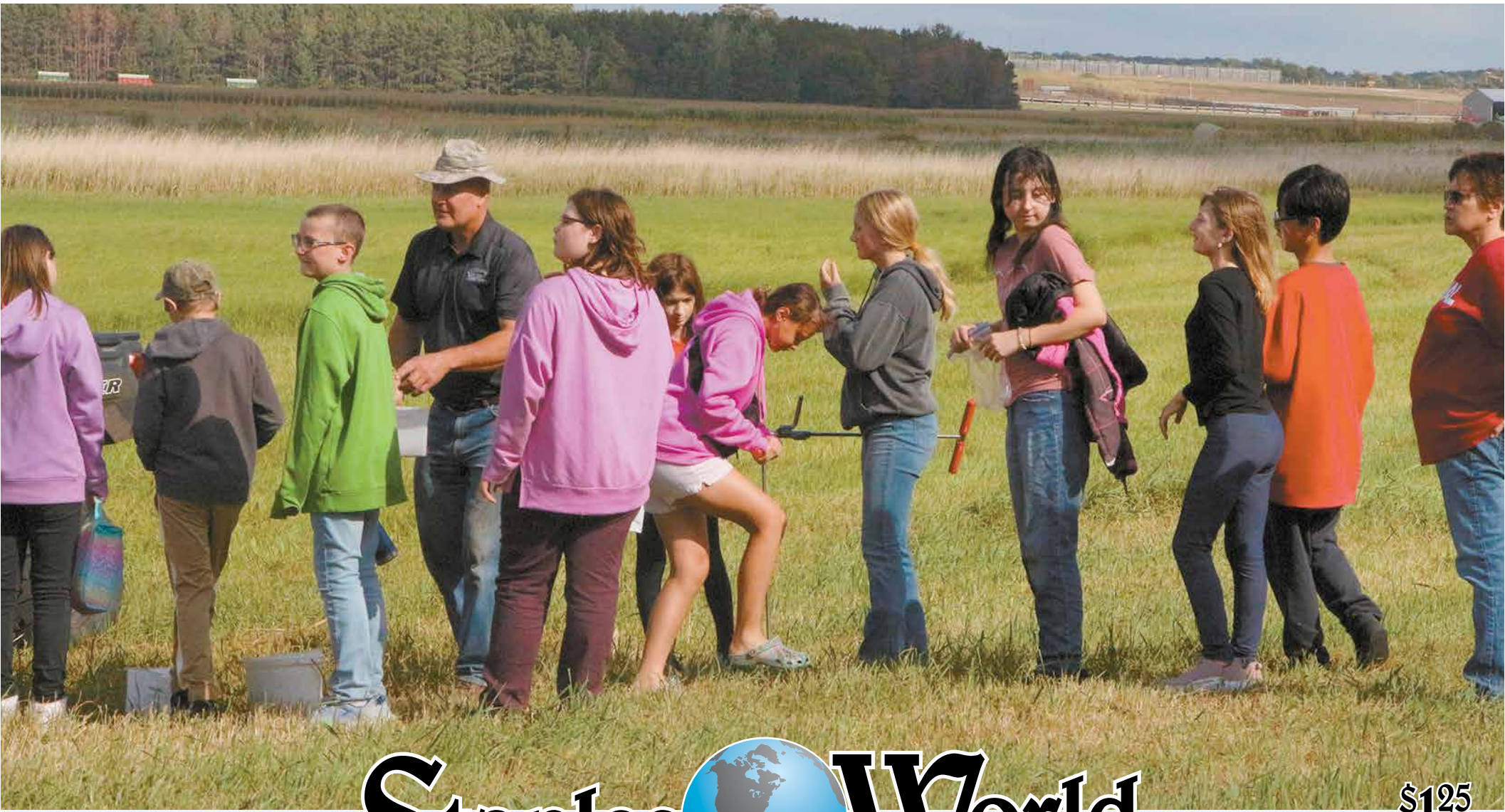


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Sampling the prairie soil
Staples-Motley Elementary sixth graders dig soil samples at the 2024 Todd County Enviro Fest on Sept. 19 at the Katterhagen farm near Browerville. Agencies from around the county had stations for the sixth grade students to learn about conservation and natural resources professions. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

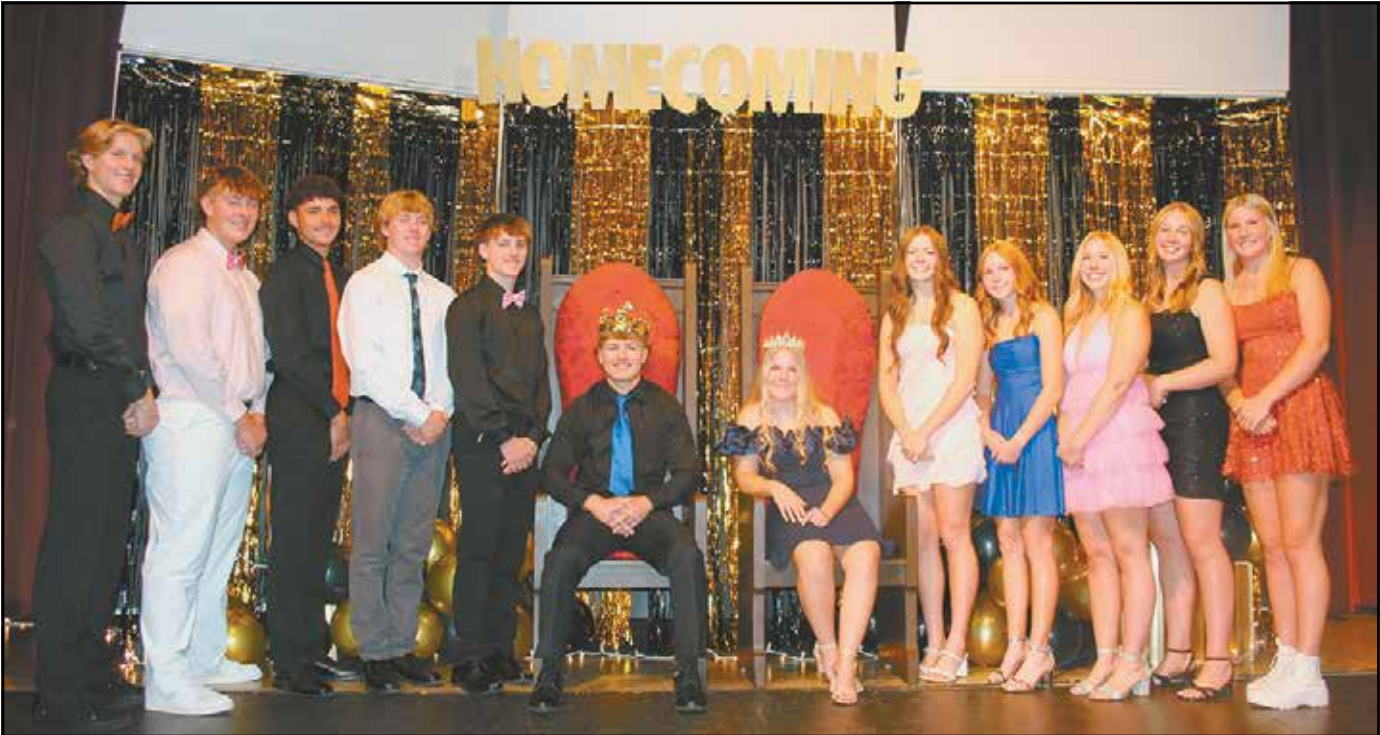
Fall festival, chili cook off at Pine Grove Park

The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce is holding a fall festival, Octoberfest, on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Pine Grove Park.
The event will begin with a chili cook off at noon, along with a kids carnival, pumpkin patch, food and a vendor market. A beer garden will be open throughout the day.
Two tournaments will

be held in the park, a cornhole tournament sponsored by Leftys will start at noon and a kickball tournament sponsored by the Box Car starts at 2 p.m. There will also be axe throwing starting at 2 p.m.
The evening will conclude with live music by Tami and the Bachelor, from 6-10 p.m.

6th Street railroad crossing to close

BNSF Railroad is planning to reconstruct the railroad crossing on 6th Street and Highway 210 in Staples, with road closures expected from Oct. 14-18.



The Cardinals' 2024 Homecoming Court

Staples-Motley High School held its Homecoming Coronation ceremony Sept. 25, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Pictured above, from left, are royal court members Alex Schultz, Steven Petrich, Sawyer Ferdon, Peyton Mithun, Jack Carlson, King Ben Tyrrell, Queen Lilly Tyrrell, Jade Storry, Corinne Olson, Olivia Opheim, Miranda Schotzko, Livi Lorber. During their reign, the Homecoming court visited Lakewood Pines, Lakewood Manor and Lakewood Care Center, as well as various schools in Staples. They were also introduced at the Homecoming Football game Sept. 27. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Fun at the block party

People of all ages came out to the block party at Staples-Motley High School, prior to the Homecoming football game Sept. 27. The event included games, face painting, a dunk tank, food booths, and more. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

CLC named great college for work

For the sixth consecutive year, Central Lakes College was named one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to the Great Colleges to Work For Program.
The results, released in a special insert of The Chronicle of Higher Education, are based on a survey of 216 colleges and universities. In all, 75 of those institutions achieved "Great College to Work For" recognition for specific best practices and policies. Results are reported for small, medium, and large institutions, with CLC included among the medium colleges, with 3,000 to 9,999 students.
Central Lakes College won honors in three categories: Compensation & Benefits, Confidence in Senior Leadership, and Shared Governance
"Central Lakes College is a great place to work because we are all about people — our employees, our students, and our communities," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of Central Lakes College. "We nurture a culture of caring in everything we do -- from daily interactions to planning strategic goals. We value every individual's voice and contribution to the impactful work

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Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 2	76	43	M. Sunny
Oct. 3	64	39	M. Cloudy
Oct. 4	66	46	Sunny
Oct. 5	76	46	M. Sunny
Oct. 6	68	38	M. Sunny
Oct. 7	69	43	M. Sunny
Oct. 8	74	45	Sunny

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 2	88°	67	Sunny
Oct. 3	72	65	Cloudy
Oct. 4	63	52	Cloudy
Oct. 5	62	50	Cloudy
Oct. 6	53	39	Cloudy
Oct. 7	47	37	M. Cloudy
Oct. 8	60	36	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 57° Low = 38°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Todd Cty Ins. 9A

Evergreen Hill Cemetery 9A

Aeration Notice 9A

Obituaries

Greg Scheler

Stanley Widmer



Five swans a’ swimming

A swan family enjoys a swim on the south portion of Dower Lake on a sunny Friday afternoon. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Three generations of Cardinal royalty

Jack Carlson, center, poses with his grandmother Jeannie (Germann) Hajek, left; and his mother, Jayme (Hajek) Carlson, prior to the Staples-Motley Homecoming football game Sept. 27. All three were Cardinal homecoming candidates during their respective senior years... Jeannie in 1974, Jayme in 1999 and Jack in 2024...all 25 years apart.



Motley High School Class of 1969 holds reunion

The Motley High School Class of 1969 met on Aug. 18, for their 55th reunion. Pictured, from left: Darla Steinbrecher Solberg, Janice Ward, Evelyn Konen Blaine, Su-

san Nelson, Michael Holub, Connie Tholl Mattke, Doug Anderson, Curt Johnson, Robert Baumgartner. (Submitted photo)



Motley High School Class of 1972 holds reunion

The Motley High School Class of 1972 held a class reunion recently in Leader. Back row, from left: Jim Kasper, Linda Griffith, Philip Richmond, Forest Skeesick, Jeff Bartle, Dave Schweigert, Brad Frisk, Tim Gallagher,

Dan Anderson, John Achermann, Kent Kraft. Front row: Glenda Hanson Dauer, Sue Bell Jacobs, Robin Thorn Kramer. (Submitted photo)



Motley High School Class of 1974 holds 50th reunion

The Motley High School Class of 1974 held their 50th reunion this past August. Pictured, from left: Doug Disterhaupt, Kirk Bettis, Marlin Frisk, Jan Punky Holub,

Becky Cantleberry, Mary Shequen, Sherry Thompson, Bill Christenson, Kristi Nelson, Keith Skeesick, Leah Kraft, Steve Zetah, Mike Zetah. (Submitted photo)



Peace officer graduates

At left: Fifteen students graduated from Central Lakes College's MN Peace Officer Skills Program this year. These students have completed two years of general education and Peace Officer studies, and now have been through an intense eight-week training program. This unique program allows students to get in the driver's seat of new, state-of-the-art squad cars that come with the same software that officers use on the streets today. Students are also trained in firearms, defense tactics,

using a Taser, chemical aerosol, radar and using LIDAR.

Pictured, front row from left, Rachel (Dolly) Peterman, Karsan Johnson, Elizabeth Norberg, KyLee Forcier, Megan Maurer; middle row, Kevin Harrington, Damian Unzueta, John Unger, Tyler Heinlen, Owen Hageman, Brandon Bertek, Carter Suckles; back row, Steven Anderson, Joseph Casper, Dave Davis (Skills Coordinator), Luke Olson, Dominick Baillif. (Submitted photo)

Motley area law enforcement

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

- Sept. 18 - 24**
Sept. 23 - Motley Police issued a citation to Katie Ann Delougherty, 45, for driving after revocation.
- Sept. 23 - Motley Police responded to a crash at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley.
- Sept. 20 - Motley Police responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 200 block of Cedar St. E., Motley.
- Sept. 23 - The MCSO received a report of stolen vehicle parts at the 32000 block of Atlantic Rd., Cushing.
- Sept. 23 - The MCSO

- received a call from someone at the 1700 block of 330th St., Motley, reporting possible fraud.
- Sept. 21 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of burglary at the 34000 block of Aztec Rd., Motley.
- Sept. 21 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County requesting that Motley Rescue remove a dog that was hanging upside down by a rope at the 9700 block of State 64 SW, Motley.
- Sept. 20 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of a domestic citation at the 26000 block of Front St., Cushing.
- Sept. 18 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 1200 block of 330th St., Motley.

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Sheriff receives AARP award

Todd County Sheriff Mike Allen, center, received recognition from AARP for fraud prevention at the recent TRIAD conference held at Soucewell in Staples. Pictured above with Verna Toenyan and an award presenter. (Submitted photo)

CLC hosting open house Oct. 12

The community is invited to an open house at Central Lakes College's Staples campus from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 1830 Airport Road, Staples.

Visit with faculty and staff, check out lab spaces and see if CLC is the right fit for you. Explore the fol-

lowing programs: Agricultural Crop Production & Management, CNC Machine Tool, Diesel Equipment Technician, Heavy Equipment Operations & Maintenance, Meat Cutting & Butchery, Practical Nursing, and Robotics & Automation.

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Employee feedback boosts CLC

we do together."

The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institution questionnaire that captures employment data and workplace policies from each institution, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators, and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition

was the employee feedback. The Great Colleges to Work For program is one of the largest and most respected workplace recognition programs in the country.

For more information and to view all current and previous recognized institutions, visit the Great Colleges program website at GreatCollegesProgram.com and GreatCollegesList.com.

Todd County Court report Sept. 25

Long Prairie Police Department

Marco Antonio Ahedo Cervantes, Long Prairie. Operate motor vehicle after license suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Carlos Manuel Ferreras Santana, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Bonifacio Sena Soler, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Jonathan Jr. Ulloa, Long Prairie. Open bottle law. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

MN Department of Natural Resources

Daniel Charles Chmielewski. New Brighton. Aquatic plant management-fail to have a permit. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Margaret Jean Henstorf, Delano. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Bruce Vivien Anderson, Little Falls. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Savannah Grace Auran, Alexandria. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Benjamin Ayala Vlatierrez, Minneapolis. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jesus Daniel Garcia, Long Prairie. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. \$200.

Bonnie Kay Gothman, Rice. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Alfredo Gutierrez Rodroguéz, Long Prairie. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Kettia Hippolite, Alexandria. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Bruce Kent Isebrand, Brainerd. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Nujnarch Jirasatapana, Redmond, WA. Speed 96/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Myesha Tanay Johnson, St. Louis Park. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Brent Edward Kemp, Alexandria. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85. Front & rear License plates required. Fine \$30. No proof MN Insurance. Dismissed.

Rollie Jo Knight, Bismarck, ND. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Lori Lynn Kolden, Buffalo. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Trevor Laubscher, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. \$85 fee.

Brady Charles Lerberg, Monticello. Speed 93/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

John Alexander Macas Maca, Minneapolis. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No MN drivers license. Fine \$100.

Marco Antonio Martinez Ortiz, Moorhead. Instruction permit violation. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Raymond Rosa Andaluz, Long

Prairie. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Hands free law. Fine \$50.

Lillian Grace Ruhland, Mankato. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Mayerlyn Dahiana Sandoval Camargo, Long Prairie. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100.

Ryan Robert Spandl, Browerville. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Vincenzo Ciro Sposito, Alexandria. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Levi Chen Stearns, Clarissa. Speed 80//70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Lori A. Steele, Algonquin, IL. Weaving over lane lines. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

James William Woody, Galesville, WI. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Rachel Emma Louise Belsheim, Osakis. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Nathaniel Gregory Bervig, Park Rapids. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Larry Dean Carter, Clarissa. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jeremy Francis Clasemann, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Bennie E. Gingerich, Browerville. Window restriction-tint too dark. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jerry U Gingerich, Long Prairie. Stray animals-running at large of domestic animals prohibited. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Zachary Allen Lenz, Staples. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Rhoderick Beloso Mangubat, Bloomington. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Yaisel Perez Rodriguez, Sauk Centre. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Aidan James Winter, Staples. Window tint too dark. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

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

Alicia Jami Horn, Bertha. 1st degree damage to property. Dismissed. 3rd degree DWI-Operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 354 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Home monitor (electronic alcohol). 30 days for indeterminate. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$2,655.

The following cases were heard before Judge Elizabeth V. Cutter in Seventh District Court in Todd County September 17,

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• Oct. 6, 1949 - Motley High School's Homecoming will get underway Friday evening of this week, Oct. 7, at 8 o'clock, when the coronation of the queen will take place at the football field, with Pat Galligher, last year's queen, bestowing the honor.

Queen candidates are LeRee Trout, 7th grade; Marianne Brenning, 8th; Barbara Galligher, freshman; Alberta Graton, sophomore; Darlene Hanson, junior; and Beverly Morrow, senior.

Official slogan for the two day event is "Down 'em With Victory," composed by Ronald Starke.

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

• Oct. 6, 1949 - Pillager defeated Motley at Pillager's Homecoming 33-6. Howard Sklenicka ran 30 yds. for Motley's only touchdown. Doug Ahrens, Bill Stanley and Marlow Gravely scored for Pillager.

Kenny Hales was hurt in the game and it was believed at first that he had broken his leg. Kenny will be unable to play in Motley's Homecoming game but Melvin Greenwaldt will be back in action after being out of the game Saturday because of an injured back.

• Oct. 6, 1949 - The Boy Scout Troop in Motley is organizing. We have been given troop number 62. Anyone interested in the Scouting program is welcome to contact Mr. Becker, Scoutmaster at the Motley High school.

• Oct. 6, 1949 - Staples Railroaders high school football team came through with a 13-0 victory over the Wadena Indians in the latter's homecoming game Friday evening, Sept. 30, before one of the largest crowds to ever attend a football game in Wadena, according to the reports.

• Oct. 6, 1949 - An Austr White hen on the farm of Harry Erbe near Staples, has a record that is hard to beat.

Sept. 28, the Erbes went to gather their eggs, and in "Biddy's" nest was a whopper of an egg. The egg had dimensions of 7 by 9 inches and weighed 4 1/2 ounces.

• Oct. 6, 1949 - Fire completely destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. John Weishalla southwest of Staples about one o'clock Wednesday, Oct. 5.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1968. 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.

The origin of the blaze is unknown at this time.

• Oct. 6, 1949 - One of the greatest motion pictures of the day will be presented at the New Staples Theatre in the picture, "Father was a Fullback." The show features Fred MacMurray, Maureen O'Hara, Rudy Vallee, and Thelma Ritter.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• Oct. 3, 1974 - Barb Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Becker, was crowned the 1974 Homecoming queen of Staples High school at coronation ceremonies held Monday evening in the Staples Auditorium under the sponsorship of the Student Council.

• Oct. 3, 1974 - The starting offensive lineup for the Staples football team at this time consists of Clark Dahl, Bernie Folkert, Jerry Rengel, Gary Pipek, Tony VanBuren, Steve Grossman, d.j. Wilson, Jeff Cizek, Mark Craft, Doug Roberts and Mike Thelen.

• Oct. 3, 1974 - Cheerleaders for the Staples high school football team are Patty Fearing, Joy Roline, Lois Behn, Peggy Finn and Janell Sellnow.

• Oct. 3, 1974 - The Aitkin Gobblers invaded the gridiron of the Staples Cardinals last Friday evening and they came to town to play football, whereas the Cardinals apparently didn't know what they wanted to do and took a 31-8 defeat before the hometown fans.

Coming off an impressive win the week before over Pine City, it was thought that the Cards would be fired up and

hungry for a victory over the winless Gobblers of Aitkin, but such was not the case, as Aitkin dominated play throughout all four periods to claim their first win in five starts and sending Staples down to their third loss in five games.

• Oct. 3, 1974 - The Ray Smith Indian Family will be singing at the Staples Alliance Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. The family has ministered as a gospel singing group for about two years. They are Chippewa Indians from Cass Lake.

• Oct. 3, 1974 - Elmer Gold of Motley received an award from the Minnesota Cattlemen's Association last Friday for having donated a 10-acre plot of land to the association. The acreage is located about a half-mile east of Motley, on which were constructed holding pens and a weighing station.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• Oct. 7, 1999 - Brandon Pearson of Staples shot an 185 pound bear on Sept. 15. He was bow hunting for deer at the time on the Gode farm east of Staples. This was the 15-year-old's second bear.

• Oct. 7, 1999 - The Cardinal tennis team continues to prowl their way to success with an impressive second place finish at the prestigious Litchfield tournament.

• Oct. 7, 1999 - Rehearsals have begun for "Let's Hang Him and Read The Will," the fall play at Staples Motley High School.

Performances will be Oct. 21 - 23 at Centennial Auditorium. The play is a soap

opera spoof murder mystery to discover who killed Mycroft Tanner. Co-directors Becky Hasselberg and Connie Hoffert described the show as "a high school version of 'The Last of the Red Hot Lovers.'" A traveling production of that play starring Gary Burghoff was recently staged at Centennial Auditorium.

• Oct. 7, 1999 - Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce members recently visited with Calvin Glockzin, who opened Cal's Family Barbering Sept. 13 in Staples. Chamber members who posed with Cal for a photo included Mel Nefstead (Chamber Executive Director), Dave Howe, Glenda Kotula, Tonia Judd, Bob Mueller, Doug Denning, Michelle Lange (Chamber President), Tom Jacobson, Wendel Toedter, Barb Cline and Jennelle Shriver.

• Oct. 7, 1999 - Queen Darcy Reese and King Kurt Detloff were all smiles Monday night after they were named 1999 Staples Motley Homecoming royalty. Darcy is the daughter of John and Barb Reese, and Kurt is the son of Jerry and Lois Detloff.

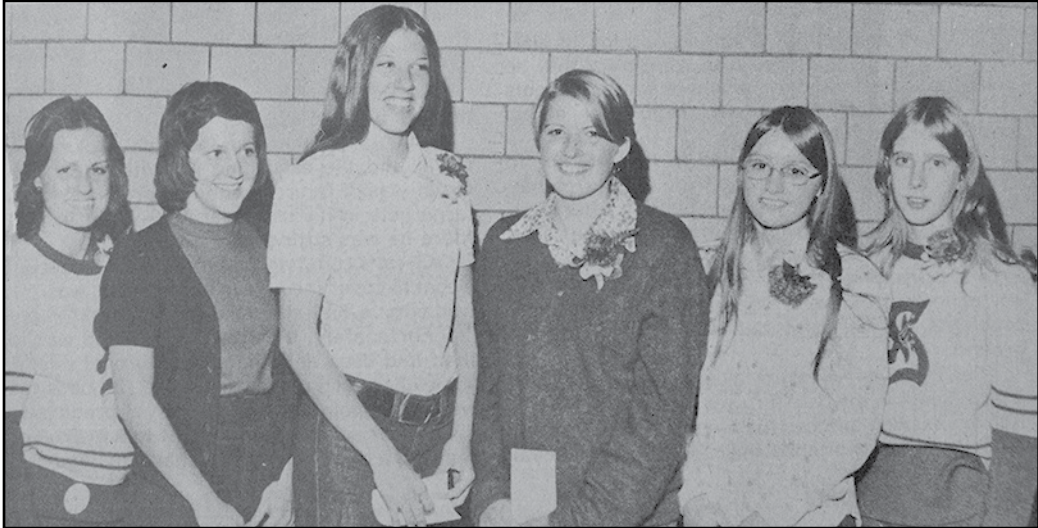
10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• Oct. 2, 2014 - The Staples Motley Homecoming Royalty members helped lead the way of the Homecoming parade. Along with King Joe Hess and Queen Nikki Edin (aboard a red convertible), were royal court members Tyler Winkels, Emily Ladd, Brady Becker, Grace Wolhowe, Jacob Swensrud, Breeze Bestland, Colton Paskewitz and Kaitlyn Spar.

• Oct. 2, 2014 - Pat Held, Motley, will be inducted to the Minnesota High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame Oct. 27, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis.

Held has coached the Motley Rockets, Staples Motley Cardinals and the Central Lakes College Raiders, along with numerous summer league teams and at clinics and camps.

• Oct. 2, 2014 - Staples native Donna Lee has found a labor of love that provides dolls for orphaned children in Haiti. It started when a group from Blowers Chapel, her church near Bluffton, returned from a mission trip to Haiti. Right after Christmas she found out they needed dolls for their next trip. To date, Lee has made 155 dolls, with plans to make another 150.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Sept. 26, 1974 edition of the Staples World featured the Staples High School Homecoming Queen candi-

dates for that year. Pictured, from left, are Patti Fearing, Jeannie Germann, Joan Stone, Alice Goeden, Barb Becker, Joy Roline.

Correction

The story about the Staples Area Women's Chorus last week did not mention that Rob Freelove is still director of the group and Brianna Robertson is co-director.

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I finally taught Google that Staples population is growing

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

For a couple of years, several online searches told us that the population of Staples was around 2,300. Somehow they were missing about 700 people who we knew were here. That's 23 percent of our population that wasn't represented.

Maybe listing our correct population isn't that crucial, but I like things to be accurate. Also, the glitch was causing statistics systems that use population for other purposes to shortchange Staples and make it look like the city is shrinking.

I thought maybe the census might have missed a lot of people because it was hamstrung by the COVID pandemic and there was also a fervor to not reply to the census because of fears of government intrusion.

Because of the erroneous dip, the online robots that estimate population kept thinking that Staples loses a significant number of people every year, because they multiply losses and gains over time. One of the estimates stated: "Staples is currently declining at a rate of -0.88% annually and its population has decreased by -3.54% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 3,025 in 2020."

The error wasn't in the census, so I tried looking for the source of it. I got a clue a couple of years ago when I searched for a list of Minnesota cities by population. On the list, it put Staples next to Madelia, my home town, at 2,387. I was pretty sure I had moved to a bigger town, there is a lot more going on in Staples, so I knew this was wrong. This list came from something called Minnesota Demographics and they cited the U.S. Census and the American Community Survey as their sources.

As I said, the 2020 census was not a success. I don't think they counted the actual number of people here, instead it relied heavily on estimates. But the census kept the Staples population around 3,000, so the problem wasn't coming from there.

After more searching, I found the data from the American Community Survey, an arm of the Census Bureau, and discovered that for one year they dumped Staples down

to a low figure of 2,299.

Now that I knew the source of the error, I found an email address for their Minnesota office. I wrote and told them that they had recorded the wrong population for Staples, and I wondered if someone had transposed the numbers when putting it down, for example they wrote 2,299 instead of 2,992.

I got a tone-deaf tautology as a reply saying that their population for Staples is listed at 2,299 for that year, so the online listing of 2,299 is correct.

I replied that I had lived in Staples during those years and there was not a mass exodus of 700 people who left in one year and another 700 who came back the next year. That would have made the newspaper headlines.

I never got another reply, but a few months later, the Staples population online miraculously jumped back up to 3,035. I checked again recently and a new population estimate shows 3,042. Now we are right back near where we belong on the statewide listings, between Moose Lake (3,004) and Milaca (3,053).

I don't know if my meddling had anything to do with the numbers getting back, or if another year passed so the glitch became no longer relevant.

I still think the current estimate of 3,042 is quite low. Since the 2020 non-census, there have been more than a hundred rental and housing units built in the city, most of them filled. There are few houses for sale. Since the estimators didn't register the growth in 2020, they aren't estimating the accelerated growth in 2024.

We won't have another nationwide census until 2030. Is there a way, or a reason, for us to correctly count our own people before then? Can we trust that the 2030 census will be any more accurate? Or will we just have to keep relying on robot-fueled estimates that don't take into account what is actually happening in our communities?

Or maybe by then we won't need human keyboard warriors to fact check online misinformation because the robots will start caring about our community and will learn who we really are.

Don't count on it.

Domestic violence awareness

By Barb Goodrich
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services
Hands of Hope Resource Center

Domestic Violence Awareness Month, held annually in October, allows communities nationwide to join forces to raise awareness about the far-reaching impact of domestic violence. The 2024 #Every1Knows-Some1 campaign focuses on the theme that everyone knows someone affected by domestic violence, whether

they realize it or not.

One in three women, one in four men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. High rates of domestic violence are not private, individual problems; they require community solutions. By acknowledging this reality, we can aim to connect our community, encourage open conversations, and collectively work towards ending domestic violence and creating safe, healthy communities where survivors can find hope and healing.

Domestic violence aware-

ness has often been represented by a purple ribbon, symbolizing the bravery and strength of survivors and those who lost their lives to abuse. Consider wearing a purple ribbon or something purple during the month of October and share with others the meaning behind this color choice and why you support this cause.

If you would like further information please contact the Todd County Hands of Hope Resource Center office at 320-732-2319.

#Every1KnowsSome1

Breast cancer awareness

Submitted by Todd County Health and Human Services

Breast cancer is the most common invasive cancer diagnosed in women across every racial and ethnic group in Minnesota. Breast cancer is a complex group of diseases. Most commonly, breast cancers begin in ducts (tubes that carry milk to the nipple) or lobules (glands that make milk). Breast cancer can occur in men but it is rare, accounting for only 0.2 percent of cancer in men. By contrast, breast cancer accounts for over 30 percent of cancers diagnosed. There are about 4,800 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed among women each year in Minnesota. In 2021, 661 Minnesota women died from breast cancer.

Screening Guidelines

The goal of screening for breast cancer is

to detect the disease before symptoms develop and treat it early, when cancers respond better to treatment. Screening guideline recommendations depend on age, family history and individual risk.

- Women should talk with their health care providers about breast cancer screening tests and when to have them.
- Women who do not have health insurance, or have insurance that does not fully cover breast cancer screening costs, may be eligible to receive free screening in Minnesota through MDH's Sage Program.
- Women screened through the Sage program who need follow-up treatment may qualify for Medical Assistance for Breast or Cervical Cancer (MA-BC). This program covers treatment and other MA-covered service costs until treatment ends.

Source: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/mcrs/data/dashbc.html>

Quote of the week

“Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before.” — Mae West

Dry Mississippi River limiting transportation

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

A drying Mississippi River is causing transportation headaches and delays for the third year running in what scientists suggest could be a long-lasting change. “Extreme drought conditions in the Midwest are drawing down water levels on the Mississippi River, raising prices for companies that transport goods downstream and forcing governments and business owners to seek alternative solutions,” reports Kristofer Tigue of Inside Climate News. “The situation could signal an emerging reality for the region, scientists say, as climate change alters the planet’s weather patterns.”

Despite Hurricane Francine’s water dump in the Ohio Valley, Mississippi River levels have dipped since mid-July, which slows traffic. “Load restrictions force

barge operators to limit their hauls, which squeezes their profit margin,” Tigue explains. “Barge rates from St. Louis reached \$24.62 a ton in late August and \$27.49 per ton by the following week, according to the Department of Agriculture.”

Moving cargo via the Mississippi River is more “efficient pound for pound than ground transportation, business groups say, and gives the U.S. an edge in a competitive global market,” Tigue reports. “According to the Waterways Council, a trade association for businesses that use the Mississippi River, a standard 15-barge load is equivalent to 1,050 semi trucks or 216 train cars—meaning domestic farmers and other producers can save significant time and money moving their goods by boat.”

Too much rainfall or not enough causes river transportation backups, and over the past several years,

weather fluctuations in the Midwest have swung between the two. Drought conditions at harvest time are particularly troublesome. Tigue writes, “While it’s typical for water levels on the Mississippi to drop during the fall months, Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition, said the recent years of drought have been a real wake-up call for farmers to diversify their supply chains.”

If there’s a little good news, it’s that this year’s drought headaches are not as extreme as those from 2023, when the Mississippi dipped to record lows. Tigue reports, “Deb Calhoun, senior vice president of the Waterways Council, chalks that up to proactive efforts this year by companies and federal agencies, like the Army Corps of Engineers, to mitigate transportation disruptions.”

In recognition of Minnesota Climate Week, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) celebrates the efforts and partnership of producers, ag businesses, and other stakeholders to promote the continued implementation and advancement of climate-smart agricultural practices and programs throughout the state.

“The MDA recognizes that climate change is impacting agriculture in Minnesota and around the world, with increased temperatures as well as more extreme and frequent weather events like floods and drought leading to increased challenges for our producers,” said MDA Commissioner Thom Petersen. “We commend the hard work of our farmers and all local, state, and federal partners to mitigate and adapt to the direct and indirect effects of a changing climate, helping ensure continued, resilient working lands and ag economies while meeting Minnesota’s climate goals.”

As part of Climate Week, the MDA joined Pine Tree Apple Orchard in White Bear Lake to highlight how sustainable practices can support and strengthen local ag production. In addition to measures like hail netting to protect their apple trees (many of which are over 50 years old) from

extreme weather events, the orchard enrolled in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) in the fall of 2023 and has an MAWQCP endorsement in Climate Smart Farming Practices. Additionally, as a 40-year member of the MDA’s Minnesota Grown program, their work to grow and supply local produce helps consumers cut down on the number of “food miles” their apples and strawberries might travel to their plates.

The MDA offers a number of programs to support stakeholders interested in adopting climate-smart ag practices, including:

Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP): MAWQCP is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation measures that protect our water. Those who maintain approved farm management practices obtain regulatory certainty for a period of 10 years. To-date, more than 1,500 producers and over 1,100,000 acres have been Water Quality Certified in Minnesota.

which provides funding to gas stations upgrading their retail petroleum dispensers, fuel storage tanks, and other equipment needed to supply motor fuel blends containing at least 15 percent ethanol. With the support of Minnesota Corn, the program has awarded over \$9 million to 60 Minnesota retail fuel stations since its launch in 2022, with applications currently being accepted for an additional \$3 million.

Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grant: This grant funds innovative on-farm research and demonstrations that explore the profitability, energy efficiency, and environmental benefits of sustainable agriculture practices or systems. Results are published annually in the MDA’s Greenbook, which provides a summary of each grant project along with management tips, locations of previous projects, and other resources to encourage wide-scale adoption. The MDA is currently accepting applications for \$350K in grant funding through Dec. 12, 2024.

The MDA was also recently awarded funding as part of the U.S. EPA’s \$200 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to the state of Minnesota. Through work led by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), in collaboration with the MDA, other state agencies, and local and tribal governments, the funding will be used to cut climate pollution from Minnesota’s food systems. Specifically, the MDA will receive \$20 million to expand successful initiatives including the MAWQCP and Soil Health Financial Assistance program to support farmers adopting climate-friendly practices, such as the use of controlled-release fertilizers, transition from row crops to perennials, and no-till farming.

The MDA will also work with the MPCA to invest \$6.7 million in the replacement and upgrading of vehicles and equipment that are used to grow and transport our food, such as tractors and freight trucks, to switch to using cleaner-burning fuels.

The goals and actions highlighted above all work to support the goals and action steps outlined in Minnesota’s Climate Action Framework.

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Three young readers recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program at the Staples Library sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. To participate stop by the library and sign your child up. They will receive a free book bag and can choose a ducky at each 100 books read. Upon completion of the program, each child receives a free hard cover book of their choice, with a



Stop by the Motley Fairgrounds Saturday, Oct. 12 for the annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Motley Community Events Organization (MCEO).

The day kicks off at 2 p.m., with a number of free kids' activities, including bouncy houses, a petting zoo, wood projects, face painting, and a number of art projects. Young people are invited to decorate a pumpkin and Trick-or-Treat bags for Halloween.

There is something for all ages, with a Giant Pumpkin Contest from 2 - 4 p.m., as well as food trucks and a beer garden from 2 - 10 p.m., and craft beer, wine and distillery tasting from 4 - 6 p.m.

Enjoy free music all day, including a DJ during the afternoon, and The Honey Badgers from 7 - 10 p.m.

Dr. Jacob Harder, a doctor of podiatry, is joining the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Brainerd Clinic and Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Staples Clinic.

"I chose to join Essentia because of my family," said Dr. Harder. "My father and brother both work as family medicine physicians at the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Brainerd Clinic and practicing here gave me a unique opportunity to work with them. I also love the friendliness of the people



Dr. Jacob Harder
working here, and their
commitment to patient

care.”

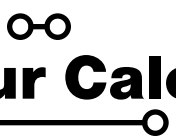
Dr. Harder earned his medical degree from Des Moines University in Iowa. He completed his podiatric medicine and surgery residency at Ascension Southeast Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisc., and his foot and ankle surgery fellowship at The CORE Institute in Phoenix, Ariz.

"If you are my patient, I will take care of you and treat you as family," said Dr. Harder.

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for reading
the
Staples World



Heidi Zimmerman hits a hard shot for the Staples-Motley tennis team in their win against a ranked Osakis team. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



October 3

'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>

of Christ, 27343 490th St.,
Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info.,
call Dan at 218-640-7228.

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church basement, through Dec. 17. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

October 4

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.

October 6

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

October 7

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

October 8

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church

218-296-5191
becksburgerco@gmail.com



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Pre register by October, Wed. 16th.
Call or text Nicky at 507-381-0786
Come day of event & cost will be \$50 per team

WILL

Family Natural Health
Remedies Class
Tuesday, October 15,
6:30-8 p.m.
Staples Community Center
425 4th St. NE, Staples

Must register by
Thurs., Oct. 10
to 218-296-1741.

\$5 cost for
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Make 'n Take

**Wadena County
Board of Commissioners**

Evening Board work session
We want to hear from you!
Tuesday, October 8, 6 p.m.
**Thomastown Town Hall,
11417 241st Ave, Staples.**

There will be presentation from H20viewers on the county ditch redetermination of benefits process. They also invite the public to attend and provide feedback on this and other topics of interest.

Staples Rotary Club

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 5 miles East on Hwy. #10 to 321st Ave., go South approx. 1 mi. Follow signs on:

Saturday, October 5, 2024

SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M. RESTROOMS AVAILABLE LUNCH ON GROUNDS

John Deere 400C track hoe, 7,644 hrs., cab, heat, fura good, needs boulders in bucket pins	Backhoe, Case 580 Super M. 2,940 hrs., 4x4, cab, air, heat, 2' x 8' dig., fura good	Komatsu skidder, D21A, diesel, fura good	Skidsteer, 75X1 Case, with glass door, best 4,526 hrs., fura good
Barber grain paver with big diesel engine, wigwag power motor	Skidsteer, backhoe, attachments, fork, loader, digger, claw	Rammer P 3324/148T compactor, St. Paul, MN	1996 Mack dump truck, triple axle, white, fura

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 Marlin 22 cal. Model #1 bolt action
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 Ford 8000 dump truck
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 Heavy duty Ballistol tractor
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 Skid steer pump, Normande
 Backhoe/skid steer attachment

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 Gold 1870 TDC baler
 Gold 170 size 40" 40" grain auger on wheels
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LARGE amount of scrap iron

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Skidster tractor, 2P ASU with ramps	Load Trail, two fifth wheel trailers, flat beds average 36 ft. approx., 2 sets of axles, steel beds	4-Etaler stock trailer approx. 26 ft., fifth wheel tandem, if available fifth wheel stock trailer, 2 sets of axles, approx. 30 ft.	Big green hay rack measure spreader, tandem axle, double sugar in back, 8'x16' deep
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LARGE amount of scrap iron

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Student
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ALEXA VANALST, Staples, has been named to the Summer 2024 Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, N.H. To qualify, students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.50, and be enrolled full-time.

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Obituaries

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Stanley Widmer

Stanley Wayne Widmer, 87, of Staples passed away September 21, 2024, peacefully surrounded by family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples on Friday, October 4, at noon. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be held October 7 at Lakeview Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m. in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Stan was born in Oshkosh, WI to Albert and Mabel Widmer. Stan graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1955. He married Paula Larson in Oshkosh in 1958. Stan attended college in Milwaukee where he completed a degree in Industrial Design. Stan proudly served in the United States Army Reserves for 10 years as an M-48 Tank Commander.

Stan and Paula moved to Minneapolis in 1962 where Stan worked at Graco for ten years before launching his design consulting business in 1972. In 1979, he moved his business to Staples where he and Paula raised their children residing in a home he built on the west shore of Fawn Lake south of Staples. Stan and Paula continued to run their business, Widmer Associates, for the next several decades serving clients from all over the United States. Stan



was awarded dozens of patents for his innovations in mechanical design and was awarded a contract with the United States Department of Defense on a project following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

Stan will be missed by one daughter, Amy (Darin); one son, Scott; six grandchildren, Trevor, Andrew, Ashley, Megan, Thomas and Jonathan; several nieces and nephews and Looka-like the cat.

Stan was preceded in death by his loving wife, Paula, of 59 years; parents; one brother, Ken Widmer; one sister, Joyce Christian and one daughter-in-law, Jill Widmer.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
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
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
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
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
Phone.....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@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church

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

Hope Chapel Alliance

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

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

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
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Cardinals share the ball in 50-0 Homecoming win

The Staples-Motley football team cruised to a 50-0 win against Pine River-Backus in their homecoming game on Sept. 27. Colbe Tappe ran for 94 yards and two scores. The Cardinal team rushed for 270 yards, with 16 different players getting a chance to carry the ball and eight players catching passes.

Staples-Motley jumped the game from the outset, recovering an onside kick on the opening kickoff and racking up a 43-0 halftime lead. The Cardinal offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage, with Dustin Converse getting credit for six pancake blocks.

Ben Tyrrell, Luke Bjerga and Gavin Chenoweth each scored one touchdown, while Eli Rutten threw for two touchdowns, to Peyton

Mithun and Turner Beachy. Mithun and Alex Schultz each kicked an extra point, while Tyrrell, Jacob Becker and Converse scored on two point conversions.

On defense, Sawyer Ferdon had 2.5 tackles for loss and one forced fumble. Peyton Mithun had two tackles for loss while Conner Kuhns and Drake Dukowitz forced fumbles.

Jacob Becker and Dukowitz each recovered a fumble while Gavin Chenoweth and Ryan Neelan each had an interception on defense, creating four turnovers for the Cardinals.

Team results

Staples-Motley 50, Pine River-Backus 0

Rushing: Colbe Tappe 4-94, 2 TD; Ben Tyrrell 3-41, 1 TD; Beau Carlson 4-36, Eli Rutten 2-16, Ayden Hovland 2-15, Zach-

ary Tabatt 2-7, Evan Schultz 2-4, Alex Schultz 1-15, Conner Kuhns 1-8, Luke Bjerga 1-9, 1 TD; Turner Beachy 1-2, Gavin Chenoweth 1-5, Peyton Mithun 1-3, Jacob Becker 1-3, Dustin Converse 1-3, Steven Petrich 1-9

Passing: Rutten 10-17, 137 yards, 2 TD, 1 int.; Mithun 2-2, 9 yards

Receiving: A. Schultz 4-35, Mithun 3-24, 1 TD, Beachy 1-25, 1 TD; Tyrrell 1-9, Kuhns 1-19, Benet Robinson 1-24, Ryan Neelan 1-5, Josiah Critten 1-5

Defensive tackles (solo-assist): Bjerga 1-3, Kuhns 1-3, Tappe 3-0, Petrich 0-2, Noah Larson 1-2, Dustin Converse 0-1, Becker 0-2, Sawyer Ferdon 3-3, Mithun 3-1, Robinson 1-4, A. Schultz 1-2, Beachy 1-2, Chenoweth 0-2, Hovland 0-1, Tyrrell 1-1, Adrian Gomez 0-2, Bryson Dumpprope 0-1, Drake Dukowitz 1-2, Neelan 1-1, Critte 0-1, E. Schultz 1-1



Getting ready to make a pass

The Staples-Motley Cardinals took won 50-0. Above, Eli Rutten gets ready to throw for a touchdown. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Volleyball team wins conference, homecoming matches

The Staples-Motley volleyball team mixed it up with some strong competition in three matches, winning 3-2 at Barnesville on Sept. 24, falling 3-1 against Frazee on Sept. 26 and beating Pine River-Backus 3-1 on Sept. 27.

Against Barnesville, it was the first win for the Cardinals in the new Heart of Lakes Conference.

Against Frazee, Staples-Motley dug a big hole in the first set, finding themselves down 7-14, but they dug deep and came back with a team effort that included kills by Hannah Cole, Annie Schlosser, Jade Storry and Izzy Becker. Miranda Schotzko redirected an overpass for a point, then Storry and Lilly Tyrrell added ace serves to finally tie the score at 21. Livi Lorber put them over the top with two kills in the last four points, including the final shot to win 25-23.

The Cardinals also dug a hole in the second and third sets, but could not come back all the way. The fourth set was extremely close the entire way with Lorber racking up eight kills, two ace tips and a block. But it wasn't enough to build a lead as Frazee struck back after every point and the Cardinals gave a few back with missed serves. After the scores were tied at every point from 11-16, the Cardinals allowed a small run that ended up being the final margin 21-25.

Against Pine River-Backus, the Cardinals lost the first set but came back strong to win three straight to claim their homecoming match.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Barnesville 2; 16-25, 27-25, 13-25, 25-23, 15-10

Miranda Schotzko: kills-4, blocks-7

Livi Lorber: aces-1, assists-4, kills-27, blocks-2, digs-5

Jade Storry: aces-1, assists-1, kills-9, blocks-2, digs-13

Annie Schlosser: aces-1, assists-41, kills-7, blocks-2, digs-5

Izzy Becker: aces-1, assists-1, kills-7, blocks-1, digs-8

Lilly Tyrrell: aces-2, digs-13

Ellie Lange: aces-1, digs-12

Hannah Cole: kills-2, digs-1

Staples-Motley 1, Frazee 3; 25-23, 17-25, 19-25, 21-25

Schlosser: Assists-28, Kills-3, Digs-2

Lange: Aces-2, Digs, 6

Becker: Aces-1, Kills-4, Blocks-1, Digs-9

Lorber: Aces-1, Assists-7, Kills-18, Blocks-4, Digs-3

Storry: Aces-1, Kills-5, Blocks-1, Digs-10

Tyrrell: Aces-1, Digs-5

Schotzko: Kills-2, Blocks-2

Cole: Kills-1, Blocks-1

Staples-Motley vs Pine River Backus 3-1; 22-25, 25-18, 25-17, 25-18

Schotzko: Kills-2, Blocks-4

Lorber: Assists-5, Kills-12, Blocks-3, Digs-4

Schlosser: Aces-2, Assists-22, Kills-3, Blocks-2, Digs-3

Storry: Aces-1, Kills-10, Digs-7

Tyrrell: Digs-8

Becker: Aces-3, Kills-4, Digs-12

Lange: Assists-1, Digs-6

Cole: Assists-1, Kills-1, Blocks-3



Senior server

Lilly Tyrrell sends a serve across the net. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Senior spiker

Livi Lorber hammers one across the net.



Team huddle during half-time

The Staples-Motley football team met with their coaches during half-time at the Homecoming game Sept. 27, against

Pine River-Backus. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Enthusiastic football fans

Cardinal cheerleaders led an enthusiastic crowd in cheering for the Staples-Motley football team Sept. 27, as

they took on the Pine River-Backus Tigers at their homecoming game. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



C-A-R-D-I-N-A-L-S spirit!

Staples-Motley cheerleaders helped lead cheers at the Cardinal Homecoming football game Sept. 27, and provided entertainment at half-time. Front row: future cheerleader Penny Lee. Center, from left:

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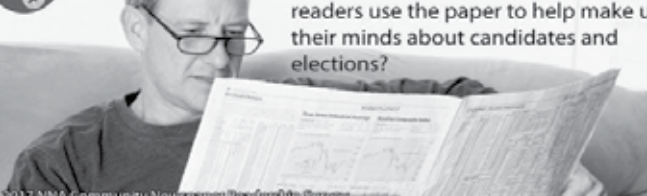
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Bob Reeck,
Sec./Treasurer

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**TODD COUNTY
NOTICE
TO THE PUBLIC
TODD COUNTY
UNIFIED
ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT**

Notice to the Public: on October 15, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota) the Todd County Board of Commissioners will hold a First Reading to solicit public input on the Todd County Unified Environmental Health Ordinance amendment.

The Second Reading of the Todd County Unified Environmental Health Ordinance amendment will be held on November 4, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota). The Todd County Unified Environmental Health Ordinance amendment can be viewed online at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/>.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Gaida,
Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer
Clerk to the County
Board

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**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORCLOSURE SALE**

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 31, 2008
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$43,959.64

MORTGAGOR(S): David J. Brusewitz and Tanya A. Brusewitz f/k/a Tanya A. Staley, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on April 2, 2008 as Document Number 456325 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on December 13, 2016 as Document Number 502051 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Bayview Dispositions IVA, LLC by assignment recorded on February 26, 2019 as Document Number A513294 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2020-R1 by assignment recorded on September 12, 2024 as Document Number A542768 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Two 2, Block Three 3, Tiernan Addition to Staples, According to the plat thereof on file and of record with Todd County Recorders office.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 804 7TH ST NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$46,774.13

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Fay Servicing, LLC
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0095800

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

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TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 21, 2025.

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Motley Lions donate to Staples-Motley tennis team

"We Serve" seemed an appropriate title on the Motley Lions' banner, as the organization recently donated \$1,000 to the Staples-Motley girls tennis team. Pictured front row from left: Coach Nikki Paskewitz, Andrea DiGiovanni, Jaida Holst, Kaylee Perius, Sarah Kroll, Natalie

Hansen, Corinne Olson, Madison Perius, Charlie Noska, Mia Pesta, Coach Katie Noska. Back row: Alexa Dolezal, Lydia Roelofs, Lauren Dolezal, Carolyn Hoppe, Ronnie Noska, Natalie Burciga Perez, Heidi Zimmerman. (Submitted photo)



Football under the water tower

The younger Staples-Motley football teams played on the field Sept. 26 hosting Pillager and Crosby-Ironton. Seventh and eighth grade teams, above, played in the afternoon. The 3rd and 4th grade flag football participants played in a pre-show game and the 5th and 6th grade teams played under the lights. All team members participated in having their names announced and running through the game "tunnel". (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Red Flag Warning issued for extreme fire risks

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for 39 counties in central, northeast, northwest and southwest Minnesota due to extreme fire danger.

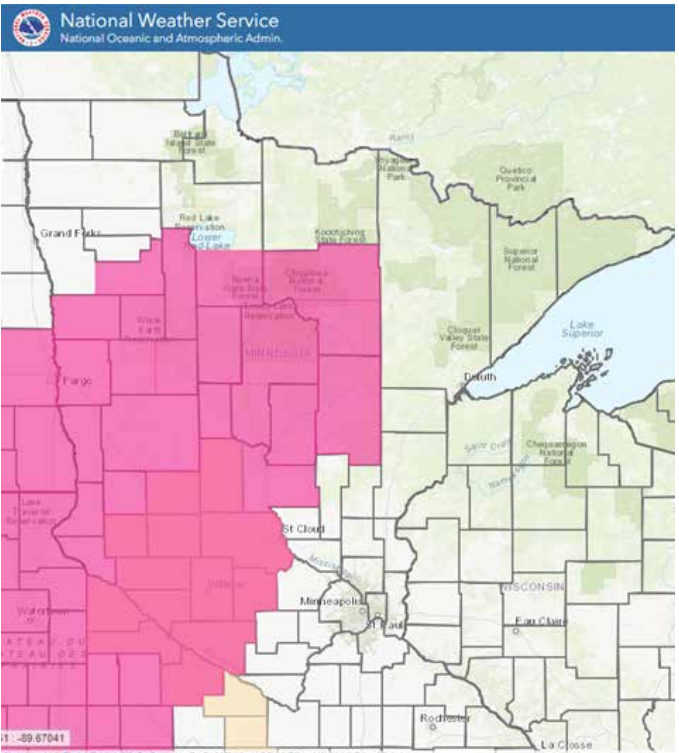
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Olson’s serve leads tennis win vs. ranked team

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team started getting back into form with a competitive match against one of the top big school teams in the area and a win against a ranked team as Corinne Olson led three singles wins in a 4-3 win.

The Cardinals lost 6-1 against Bemidji on Sept. 24, but the team was very competitive in every match.

That good play carried over to their next match against 10th ranked Osakis on Sept. 26, where they emerged with a 4-3 win. The marquee matchup was two ranked players at number one singles, Ronnie Noska of Staples-Motley against Leah Maddock of Osakis. Noska started well, hitting the edges with her ground strokes to win the first two games. But Maddock kept hitting hard hits mixed with tricky drop shots to win the first set 6-4. Noska wasn’t quite as sharp in the second set and fell 6-1, but was competitive with one of the top players in the state.

The other three singles players played extraordinarily well, all winning in straight sets. Olson put her opponent on her heels the whole match with her hard serving, even getting ace serves on her second serve. Kaylee Perius was relentless in running down shots and consistently returning them. Andrea DiGiovanni controlled the tempo of her match by keeping the ball low and going for winners when her opponent got out of position.

The winning point against Osakis came at number two doubles, where Natalie Hanson and Sarah



Smashing forehand

Corinne Olson fires a shot back at her opponent.

Kroll won a tough match 6-3, 7-5. They dominated at the net, with both players hitting consistent volleys to win tough points.

The Cardinals have one more match this week before starting the section tournament on Thursday, Oct. 10.



Charlie Noska



Ronnie Noska puts backspin on a short shot



Andrea DiGiovanni reaches for a high shot.

Tennis results

Staples-Motley 1, Bemidji 6
Singles: Ronnie Noska W 6-2, 6-1; Corinne Olson L 6-2, 6-3; Kaylee Perius L 3-6, 1-6; Andrea DiGiovanni L 6-7 (2-7), 2-6
Doubles: Heidi Zimmerman/Madison Perius L 0-6, 2-6; Natalie Hanson/Sarah Kroll L 4-6, 6-7 (5-7); Mia Pesta/Charlie Noska L 2-6, 4-6

Staples-Motley 4, Osakis 3
Singles: R. Noska L 4-6, 1-6; Olson W 6-3, 6-2; K. Perius W 6-4, 6-3; DiGiovanni W 6-0, 6-4
Doubles: Zimmerman/ M. Perius L 3-6, 2-6; Hanson/Kroll W 6-3, 7-5; C. Noska/Lydia Roelofs L 3-6, 6-7 (6-8)



Successful bear hunt

Andrew Dobson of Staples shot this 250 pound female bear Sept. 21, south of Staples. Dobson, 15, is a freshman at Staples-Motley High School. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley athletes shine at Griak college race

Staples-Motley made big splash at the Roy Griak cross country meet at the University of Minnesota on Sept. 20. Two former Cardinals finished 11th and 12th in the Division I race out of 184 runners. Emmet Anderson was the top runner for the Minnesota Gophers and Hunter Klimek led the North Dakota State Bison. They are pictured with Staples-Motley Coach Bruce Fuhrman after the race. Klimek has the highest Griak finish for a NDSU runner in their history as a DI program. Pictured below, Anderson race down the finishing stretch followed by Klimek and the Ohio State’s top runner. (Staples World photos by Mar Anderson)





CARE Ministry Community Meals underway

The first community meal for the 2024-2025 season, sponsored by CARE Ministry, was held Sept. 24, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Those in attendance were treated to sloppy joes, beans, coleslaw, chips and a variety of desserts, all served by



church volunteers. The free meals are offered on a monthly basis to promote fellowship, connection and nourishment. Next month's meal will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Enviro Fest 2024 held at Katterhagen farm



At the "Surviving the North Woods station, students learn to make a fire out of vaseline, cotton balls and flint firestarters.



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Staples-Motley students learn about fighting forest fires.



Taking soil samples by machine.



Students learned about mining by digging chocolate chips out of cookies.



At the water cycle and water quality station, students learned how water runs off the land and seeps into the soil.



The DNR fisheries division had a tank full of Minnesota fish.



DNR K9 dogs demonstrated their ability to follow commands and search for hidden objects.



The last colors of summer

Fall may be around the corner, but a beautiful array of colorful dahlias were in full bloom Sept. 10, at Sebasky & Hildreth Antiques in Staples. The flowers are a reminder that summer hasn't left quite yet. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



The royals got dunked

Members of the Cardinal Homecoming Royalty all took their turns in the dunk tank during the Homecoming Block Party. Above, Miranda Schotzko gets ready to enter the water thanks to the efforts of a young fan. At right is royalty member Jack Carlson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Fun and games at the coronation

Allison Vangsness (at left), social studies teacher and student council advisor, led the king candidates in a game during the Cardinal Coronation event Sept. 25. During this game, the boys and their parents were asked a series of questions, writing their answers on a white board. Points were given to each student/parent team whose answers were the same. Principal Debbie Ferdon led the girls in a similar game. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



And the winner is...

The royalty candidates cheered as Lilly Tyrrell was crowned the 2024 Staples-Motley Homecoming Queen by last year's king, Blake Neelan. Last year's queen, Kyra Stangle, was also present to crown this year's Homecoming King, Ben Tyrrell, seated at left. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



The royal grandparents

Queen Lilly Tyrrell and King Ben Tyrrell, cousins, were congratulated by their grandparents following the Homecoming Coronation ceremony at Staples-Motley High School Sept. 25. Pictured, from left, are Jan and Stan Tyrrell; Queen Lilly and King Ben; and Margie and Marty Etzler. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Fueling up before the game

The Staples-Motley Cross Country team sold a variety of food items at the Homecoming Block Party, including brats, hot dogs, and taco-in-a-bag. Pictured above, from left, are team members Alexis Odden, Alea Holst, Elizabeth Kroll and Sam Elfstrom, who was in line for a burger. At right, enjoying a taco-in-a-bag is Ronan Hoernberg. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Reigning cousins

Cousins Ben Tyrrell and Lilly Tyrrell were named the 2024 Staples-Motley Homecoming King and Queen Sept. 25. The coronation ceremony was held at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)