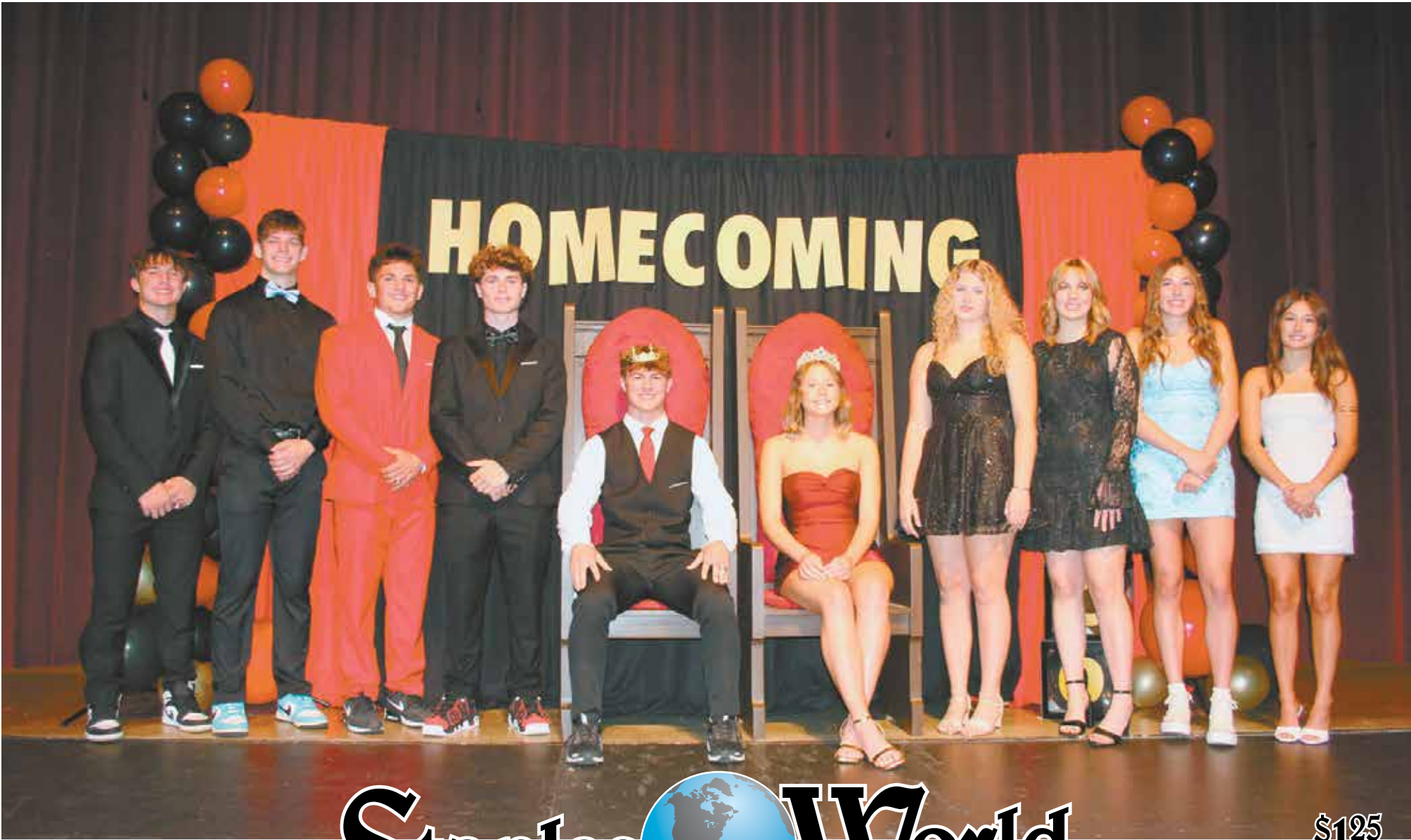


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Cardinal royalty The Staples-Motley 2025 Homecoming Coronation was held Sept. 17, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples, with Riley Reese and Annie Schlosser crowned king and queen. The entire court, from left, includes Colbe Tappe, Noah Larson, Luke Bjerga, Connor Kuhns, King Riley, Queen Annie, Summer Anderson, Livia Trif, Audrey Brownell, Avery Japke. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)



Love those sno cones

The Warner siblings enjoyed eating sno cones at the homecoming tailgate party Sept. 19. From left are Kenny, 4th grade; Anna, 6th grade, and Eliza, 3rd grade. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Face painting fun

Five-year-old Archer Quall got his face painted by Bella Hines, a junior at Staples-Motley High School, one of the activities held at the Cardinal Homecoming tailgate party Sept. 19. In the background is Archer's mom, Christine Quall. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Football enthusiasts

From left: Brekken Kuhns, Ryker Weite and Aiven Sullivan, members of the Staples-Motley junior varsity football team, attended the Cardinal Homecoming tailgate party Sept. 19, prior to the homecoming game against Perham. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Sept. 27

The Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame induction celebration will be Saturday, Sept. 27, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples at 5:30 p.m. Social hour will be 4:30-5:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event. Following the event, a reception will be held at the Timbers Event Center in Staples.

community contributor were elected to this year's hall of fame class, including the school's first state basketball team, the first wrestling state champion and the first girls cross country state champions.

Athletes are Loren Bendson, Kristi (Wolhowe) Halverson, Kevin Johnson and Alex Griffith.

Coaches are Norm Card and Tom Honek. Community contributor is Dick Bremer.

Teams are the 1981 and 1982 Staples boys basketball teams and the 2002 and 2003 Staples Motley girls cross country teams.

Below are some of the highlights from the biographies of the hall of fame class of 2025.

Loren Bendson

The first state wrestling champion for Staples High School in 1971, just the second state champion in school history after Robert Skinner won the javelin throw in 1935.

Bendson had a varsity record of 57-10-1. In his three varsity years, his teams had a 28-3 duel meet record that included conference, district and region titles.

Kristi (Wolhowe) Halverson

All-State in basketball and tennis.

Led the 1985 Staples girls basketball team to an undefeated 29-0 season and the state title. That year she

See **ATHLETIC** on page 10a



2003 CC champions featured on stage

Members of the Staples-Motley Cardinal girl's cross country team were featured in a full page photo in the Brainered Dispatch taken on the Batcher Block Opera House stage in Staples. The team had won the first girls cross country state championship in program history the fall before. Front: Kayla Smith, Hannah Landecker. Back: Naomi Landecker, Brit-

tany Brenny, Liza Milless, Natasha Wenzel, Ashlee Jordan, Courtney Robinson.

The team members and coaches will be on a different stage for the Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame induction on Sept. 27 at the Centennial Auditorium in Staples at 5:00 p.m. No tickets required. (Scan from actual BD newspaper)

Weather

2025 This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 24	76	54	P. Cloudy
Sept. 25	79	53	Sunny
Sept. 26	80	54	Sunny
Sept. 27	75	50	Sunny
Sept. 28	78	56	M. Sunny
Sept. 29	80	60	M. Sunny
Sept. 30	81	60	

Last Year, 2024			
	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 24	73°	47	Sunny
Sept. 25	80	48	Sunny
Sept. 26	81	52	Sunny
Sept. 27	82	54	Sunny
Sept. 28	84	50	Sunny
Sept. 29	79	47	Sunny
Sept. 30	74	62	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 64° Low = 44°
Enjoy the sunny weather!

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Obituary

William Smith



Staples All Veterans Park fundraiser

Over 100 people attended the Staples All Veterans & Community Park Association's fundraiser Sept. 18, at Holst Acres in Staples. The event included silent and live auctions, raffles, a game, and a dinner buffet, catered by Bubba's BBQ Pit of Brainerd. Over \$5,000 was raised (not including ticket sales and sponsors), and this money will go toward the WWII monument and the new Park Pavilion, scheduled to be built this fall - see spec drawing below. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley area law enforcement reports

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

Sept. 11 - Morrison County deputies assisted state patrol on a traffic stop at Hwy 10 and Main St. in Motley.

According to Lieutenant Mike Lee, MN State Patrol Public Information Officer, the incident took place at 10:27 p.m. and involved a juvenile. Lee further reported that a state trooper had stopped a vehicle for failing to signal a change of course greater than 100 ft. in the area of Hwy 10 and Main St. in Motley. During the trooper's investigation, the passenger refused to comply with the commands given to him and actively resisted against the trooper. The trooper was able to handcuff the 16-year-old male passenger. There were no injuries or weapons used in this incident. The juvenile was arrested for suspicion of first degree possession of a controlled substance and obstruction with force. This investigation remains open.

Sept. 12 - The MPD received a report that an identified subject had left

a nasty message on the city clerk's office phone. Motley Police left a message for the subject to call him back.

Sept. 10 - The MPD received a report from the Motley Lions that there had been fraudulent activity on their bank account - an unauthorized charge in the amount of \$305 had been deducted from their account. The payment was made to a public storage company.

Sept. 16 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 3600 block of 270th St., Cushing. The reporting party stated there was an unwanted person in the basement violating a Harassment Restraining Order. Upon the deputies arrival, the basement was cleared and a K9 deployed for criminal apprehension. Nobody was located.

Sept. 15 - The MCSO received a call from Morrison County Public Works reporting property damage at Dove Rd and 330th St., Cushing.

Sept. 12 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County requesting the Motley Fire Dept. be paged for a hay bale on fire at the 5800 block of 112th St. SW, Motley.



Bidding on items

A variety of items were available to be bid on at both the silent and live auctions at Holst Acres in Staples Sept. 18, part of a fundraiser for Staples All Veterans & Community Park. At top left, Ken Klose of Staples looks over items at the silent auction. In center photo, auctioneer Walt

Trantina keeps things moving at the live auction. To his right is Derek Holst, emcee for the event. In lower photo, Tristan Jenkins holds up a commemorative granite veterans park paver at the live auction. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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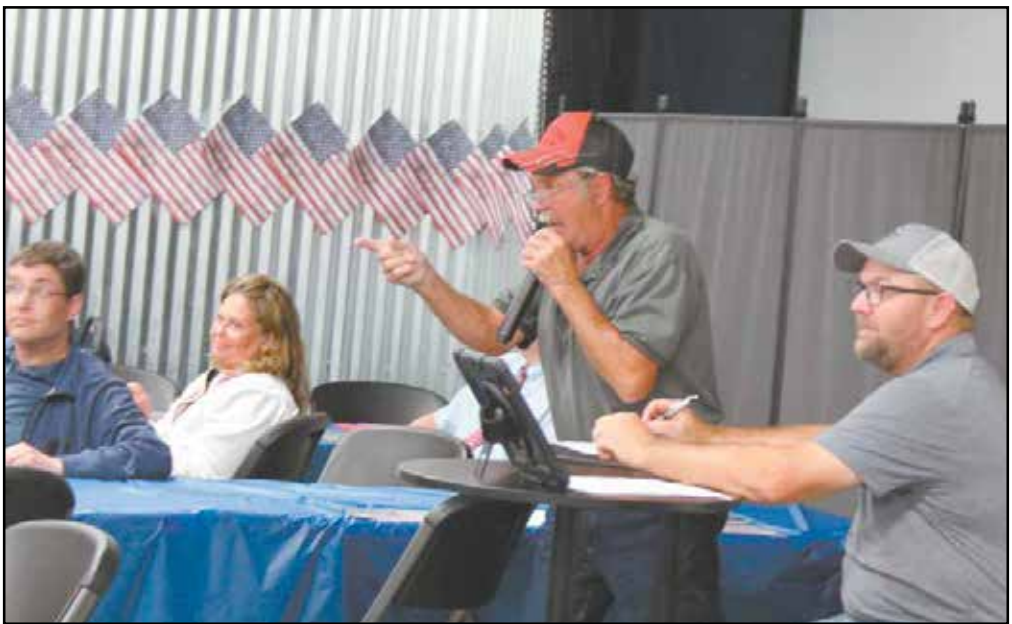
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Dr. Aquino Williams joins oncology team at Lakewood Health System

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Dr. Aquino Williams, oncologist/hematologist, as the newest provider to its oncology team.

Originally from Queens, N.Y., Dr. Williams completed his undergraduate degree at State University of Farmingdale, and received his medical degree from St. George's University. He recently completed his residency at Hackensack University Mountinside Medical Center in New Jersey. Dr. Williams belongs to the American Society of Hematology, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Rural Cancer Institute.

As an oncologist/hematologist, Dr. Williams has a special interest in the delivery of cancer care in rural areas. His focus is on hematologic (blood) conditions, both benign (non-cancerous) and malignant (cancerous). That includes multiple myeloma and chronic myeloid leukemia (CML). He is also interested in gastrointestinal and prostate malignancy, as well as cancers of the head and neck.



Dr. Aquino Williams

“At Lakewood, we’re uniquely positioned to help close the gap in cancer care for rural communities - and I’m here because I believe in that mission. My goal is to ensure that every patient fully understands their diagnosis and the treatment options available to them. I’ll be here to walk alongside you through each step of your journey, offering support, clarity and compassion as we work together toward the best possible outcome. You don’t have to face this alone. I’m honored to be part of your care team.”

In his free time, Dr. Williams enjoys hiking, weightlifting and wood carving.

Lakewood Health System to hold ceremony of remembrance for pregnancy and infant loss

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the U.S. end in miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of the newborn child. Lakewood Health System hosts a special ceremony to acknowledge these painful losses and provide comfort to families each year.

Those who have been touched by a pregnancy or infant loss are invited to a ceremony of dedication and remembrance on Monday, Oct. 6. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on the lower level of Lakewood’s

Main Campus in Staples (49725 Cty. 83).

The nondenominational ceremony will include time for reflection, a message from Pastor Don Reigstad, luminary lighting and a special water service at the Serenity Sanctuary fountain. Lakewood obstetrics nurses will also be in attendance to offer support.

Whether your loss is recent or was experienced in the past, all - parents, family and friends - are invited to attend. For more information, call 218-894-8525 or 218-894-8505.

U-Haul open in Motley

U-Haul Co. of Minnesota announced that Motley Motor Company signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Motley community.

Motley Motor Company at 164 Morrisson St. W. will offer essential services like U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, and moving supplies.

U-Haul has teamed with independent dealers to

offer rental equipment to do-it-yourself movers since 1945. During these challenging times for small businesses, more than 21,000 dealers across the U.S. and Canada are generating supplemental income through their U-Haul affiliation. When customers rent from a U-Haul dealer, they are directly supporting an independent small business in their community.

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

• Sept. 28, 1950 - Final plans are shaping up at the present time for the annual homecoming of the Staples high school, the date for which has been set for Friday, Oct. 6.

At the present time there is a queen contest being conducted at the high school, and eight senior girls have been nominated for the honor of reigning as queen over the homecoming festivities.

Candidates nominated Sept. 27, include Patricia Bartol, Barbara Batcher, Shirley Kalisch, Joan Koval, Mary Marden, Ferne Mattson, Elaine Thompson and Joyce Worle.

• Sept. 28, 1950 - Pfc.

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Dawn Timbs
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Donald L. (Stooge) Rosevink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Rosevink of Staples, is the first fatality from Staples in the Korean conflict, according to word received by his parents Monday afternoon, Sept. 25.

The telegram received by Mrs. Rosevink from the army in Washington D.C., read as follows:

The Secretary of the army has asked me to express his deep regrets that your son, Pfc. Donald L. Rosevink, was killed in action in Korea on Sept. 13, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosevink had received a letter from their son Monday morning, Sept. 25, which was written on Sept. 10. The letter was cheerful, and he asked about all of the family, and his Staples friends. He had written a very fine letter to his parents.

The telegram, notifying them of his death came at three o'clock Monday afternoon, and what a shock it was to the family, after having received the splendid letter from him in the morning.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Sept. 27, 1962 edition of the Staples World featured five members of the Staples High School Choir, under the direction of Les Dehlin, who were chosen as members of the Minnesota High School All-State Choir for 1962-63. Pictured, front row from left: Jon Blessing, Rita Cleveland and Keith Williams. Back row: Roger Hall and John Goepferd.

Ken Klose of Staples, a 1963 graduate of Staples high School, recognized all and knew the context. Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified Jon Blessing. Mike Blessing of Staples, a 1965 SHS grad, recognized all, sharing that Jon is his cousin, and he graduated with Rita. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

• Sept. 28, 1950 - Staples Men's Store located next door to Skaife's Drug Store on Second Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets in Staples, will formally open its doors for business on Friday, Sept. 29, at 8 o'clock. The new store is owned by Stan Eddy, and has been under construction for the past several weeks.

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

• Sept. 25, 1975 - E. S. Merritt, of Rt. 1 in Cushing, brought in three truly gigantic cucumbers to The World office last week. Each was a foot long; two weighed 3 1/2 pounds and one two pounds. Merritt credits their large size to the fact that he used fish in each of the hills for fertilizer.

• Sept. 25, 1975 - Debra Galigher and Gary Amundson were crowned Motley High School's 1975 Homecoming Queen and King. The royal court also included queen candidates Merry Corner, Judy Dubbels, Peggy Flansburg, and Cynthia Swecker; and king candidates Michael Gold, James Albrecht, John Doherty and Ned DiGiovanni. Junior attendants were Meghan Rein and Kevin Kupfer.

• Sept. 25, 1975 - Birthday Club - Ada Roberts entertained the birthday club to a fried chicken dinner at her home on Friday. The ladies present were Hazel Converse, Valetta Galigher, Alice Rosvold, Florence Morrow, Clara Deline, Leona Hagen, Pauline McQueen and Myrtle Carr.

• Sept. 25, 1975 - The undefeated status of the Cardinal Football Team of Coach Myron Smith remained intact, 4 victories and no defeats, last Friday evening with their 14-0 triumph over the Pine City Dragons on the latter's gridiron.

Staples fans, and there were quite a number in attendance, were jubilant with the victory and are beginning to realize that this is the "Year of the Cards."

"The long trip hurt us and we were flat," said Coach



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1979. 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.

Smith, "but we played well enough to win."

For the Cardinals, it was another Jeff Cizek night as the Cardinal senior half-back scored all of Staples points and finished the night with 28 rushes for 182 yards, which brings his season total to 127 rushes in the four games for 668 yards.

Coach Smith also paid recognition to Doug Heldman for his job of containing the ends. He was also pleased with the linebacking duties of Pete Card and the play of Dwaine Winter and Larry Dumpprope.

• Sept. 25, 1975 - Mike Heldman, a freshman at Staples High school, led his teammates to the team championship at the Sebek C-C Invitational Sept. 18.

Heldman won the individual title with a time of 10:37 over the 1.7 mile course.

Other boys on the Junior High squad were Tim Fox, fifth; Peter Fahnlander, 12th; Todd Palmer, 15th; Greg Gritz, 17th; Steve Ziegler, 18th; Eric Chaffee, 20th, and Keith Archer, 24th.

• Sept. 25, 1975 - The Junior Class at Staples High school chose their class officers at an election last week. Nancy Kern is the class president, with Sandy Denning as vice-president and Becky Smith as secretary-treasurer. The advisor for the Class of 1977 is Mrs. Sandra Reberg.

25 YEARS Ago - 2000

• Sept. 28, 2000 - The royalty candidates for the 2000 homecoming festivities at Staples Motley High School were announced last Thursday at a pep rally at the school. Queen candidates are Rachel Landecker, Melanie Wilson, Mary DiGiovanni, Kathy Johnson, Julie Nytes and Alisha Miller. The choices for homecoming king include Ryan Klingaman, Russ Cooper, Jeff Brever, David Anderson, Charlie Gaugert and Brad Moore. Coronation will be Monday, Oct. 2, 8 p.m., in the Centennial Auditorium to kick off a week of homecoming events.

• Sept. 28, 2000 - The Todd County Sheriff's Depart-

ment reports that Raymond Carlson, who was missing about a week, was found Saturday, Sept. 23, about 11 a.m. just a mile and a half from where he was living.

A citizen reported finding a man Saturday morning, on the southeast corner of Cedar Lake in southern Todd County. Carlson, who has Down Syndrome, lived at the Camp Hill Village, a group home setting.

Carlson appeared healthy and was being treated late Saturday at the Sauk Centre hospital, where he was taken by Sauk Centre Ambulance.

The Long Prairie Fire Department was also at the scene and reported Raymond was still talking about the Green Bay Packers.

• Sept. 28, 2000 - Corlie Hoyt of Staples has been appointed to the volunteer position of Community Coordinator in the Staples area of Girl Scouts - Land of Lakes Council. Hoyt is responsible for the organization and maintenance of 9 troops in Motley and Staples.

• Sept. 28, 2000 - 'Lil and the Three Bills' was the headline band Friday at the Greater Staples Care Center, with the residents enjoying their old time music. Unfortunately, not all of the Bills could be there. Most of the folks involved are from around Motley. The band includes Lil Postel on keyboard, Bill Macheel, banjo; Bill Amundson of Bertha, fiddle; George Pribbenow of Staples on guitar. Bill Berndt, who usually adds accordion to the group, was unable to be there Friday.

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

• Sept. 24, 2015 - Megan Dumpprope and John Lund were crowned the 2015 Staples Motley High School's Homecoming Queen and King. Other members of the royal court included Alex Jensen, Olivia Klefsaas, Haley Christoffersen, Lucas Jimenez, Jordan Haglin, Jenessa Iverson, Lauren Nelson and Andrew Israelson.

Todd County court report September 17

Long Prairie Police
Yesenia Alejandra Cobian Perez, Long Prairie. Stopping/standing/parking where signs prohibit parking. Fine \$25. Fee \$22
Zacharia James Hayford, Breezy Point. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Marissa Marie Montanez Holen, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Lauro Moreno Soto, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Dept. of Natural Resources
John Thomas Alan Durkot, New Hope. Game-License required. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Tate David Jenkins, Minot, ND. Fish & Game-take fish without angling license. Fine \$100 Fee \$85.
MN State Patrol
Sebastian David Maroney, Staples. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Shirley Alice Moberg, Osakis. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Hana Nebel Ali, St. Paul. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Lindsay Rae Amundson, Mound. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Janet Bartels, Long Prairie.

Hands Free Law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Diego Beltran Sanchez, Long Prairie. Speed 87/55. Fine \$150. Fee \$235. No MN Drivers License. (after 60 days residency/30 days CDL). Fine \$100.
Uriel De Jesus Carvajal Bueno, Sauk Centre. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Heidi Maria Harman, Westminster, CO. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Colton Michael Haverland, Brainerd. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Karina Maria Hernandez Torres, Long Prairie. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Ignatia Sadie Jackson, Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Bryce Charles Joerger, Eagan. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jared Steven Leese, Bloomington. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Diego Meza Herrera, Long Prairie. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Window tint. Fine \$50.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel

A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County September 8, 2025.
Salvador Montanez Botello, Long Prairie. Speed 76/60. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0, yr 0 mo 89 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 1 day). Supervised probation. Fine \$400. Fee \$75. DWI-Operating motor vehicle alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Local confinement (90 days, stay 89 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 1 day. Supervised probation, 2 yr. DWI-fourth degree driving while impaired. Dismissed.
Steven Louis Newstrom, Isanti. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Eric Robert Nicholson, Nottingham, MD. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Rylee Jo Pazdernik, Foxhome. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Gary James Pechan, Little Falls. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
David Peguero De La Rosa, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Mason Andrew Peterson, Maplewood. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Karli Lenae Freeberg Roman,

Woodbury, Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Lars Bradley Salmen, Kokato. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Bobbi Catherine Simmer, Fargo, ND. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Michael Cleaon Sundby, Alexandria. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Alexandra Rae Titterud, Lino Lakes. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Clifford Dean Trudeau, Lowell, MI. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Layton Alexander Uecker-Hamre, Winthrop. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Brodrick Damon Wishart, Buffalo. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Cole Jacob Roering, Sauk Centre. Speed 73/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Staples Police
David Myron Ratcliff, Staples. Child passenger restraint-13 or younger. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Child restraint-age 4 or older. Fine \$50. Expired registration. Fine \$30.
Jack Jonathan Tetlie, Browerville.

Speed 71/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Todd County
Angela Angelina Coyer, Carlos. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Pedro Luis Maldonado Pierrot, Browerville. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30.
Derinord Nickel, Long Prairie. Speed 81/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Mason Rain Nielson, Cushing. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Kalvin Ruiz Gomez, Long Prairie. Speed 54/45. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Driver's License-instruction permit violation-persons 18 years or older. Fine \$50. Odrigute Seliant, Staples. Speed 69/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Xavier Perez Torres, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Emmanuel Velez Santiago, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.



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The Cardinal Way: empowering every student to thrive

Debbie Ferdon,
Staples-Motley Middle/High
School Principal

At Staples-Motley Middle/High School, the Cardinal Way is more than a motto - it's a culture. Every hallway, classroom, stage, and playing field reflects the school's mission: Empowering every student to thrive - in school and beyond. Guided by the district's vision to Grow with purpose. Lead with integrity. Rise with pride, the school community continues to invest in students' futures through strong academics, rich activities and a supportive environment built by dedicated staff.

The CARDS framework - Connected, Accountable, Respectful, Determined, Safe, provides a common language and expectation for all students. Whether in a classroom discussion, on the basketball court or in the lunchroom, CARDS defines what it means to be part of the Staples-Motley family. Teachers regularly highlight students who demonstrate CARDS qualities and peers celebrate each other's success through recognition programs.

This consistency creates more than rules; it creates belonging. When a student chooses to be present and engaged, takes responsibility for their learning, shows respect to peers, works hard to reach a goal or makes safe choices, they embody the values that shape our culture.

At Staples-Motley, preparing students for the future isn't about a one-size-fits-all plan. It's about helping each young person discover their strengths, interests and goals - and then supporting them as they map out their next steps. That's where Cardinal Flight Paths come in. Each year, we strive to work intentionally with students to connect their course choices to long-term goals. Whether a student is drawn to STEAM, Business

Services, Health & Human Services or Agriculture & Trades, the pathways provide a way to explore possibilities and plan for "what's best for them."

Partnerships with Central Lakes College (CLC) and Lakewood Health System bring those pathways to life. A new pilot course, The Lakewood Experience, gives a small group of students an opportunity to see careers in health care from the inside. Lakewood staff have designed a series of panels, campus visits, and job shadows so students can learn directly from professionals in nursing, therapy, administration, IT, dietary services and more.

These hands-on experiences highlight the variety of opportunities within a single local employer, while also showing students how their classroom learning connects to meaningful futures. Whether they leave with college credits, industry certifications or valuable real-world exposure, the goal remains the same: making sure every Cardinal is not just "college and career ready," but life ready.

Schools are powered by people, and Staples-Motley takes pride in the dedicated staff who make learning happen each day. Teachers bring energy and expertise to their classrooms, personalizing instruction to meet student needs. Paraprofessionals provide one-on-one support and encouragement. Custodians ensure that the building is clean, safe and welcoming. Office staff keep the heartbeat of the school steady, while bus drivers ensure students start and end each day with a friendly greeting.

It's a full team effort. One custodian may be found cheerfully helping set up for a band concert, while a paraprofessional patiently works with a student to master a new skill. Teachers collaborate to make lessons engaging, while counselors and support staff guide students through challenges

both academic and personal. Together, the staff live out the belief that every adult in the building plays a role in every student's success.

Learning extends well beyond textbooks and tests at Staples-Motley. Students are encouraged to develop confidence, creativity and character through a wide range of activities and programs. These include fine arts, athletics and clubs that meet throughout the school year and provide experiences that build character and leadership skills in our students. Each of these programs builds resilience and connection, helping students discover their strengths and passions while deepening their sense of belonging.

Walk through the halls, and you'll feel it: a culture of pride in being a Cardinal. It's visible in the banners celebrating achievements, in the laughter of students collaborating on projects, in the determination of athletes during practice and in the applause at fine arts performances. It's also seen in the small, everyday moments - the bus driver who knows every student's name, the paraprofessional who checks in on a student's day, the teacher who stays after school to provide extra help, the custodian who greets students with a smile while sweeping the gym floor. These interactions add up to a culture that's more than a school: it's a community.

As the school year continues, Staples-Motley Middle/High School remains committed to building on its strengths: clear values through CARDS, preparation for the future through Career Flight Paths, dedicated staff who believe in every child and opportunities for students to thrive in academics, activities and beyond. In short, the Cardinal Way is alive and well, reminding us that when students are supported, engaged and inspired, they're ready to soar.

Quote of the week

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”
– Maya Angelou

Last call for stream trout

The flip of the calendar page from September to October will bring with it a number of beginnings and endings. Beginning are a host of Minnesota hunting seasons, which some look forward to with as much enthusiasm as they have for Christmas. There'll be the seasonal ending of the lush green life around us, above us, and underfoot, life we've taken for granted since May.

That end will bring dormancy for some, death and decomposition for the rest. And some, in the process, will provide a brief show of autumn color as vivid as any artist's palette.

Active insect life will soon disappear until spring revives it, and many of the birds that have shared our yards, parks, and wild places since spring will desert us to winter in more hospitable climates. On-the-water pleasures other than angling have already largely disappeared, with water skis, wake boards, and "tubing" inflatables packed away, and jet-skis winterized and in storage for the winter.

Most of Minnesota angling seasons will remain open well into winter; into February, in fact, though angling on open water will soon be a diehard's game. Muskies are one of the few exceptions, with that season ending November 30th, though by that date many lakes could already be frozen.

Another ending is imminent, though it may pass unnoticed by many. On September 30th the statewide stream trout season will end, not to reopen until mid-April of next year. There are some exceptions in Southeast Minnesota's mountain-like bluff country, the "driftless area" that glaciers did not cover during the last ice age, and thus did not deposit the rock, gravel, and sand that cover our state's once-glaciated regions, which is most of Min-

nesota.

Some of the Southeast trout streams are open to catch-and-release angling in winter. Fed mostly by groundwater, their flow is not only more constant year-round, but warm enough to keep much of their surface ice-free. A very limited amount of stream mileage on Minnesota's North Shore of Lake Superior is also open to catch-and-release angling year-round. It is restricted to those reaches from the mouth where these streams enter Lake Superior, upstream to each stream's first impassable falls. If you know the North Shore, you know that in some streams that distance is extremely short.

But for inland trout stream anglers in Central and Northern Minnesota, the end of September means retiring one's waders, wading boots, vest, and rods for more than six months. Most of these streams are fed primarily by surface runoff, and in winter can become quite shallow, with limited deep safe havens for the trout.

Such streams can also be depleted during the months when water flows freely, if for week upon week there is little or no rainfall. Such was the case with the trout stream I identify as "home water," one that winds its crooked way through southern Cass County to enter the Gull chain, whose waters eventually find their way to the Mississippi.

August was a month with so little rain that its fish retreated to deeper pools and stream bank undercuts, making them at the same time both more concentrated, and more wary, easily spooked and "off their feed." Not until three weeks into September, coincident with the official start of fall, was there enough rain to make a noticeable positive difference in its depth and flow.

With just 10 days left in the season, my visit was as much a pilgrimage as it was about catching fish. As much about seeing what had changed over several weeks of absence while waiting for rain. As much about a likely "farewell" for the season.

Rainfall can be hit-and-miss, regardless of what the weather radar images

on your smartphone or computer might suggest. This stream is almost 30 miles from home, and though an inch or more of rain had fallen over two days, that was no guarantee. It was only when I had closed the car door and begun walking down the steep slope that I could hear the louder flow, and knew that the hoped-for rain had fallen here, too.

Since my last visit the dominance of streamside green had shifted noticeably to yellows and browns, of ash and birch and aspen leaves, and ferns beginning to wither. Occasional maples added scattered touches of flaming orange. Bright red clusters of ripe jack-in-the-pulpit seeds had replaced the green, hooded "pulpits" of not so long ago. A few purple fall asters still held vivid color. The now-bare stalks of yellow lady's slipper—I had hoped no one would see and pick them, back in June when they were in bloom—were still there, still holding onto their green.

A trio of wood ducks flushed from a wide spot in the stream as I came abreast of them, their characteristic alarm calls making identification unmistakable. Several pools downstream, a lone mallard flushed. I remembered then that it was the state's Youth Waterfowl Weekend, a hunting event held a week before the state's general statewide duck and goose season opener, which this year is on the 27th. Perhaps these ducks had found the trout stream a refuge from hunter's guns elsewhere.

It would be nice to report a banner morning of trout fishing to salute the impending season's end. But all I had to show for my time on the water was one brook trout landed, another "escapee" that managed to throw my fly before it could be netted, and several strikes that did not end in hook-ups. Regardless, it was great to be wading in moving water again, great to smell the "trout slime" on my hands after releasing that fish, and to bid an old friend adieu in case we don't meet again until next April.

High beef prices helping ranchers

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

After years of hard work and economic struggle, U.S. ranchers are making bank on beef. "Business hasn't been this good for cattle ranchers in decades, maybe ever," reports Patrick Thomas of The Wall Street Journal. "Cattlemen are now making a record profit of more than \$700 per animal, up from \$2 five years ago, according to some industry estimates."

Demand for beef is high and herd counts are at historic lows, creating a market where prices have surged for "everything from ground beef to steaks," Thomas explains. "Retail ground-beef prices set a record in August, up about 13% from the same month last year."

U.S. beef cattle numbers began shrink-

ing during recent droughts that decimated grazing lands, and pandemic-era meat-packing backups. Ranchers couldn't afford their herds and opted to thin them to stem their losses.

Farmers are using their new income to reinvest in their herds, pay off debts and purchase more sophisticated equipment. But no one knows how long higher prices will continue. Thomas reports, "Executives of Tyson Foods and JBS — two of the world's largest meat companies — have projected that cattle supplies could tick up in 2027 or 2028."

Some ranchers don't think increasing herd size is a good business model and are choosing to invest in better genetics instead of more cattle. Thomas writes, "The idea is to produce cattle that can yield juicier steaks — and fetch higher prices."

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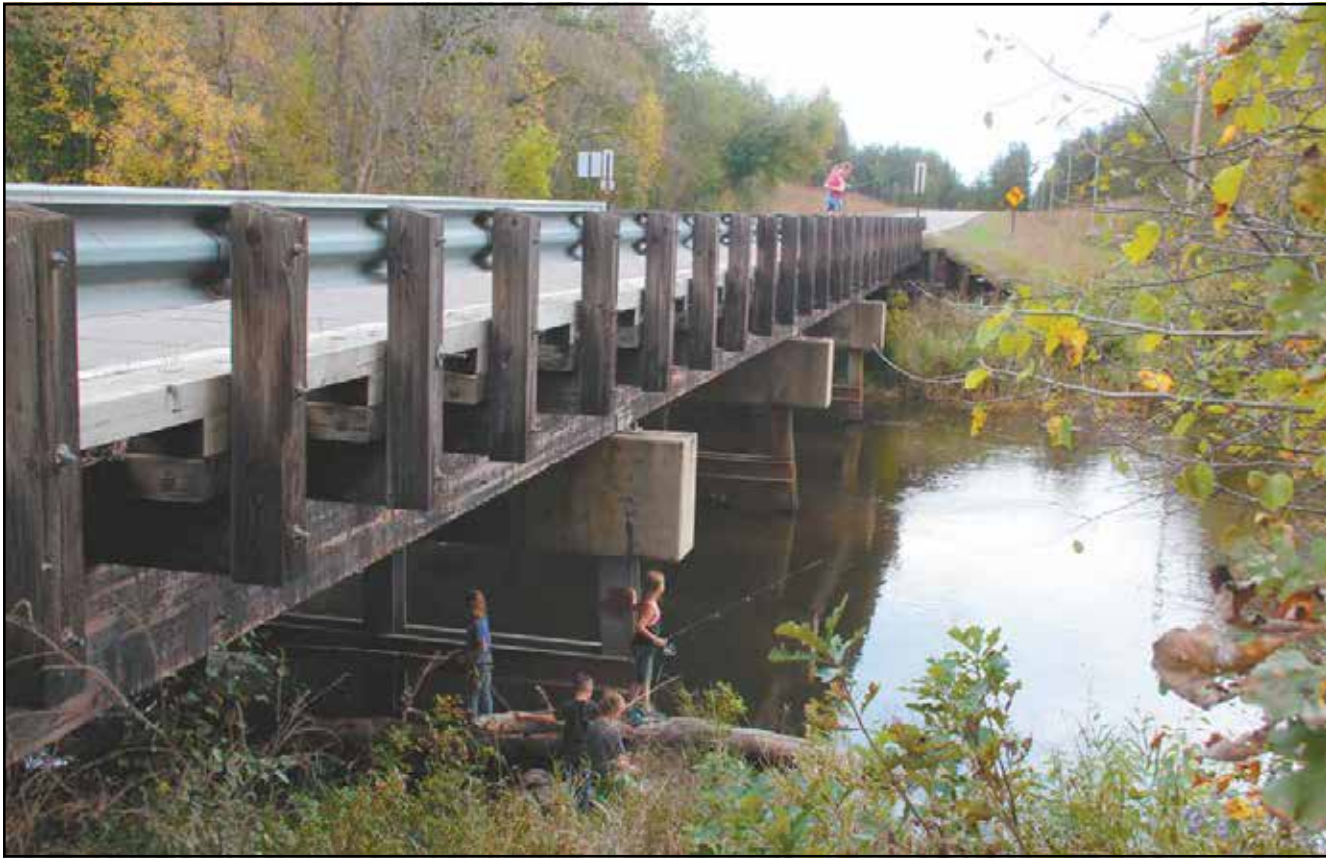
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End of summer fishing

Some children from the Menahga and Verndale areas enjoyed fishing from the Crow Wing River bridge near Wahoo Valley in rural Staples Sept. 21, with one of the youngsters reeling in a nice northern pike. With fall of 2025 officially beginning Sept. 22, people of all ages enjoyed a variety of ‘end-of-summer’ outdoor activities recently, including fishing, canoeing, camping and hiking. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 25

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Sept. 25, 7 - 9:30 p.m., at St. Michael’s Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Phil Miller, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

Sept. 26

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.

September 27

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 - 10:30 a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

Sept. 30

TOWN HALL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE with Senator Paul Utke (SD 5), Rep. Krista Knudsen (HD 5A) and Rep. Mike Wiener (HD 5B), Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6 p.m., at The Outpost in Huntersville. 23115 Old Bridge Rd., Menahga.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

GIRL SCOUT INFORMATION AND SIGN-UP NIGHT Tuesday, Sept. 30, 5:30 p.m., Staples-Motley Elementary Media Center, 401 Centennial Lane, Staples. For more info., call 320-252-2952 or 218-726-4710, or email customercare@girlscoutslp.org.



Record setting numbers for small town choral festival

Real Men Sing! and Real Men Sing jr.

-Submitted by Kevin Olsen

At no charge to participating schools or students, the Staples Area Men’s Chorus books the facility, hires the guest conductors, a voice teacher, buys the music, provides the afternoon snack and an evening meal for all participants. So, just how many participants is that? Read on.

This will be the twenty-second year for the festival, which provides young men in high school and junior high school choirs throughout Minnesota the opportunity to work under some of the very best choral directors in the state. Participating schools are not limited to bringing only their “best” students, like many festivals. Instead, they’re encouraged to bring all of their male singers to the festival.

“Everyone deserves the opportunity to make music,” said Festival Coordinator, Kevin Olsen. “Our very own chorus is made up of men of all ages and walks of life, including different levels of musical skill. We pride ourselves as an organization in being inclusive. If guys are willing to join our group, then they’ve earned the right to sing.”

Rehearsals and workshops are held during the afternoon, prior to the concert. Since 2003, REAL MEN SING! and RMSjr. have featured over 4,000 participants. The event has gained notoriety throughout the state of Minnesota and across the nation, including Wartburg College in Iowa. “After serving as the festival clinician in 2009, I decided we needed something like this in Iowa, so we started a festival called...what else...

REAL MEN SING!” said Lee Nelson.

“We’re quite proud of our traditions,” said longtime chorus member Ron Denning. “These kinds of events and traditions aren’t pulled off by organizations that aren’t highly organized with many dedicated and talented members.” echoed Don Hoffmann, a singer in the chorus.

The concert is scheduled for Saturday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Staples Motley High School Legacy Gym. The RMS Guest Conductor will be Dr. Isaac Lovdahl Director of Choral Activities at Bemidji State University. The RMS-Jr Guest Conductor will be Mr. Paul Hartmann Choral Director at Hancock High School.

Overall participation is expected to exceed 200 singers. The concert will also feature several select soloists.

For more information about REAL MEN SING!, as well as information about other events of the Staples Area Men’s Chorus, go to www.staplesmen.org or visit it them on Facebook under “staples area men’s chorus.” Tickets are available online

at www.staplesmen.org, from chorus members and at the door.

This project was made possible by a grant provided by the Five Wings Arts Council with funds from

the McKnight Foundation supplemented with Legacy funds and donations from Popplers Music and the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation.

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STAPLES

NOTICE

Water Main Flushing

The City of Staples Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the City as needed, Sept. 22 - Oct. 3, 2025 You may experience cloudy water during this time. If this occurs, allow the cold water to run until it clears.

Motley’s Fall Fest set for Oct. 11 at the fairgrounds

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At the Motley City Council’s regular meeting Sept. 8, it was learned that Motley’s annual Fall Fest, sponsored by the Motley Community Events Organization (MCEO) will take place Saturday, Oct. 11, from 2 - 10 p.m. at the Motley Fairgrounds.

Amy Brichacek, MCEO representative, was in attendance at the meeting, to give an update on the festival. She noted that everything is coming along as planned. The family-friendly event includes games, a puzzle competition, food and live music. Brichacek said that they would not have the beer and wine tasting booth this year.

Per Brichacek’s request, the city approved the Fall Fest event permit and temporary liquor license, pending insurance documentation. In addition, the city waived the \$35 event fee.

In other matters the council:

- Approved a motion that starting in January of 2026, Planning and Zoning (P & Z) Commission meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month.

Prior to their vote, the council had discussed whether or not to move P & Z Commission meetings to the same day as council meetings, noting that currently they are held on the following week, which means there are three weeks before the council can act on items brought forward by the P & Z Commission. Council member Steve Johnson said he wasn’t in favor of having both meetings on the same day. He thought it would be helpful to schedule P & Z meetings a week before council meetings so there would be time for the council to look over items brought forward by the P & Z Commission.

The council went on to discuss the need for Planning and Zoning Commission members, and decided to have the city clerk/treasurer put this information on the city’s Facebook page and website. There is a stipend of \$25 per meeting.

- APPROVED Fire Chief Todd Judd’s request to interview a person who applied to be on the fire department. The applicant has 19 years of EMT experience, Judd said. An interview committee was set up, which includes Fire Chief

Judd, council members Nikki Bjerga and Johnson; and Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton.

- APPROVED a formal resolution regarding a Sourcewell grant for the fire department that was approved at the council’s regular meeting in July.

- LEARNED that Motley Police would help out at the Pillager Fest Sept. 20.

- APPROVED the preliminary 2025 tax levy for both Cass and Morrison counties, collectible in 2026. The proposed total certified levy is \$428,450.00, which is a zero percent increase from last year’s final levy. It was noted that the Beaulieu Street Project will be paid off.

- APPROVED a resolution authorizing the City of Motley to act as a fiscal agent for the Thriving Communities committee grant from the Initiative Foundation.

- HEARD updates from Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton regarding a grant opportunity for installing up to a 40 kW solar system at the city’s wastewater plant; and the proposed street project, that entails adding two blocks of 1st Ave. S. from Main St. E. to Ash St. E. into the preliminary engineering report. Brotherton noted that this next street project is being planned for 2027, to coincide with the replacement of the antiquated railroad crossing on 1st Ave.

- SET the Truth in Taxation Meeting for Monday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m.

- NOTED that Fall Clean Up day will be Saturday, Oct. 4, 7:45 - 10:45 a.m.

- DISCUSSED the best way to handle the city’s nuisance list. Council member April Skeesick-Larson feels the word nuisance has a negative connotation and that getting notified of this list via a letter is offensive. She believes talking to people would be a better way to address these situations.

- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, Oct. 13, at 4:30 p.m.

- NOTED a Thriving Communities Community Gathering will be held Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Ten-Hi in Motley.

- SET a budget meeting for Monday, Oct. 20, at 3 p.m. This follows the P & Z meeting set that day at 2 p.m.

- NOTED the next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 28, 4:30 p.m., at city hall.

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(odd/even parking reminder)

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odd/even Parking Ordinance is in effect Oct. 1 and implements a calendar - or odd/even type - parking.

The Ordinance is based on Street and Avenue house numbers. Even numbers are on the East side of Streets and the South side of Avenues.

Odd numbered houses are on the West side of Streets and the North side of Avenues.

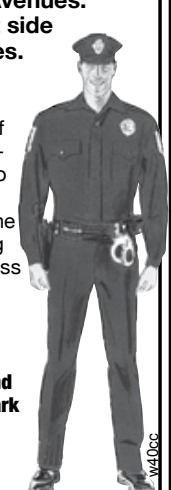
Vehicles may only park on the even side of Streets and Avenues on even days of the calendar, and may only park on the odd side of Streets and Avenues on odd days of the calendar. This Ordinance is in effect from Oct. 1st to May 1st and from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m.

You must remember to park according to the calendar date as of midnight. Vehicles violating this Ordinance will be ticketed nightly, regardless of the weather. During snow removal periods, vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. This does not affect the downtown 2:00 a.m.-6 a.m. zones.

FOR EXAMPLE: If you live at 450 7th Street NE and arrive home at 8:00 p.m. on Oct. 1st, you must park your car on the even side of the Street or Avenue by midnight because that will be Oct. 2nd, an even day of the calendar.

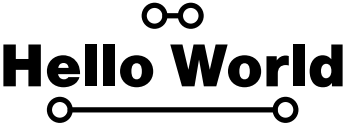
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Student Achievements

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY recently announced its 2025 Summer President's List. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of 3.70 or higher and earn 12 credits or more. Local students named include:

- Brianne Hove, Staples
- Eu Lisa Mae Rosario, Motley

Obituary

William Smith

William (Bill) Charles Smith, 82, of Staples, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on September 19, 2025.

Services will be held Friday, Sept. 26, at 11:00 a.m. at Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples.

Bill was born January 5, 1943, to Bert and Christine Smith in Wadena. He was raised on the family farm near Oylen - a place he loved his entire life. Bill graduated from Staples High School in 1962 and earned a welding certificate from ACTI. In 1970, he married Sandra Powell in Bill Falls. Bill worked at Homecrest in Wadena his entire career and lived on the original Smith homestead, where he and Sandy raised their family. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and working outdoors. Bill was an active member of the Leader Lions and never the opportunity to support his grandchildren at school events.



He is survived by his wife, Sandra; two sons, Mike Smith of Frazee and Brian (Heidi) Smith of Staples; one daughter, Shelly (Gil) Miller of Staples; eight grandchildren; eight greatgrandchildren and one sister, Betty Smith.

He was preceeded in death by his parents

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Thriving Communities reboot funds Motley, Staples projects

After a pause since 2017, the Initiative Foundation is relaunching Thriving Communities, a proven program that helps small towns bring people together to imagine and build local projects and vibrant, resilient futures.

Braham, Motley, Sebeka, Staples and Taylors Falls are the first Central Minnesota communities to participate in this renewed effort. Designed for towns with populations of 5,000 or fewer, the Initiative Foundation's Thriving Communities program guides residents through a team-based process to identify community assets, assess local needs and prioritize opportunities for growth.

Here's what each participating community is focusing on in the early stages of the program:

Braham: Expand team to engage the community, share the vision and present plans at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Motley: Host first community gathering to foster open conversation and build stronger neighborhood connections.

Sebeka: Launch new engagement approach to encourage resident involvement and share revitalization ideas.

Staples: Develop winter holiday festival to boost community pride, strengthen connections and attract visitors.

Taylors Falls: Expand rustic trails, create gathering spaces and improve branding through outreach efforts.

Measles coming back in U.S.

Todd County Health and Human Services

Measles can cause serious health complications, especially in children younger than five years of age. Common complications are ear infections and diarrhea. Serious complications include pneumonia and encephalitis.

Measles was declared eliminated from the United States in 2000. However, measles is still common in many parts of the world. Every year, measles is brought into the United States by unvaccinated travelers who get measles while

they are in other countries.

Measles symptoms appear 7 to 14 days after contact with the virus. Common measles symptoms include:

- High fever (may spike to more than 104° F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash

Measles is very contagious. It spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. You can get measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been. This can happen even up to two hours after that person has left.

Protect yourself with the vaccine. The best way to protect against measles is with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. MMR is safe and effective. Two doses of MMR vaccine are about 97 percent effective at preventing measles; one dose is about 93 percent effective.

Prevent measles and talk to your healthcare provider about the MMR vaccine, especially if planning to travel.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
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
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
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
Father Greg Sauer
Mass: Sunday..... 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples..... 218-894-2372
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
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
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes..... 320-749-2583
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study..... 7:30 p.m.

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July 9 a.m.
July - January 11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.

Motley
Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466..... 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live..... 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S., Motley..... 218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley..... 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday..... 4:00 p.m.

St. Michael

280 1st Ave S, Motley..... 218-894-2296
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
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
City, 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
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Youth Pastor Joe Ward
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 Phagon, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer..... 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups..... 6:30 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist

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

Central Community Church

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study..... 10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church

20 Mason Avenue NW
Verndale..... 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
MASS: Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church

Bluegrass..... 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
Sunday Service..... 10:00 a.m. (Dec - April)
Saturday..... 4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church

Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.

Wadena

St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship..... 10:00 a.m.

St. Ann's Catholic Church

514 1st Street SE, Wadena (218) 631-1593
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
Mass: Sunday..... 10 a.m.

"One Step Back"

By Thomas W.

"Only the Lord can change a heart, and put back together, what was taken apart.

Only the Lord can make each new day, worth a price that no one can pay.

Only the Lord. He's the only One; the One Who willingly gave up His Son.

To think of the time I spent drifting away, looking back over my shoulder, and in my heart say,

"I'm going my own way Lord. But I won't be very long. I'll come back to You again, when I want to be strong.

I'll still remember You Jesus. We'll still be in touch. If I seem to be distant, it won't be that much."

"Going my own way, just one more last time. But I'll come to You back again, and things will be fine."

I kept the Lord just close enough, to reach Him again, if the going got tough.

Playing a game called, "Riding the fence." The illusion of winning is all just pretense.

The lukewarm life is just a façade, because there's only one way to be right with God.

The most dangerous place I have ever been in, was playing this game that I

thought I could win.

But there is no reward for a life bent on sin.

I thought to myself, "I can always go straight." But whenever I tried, it just seemed too late.

All I wanted was just a little. But it pulled me down, until I was caught in the middle.

The Lord I knew when I first astrayed, now seems to be gone, and I'm deathly afraid.

"Where are You Jesus? Where have You gone? I didn't realize I've been away for so long"

I didn't see what I had until it seemed gone. Now without Jesus, my life can't go on.

I thought I could handle it, or so I believed. How could I let myself become so deceived?

Please God, please. I want to come back, and lay my life down on the right track.

Jesus loves me so much; and I really don't know why.

Every time I turned Him away, I almost heard Him cry.

I remembered how You loved me, even when I was so bad.

To think of how I treated You. It really makes me sad.

You took me back and forgave me again, even when I was no good.

No one else would love me this much. I don't know why You would.

Thank you Jesus, Oh thank you Jesus, for letting me back in,

To those wonderful, strong, and forgiving arms, of Yours once again.

Lord help me to learn, from going my own way.

And help me to see the price for me that You have chosen to pay.

Whatever good that I am today, is not because of me.

It's because of a Man, who took my place, and died on Calvary."

"All of us like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall upon Him"- Isaiah 53:6

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

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Gaining ground in a big race

Audrey Brownell, left, surges up a hill to leave a pack of runners behind. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Brownell races to podium finish at Griak

The Staples-Motley cross country teams competed at the Roy Griak Invitational at the University of Minnesota on Sept. 20, a race that features top runners and teams from Minnesota and from every surrounding state, plus several other various states. The girls team ran in the championship race while the boys were in the Gopher race, one of four boys races.

The meet had nationally ranked runners and teams, but times were slow because of a tough, hilly course that had mud and slippery spots this year.

In the girls race, Audrey Brownell placed 16th, but in this national field she was the fourth runner from Minnesota to finish. She started out in 11th place in the first mile, then fell back a little in the second mile but had

a strong finish to get back to 16th.

Throughout the race, Elise Trif, Aleea Holst and Suhaila Mikhaeil contended with the massive field of over 400 runners for the full three mile race. Lizzie Kroll moved farther back but started up throughout the race. They all finished strong to be the team's five scorers.

In the boys race, Andrew Dobson and Gage Bjerga battled back and forth with the large field, with Dobson emerging as the top Staples-Motley runner. Garrett Bjerga, Jackson Odden and Gabriel Kroll were the other team scorers. Reed Leach ran his first varsity 5K on the toughest course in the state and finished as the team's sixth runner.

In the team race, Staples-Motley girls were 43rd

place in a field of nationally ranked teams and top regional teams. The Cardinal boys were 29th in their race as a team.

Girls results

Roy Griak Invitational Championship Race

16. Audrey Brownell 19:26, 316. Elise Trif 23:30, 339. Aleea Holst 24:06, 349. Suhaila Mikhaeil 24:13, 376. Lizzie Kroll 25:28, 385. Madelyn Kist 27:16, 395. Aubrey Vogle 32:31

Boys results

Roy Griak Invitational Gopher Race

110. Andrew Dobson 19:34, 125. Gage Bjerga 19:53, 165. Garrett Bjerga 20:37, 206. Jackson Odden 21:58, 210. Gabriel Kroll 22:18, 229. Reed Leach 23:08, 236. Alex Leach 23:35, 237. Seth Cossentine 23:42, 246. Jacob Faulkner 25:38.



Seth Cossentine (3756) races with teammate



Annie Schlosser

Tappe scores five touchdowns in Homecoming win

The Staples-Motley football team overcame early challenges to defeat Perham 49-14 in their Homecoming football game on Sept. 19.

The Cardinals leaned heavily on running back Colbe Tappe, who scored five touchdowns. He also broke some big runs to keep drives going when they were set back by mistakes or penalties.

The Cardinals scored

first with Tappe finishing a long drive for a 6-0 lead. Perham took a 7-6 lead when a receiver got behind the Staples-Motley defense for a touchdown.

Tappe scored two more touchdowns for a 20-7 lead, but Perham cut it to 20-14 with another big play run.

Tappe scored just before halftime to make it 28-14 at the break.

In the second half, Luke

Bjerga finished a drive with a score, after breaking some big runs earlier in the game. Tappe added a 33 yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to make it 43-14. Noah Larson scored the final touchdown on offense, he also had a sack on defense.



Passing storm

A rain squall didn't stop the Staples-Motley football team from passing the ball during their homecoming win. Pictured, Evan Schultz (4) goes out for a pass while Noah Larson (52) blocks for quarterback Eli Rutten, who passed for 99 yards in the game. (Photo by Staples-Motley School District)

Good streaks of play in two volleyball losses

The Staples-Motley volleyball team had two losses, a home game against Wadena-Deer Creek on Sept. 16 and a conference game at Breckenridge on Sept. 18.

Against Wadena-Deer Creek, the Cardinals came close to winning the second set. They started out behind, but battled back starting with a couple of ace tips by Abby Brichacek. The Cardinal blockers were slowing down the WDC attack, causing them to overswing and hit several spikes out. After getting the lead, Kyleena Rudlang had an ace block. Annie Schlosser had an ace tip and another score off of a block. Addie Potter had three straight kills to give the team a 24-19 lead, one point from winning the set, but WDC went on a run to

tie it and eventually the Cardinals fell 26-28.

Hannah Cole led the team with five blocks and Izzy Becker had 15 digs from her back row position.

Against Breckenridge, The offense worked better as Cole had seven kills and Schlosser had six. Katelyn Schotzko had 11 assists and Chloe Trantina scored 11 digs.

Team results

Staples-Motley 0, Wadena-Deer Creek 3; 10-25, 26-28, 9-25

Annie Schlosser: Aces-1, Assists-9, Kills-5, Blocks-2, Digs-2
Izzy Becker: Kills-1, Digs-15
Katelyn Schotzko: Aces-1, Assists-4, Digs-2
Addie Potter: Assists-1, Kills-5, Blocks-1, Digs-1
Hannah Cole: Blocks-5,

Digs-1
Jada Ellingson: Kills-1, Digs-2
Clara Maros: Kills-1, Digs-1
Chloe Trantina: Digs-4
Pam Lawrence: Digs-9
Abby Brichacek: Kills-2, Blocks-1
Kyleena Rudlang: Block-1, Digs-1

Staples-Motley 0, Breckenridge 3; 17-25, 13-25, 18-25

Schlosser: aces-1, assists-8, kills-6, blocks-1, digs-8
Becker: assists-1, kills-1, digs-28
Schotzko: aces-2, assists-11, kills-3, digs-2
Potter: kills-2, blocks-1
Cole: Assists-1, kills-7, blocks-1, digs-2
Trantina: assists-3, kills-1, digs-11
Maros: aces-2, assists-1, digs-2
Lawrence: aces-1, digs-7
Brichacek: kills-3, blocks-1, digs-2



Celebrating the big points

The Staples-Motley volleyball team cheers their teammates for winning a point in the match against Wadena-Deer Creek. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Singles players all win

The Staples-Motley tennis team swept the singles matches at Melrose on Sept. 15. They also had a win at number one doubles to earn a 5-2 win.

Team results

Staples-Motley 5, Melrose 2

Holst W 6-1, 6-2; Kaylee Perius W 6-4, 6-2; Charlie Noska W 7-6 (8-6), 6-4
Doubles: Madison Perius/Natalie Hanson W 6-4, 6-1; Lydia Roelofs/Lauren Dolezal L 3-6, 4-6; Alexa Dolezal/Carolyn Hoppe L 1-6, 1-6





Freshwater Education District

FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT #6004 Board Meeting, 8/20/25 Wadena, MN

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the FED #6004 was called to order at 5 p.m. by acting Chair, Tumberg.

Board Members Present: C. Wolf-LPGE; B. Tumberg, WDC; S. Veronen-Verndale; J. Hillmer-Browerville; R. Thalmann-Henning; R. Wright-SM; R. VanDenheuvel-BH. Supv. Supt. Present: L. Westrum-WDC; S. Vedbraaten-Browerville.

Admin: E. Weber, J. Wothe, J. Anderson, and S. Thiel.

Others: R. Bowman MOTIONED by VanDenheuvel and 2ND by Wright to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE- U/C

J. Anderson provided a presentation to the Board regarding the Bus. Office PLC from the 24/25 SY.

Consent Agenda-

MOTIONED by Veronen and 2ND by Wolf to approve the consent agenda as presented, including meeting minutes, FY25 claims, agreements, policy reviews, 25/26 handbooks and service renewals.

Approval of Personnel

2024-2025 School Year: Resignations of M. Leone, T. Brown and B. Blanchard effective the end of the 24/25 SY.

2025-2026 School Year: Reinstatement of M. Schmidt, Parent and Family Education, M. Wolhowe, B. Faust, K. Januszewski, K. Lehmann, C. Perala, L. Truax, C. Jares; reduction in days for J. Nelson, 174 to 70; increase in days for W. Wegscheid, from 165 to 181, K. Johnson, from 181 to 191, J. Line, 230 to 260, increase in hours for J. Ludovissie, from 1,040 to 1,295; Reassignment of M. Schertler, Business Mang. Assist. to Business Mang. III, R. Bowman, Academy SPED Teacher to ALC SPED Teacher, J. Fox, SPED Assessment Specialist/ALC Specialist, to SPED Prog. Specialist, for 190 days, and M. Olson, from FT Sub. Para to ALC Para; lane change request of R. Rivers, from BA/Step 3 to BA+10/Sem/ Step 4, M. Jorgenson, from MA/Step 8 to MA+10, R. Bowman, from MA+30/Step

12 to Specialist/Step 12; authorization to advertise and hire for two Academies SPED Para, part-time ECSE Para for the LP ECSE Classroom, Receptionist/SPED Program Assistant 1.0 FTE, SPED Program Assistant .9 FTE; hiring of B. Karolus, PT for 181 days; approval of the 25/26 contract for Assist. Director SPED, L. Murdock, for 5 days; and approval of FY26 Addendum A - Finance & Business Operations Manager Article VI-A Multi-District Stipend. VOTE: U/C

Department Reports:

Supt: Supt and Principal mtg. was held on 8/13/25; Personnel Committee met to discuss: Addendum to the FED Finance & Business Operations Manager contract, and T-I Bargaining Group initial proposal

Facilities: All sites and vans are cleaned and ready for the upcoming school year.

ALC/TS: 21 Districts ran programs this summer, serving over 1000 students. ALC will provide support for new online learning opportunities.

Tech: New 3CX phone system installed. State Telecom Dollars is ending, which may impact the WAN

Carl Perkins: The FY25/26 budget from MDE is still pending. Approvals for school requests are in late July or August, and current requests exceed expected funding.

SPED Director: Professional development and training were offered for preparation of the 25/26 SY. Finance Reports: Reviewed the Finance Report, ALC current Fund Balance, and an update on the Business Services.

New Business

- Action Items

MOVED BY VanDenheuvel and SECONDED BY Thalmann: BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Ed Dist. #6004, as follows:

The following specific positions are declared to be available:

Parent and Family Education (3 positions)

EBD SPED Teacher (4 positions)

Developmental/Adaptive PE Teacher (1 position)

That reinstatement rights to the above positions shall be determined as of 8/20/25.

That the Supt. and Admin. are directed to

notify the appropriate persons on the reinstatement lists of the availability of the positions. VOTE on adoption of the Resolution was as follows;

ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: Wolf, Tumberg, Veronen, Hillmer, VanDenheuvel, Thalmann, and Wright. NAY: None. ABSENT: Huttunen and Howard. WHEREUPON, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

MOTIONED BY Thalmann and 2ND BY Hillmer to approve the agreement with eLuma for School Psych. Service for the 25/26 SY as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen and 2ND BY Hillmer to approve the Payroll Service Agreement between FED and BH School District #786 as presented. VOTE-U/C.

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and 2ND BY Wolf to approve the Business Manager Service Agreement between FED and Henning School District #585 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Hillmer and 2ND BY VanDenheuvel to approve the template agreement for the FY26 regular year extended time programs. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen and 2ND BY Thalmann to approve the purchase of a 10-Passenger Van from Nelson Auto, Fergus Falls, MN, if determined necessary. VOTE-U/C

MOVED BY Wolf and 2ND BY Hillmer to accept the following donations:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of FED #6004 gratefully accepts the donation of \$200 for the SALC Student Program from an anonymous donor. VOTE on adoption of the Resolution was as follows: ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: Wolf, Tumberg, Veronen, Hillmer, VanDenheuvel, Thalmann, and Wright. NAY: None. ABSENT: Huttunen and Howard. WHEREUPON, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and 2ND BY Wright to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Tumberg, Board Clerk

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING July 28, 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 Wright, Frisk, Trout, Reese and Freeman were present, comprising a quorum. Member Reeck was absent. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Principal Koenigs, AD Ahrendt, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson, Staples-Motley staff members and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wright, second by Trout, to adopt the agenda. MC

Chair Freeman welcomed those in attendance

School/Community Forum

None

Consent Agenda

Approve minutes from the June 23 board meeting Approve the resignation of:

Zack Qual, Assistant Football coach and Assistant Baseball coach

Troy Brandsma, MS/HS Custodian

Nick Schultz, JV Boys Basketball Coach

Melissa Jewison, NEST Assistant

Approval of the 2025-2026 School District petty cash in the amount of \$2,350

Approve Ryan Koenigs as LEA (Local Education Authority) person of the district for NCLB/Title I programs. (Standard annual approval)

MOVED, SEE BELOW:

Approve the 2025-2026 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN State Community and Technical College PSEO contract

Approve the 2025 fall coaches list

Approve the resolution of sponsorship with the

Community Concern for Youth Program with TWCC.

Approve the hire of:

Zack Qual, part-time Community Ed Programmer (Youth & Adult)

Cy Bestland, Head Girls Basketball Coach

Blaine Plattner, Middle/High School Custodian

MOVED, SEE BELOW:

Approve the 2025-2026 Consortium PSEO contract with Central Lakes College

Approve the 2025-2026 MOA with TCCAP (Tri-County Community Action Partnership)

Approve the fundraiser requests from the Student Council.

Approve the revised 2025-2026 School District calendar

Motion by Reese, second by Frisk, to approve the consent agenda. MC

Approve the 2025-2026 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN State Community and Technical College PSEO contract.

Approve the 2025-2026 Consortium PSEO contract with Central Lakes College

Motion by Trout, second by Reese. MC (Wright abstained)

Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Reese, second by Trout, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of \$2,000 and In-Kind donations in the amount of \$1,000. MC

Finance Items

Financial Report

Approve the June disbursements

General Fund: \$761,351.93

Food Service: \$33,228.68

Community Service: \$24,252.42

Construction Fund: \$1,011,024.05

Debt Service: 0.00

Fund 45: 0.00

Motion by Frisk, second by Reese, to approve the June disbursements. MC

Approve the June receipts

General Fund: \$761,351.93

Food Service: \$33,228.68

Community Service: \$24,252.42

Construction Fund: \$1,011,024.05

Debt Service: 0.00

Fund 45: 0.00

Motion by Freeman, second by Wright, to approve the June receipts. MC

Motion by Wright, second by Frisk, to approve the Resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2027 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance ten-year plan. MC

ROLL CALL VOTE: In favor - Freeman, Frisk, Reese, Trout, Wright (Reeck was absent)

Approve the 2025-2026 School Meal Prices/Fee Schedule.

Motion by Freeman, second by Trout, to approve the 2025-2026 School Meal Prices/Fee Schedule. MC

Cabinet Presentation Technology Director Brandsma

Curriculum / Policy

Approve the 2025-2026 MS/HS Activities Handbook.

Motion by Frisk, second by Trout, to approve the 2025-2026 MS/HS Activities Handbook. MC

2025-2026 MS/HS Handbook is available for School Board review. (No action at this time)

2025-2026 Elementary Handbook is available for School Board review. (No action at this time)

American Indian Grant Presentation - Principal Koenigs Reports

School Board:

Freshwater - Minutes

from 6-25-2025

Sourcewell - Minutes

from 6-17-2025

Elementary Principal

Middle/High School Principal

Activities/Community

Ed Director

SMEA

Superintendent

Motion by Reese, second by Trout, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. MC

Trisha Larson, Clerk ISD #2170

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Upcoming Meetings: Mon., Oct. 6, 2025: Board Work Session, District Office, 6 p.m.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED

YOU ARE NOTIFIED:

1. Default has occurred in the Contract for Deed ("Contract") dated April 25, 2025, and filed for record on April 28, 2025, as Document Number A545543, in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota, in which MID-SOTA CONSTRUCTION, a sole proprietorship, as Seller, sold to CLIFFORD DIXON, as Purchaser, the real property in Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows: Lot Eighteen (18) and Lot Nineteen (19), Block One (1) Little Pine Shores, according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the Todd County Recorder;

2. The default is as follows:

No payment received for the months of May 2025 through August 2025, totaling \$1,600.00.

3. Minnesota Statute 559.21 Subd. 4. (f) has been complied with

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Nicole M. Philippi, 27297 Ode Circle, Browerville, Mn. 56438. (320) 428-9448.

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TODD COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2026 COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Todd County, Minnesota (the "County"), will hold a public hearing of the Board beginning at 9:15 a.m., on October 7, 2025, to be held at the Todd County Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, to solicit public input in order to determine the 2026 County Fee Schedules for the County Departments including but not limited to: Administration, Attorney, Assessor, Audi-

tor-Treasurer, Environmental Health, GIS/MIS, Health & Human Services, Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Recorder, Sheriff and Solid Waste (Transfer Station).

The proposed 2026 County Fee Schedule is available on the Todd County website at https://www.co.todd.mn.us/ and at the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, located at 215 1st Avenue South, Suite 201 Long Prairie, MN during regular business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing in-person or submit written testimony prior to the hearing date. Written testimony submissions should be directed to the

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And the winner is...

Annie Schlosser reacts after being crowned the 2025 Staples-Motley Homecoming Queen Sept. 17, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. The other queen candidates, from left, are Summer Anderson, Livia Trif, Audrey Brownell and Avery Japke. Ben Tyrrell (hidden), the 2024 Staples-Motley Homecoming King, helped crown the new royalty. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



King Riley Reese rules

Staples-Motley High School senior Riley Reese, far right, was crowned the 2025 Homecoming King at coronation festivities Sept. 17, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Other king candidates, from left, are Colbe Tappe, Noah Larson, Luke Bjerga and Connor Kuhns. The 2024 SM Homecoming King, Ben Tyrrell, returned to his alma mater to help crown both the king and queen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Hall of Fame broadcaster
Dick Bremer is community
contributor for Staples Motley
Athletic Hall of Fame

set the state tournament record for field goal percentage at 75 percent. Set school records for field goal percentage, rebounds and blocked shots. Career varsity basketball record of 75-3.

In tennis, part of four state tournament teams, placing 2nd, 3rd, 3rd and 4th. Individual state qualifier in doubles, with partners Mary Riewer and Penny DeMars, placing 3rd and 4th.

Played college basketball at Wake Forest and Augustana.

Kevin Johnson

Three sport athlete in football, baseball and basketball.

Baseball pitcher for the 1969 District 24 champion Staples team, competing against big schools in one class system. Pitched a shutout in the first region game.

All Conference in basketball as a top scorer and rebounder for the Cardinals.

All Conference in football as the team's leading tackler.

Signed a professional baseball contract with the Cincinnati Reds out of high school.

Alex Griffith

A four sport athlete for the Motley Rockets, excelling in football, basketball, track and field and baseball.

All Conference in football and was conference MVP his senior year. Statewide honors, named to WCCO Team of the Week. Finished career with 2,110 yards rushing, with an average of 5.9 yards per carry and 28 touchdowns.

All Conference in baseball, .533 batting average.

All Conference in basketball as a four year starter.

Named Most Valuable Track Athlete his junior year.

Norm Card

Staples and Staples Motley Athletic Director and coach for many years.

Led the development of the "culture of success" that made the 1970-2000 era of Staples/Motley sports, music, and speech/debate dominance.

Tom Honek

Coached football, basketball and softball.

In nine years as head football coach, had a record of 72-24. Led the Staples/Motley Cardinals to the 1988 Class A Prep Bowl. Multiple conference, sub-section and section championships. Head coach of the 1989 Minnesota Outstate All-Star team.

Coached boys basketball ninth grade team for nine years and was girls basket-

ball varsity assistant for two years. Assistant coach for softball for nine years.

Dick Bremer

Known throughout Minnesota as the voice of the Minnesota Twins TV broadcasts, Bremer was a Staples Cardinal athlete for four years, participating in baseball and basketball, graduating in 1974.

He has earned multiple broadcasting awards, but is known locally as a hometown supporter.

Bremer also frequently talked about his Staples baseball roots during Minnesota Twins broadcasts. "In many ways, Dick put Staples and Staples Motley Cardinals on the map and in the minds of millions of listeners," stated his nomination letter.

1981 and 1982 boys basketball teams

The first Staples basketball teams to qualify for the state tournament, starting a run of 11 appearances over 20 years.

The 1981 team was undefeated in the regular season and through the district and region playoffs, but lost their first state tournament game. They came back to win the consolation championship. Top players were Jamie Marden, Mike Mergens, Craig Wolhowe, Bo Olson and John Riewer.

The 1982 team also won the state consolation championship after an injury hurt their state tournament run. Top players included Craig Wolhowe, Pete Backberg, John Riewer, Bo Olson and Paul Howard.

2002 and 2003 girls cross country teams

Staples Motley finished second at the state girls cross country meet in 2002, just nine points away from first. The top runners were Hannah Landecker, Steph Jares, Courtney Robinson, Liza Milless, Kayla Smith, Amanda Reichel, Kelsey Griffith and Amy Bernstrom.

The 2003 team improved to an untouchable level. They won state with a record of 45 total points, also setting a record for their winning margin of 84 points. Their times would have won the Class AA big schools state meet that year. The team was ranked 20th in the nation by the end of the year. The top seven runners at the state meet and their 4,000 meter race times were Steph Jares 15:04, Hannah Landecker 15:08, Naomi Landecker 15:08, Natasha Wenzel 15:23, Amanda Reichel 15:27, Brittany Brenny 15:36, and Courtney Robinson 15:45.



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