



First pitch of the season at Motley

Converse Park in Motley was dry and warm when Leighton Bettis threw out the first pitch of the season during a scrimmage against Verndale on March 27. The softball diamonds in Staples were still not ready from a snowfall that didn't hit Motley as hard. The Cardinals also played Paynesville in the three team scrimmage. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Active behind the plate

Catcher Clara Maros reaches out for a pitch-out thrown when the batter had two strikes. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



State Champions celebrate title at highway sign

Staples-Motley wrestling was an unstoppable train this season. They were undefeated against Class A teams, including a 33-16 win in the state championship match over defending champion Chatfield. They celebrated the feat on March 18, with the team gathering at the Cardinal Pride sign on Highway 10 to bump the number of state team champions at the school from 31 to 32.

As the Cardinals posed for the photo, a freight train rumbled through town behind them, a symbol of their

path to destiny. Front row from left, Cayden Neisen, Gage Bjerga, Jack Carlson, Jackson Odden, Turner Beachy, Luke Bjerga, Caden Kramer, Garrett Bjerga and Justin Olson; back row, Seth Cossentine, Beau Carlson, Reece Headley, Dustin Converse, Riley Reese, Zachary Tabatt, Colbe Tappe, Adrian Gomez, Cooper Tappe and Eli Greenwaldt; not pictured, Steven Petrich and Jackson Schouviller. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples-Motley state champions

Following is the list of state champions from Staples, Motley and Staples-Motley schools, compiled by the Staples/Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. The current count is 32 team titles and 73 individual championships.

Girls tennis, boys basketball and football are teams not on the list, but deserve recognition. The teams have been to the state tournament numerous times and have reached the state finals but do not have a state title.

Team state championships

Boys cross country 10
Girls cross country 3
Boys golf 2
Girls Golf 2
Boys tennis 2
Boys track and field 3
Wrestling 8
Baseball 1
Girls Basketball 1

Wrestling state champions

1971 - Loren Bendson
1972 - Gordy Thompson
1976 - Dave Sowers
1976 - Jim Johnson
1978 - Dave Sikora
1980 - Paul Mergens
1981 - Don Heldman
1982 - Phil Corbett
1982 - Bob Sterriker
1982 - Blaine Dravis
1983 - Bob Sterriker
1987 - Jeff Sterriker
1990 - Darren Heldman
1992 - Gordy Thompson
1996 - Eric Kramer
1997 - Mark Carlson
1998 - Mark Carlson
1999 - Mark Carlson

1999 - Jeff Thompson
1999 - Jamie Carlson
2007 - Hakan Binek
2017 - Alex Erpelding
2020 - Owen Bjerga
2024 - Gage Bjerga
2025 - Caden Kramer
2025 - Colbe Tappe
(24 second place finishers)

Swimming state champions

1983 - Curt Jenkins, 100 butterfly
1988 - Del Cerney, 50 freestyle
1988 - Mark Lelwica, 100 freestyle
1989 - Mark Lelwica, 100 freestyle
(3 second place finishers)

Golf state champions

1983 - Jody Wilson
2001 - Mary Hasselberg
2014 - Andrew Israelson
2023 - Carter White
(1 second place finisher)

Tennis state champions

1992 - David Joerger (singles)
1992 - Mark Haglin/David Cizek (doubles)

Boys track and field state champions

1935 - Robert Skinner, javelin throw
1974 - Jeff Marden, pole vault
1979 - Tony Spandl, 120 high hurdles
1979 - Tony Spandl, pole vault
1985 - Scott Tryggeseth, long jump
1989 - Collin Beachy, 800
1989 - Collin Beachy, 1,600
1989 - Arden Beachy, triple jump
1990 - Ryan Beachy, pole vault
1993 - Jeremy Rondorf, discus
1998 - Derek Mattila, 3,200
1999 - Erik Klingaman, 3,200
2000 - 4x400 relay (T. Johnson, K. Detloff, E. Frisk, J. Tholl)

2000 - 4x800 relay (K. Detloff, R. Klingaman, J. Brever, J. Tholl)
2001 - 4x800 relay (B. Burton, J. Tholl, J. Brever, R. Klingaman)
2004 - Josh Smith, 400
2013 - Brian Huber, long jump
2018 - Max Giza, pole vault
2021 - Emmet Anderson, 3,200
(22 second place finishers)

Girls track and field state champions

1998 - Jacenta Spandl, high jump
2012 - Jaelin Beachy, 100 hurdles
2013 - Jaelin Beachy, 100 hurdles
2014 - Jaelin Beachy, 100 hurdles
2016 - Millie Klefsaas, 100 hurdles
2016 - Millie Klefsaas, pole vault
2017 - Millie Klefsaas, pole vault
2023 - 4x800 relay (Aften Robinson, Ashley Robben, Kyanna Burton, Audrey Brownell)
2024 - Audrey Brownell, 800
2024 - Audrey Brownell, 1,600
(4 second place finishers)

Boys cross country state champions

1983 - Randy Reichel
1988 - Collin Beachy
1997 - Derek Mattila
1998 - Jeff Brever
1999 - Jeff Brever
2020 - Emmet Anderson
(4 second place finishers: 3 boys and 1 girl)

Girls cross country state champions

2024 - Audrey Brownell

Trap shooting state champions

2022 - Keith Rollins

Cardinal track and field at conference indoor meet

The Staples-Motley track and field teams started their season at the Heart O Lakes Conference indoor meet at Concordia College in Moorhead on March 25.

The Cardinals had four meet champions, Audrey Brownell in the girls 800 meters, Avandre Brandt in the boys long jump, Turner Beachy in the pole vault and the boys 4x200 meter relay team.

Girls results

55 meter dash - 8. Sophia Luna 8.10, 31. Arianna Grant 8.94, 41. Avery Japke 9.14, 63. Giovanna Santos 10.06
200 - 30. Kana Reese 32.17, 45. Iva Hinson 34.03, 50. Kylee Chenoweth 34.36
400 - 29. Naila Mikhaeil 1:16, 36. Lily Davis 1:25
800 - 1. Audrey Brownell 2:18, 25. Elise Trif 3:17, 27. Madelyn Kist 3:17
1,600 - 16. Suhaila Mikhaeil 6:44
55 hurdles - 21. Abby Brichacek 11.95
4x200 - 14. SM 2:08
4x800 - 8. SM 12:17
Long jump - 20. Reese 10'11"
Triple jump - 10. Brichacek 28'6.5", 13. Grant 27'5"
Shot put - 13. Josie Jennissen 25'10.75", 18. Marissa Heifort 24'0.5", 35. Onna Schmitz 19'5", 44. Natalia Burciaga Perez 16'2", 46. Santos 11'6.25"

Boys results

55 meter dash - 14. Gavin Chenoweth 7.23, 16. Benet Robinson 7.26, 23. Luke Bjerga 7.48, 29. Alexander Helstrom 7.65, 43. Adrian Gomez 7.95, 53. Gauge Holst 8.19
400 - 8. Logan Robben 56.84, 20. Dillan Robben 59.95, 40. Andrew Dobson 1:09
1,600 - 11. L. Robben 5:11, 16. Blaine Plattner 5:16, 32. Ivan Lozano 5:51
55 hurdles - 5. Chenoweth 10.11
4x200 - 1. SM 1:39.43
4x800 - 6. SM 10:08
High jump - 3. Avandre Brandt 5'8", 8. Turner Beachy 5'4", 10. Carson Dewald 5'2"
Long jump - 1. Brandt 21'1.25", 4. Sawyer Perdon 17'7.5", 20. Holst 14'3.5", 35. Carter Kist 11'0.75"
Triple jump - 8. Jesus Gallardo 34'11.25", 9. Helstrom 34'8.75", 12. Chenoweth 32'4.75"
Pole vault - 1. Beachy 12'6"
Shot put - 4. Drake Dukowitz 43'4.75", 8. Dustin Converse 38'4.75", 18. Bjerga 34'4", 27. Gomez 31'8.5", 47. Peter Oeltjenbruns 22'5.75", 50. Ben Oeltjenbruns 18'11.75"



Individual champions post their numbers

Caden Kramer, left, and Colbe Tappe, right, each won an individual state wrestling title this season. On March 18, they added their numbers to the Cardinal Pride sign at the corner of Highway 10 and 6th Street NE. There are now 73 individual state champions from the school. The wrestlers are each holding the number they replaced. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Contact Katherine Langer, Director, at 320-732-6165 or kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us for an application packet. Submit cover letter, resumé, completed application and supplemental questionnaire to Katherine Langer, Director, Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347. Position will remain open until filled.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 29, 2022

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$149,153.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE AMOUNT

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: USAA Federal Savings Bank

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0104600

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

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

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

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

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO

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

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

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

Dated: March 05, 2025

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: _____ /s/ _____
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
12-17pnc

NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Byron Township Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting

will be held Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Becki Rassler, Clerk,
Byron Township,
15-16pnc

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Separate sealed BIDS for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for the complete construction of the Todd County Courthouse Parking Lot Improvements Project will be received by the Owner at the Todd County Courthouse, Long Prairie, Minnesota, until the hour of **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 29th, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened in the **Todd County Board Room, 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie, MN 56347**.

The proposed work includes, but is not limited to, the following major quantities:

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767	SF 4" Concrete Walk		

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the office of Widseth Smith Nolting, 704 E Howard Street, Hibbing, MN 55746.

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The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount equal to 5% of the total amount of the bid made payable without condition to the Owner, as a guarantee that the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, will promptly execute the Agreement in accordance with the Bid and the other Contract Documents.

Dated this 27th day of March 2025.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

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

State of Minnesota
County of Todd

Denise Gaida
County Auditor/Treasurer

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

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

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

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

Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Addition Owners/ Interested Parties	Legal Description	Amount Due
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08-0118600 RICHARD & GENEVIEVE BOUDREAU 6997 HWY 55 SE ROCKFORD MN 55373		LOT-30 BLK-13 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 128.25
08-0136200 JOSHUA & BARIDURA ABUKI 2695 JABER AVE NE ST MICHAEL MN 55376	PAVEL MATVEYEV 14501 SE LAURIE AVE MILWAUKIE OR 97267	LOT-18 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 150.90
08-0136400 JOSHUA & BARIDURA ABUKI 2695 JABER AVE NE ST MICHAEL MN 55376	PAVEL MATVEYEV 14501 SE LAURIE AVE MILWAUKIE OR 97267	LOT-20 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 128.25
08-0137100 ABRAHAM HALE 3681 LENNEX ROAD BRAINERD MN 56401	ALLAN SCHNEIDER MARILYN BERG 15334 115TH AVE LITTLE FALLS MN 56345	LOT-27 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 118.22
08-0141900 SCOTT & JACQUELINE ENGBRETSON 30317 TRADER DR STAPLES MN 56479		LOT-38 BLK-6 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 128.25
08-0142000 SCOTT & JACQUELINE ENGBRETSON 30317 TRADER DR STAPLES MN 56479		LOT-39 BLK-6 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 118.22
10-0073600 JEFFREY FAULKNER 4028 19TH AVE S MINNEAPOLIS MN 55407	MAGNIFI 320 E MAIN ST MELROSE MN 56352	LOT-13 BLK-1 EARLY INN ESTATES CIC #26	\$ 1,260.42
15-0079700 TIMOTHY FORCIER 13657 FALCON DR OSAKIS MN 56360		LOT-6 BLK-1 HJELM SUBDIVISION	\$ 12,223.13
19-0042100 ANTHONY POLICANO 5905 42ND AVE N ROBBINSDALE MN 55422		LOT-23 BLK-4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 86.19
19-0051100 BEN ALLEN WRUCK 39724 OAK DRIVE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT-19 BLK-6 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 6,061.11
19-0052900 GERHARD P & SHELIA M SCHYMA 39592 OAK DRIVE BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT-37 BLK-6 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 681.17
19-0062600 ALISA BALTERMAN W9904 BUTTERNUT LN PEPIN WI 54759		LOT-14 BLK-2 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 119.48
19-0067000 LAND TRUST COMPANY LLC 1118 LANCASTER DR NE SALEM OR 97301		LOT-20 BLK-3 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 86.19
19-0071100 VLADIMIR & ROZA KIRILOVICH 1509 196TH ST SW LYNNWOOD WA 98036-7187		LOT-14 BLK-4 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 91.19
19-0082500 RAQUEL E & SIGFREDO G MUNOZ 3100 AQUILA AVE N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55427		LOT-10 BLK-8 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 81.15
19-0106700 IRENE FREEMAN 1896 134TH AVE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT-22 BLK-1 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 29.41
19-0106800 IRENE FREEMAN 1896 134TH AVE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT-23 BLK-1 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 34.45
19-0106900 IRENE FREEMAN 1896 134TH AVE NW ANDOVER MN 55304		LOT-24 BLK-1 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 34.45

19-0113400 LEROY L & TINA POHLKAMP 1635 AKELING ST PHILADELPHIA PA 19124	CARL LARUE 63825 ARROWHEAD RD CAMBRIDGE OH 43725	LOT-19 BLK-3 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 91.19
19-0120700 KRISTINE SMIDA 11101 XIERXES AVE S BLOOMINGTON MN 55431		LOT-20 BLK-6 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 406.27
19-0127200 TROY SIMMONS C/O CASEY SIMMONS 67610 325TH STREET WATKINS MN 55389		LOT 10 BLK 2 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 86.19
20-0037013 GEORGANN M & DAVID W LARSON & GEORGE W LARSON 18670 COUNTY 10 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		SECT-28 TWP-129 RANG-34 PART OF W2 SW4 DESC AS: COMM AT SW COR OF SEC 28 E 960.08 FT TO PT OF BEG; THENCE N 957.32 FT W 193.39 FT N 163.95 FT E 293.39	\$ 7,332.05
22-0037500 RUSSELL P SATHER 1355 MONTANA AVE NW STAPLES MN 56479		BLK-9 PARK ADDITION TO STAPLES MILL	\$ 7,740.16
25-0004000 JACKIE DEAN SALDANA DENNIS G LEE 50707 285TH AVE STAPLES MN 56379		SECT-06 TWP-133 RANG-32 E 660 FT OF N 707.52 FT OF SE4 NW4	\$ 7,627.29
25-0009200 KELLY MARIE (MISMASH) SUSSNER 1306 14TH ST N ST CLOUD MN 56303		SECT-10 TWP-133 RANG-32 E 125 FT OF E 15 RDS OF W 25 RDS OF TRACT N OF S 60 RDS OF GOVT LOT 6	\$ 1,547.43
26-0011200 MARIE VANCE 28192 CO 18 BROWERVILLE MN 56438		SECT-12 TWP-131 RANG-33 E2 SW4 SE4	\$ 6,184.55
29-0016800 HALEY CHRISTINA VOIGT 3332 OAK ST APT B BRAINERD MN 56401		KILBURN'S THIRD ADDITION LOTS 5, 6 & 7 BLK 2	\$ 1,734.53
29-0023400 JOSHUA M & KIM M REIERSON 301 CENTRAL AVE SOUTH BERTHA MN 56437		WESTERGREN'S SECOND ADDITION S2 OF 7 & N2 LOT 8 BLK 1	\$ 2,249.08
30-0003901 JOHN NEDOROSCIK PO BOX 1025 BROWERVILLE MN 56438		SECT-08 TWP-130 RANG-33 BEG 78 FT W OF SW COR OF LOT 6 BLK 15 ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF BROWERVILLE, N 150 FT, W 100 FT, S 150 FT, E 100 FT TO BEG, PART OF NE4 SW4	\$ 6,586.43
30-0036100 LUCILLE LINE C/O WALTER BETTS PO BOX 3 BROWERVILLE MN 56438		BASSETT'S 2ND ADDITION LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 1	\$ 1,791.20
31-0006000 AMANDA J MEAGHER		TOWNSITE OF HANSEN (BURTRUM) LOT 8 & N 27 1/2 FT OF LOT 9 BLK 2	\$ 244.75
16593 - 321ST AVE BURTRUM MN 56318			
33-0010900 DARLENE M ELDRED 25391 COUNTY 62 BROWERVILLE MN 56438		LOT-3 AUDITOR'S PLAT W2 NW4	\$ 12,337.12
33-0016100 JELYNDIA MARGARET (DOLL) SOLID PO BOX 72 EAGLE BEND MN 56446		ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND E2 OF LOTS 4 TO 6 BLK 3	\$ 1,300.77
33-0016200 JELYNDIA MARGARET (DOLL) SOLID PO BOX 72 EAGLE BEND MN 56446		ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND W2 OF LOTS 4 TO 6 BLK 3	\$ 565.64
33-0022200 JAMES SCHUETT 12552 71ST AVE SW MOTLEY MN 56466		BONDS 2ND ADDITION E 33 FT OF LOT 4 BLK 1	\$ 7,641.96
34-0021300 JAMES E & JEANETTE J DUMAS C/O JOYCE DUMAS & COLTON BOLLIN PO BOX 462 GREY EAGLE MN 56336	DAVID & LISA RAHN 31398 BIRCH VALLEY RD PO BOX 97 MELROSE MN 56352	LOT-8 FULLER'S SUBDIVISION	\$ 2,961.36
36-0002300 CONFESOR CARVAJAL JUSTINA M DE JESUS RODRIGUEZ 114 FAIRVIEW AVE NW LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	MAGNIFI FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION 320 E MAIN STREET MELROSE MN 56352		
36-0002300 CONFESOR CARVAJAL JUSTINA M DE JESUS RODRIGUEZ 114 FAIRVIEW AVE NW LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	MARTIN MONTANEZ PO BOX 306 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	SECT-17 TWP-129 RANG-33 W 104 FT OF N 18 RDS OF S 41 RDS 14 FT OF SE4 SW4	\$ 6,509.12
36-0045100 RICARDO & LORENA VASQUEZ 121 1ST STREET S LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	ARTEMIA MONTANEZ CARRILLO 911 WOODLAND CIRCLE LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347		
37-0020100 JEREMY WEGENER PO BOX 460 WATERTOWN MN 55388		TWEED'S FOURTH ADDITION E 107.5 FT OF LOT 4 BLK 6	\$ 2,601.21
37-0020100 JEREMY WEGENER PO BOX 460 WATERTOWN MN 55388		LOT-7 BLK-1 IDLEWILDE RESORT	\$ 2,762.65
37-0020200 JEREMY WEGENER PO BOX 460 WATERTOWN MN 55388		LOT-8 BLK-1 IDLEWILDE RESORT	\$ 1,395.33
38-0042300 HEATHER A & TREASURE M WEEKLEY 214 WISCONSIN AVE SE STAPLES MN 56479	DEAN W & LINDA BROTHERTON 48678-291ST AVE STAPLES MN 56479	LOT-3 BLK-9 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION	\$ 646.10
38-0043200 BENJAMIN WEEKLEY MELVIN HANSON 216 WIS AVE NE STAPLES MN 56479	DEAN W & LINDA BROTHERTON 48678-291ST AVE STAPLES MN 56479	LOT-12 BLK-9 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION	\$ 1,494.79
38-0090100 JUSTIN R & ALYSSA L GRUNWALD 31322 COUNTY HIGHWAY 67 NEW YORK MILLS MN 56567	ARNOLD & KAREN CARD 9318-100TH ST SW STAPLES MN 56479	LOT-5 BLK-5 FOREST PARK ADDITION TO STAPLES	\$ 3,826.46
	UNITY BANK 602 4TH ST NE STAPLES MN 56479		

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

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

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

Witness my hand and official seal this 13th, day of March, 2025.

Denise Gaida,
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

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



STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77-PR-25-86

Estate of
Jack Eric McCoy
a/k/a Jack E. McCoy,
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated March 14, 2019, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Thomas S. McCoy, whose address is 30423 Grosbeak Rd, Long Prairie, Minnesota, 56347, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: March 14, 2025

NOTICE
EVERGREEN HILL
CEMETERY CLEANUP

Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, will be conducting their spring cleanup on Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Two flower arrangements are allowed either on shepherd hooks or pole style pot holders, or a monument topper. Flowers must be maintained in an attractive manner or they will be removed.

Bob Reeck,
Secretary/Treasurer
15-16pnc

NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP

Important Information
Regarding Property
Assessments
This may affect your
2026 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal
and Equalization for Vil-

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NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION

Important Information
Regarding Assessment
and Classification of
Property. This may
affect your 2026 property
tax payments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Meadowbrook, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. this meeting is at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

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

Ty Peterson, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
14pnc

lard Township will meet on April 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Mary Trantina-Koenig,
Clerk
Villard Township
15pnc

OFFICE OF THE
MINNESOTA
SECRETARY OF STATE
Certificate of
Assumed Name
Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME:
Safely Elevate
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
10017 255th Ave.,
Staples, MN 56479
United States
APPLICANT(S) NAME:
CB C&L LLC
ADDRESS:
10017 255th Ave.,
Staples, MN 56479
United States

I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY:
Clyde Mertens
DATE: 2/26/25
NAME and TITLE:
Clyde Mertens, owner
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR
OFFICIAL NOTICES:
info@safelyelevate.com

Work Item/Original File
Number 1547595400039

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OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
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03/13/2025
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NOTICE
BARTLETT TOWNSHIP
Important Information
Regarding Property
Assessments
This may affect your
2026 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Bartlett Township will meet on April 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township
15pnc

NOTICE TO THE
RESIDENTS OF
MOTLEY TOWNSHIP
Important Information
Regarding Property
Assessments
That may affect your
2026 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Motley Township in Morrison County will meet on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the Motley Township Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value of classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. The property owner must appeal to the Local Board of Appeal and Equal-

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 14, 2016
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$87,387.00

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

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

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 17, 2016 as Document Number 501301 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

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

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

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

ization before an appeal can be taken to the County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Given under my hand this 24th day of March, 2025.

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Motley Township
15pnc

56446
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Quicken Loans Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Rocket Mortgage, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 33-0003100

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100039033600886869

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

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

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

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

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

from the date of sale.

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

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

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

Dated: February 14, 2025

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

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: _____/s/_____
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(25-0137-FC01)

THIS IS A
COMMUNICATION
FROM A DEBT
COLLECTOR.
10-15pnc

Public notices are a community's window into the government. You look for those notices in your newspaper. From zoning regulations to local budgets, governments have used local newspapers to inform citizens of its actions as an essential part of your right to know.

Keep public notices in newspapers!

Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #21
Feb. 24, 2025
6:00 p.m.
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Freeman at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken, members Frisk, Reeck, Reese, Trout, Wright and Freeman were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Business Manager Hill, Recording Clerk Larson, Principal Ferdon, Principal Koenigs, AD Lee, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson and staff members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reeck, second by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. MC

Chair Freeman welcomed the public in attendance.

School/Community Forum

Presentation by Val Turner - REACH program

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes of the January 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Approve the hire of Tim Sarych, MS/HS Paraprofessional effective 2/10/2025

Accept the resignation of Ben Bestland, Softball Coach

Approve the hire of Bobby Jo Johnson, Weight Room Supervisor - winter season

Approve the hire of Jeff Sterriker, Weight Room Supervisor - winter season

Approve the list of spring coach renewals

Approve the 2024-2025 Vintage Golf Course Contract

Approve the resignation of Tim Sarych, MS/HS Paraprofessional effective 2/26/2025

Approve the hire of Phyl Runzel, Long Term Substitute - Special Ed beginning approx. 5/25/2025

Motion by Trout, second by Wright, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Donations and Grants

Motion by Frisk, second by Reeck, to approve the resolution to accept donations and grants in the amount of \$5,242. MC

Finance Items

Finance Report presented by Business Manager Hill

Approve the January Disbursements

General Fund: \$654,328.16
Food Service: \$42,586.45
Community Service: \$26,321.33

Construction Fund: \$193,951.25

Debt Service: \$3,716,515.
Fund 21 Student Activities: \$5,344.30

Fund 45: 0.00
Motion by Wright, second by Frisk, to approve the January disbursements. MC

Approve the January Receipts

General Fund: \$1,335,783.83

Food Service: \$80,899.42
Community Service Fund: \$39,627.55

Construction Fund: \$83,351.19

Debt Service Fund: \$69,069.78

Fund 21 Student Activities: \$3,794.60

Fund 45: \$4,271.71
Motion by Reeck, second by Trout, to approve the January receipts. MC

Motion by Reeck, second by Trout, to approve the resolution to authorize the ISD

#2170 proportionate share of LTFM Intermediates/ Cooperative Units to Freshwater Education District #6004.

Roll Call Vote: Freeman, Frisk, Reeck, Reese, Trout, Wright in favor. None opposed. MC

Other

Cabinet Presentation
Presentation by Food Service Director, Wade Vangsness

Personnel

Motion by Reese, second by Reeck, to approve the Non-Renewal of Jennifer Crimmins, a Probationary Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 School Year.

Roll Call Vote: Reese, Trout, Wright, Freeman, Reeck, Frisk in favor. None opposed. MC

Reports

School Board:
a. FED - January 22, 2025 Minutes

b. Sourcewell - January 21, 2025 Minutes

c. Other
SMEA - Report from representatives Kneisl and Evans

Principals - Reports from Principal Koenigs and Principal Ferdon

Activities Director - CEAC Minutes - Feb. 13, 2025 and Report from AD Lee

Superintendent - Report from Superintendent Tappe

Other
Motion by Reeck, second by Frisk to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. MC

Trisha Larson, Clerk
ISD #2170
15pnc

Upcoming Meetings:
Monday, April 14, 2025:
Board Meeting, District Office, 6 p.m.; Monday, May 5, 2025, Board Work Session, District Office, 6 p.m.

NOTICE
MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property
This may affect your 2026 property tax payments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Moose Lake, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. This meeting is at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

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Karen Roubal, Clerk
Moose Lake Township
14-15pnc



Speech medal winners

Medal winners at the Melrose tournament, back row from left, Lexi Ann, Tristan Rendon and Alex Tkalcich; middle row, Maddock Harvey, Caleb Bestland, Joshua Cushing and Brynn Bestland; front row, Annabella Hurtig, Maria Halvorson, Laken Hines, Olivia Opheim, Walker Johnson and Raina Mikhaeil. (Submitted photo)

Speech team second at 39-team Melrose Extravaganza

On March 22, the Staples-Motley speech team traveled to compete in the Melrose Speech Extravaganza. Among 39 teams, Staples-Motley took second place.

Individual team members had an excellent day. In the category of Creative Expression, Laken Hines won first place, with Walker Johnson taking fifth and Maddock Harvey and Joshua Cushing taking first in the Honor final and Merit final respectively. Olivia Opheim won second place in Discussion. Brynn Bestland took third in Drama.

In Duo, Brynn Bestland and Joshua Cushing and Alex Tkalcich and Caleb Bestland took first and seventh respectively in the Consolation final. In Extemporaneous Reading, Walker Johnson won third place and Annabella Hurtig took sixth place in the Merit final. Raina Mikhaeil took third and Tristan Rendon took seventh in the Great Speeches Honor final. Laken Hines won first place in Humor.

In Improvisational Speaking, Brynn Bestland won first place and Laken Hines took third. Olivia Opheim took third place in the Informative Speaking Honor final. In Prose, Lexi Ann took fifth place, Raina Mikhaeil took seventh in the Honor final, and Maria Halvorson took third in the Merit final. Maddock Harvey took fourth place in Storytelling.

Additionally, one of the Staples-Motley 7th graders, Annabella Hurtig, won a “Heart and Soul of Speech” award.



Speech team at Melrose Speech Extravaganza

Staples-Motley speech team at the Melrose tournament, back row from left, Lexi Ann, Jackson Alexander, Meredith Hoemberg, Nadia Santos, Molly Hoemberg, Jackson Bitzer, Tristan Rendon and Alex Tkalcich; middle row, Maddock Harvey, Kai Bestland, Caleb Bestland, Lydia Tkalcich, Joshua Cushing, Brynn Bestland, Sadye Anderson and Hailey Richardt; front row, Annabella Hurtig, Maria Halvorson, Laken Hines, Olivia Opheim, Walker Johnson and Raina Mikhaeil. (Submitted photo)

School bus crash in Wadena County

On Thursday, March 27 at approximately 7:50 a.m., the Wadena County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a motor vehicle crash involving a school bus. The crash was reported in Section 23 of Wadena Township and the initial report is that at least one person was trapped in an involved vehicle.

Upon the arrival of deputies and the Verndale Fire Department, they found a car, driven by a 16 year old female, had crashed into the rear end of a Verndale School bus. There were two other juveniles, age 15 and 9, in the vehicle. The driver and one passenger were transported to Astera Health with non-life threatening injuries.

Through investigation, it was learned the school bus was stopped on the roadway to pick up students when the Impala crested a hill and crashed into the rear of the bus. The sun is believed to be a contributing factor in the crash. No students were boarding the bus at the time of the crash.

Another bus responded to the scene and transported the 20 students on board to the Verndale School, where they were all evaluated for injury by members of the Verndale School, Verndale Fire Department and Astera Health EMS. One additional student was taken to the hospital by private vehicle for minor injuries.

The crash remains under investigation by the Wadena County Sheriff’s Office and Minnesota State Patrol. Also assisting on scene was Premier Towing of Wadena.

Central Lakes College named voter friendly campus

Central Lakes College was named a Voter Friendly Campus, one of 272 campuses in 39 states and the District of Columbia by Fair Elections Center’s Campus Vote Project and NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. The initiative recognizes institutions that have planned and implemented practices that encourage their students to register and vote.

The mission of the 2025 Voter Friendly Campus designation is to bolster colleges and universities’ efforts to help students overcome barriers to participating in the political process – every year, not just during years featuring federal elections. CLC was evaluated based on a written plan for how the college planned to register, educate, and turnout student voters in 2024, how it facilitated voter engagement efforts on campus, and a final analysis of its efforts.

“We are proud of our student leaders whose efforts to encourage all of their fellow students to vote has earned us a Voter Friendly Campus designation,” said Erich Heppner, CLC Director of Student Life. “Our focus on civic engagement at CLC is not just something we focus on when it’s convenient but is a constant effort to enable our students to be leaders in their communities.”

As part of the effort to be designated a Voter Friendly Campus, CLC incorporated the following activities on its campuses:

- New Student Orientation Day – Voter registration drive
- Rock The Vote – Voter registration drive
- Absentee Ballot Party – Early voting event
- Cast Your Ballot – Early voting event
- Pizza to the Polls – Student voter transportation
- Donut Forget to Vote – Election Day event

CLC has made intensive efforts to inform students of their civic duty and prepare them to be engaged participants in our democracy. CLC is eager to continue refining its tactics, expanding efforts, and engaging students through 2025 and beyond.

The institutions designated Voter Friendly Campuses represent a wide range of two-year, four-year, public, private, rural, and urban campuses, collectively serving over four million students. Notably, the list of designated institutions includes 13 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as well as 47 Community Colleges.



No snow in Motley, softball scrimmage ready to go

The Staples-Motley softball team gets ready to play in their scrimmage March 27. After this game, another inch of snow fell on March 30.

Improvements starting at Staples Community Center

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Community Center had a few minor repairs in preparation for larger improvements coming in the next year.

At the March 25 Staples City Council meeting, City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they found that the chimney outlet for the current boiler was deteriorating. They cleaned the pipe temporarily to get the last use from the old boiler. Nelsen said they will be installing a new boiler this summer, with the money from the local sales tax that goes to this project.

Council member Doug Case questioned why they need engineering to install a new boiler, but Nelsen said they aren't just replacing the boiler, it will be an entirely different system. He said they won't be using the old chimney.

Another temporary fix was a temporary hole that was filled in the locker room area. Nelsen said a full rehab of the locker rooms will begin later in the year, possibly after swimming lessons are completed in August. That will include a new configuration of the space.

The board also learned

that the Verndale Community Education is coming back to use the Staples Community Center for swimming lessons.

Land planning

The council discussed abandoning an unused alley designation on Pleasant Avenue, next to the Staples-Motley High School student parking lot. The school has indicated they would like to expand the parking lot, but the alley is platted for that space.

Nelsen said the alley does not continue through the block, it ends at the same space as the parking lot, so it wouldn't be usable.

Case said he didn't like giving something up if they wanted to use it later and asked what they would do if the city wanted to put a utility line in that space. The council discussed allowing the school to pave over the alley designation but creating an easement in case they wanted to use it in the future.

The council approved the sale of a city-owned lot that adjoined land owned by Jeff and Linda Johnson, who offered to purchase the lot. The council approved the plan of selling the lot for the offered price.

The council also reviewed proposed changes

to the city's nonconforming use ordinance and to the sign ordinance.

In other news the council

- Approved appointing Lisa Fontaine to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Approved gambling permit for Sacred Heart Catholic Church raffle.
- Approved temporary liquor license for Sacred Heart Area School on May 3.
- Approved gambling permit for Lakewood Health System raffle.
- Approved new city fee schedule. The biggest change is the fire service contract hourly fee was raised to \$500 instead of \$300 for first hour and \$200 for each hour after that.
- Approved fire service contract with Bartlett, Becker, Bullard, Fawn Lake, Staples, Thomastown and Villard Townships. The city reached out to other townships who are not using Staples Fire Department services.
- Read Arbor Day proclamation and scheduled a tree planting for April 25, depending on weather.
- Approved Community Center parking lot to be closed in order to host the Bike Rodeo on May 8 from 5-7 p.m.

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School culture leads to academic success

Ferdon said the school is building a relationship map to make sure every student has connections within the school every day.

"We want every kid to have somebody that knows them and knows about them," said Ferdon.

Building school culture helps with all the main goals of a school, including academic achievement. Ferdon said it is a continuous priority.

"We are building the groundwork for lasting academic and social success," said Ferdon.

She said it is possible to get certified in the framework program, but they won't pursue it unless the staff feel it is something

they need.

In other news, the board

- Approved resignation of Activities Director Josh Lee, effective at the end of the school year.
- Approved non-renewal of 15 teaching positions, with reasons given as out of field placement and Tier 1 license status:
 - Out of field placement: Alicia Truax, Bobby Jo Johnson, Lisa Koenigs, Holt Truax, Zack Qual, Andrew Potter and Kim Prestridge.
 - Tier 1 License status: Jocelyn Anderson, Jeff Sterrikker, Kristopher Mumm, Bonnie Zimmerman, Tina Mitts, Angela Jares (Tier 2).
 - No reason stated: Samantha Schimpp, Shelby

Brusewitz.

The board approved all of the contract non-renewals with no discussion.

- Approved the addition of a tutor under the American Indian Education Aid Program.
- Heard from Ferdon about a new course for next year, a health care facility career exploration course with different jobs highlighted every week. She said it could become a model for other industries.
- Heard from Staples-Motley Elementary Principal Ryan Koenings, who said 100 people came to Kindergarten Round Up. He said they have 51 students scheduled to enter kindergarten next year.

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Businesses looking to open in Staples area

is expected to come in this year as one of the final COVID grants available.

Economic development

Wakefield updated the board with news of business developments. He said he is working with one business person on a building purchase, and another with a business purchase. He is also helping a local business with a retention strategy.

City Administrator

Jerel Nelsen said the Farmers Union is planning to get their building permits for the meat processing facility in the Staples Industrial Park. Central Lakes College has their meat processing units up and running. SEDA Board member Shane Tappe, the Staples-Motley Schools Superintendent, said they are looking at adding a meat processing class at the high school through the agriculture department.

Nelsen also gave a hous-

ing update. He said they have two conversations going with developers who want to build duplex or fourplex homes in Staples. One option is the Valley View subdivision on the north side of town, but Nelsen said there are other location in the community where developers are looking to build. Nelsen said the Staples City Council could hold a closed session at their next meeting to discuss the sale of lots.

No charges in child gun death accident

On December 29, 2024, Otter Tail County Dispatch received a report of an incident involving a young child who suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound at a residence in rural Wadena. Law enforcement, emergency medical services, and rescue personnel responded to the scene, where they found a 3 1/2-year-old boy with a gunshot wound to the head. The child was transported to a medical facility, where he later died from the injuries.

The Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office conducted a comprehensive investigation, which was subsequently reviewed by the Otter Tail County Attorney's Office.

Under Minnesota Statute § 609.666, subd. 2, it is a gross misdemeanor to negligently

store or leave a loaded firearm in a location where a person knows, or reasonably should know, that a child is likely to gain access, unless reasonable steps are taken to secure the firearm. To establish negligence, the State must demonstrate that an individual acted in a manner that a reasonable person would not, or failed to take precautions that a reasonable person would under the same circumstances.

The investigation revealed that the residence had childproof safety mechanisms in place, including secured doors and cabinets. The incident occurred in a room where the child was not permitted unsupervised access. However, a door equipped with a childproof door mechanism was inad-

vertently left partially ajar for a brief period, allowing the child to enter. The firearm was stored in a closed drawer.

After a thorough review of the evidence, the Otter Tail County Attorney's Office has determined that there is not a reasonable likelihood of a successful prosecution in this case. As such, no charges will be filed.

This was a tragic incident, and our thoughts remain with the family and all those affected. The Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office continues to encourage all firearm owners to follow best practices for firearm safety, ensuring that firearms are stored securely and out of the reach of children at all times.



SM Music Boosters event a success

The second annual 'Candyland Ball' at Staples-Motley Elementary School was well attended by students and their parents. The event was sponsored by the Staples-Motley Music Boosters with proceeds going to the music departments at the elementary/middle/high schools at Staples-Motley. Pictured above are members of the booster club who helped or-

ganize the semi-formal event. From left are Connie Moe, Amanda Mithun, Trisha Larson and Lori Nienow. Several high school music students volunteered at the event, including Noah Larson and Peyton Mithun (below) who served as DJs for the night. Bottom photo, students enjoy dancing to the music. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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