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Tree swallows A pair of tree swallows appear to be nesting in one of the bird houses put up by Staples-Motley students. Below, a close-up of the beautiful blue birds. (Photo by Mark Anderson)



Traffic issues reach Staples City Council

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council heard some traffic complaints at their April 22 meeting, pointing out a couple of issues that affect the standard of living in the community.

The first was Robert Drake, who lives on 6th Street NE in Staples. He asked if the city could limit the commercial truck traffic that drives through town on 6th Street, especially past Northern Pacific Park where children play and families cross the street every day to get to the park. He said the trucks also often speed up to get up the hill at 6th Street and 4th Ave. NE, which he said could also be dangerous.

Sixth Street is the street that extends from the stoplight at Highway 10 and 210 in Staples. Vehicles that want to get to the north end of town might find it easier to continue straight on 6th street rather than going a different route.

Drake presented a petition with 26 signatures from residents on the street requesting that truck traffic be eliminated.

The council did not discuss the request, but Mayor Ron Murray said they might put a discussion on the agenda for a future meeting.

The other complaint came from City Council member John Jewison, who said truck owners are adjusting their mufflers to make their vehicles louder. Jewison said the noise comes at all hours of the night and his neighbors are also talking about it.

"It rattles the whole house every night," said Jewison.

Murray said he also has heard complaints about loud exhausts in different parts of the city.

Police Chief Melissa Larson was at the meeting and said the department has been stopping vehicles and writing citations for loud exhaust. The department is aware of some of the vehicles that have been the subject of complaints. Larson said a phone call or license plate number could be helpful, but in order to give a citation, an officer has to witness the violation.

Lakewood update

Lakewood President and CEO Lisa Bjerga presented Lakewood Health System's annual report to the city council. She explained that the health care system is governed by a district board and a system board. The district owns all the property and owns the financial debt. The hospital system is a nonprofit who rents the land and pays the debt. The system board oversees the nonprofit.

Bjerga said Lakewood is the only hospital district in the state who hasn't taxed the residents of their legal district, which includes the City of Motley, City of Staples and area townships, including Becker, Byron, Meadow Brook, Moose Lake, Moran, Motley, Poplar, Staples, Thomastown and Villard.

Bjerga told the council that Lakewood's strategic plan has not changed much. They have made some major investments such as The Nest, Lakewood Plaza with Longbella Drug and Twin Cities Orthopedics, plus the construction of a cancer center that is scheduled to open in October. Bjerga said the project is on schedule and on budget.

The annual report included employment numbers at Lakewood in 2024. They increased their number of employees, hiring around 20 employees per month, with an average of around 15 employ-

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Opheim, Hines earn state speech titles

Laken Hines and Olivia Opheim are state speech champions while Brynn Bestland placed second and Walker Johnson was seventh at the state speech meet. Raina Mikhaeil placed 12th in her preliminary round and did not make the finals.

Competing in Humorous Interpretation, Hines was ranked first in the preliminary round, placing him as a favorite going in to the final round. In the finals, Hines had two of the five judges rank him first, with two more placing him second for a clear win.

Competing in Informative Speaking, Opheim was third in the opening round to advance. In the final round, three judges ranked her first, one second and one third, providing the state title by a wide margin.

In Serious Interpretation of Drama, Bestland was ranked third after the opening round. In the finals, she received one first place score and two seconds to move up into second place.

Johnson ranked third in her preliminary round of Creative Expression to make the finals. She placed seventh in the final round, with one judge putting her in the top three.

Staples-Motley placed fourth as a team. State speech team scores: Mounds Park Academy 69, Melrose 58, Fairmont 37, Staples-Motley 25, Mankato Loyola 17, Perham 15, Jackson County Central 15, Red Lake County 15, Dassel-Cokato 14, Chatfield 14, Pequot Lakes 12, Russel-Tyler-Ruthton 10, Sauk Centre 10, Pine City 10, ... 31 more teams scoring.

Weather

2025
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 30	71	48	Sunny
May 1	64	40	P. Sunny
May 2	59	37	M. Sunny
May 3	74	51	Sunny
May 4	80	56	M. Sunny
May 5	78	56	M. Cloudy
May 6	76	55	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2024

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 30	60°	41	Cloudy
May 1	59	43	M. Cloudy
May 2	51	47	Cloudy
May 3	58	43	M. Sunny
May 4	60	41	M. Sunny
May 5	65	45	M. Sunny
May 6	66	48	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 65° Low = 42°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Leader Hall Board **9A**
Todd paving **9A**
Villard mowing **9A**
Todd Commissioners **9A**
Todd culverts **10A**
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Obituaries

Judy Holderbach
Ruth M. Zulkosky

Augustinaks purchase golf course to promote 'hidden gem' in Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

When Paul and Alison Augustinack visited The Vintage golf course for the first time, they thought it was a special place.

"We felt it was a hidden gem," said Alison.

They had traveled from Baxter to Staples to visit the course because Paul's real estate business was working with golf course owner Ernie Rose to find a residential property in the Brainerd area. They learned that Rose was willing to sell the course if the right deal could be reached.

For the Augustinaks, that one visit last November helped convince them to purchase the golf course.

"We had always wanted to be business owners," said Paul, "we hadn't thought of a golf course before."

Paul had been an avid golfer in the Brainerd golf scene but had never been to the Staples course.

"We liked the river running alongside, the acreage and the space," said Paul.

It took a little longer to convince them that owning a golf course was a good idea.

"The idea was 'out there', it is a big endeavor, but as we looked at the numbers it was more doable than we thought," said Paul.

Eight weeks later, the numbers made sense and they purchased the course.

They will continue working, Paul with his real estate business and Alison at Essentia Health in Brainerd.

They also are looking forward to spending a lot of time in Staples.

"Everyone has been so welcoming," said Paul. "People are getting behind it and they like the idea of local ownership. We want to get more feedback from people."

An opportunity to meet the new owners will be at a tournament on Saturday, May 31, called the "Screw-up Scramble", where visitors can play 18 holes of golf and get a lunch served by the Augustinacks and their family. They're promoting this as a family event because Alison said they would like the public to realize that The Vintage is a family-friendly venue.



Owners at The Vintage
Alison and Paul Augustinack

Improvements

The Augistinacks have already made some big

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April garden checklist

From University of Minnesota Extension

- Do not prune oaks from April through October. The fungus that causes oak wilt is most abundant during these months.
- Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs, like lilac, azaleas, and forsythia, after they finish blooming.

Lilacs

For older lilacs with lots of large stems, follow the rule of thirds. You can remove a third of the large stems all the way to the ground in the spring of the first year, cut half of the remaining large stems in the spring of the second year, and remove the rest of the large stems in the spring of the third year.

Common lilacs only flower on 3-year-old wood, which is why we use the rule of thirds. This is also a type of rejuvenation pruning. We want to have beautiful blooms every year while we work on rejuvenating our plants.

Growing lilacs for Minnesota landscapes has more detailed information.

Watch the shrub pruning video series for how to prune an overgrown lilac.

Flowers

Once your garden beds warm up and plants emerge, push back protective mulch (wood, leaves, straw, etc.) covering perennials. If temperatures are still dropping into the low 20s at night, it's easy to push the mulch back over any tender perennials.

When temperatures dip to 20°F or lower, some perennials can suffer cold damage. Leave the mulch on the soil around your plants.

With 3 to 4 inches of mulch, you can moderate soil temperatures, reduce weeds, and retain moisture throughout the growing season.

Houseplants

Have the flowers from your potted bulb garden faded? Some forced bulbs transplant more successfully than others in the landscape. For example, forced daffodil bulbs transplanted in the landscape may regrow and bloom in 1 to 2 years if the plants are cared for properly.

When the flowers in your potted bulb garden fade, place the pot in a sunny window until it is warm enough to move it outside (~50°F at night). Then, put the pot in a sunny location and continue watering it. The leaves need to collect the energy from the sun (photosynthesis) and store it in the bulb for future growth and (hopefully) blooms.

When the leaves start to fade in early to midsummer, stop watering. Remove the bulbs from the pot and let them dry out for a few weeks, but don't let them get so dry that they become wrinkly. Then, store them in a paper bag in a cool location (45-50°F).

In the fall, plant them in your garden with your other spring flowering bulbs. Be sure to label them.

Lawn

Start thinking about weed control for this spring. If you did not dormant seed, are not planning on seeding this spring, or are concerned about crabgrass in your lawn, consider applying a crabgrass preemergent herbicide.

If crabgrass has already germinated in your area, use herbicides containing the active ingredient dithiopyr (which has pre- and early post-emergent activity); otherwise, prodiamine and pendimethalin work best to prevent crabgrass from emerging.

As always, dense and healthy turf is the best defense against weeds. Proper mowing and fertilization can achieve this.

Other tasks

- Direct sow cool-season vegetables and flowers in April as soon as the ground is dry enough to be worked. Some plants you can sow include lettuce, radish, peas, flowering sweet peas, and Johnny jump-ups.
- You can transplant pansies and other cool-season flowers as soon as they are available at your local garden center. The plants should already be hardened off when you purchase them.



Bound for State Speech!

Speech coach Kip Hines drove the school van carrying the Staples-Motley High School Speech students who were bound for the State Speech Tournament in Shakopee April 17. These students included Laken Hines, Olivia Opheim. Brynn Bestland, Raina Mikhaeil and Walker Johnson. Others that took part in the state speech send off from Staples included Staples Police and Fire Departments, Staples Ambulance, coaches, family and friends. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

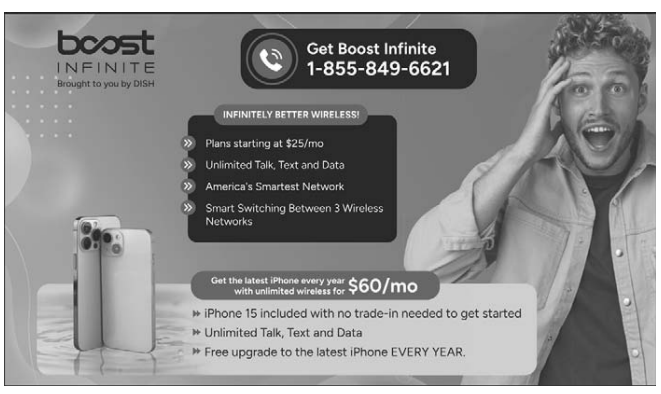


Celebrating their Grand Opening

Hubbard's Hardware in Staples held a Grand Opening Celebration April 24 - 27. Owners Eric and Diedre Hubbard purchased the business a year ago and since that time have done some remodeling, including re-doing the floors, and added new products. Pictured with the owners are family members and employees at the store. From left are Ken Hubbard and Ruth Hubbard, Elbow Lake, parents of Eric; Chad Miller, Eric Hubbard, Jeff Spandl, Deidre Hubbard, all of Staples; Owen Hubbard, Hoffman, son of Eric and Deidre; Donna Hanson, Leader; Lexi Hunter, Hoffman; and Deidre's mother Nadine Johnson, Barrett. Attendees at the open house were treated to a free hot dog lunch and had the opportunity to win prizes. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Motley area law enforcement

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

Apr. 12 - Motley Police responded to a report of a fight at Bremer's Bar in Motley. Morrison County deputies were called to assist, but the individuals were gone before the deputies arrived.

Apr. 12 - The MCSO received a report of a suspicious vehicle at the 34000 block of 80th Ave., Cushing.

Apr. 12 - The MCSO received a report of a break-in to a shed at the 6000 block of 320th St., Cushing.

Apr. 11 - Morrison County deputies responded to a grass fire at 5660 Marble Dr., Cushing. Randall Fire Department had the fire contained at the deputies' arrival.

Apr. 21 - Motley Police received a report of property damage at 49 Ash St. E., Motley.

April 20 - Motley Police received a report of property damage at 432 Pine Ave. S., Motley.

Apr. 19 - Motley Police responded to a report of a possible domestic at the Motley Laundromat. Upon the officer's arrival, no one was there.

Apr. 22 - Morrison County deputies responded to a property damage crash at the 34000 block of Hillcrest Dr., Motley.

April 21 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of fire at the 36000 block of Bugle Rd., Motley, and assisted as needed.

Dr. Bardwell joins Essentia Clinic in Staples

The Essentia Health-St. Joseph's-Staples Clinic welcomed Dr. Kevin Bardwell, who specializes in family medicine. He's a familiar face in the area having practiced in urgent care at Essentia Health Urgent Care-Baxter since 2019.

"I have always liked family medicine for its continuity of care and getting to know entire families," said Dr. Bardwell. "But at the same time, I also enjoy urgent care and taking care of patients and the problems that come up acutely."

Dr. Bardwell earned his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. He completed his family medicine residency at the University of South Dakota Sioux Falls Family Practice Residency Program and is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

"I pride myself in providing excellent service and follow-up for all of my patients," said Dr. Bardwell. "You will feel cared for."


Dr. Kevin Bardwell

Foodborne and waterborne illnesses are common

From Todd County Health and Human Services

Foodborne illness is caused by consuming contaminated foods or beverages. Many different disease-causing microbes or pathogens can contaminate foods, so there are many different types of foodborne illnesses. Most foodborne diseases are infections caused by a variety of bacteria, viruses, and parasites.

Common symptoms of foodborne illness are diarrhea and/or vomiting, typically lasting 1 to 7 days. Other symptoms might include abdominal cramps, nausea, fever, joint/back aches, and fatigue. What some people call the "stomach flu" may actually be a foodborne illness caused by a pathogen (i.e., virus, bacteria, or parasite) in contaminated food or drink. The time between exposure to the pathogen and onset of symptoms can range from several hours to 1 week.

Foods associated with foodborne illness:

- Raw foods of animal origin, that is, raw meat and poultry, raw eggs, unpasteurized milk, and raw shellfish are the most likely to be contaminated.
- Fruits and vegetables can also be contaminated with animal waste when manure is used to fertilize produce in the field, or unclean water is used for washing the produce.
- Raw sprouts are particularly concerning because the conditions under which they are sprouted are ideal for growing microbes.
- Unpasteurized fruit juices or cider can also be contaminated if there are pathogens on the fruit that is used to make it.
- Any food item that is touched by a person who is ill with vomiting or diarrhea, or who has recently had such an illness, can become contaminated.

Do you suspect you have a foodborne illness?

Call 1-877-FOOD-ILL (1-877-366-3455). Submit your report using the Foodborne and Waterborne Illness Report, online at https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/foodborne/reporting.html or email: health.foodill@state.mn.us

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Birth rate falls at Lakewood

ees voluntarily departing per month. Employee head count reached 945 total employees at the peak.

The employee count includes 38 physicans and 41 clinicians on site, plus 20 outreach clinicians and 25 consultants. They also had 13 locum providers who come in to the hospital or clinic for special purposes. In 2024, Lakewood partnered with 173 telemedicine providers.

Statistics show increases in procedures and patients. There were 112,783 clinic visits among the Lakewood clinics in Staples, Motley, Pillager, Browerville, Eagle Bend and the dermatology clinic in Sartell. That is well above the 93,000 clinic patients in 2019.

Surgeries have also increased every year for the past six years, with the exception of the pandemic year in 2020. Lakewood had 4,976 surgeries in 2024, an average of 13 per day. Emergency room visits have increased from 8,200 in 2019 to 9,876 in 2024. Ambulance calls have a slight increase, from 1,141 in 2019 to 1,220 in 2024.

The number of births decreased after rising for many years. Bjerga said that is part of a national trend with fewer births following a post-pandemic surge. Lakewood saw 484 births in 2024, compared to 522 in 2023.

The Community Health department at Lakewood invested $29,487 in getting locally grown foods to patients and community members. They also invested in community fitness, with the $1 million walking track and fitness center at The Nest, part of Staples-Motley High School.

Bjerga pointed out that Lakewood received many workplace and quality awards during the year.

In other news, the council

- Approved purchase agreement with Linda and Jeffrey Johnson to purchase city-owned lot adjoining their property. $9,500
- Approved facility use agreement with Central Lakes College to use city-owned land for agricultural purposes.
- Approved updates to city code on nonconforming uses to align with state statutes
- Approved new sign ordinance
- Approved raffle permit for Knights of Columbus
- Approved donation from the Staples Relief Association for the city Bike Rodeo.

Court report April 23

Long Prairie Police Department

Denise Carol Drown, Osakis. Wireless communications device. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Marcderson Eliacin, Browerville. Wireless communications device. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Johanny Aracelis Martinez Disla, Long Prairie. Expired registration. Fine $30. Fee $85.

Kristopher Randall Sipe, Long Prairie. Wireless communications device. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Jared Thomas Wehking, Eagle Bend. Expired registration. Fine $30. Fee $85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Taylor Scott Baier, New London. Spear without both dark house spearing and angling licenses. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Russell Allen Powell, Cushing. Fail to display valid ATV registration/decal as required. Fine $25. Fee $85.

MN State Patrol

Gregory Paul Puriett, Stacy. Speed 82/65. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Eli Samuel Anderson, Burtrum. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Kaden Anthony Brooks, Sartell. Speed 75/70. Fine $40. Fine $85.

Brianna Marie Cernohous, Portland, OR. Driving after suspension. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Michael Floyd Courtright, Maple Lake. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Ashley Jade Doble, Avon. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Charles Allen Dodge, Farwell. Speed 81/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Lucas William Enger, St. Cloud. Speed 82/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Tashina Lynn Fabel, Ponsford. Speed 75/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Arin Katherine Hausmann, Victoria. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Carroll Jacob Lowery, Alexandria. Speed 73/60. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Damion Daniel Majerus, Long Prairie. Speed 89/55. Fine $150. Fee $225.

Cherryl Luann Martinson, Fargo, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Sunny Ramanlal Patel, Scarborough, ON. Speed 85/70. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Cynthia Rae Peterson, Underwood. Hands-free law. Fine $50. Fee $85.

David Carl Pompe, Dilworth. Hands-free law. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Brandon Ramiriz, Melrose. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older). Fine $50.

Baley Maye Roper, Hewitt. Speed 79/60. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Lily Anne Svajgl, Bellevue, NE. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Taras Zalishcuk, Fargo, ND. Speed 81/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Leann Margaret Zimmerman, Grey Eagle. Hands free law. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Staples Police Dept.

Marcus Bradley Cintella, Wadena. Driver who is not owner must later produce proof of insurance if required. Fine $200. Fee $85. Liquor-possession by person under 21. Fine $100.

Todd County Sheriff

Emanes Cherilus, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type.

John D. Swartzentruber, Hewitt. Failure to obtain a burning permit. Fine $50. Fee $85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 10, 2025.

Shasta Michell Love, Long Prairie. Drugs-5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia-no cannabis/hemp. Dismissed. Open bottle-possession. Local confinement (1 day credit for time served.) Fine $50.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 14, 2025.

Makail David Schroeder, Brainerd. Driving after revocation. Continued. Unsupervised probation, 6 mo)

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 15, 2025.

William Harrison Hartsock, Randall. Deer hunting-may not hunt with aid or use of bait. Fine $300. Fee $75.

James Alfred, Jr. Flath, Wadena. Domestic abuse no contact order-violate no contact order. Continued. Supervised probation. Fine $50.

Ephraim M. Hershberger, Long Prairie. Forestry-wild fire prevention-burn during ban. Fine $100. Fee $85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 16, 2025.

Zacharia Dean Johnson, Staples. 3rd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. 3rd degree driving while impaired-blood alcohol content greater than .08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr mo 357 days for 4 credit for time served: 7 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1950

- May 4, 1950 - The heavy snow and rain that fell in this area the past week has caused considerable trouble at the Bell Telephone company office in Staples, in that some of the underground cables have "sprung leaks" and a number of the telephones have been out of commission.
- May 4, 1950 - Art Peyer had a narrow escape from losing some valuable livestock early Tuesday morning, May 2, when the roof

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of his barn on his farm in Staples township crashed to the ground pinning some of the stock under it.

The roof was a straw roof, supported by heavy timbers and it is believed that the heavy snow settling on the roof caused it to crash through.

A number of cows and calves were in the barn and Mr. Peyer had to "dig" these animals out of the debris.

- May 4, 1950 - Motley high school received national publicity this week on an article on the merits of comics written by Mary Kempe, was used in the Roundup section of Senior Scholastic, a magazine for high school students which has a circulation of over one million.

The article was originally written for Mrs. Gordon Olson's sophomore English class when the class made a thorough study of the comics.

Miss Kempe is editor of the Hi-Life, school newspaper, and the article in the Scholastic was sent in by Nonte Jarvi, co-advisor of the newspaper.

- May 4, 1950 - Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Schmelzer and Loren Schmelzer of Anoka have taken possession of the Motley Telephone Exchange, which they purchased from Mrs. Mollie Waite. The men are in partnership in the business. Mrs. Schmelzer was at the switchboard on Monday.

Mrs. Mollie Waite had an auction sale of her household goods on Tuesday. She expects to be around Motley for a few days yet doing some collecting and attending to other business matters.

- May 4, 1950 - There was no school (in Motley) Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, due to road conditions, following the heavy snowfall on Tuesday, April 25, when the buses called early in the afternoon to take the students home.

The roads and streets in town had been graded the weekend previous and the following Tuesday, Herb Beckner plowed snow!

50 Years Ago - 1975

- May 1, 1975 - Nancy Sadusky of Staples took a ninth place finish in the State High School Speech tournament April 26.

Miss Sadusky competed against 16 other contestants in the Humorous division. A total of 176 students participated in the tourney representing 101 schools in the state.

- May 1, 1975 - MR. BUDS, Hwy 210 W. Pillager. Entertainment every Fri., Sat., & Sun. nites. Music by The Daryl Larson Show featuring Carol Peet. No cover charge. Phone 746-9420. Bud Burchill, Owner.
- May 1, 1975 - Too Good To Be True - Batcher's now have the newest Sedgefield Do-Nothing 14 oz., 100 % Cotton Denim Jeans With SanforSet.
- May 1, 1975 - Many soloists and small group presentations will be featured in the "Music Along the Tracks," which will be presented by the fifth and sixth grade choir of the Staples Elementary School.

This musical will be given Monday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the old Staples Roundhouse.

Some of the musical selections that the students will be presenting at the show are "I've Been Working on the Railroad," "Every State is My Home," "Drill Ye Terriers," "Patsy," "This Ol' Hammer," "A Railroader for Me," "900 Miles" "She'll Be coming Around the Mountain," "Hobo's Lullaby," "Wabash Cannon Ball," "John Henry," "This Train," and "Casey Jones."

John Wolak is the director of the musical, assisted by Mrs. Virginia Hegre.

- May 1, 1975 - Following action by the Board of Education at a recent meeting, Mrs. Bernadine St. Pierre was named principal of the Sacred Heart School, Staples.

Mrs. St. Pierre will succeed Sister Ann Marie Biermeier and she will assume her new position at the start of the 1975-76 school term.

Mrs. St. Pierre has served on the faculty of the Sacred Heart school for the past 17 years as an instructor of third and/or fourth grade.

25 Years Ago - 2000

- May 4, 2000 - As students in his sixth grade classroom eagerly crowded around him, Tom Honek was all smiles last Wednesday as he learned he was the Teacher of the Year for the Staples Motley School District for 2000.

Honek, a veteran of 27 years in Staples and Staples Motley classrooms, refused any individual credit. "An award like this is because of the people you work with, the students, the other teachers, everybody. They are all a part of it and should share in it. It's a way to celebrate your school and your position," Honek said.

- May 4, 2000 - Jill Mertens from Staples Motley High School has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend and play basketball at North Dakota State College of Science next fall.

Mertens, a 6'2" forward, finished a stellar career by earning the Mid State Conference MVP award and being an All-State nominee.

Jill currently holds the record for most points scored in a single game (39) and is the Staples Motley High School career leader in blocked shots.

- May 4, 2000 - Many volunteers showed up Monday afternoon to plant maples, linden, ash and other trees on the south side of Staples. Volunteers pictured in the paper included Glynn Kaste, Jerry Riewer, Al Case, Roy Anderson, and Roger Hammond. Over 300 trees were waiting to be planted, with the project extending into Tuesday as well.

10 Years Ago - 2015

- April 30, 2015 - At a special meeting held April 24, the Motley City Council approved hiring Bryan Stevens as a full-time maintenance assistant. He begins work May 11.

Stevens, from Motley, will be working alongside Bruce Brotherton, Motley's Public Works Supervisor.

- April 30, 2015 - Students from the Jump Start program and some of the Staples Community Center regulars joined the tree planting ceremony on April 24 at the community center. Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Grondahl said Staples is going on its 24th year as a Tree City.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1985. 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.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the April 17, 1975 edition of the Staples World featured sixth graders at Sacred Heart school in Staples that were finalists at the annual Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Charles Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin, successfully defended his title and repeated as the champion of the spelling bee.

Pictured are the 11 finalists. Seated, from left, are Cindy Salber, Charles Martin, Colleen Corbett, Susan Roberts. Standing, are Angie Matanich, Cathy Nelson, Jayne Germann, Eva Goeden, Shirley Hollister, Doreen Koppes, Jeff Salber.

Sherri (Koppes) Koval of Browerville recognized her sister, Doreen, and proceeded to share the photo with her. Doreen correctly identified all except for Jeff Salber, whom she thought was Dan Meyer. Doreen and her husband Scott Nelson, both 1981 Staples High School grads, currently live in Barnesville.

Colleen (O'Keefe) Mayhew of Staples, also a 1981 SHS grad, correctly identified all except for Susan Roberts and Jeff Salber.Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Staples Police report

April 13, at 2:12 a.m., Staples Police observed subjects running on 3rd Street NE, south of the baseball field. Officer observed some subjects running in the alley on the 400 block of 4th Street NE. Officer made contact with one of the subjects and walked them home, where parents were contacted and advised on the incident and of city curfew. Police also advised the parents of the other two subjects.

April 14, Staples Police arrested a subject on warrants. He admitted to meth use and had posession of meth and was transported to Todd County Jail.

April 16, Staples Police received a report of a gas drive-off. Police contacted the father of the suspect who said he would call her and let her know.

April 17, Staples Police cited a driver for exhibition driving.

April 17, Staples Police investigated a domestic assault, no weapon was involved.

April 18, Staples Police learned from a jail inmate that his property was being burglarized while he is incarcerated. Police checked the property and found a garage door ajar but other doors secured.

April 19, Staples Police assisted an airplane pilot who landed at the Staples Airport and was unable to get the crew car lock opened.

April 19, Staples Police received a traffic complaint about a car with a female driving while on TikTok on cell phone.

April 22, Staples Police responded to a report of a truck that had driven against the building at the Staples Food Shelf and was not allowing people to leave or enter. Police located the party who was having a mental health crisis. The subject was transported by Staples Ambulance to Lakewood Health System for an evaluation. There were no injuries to the subject or any bystanders. There was also no damage to the Food Shelf building.

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The time of new life is a time of danger, too

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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For very good reasons, spring is thought of as a time rebirth, and of new life in the natural world. It's a time of mating and nesting for birds, both resident and migratory. It's a time of spawning for many freshwater fish. Whitetail fawns will be born in late May or early June. Small mammals are in their first weeks of life, or soon will be. Buds on deciduous trees are swelling, and leaf-out will be close behind, with woodland wild flowers beginning to carpet the leaf litter beneath them.

But, as reassuring and inspiring as is this demonstration of Nature's resilience, the natural order of things dictates that many lives in the wild will be short. The hazards are especially great for wildlife that share environments with us. In such places there is not only the ever-present threat of predation—a dog-eat-dog world, you might say—but other hazards that are inseparable from human ways of life.

The most visible and greatest human impact is our primary means of transportation, our highways and local roads, and the vehicles with which we populate them. This past weekend—out on a morning errand to visit the "smithy" of a welder friend, a man who fabricates both artistic and functional things of steel—I could see far ahead on the pavement an irregular, dark shape that I expected to be roadkill of some kind. With no vehicles visible in the rear-view mirror, I braked to slow my car, to more easily identify it.

I consider myself a sympathetic soul who feels a twinge of regret any time I see a wild creature whose life has been untimely ended by a collision with a motor vehicle. But I'll admit to a scale of regret that can be influenced by the identity of the creature. As my vehicle slowed to a crawl, I could see the plumage of brown, black, cream, and gray, and the familiar wing shape, that—in combination—said "ruffed grouse."

To a grouse hunter like myself, the loss of even one grouse to a road mishap starts a sequence of mathematical speculations, calculations as to what the now-deceased bird might have contributed to the fall population. That's a selfish lens through which to view the untimely death of a wild creature, but—in my defense—perhaps it's a response that a hunter-gatherer ancestor would have felt.

The "crime scene" was between two patches of brushy woodland, one on either side of the county road. Though my detective work is only speculative, the position of the feathered carcass in mid-road—not on the shoulder—implied that the bird was crossing the road, rather than picking roadside gravel for its crop. Late April into early May is peak ruffed grouse mating time in Minnesota, a time when males display and "drum" to attract females. There's no being certain whether a mating response led to this fatal road crossing, but hormones would seem to have been a logical cause.

Apart from the road hazard effect, spring is one of the two periods of the year—the other being fall—when ruffed grouse are most susceptible to predation. The lack of concealing cover now in nearly leafless woodlands, and greater activity during the mating period, expose them more to avian predators like hawks and owls, and to four-footed predators like foxes, fishers, bobcats, or even mink. Nor are these predators above making a meal of grouse eggs, if the opportunity arises.

Whitetail deer are more active and visible now as they take advantage of spring weather that has reduced the stress on their metabolism, and more abundant food resources that are all around them, from native plants to fall-picked agricultural fields that have not yet been planted to this year's crops. You could liken their expanded feeding options to a mall food court compared to the local neighborhood café.

As a result, the whitetail—like the grouse—is similarly exposed to collisions with motor vehicles on the grid that blankets our state with a county or township road every mile, except for the most remote and sparsely-settled regions of Minnesota. It seems that no matter which direction I travel, on paved road or gravel, at this time of year I see deer carcasses—and scavenging crows, eagles, or turkey vultures dining on them—with greater frequency. Statistics tell us that there are more deer-car collisions in Minnesota during the rutting season in October and November. But spring is next in line.

But unlike ruffed grouse, vulnerable to predation as young and old alike, adult deer are not so easily taken now as they are in winter when snow is deep, or when frozen snow crust supports the weight of an eastern gray wolf or coyote pursuing them, but will not support a deer. But whitetail fawns, born from late May to early June, are for a time especially vulnerable to coyotes, black bears, and wolves. Their instinct to lie immobile when their mother is away, their camouflage coloration, and minimal scent during the first weeks of life, all help protect them during the most vulnerable time of their life.

It's ironic that spring is both a time of new life, and a time of great risk to life. Whether it's a ruffed grouse, a whitetail deer, or a duckling or just-born loon that is targeted by a cruising northern pike, or stealthily stalking great blue heron, life is a dangerous condition. Fortunately, Nature tends to over-produce, and in effect compensate on a population level for the inevitable and unavoidable hazards all wildlife face.

Proposal shifts state deficit to property taxes

By Mike Wiener
State Representative

Property taxes are one of the most pressing concerns facing Minnesotans, and now thanks to Governor Tim Walz's latest budget proposal, they're about to get even worse for counties like ours.

Wadena County released its cost estimates for the Governor's proposed shift of state responsibilities onto county governments. The numbers are clear—and alarming. These unfunded mandates could result in an additional $1.63 million in costs that county taxpayers will be expected to shoulder in 2026 alone.

Here's what the Walz administration is pushing onto local taxpayers:

• $288,000 increase in Disability Waiver costs

• MSOP cost share increase from 25% to 40%: $37,329

• $1 million for new mandates under MAAFP ("The Act"), requiring seven additional full-time employees—including two attorneys

• $270,256 for four new FTEs in county jail due to staffing pattern changes

• $32,579 loss due to reductions in Aquatic Species Aid

• $2,114 loss from cuts to Cannabis Aid

• Plus an increase in Behavioral Health Fund cost shares and more

• Total New Local Burden: $1,633,815

Even more concerning: Some costs can't even be calculated yet due to a lack of data and clarity from the state. Counties like Wadena are left guessing how much more they'll owe.

These shifts to the counties come at a time when Minnesota is already facing a $6 billion budget deficit. Instead of tightening the belt at the state level, the Governor is passing the buck to counties, leaving local taxpayers to pick up the tab.

If you're wondering why your property tax bill keeps climbing, this is a big part of the reason.

When counties are forced to absorb millions in unexpected costs, they have two choices: cut services or raise taxes. And when the state chooses to fund new programs by offloading costs instead of finding responsible solutions, Minnesotans like you are left paying the price.

We need real leadership that respects your hard-earned dollars, not more top-down mandates that make local government footing the bill.

I want to thank Wadena County for putting this spreadsheet together and when our property taxes rise, we can all thank Walz.

State budget deficit reveals priorities

By Senator Paul Utke

There's no way around it – our state is facing a $6 billion deficit and it's something we have to contend with sooner rather than later. This deficit is a clear signal that we need to get our budget and priorities in check. Unfortunately, when it comes to the Education area of the budget, Democrats have put forward a plan that I want folks to know a bit more about.

As of right now, the Senate Democrats' budget has a "zero" target for Education this biennium, with plans to cut funding in the next biennium. For 2024-2025, total education funding from the state was $24.5 billion – already a huge part of our state's budget. Even with a "zero" target, the 2026-2027 education budget will grow by 4.8 percent up to $25.7 billion, and will grow by an additional 4.1 percent in 2028-2029, totaling $26.8 billion.

Though Democrats have touted these increases as a "historic investment" in schools, the fact of the matter is that much of the funding came with strings attached to specific programs and mandates. Over the past two years, an additional 80+ unfunded mandates were also passed down to our schools – that "historic" funding was eaten up very quickly as districts struggled to comply with all the new burdensome requirements. As a result, schools across the state are now seeing their budgets drop into the red. Schools have been forced to consider layoffs, increased tax levies, program cuts, and more. It's alarming that the Democrats' budget target for this upcoming biennium does nothing to address these concerns that we've been hearing about since 2023.

I'd also like to note that even though Democrats' target is "zero," there are still cuts in the Democrats' proposal this year, but not where you'd expect them to be. Their current proposal eliminates funding for non-public education. That means they are cutting funding for things like transportation, textbooks, counseling, and health services. You know who doesn't see a cut? The Department of Education. In fact for 2026-2027, MDE is getting a $2 million increase for operations, and their legal budget is also getting an increase to the tune of $6 million. This is just ridiculous. We know cuts need to be made, but we should look at these bloated agencies, not cutting services our kids and families rely on.

This proposal does not even attempt to address the concerns that schools throughout the state have brought to us. That's why Senate Republicans have maintained the stance that we must put Students First in education. The policies of the last few years have done the opposite, and we need to get kids back on track. We want schools to have the flexibility to use funding where their districts need it the most. We also want districts to be able to waive some of these new burdensome mandates if they neither address the school's needs nor align with their local priorities. It's really simple – eliminate the mandates, and let our schools get back to teaching students.

Foundations conference looks to journalism

From Minnesota Newspaper Association

Minnesota Star Tribune Publishers and CEO Steve Grove presented the keynote addess Thursday at EmpowerCF, kicking off the Minnesota community foundations' annual conference in Waite Park.

Grove's keynote was followed by the conference's leadoff breakout session, focused on the role of philanthropy in supporting local news in Minnesota. Panelists for the session included MNA Past President Reed Anfinson, publisher of the Swift County Monitor News, MNA Director of Development & Communications Lisa Schwarz, Mukhtar Ibrahim of Press Forward Minnesota, and Jonathan Kealing of the Institute for Nonprofit News.

The annual two-day conference gathers personnel from community foundations around the state for training, networking and information-gathering.

Grove's speech highlighted in importance of quality journalism to civic life, as well as the Star Tribune's work to build philanthropic support for its work.

The panel discussion, "Community Foundations and Community Journalism: A Recipe for Revitalization," explored nonprofit and for-profit journalism models and offered concrete ways community foundations can support local news monetarily and in the civic arena.

Mining affects water

Arne H. Carlson, Retired Governor, Lake City
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Nanet Entzel, Retired legislator, Minneapolis
Duke Skorich, President, Zenith Research Group, Inc., Duluth

Without question, the growing scarcity of healthy drinking water will affect everyone. Approximately two thirds of the world's population will face water shortages by 2025. Locally, the University of Minnesota in 2012 warned state leaders that demand will soon exceed supply and that "the state would need to reduce water consumption by 35% over the next 25 years just to stay at today's level of use."

Sadly, state government did nothing. And now, we are confronted with a serious crisis. Specifically, foreign mining conglomerates with highly questionable reputations are seeking to mine in northern Minnesota for valuable minerals including copper, nickel, titanium, and platinum.

However, this type of mining, known as sulfide mining, is highly risky because it involves a process that releases acids and toxic metals into the water, and they remain there for hundreds of years. This includes mercury, arsenic, lead, and cadmium. Since the underground water system, like our body's circulatory system, is interconnected, it is likely that toxins generated up north in the Tamarack mine will flow out of a Minneapolis faucet. In essence, all Minnesotans will be affected.

Current mining laws were designed for iron ore and are totally inadequate for sulfide mining. In July of 2019 18 DFL legislators led by Senator John Marty wrote a detailed letter to Governor Walz outlining their concerns with the PolyMet project.

The legislators recommended a moratorium until new laws and standards could be imposed.

On August 12, Governor Walz, in an interview with MinnPost, gushed his agreement with the contents of the letter and gave his full assurance that he was fully onboard with their concerns and promised:

"The only way this gets built is if it gets built right" and added: "it's my job to make sure we do."

But, from this date forward nothing transpired: no legislative hearings, no updating of antiquated laws, no reforms.

Instead of protecting the public, legislative leaders directed the building of massive caucus fundraising machines that raised over $26.5 million or some $130,000 per incumbent for the 2020 legislative campaigns. This staggering sum came from donors granted very special favors by the legislature including being able to "shape" legislation. This is a finding of a University of Minnesota study released in May 2021. The report concluded: "Money matters at the Minnesota State Legislature".

This is popularly known as "influence peddling" and it is totally corrupt and it involves both parties.

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Front: Gwendolynn Vanek, Stetson Vanvickle; middle row: Maddie Dogano-Ward, Faith Frisk, Alida Hanson, Annie and Ellen VanVickle, Ray Biggar; back: AJ Biggar, Will Moon, Carson Sadlo. (Submitted photo)

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May 5 - 9

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Tuesday - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, mixed vegetables, fresh orange.

Wednesday - Pork roast, pork gravy, candied yams, green beans, M&M chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday - Turkey tetrazzinim peas/carrots, whole kernel corn, vanilla wafers.

Friday -Cheese omelet, turkey sausage, Rosemary diced potatoes, cinnamon apples, blueberry muffin.

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Crossing Arts Alliance holds class at Landmark Inn

Local artist Patricia Lintner shows some of the materials to be used for a painting class hosted by Crossing Arts Alliance at the Landmark Inn in Staples on April 17. From left, Lintner, Vonnie Diehl, Janet Kiley, Vonnie Perius, Jackie Perius and Stephanie Selander. Crossing Arts Alliance is an organization of Brainerd area artists. They will be planning other arts opportunities in Staples this year. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Mark Your Calendar

May 1

'Walk With A Doc' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota

May 2

Women's OPEN AA Recovery Meeting Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

May 4

Celebrate Recovery Group Meetings are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

May 5

Staples Area Retired Educators (REAM) will meet on Monday, May 5, at the Staples City Hall at 9:30 a.m.

May 6

Old Time Dance is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

Ruby's Pantry will be held Tuesday, May 6, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples.

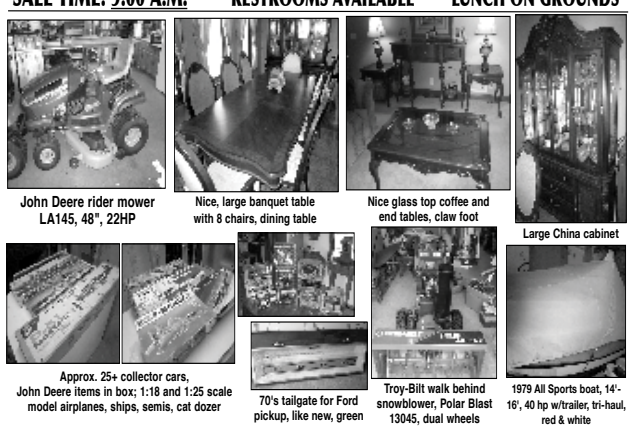
Women's AA Mtg Tuesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Staples Church of Christ, on Hwy 210, south of Staples.

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.

May 13

Veterans Town Hall Mtg will be held Tuesday, May 13, 2 p.m., at the Brainerd VA Clinic, located at 722 NW 7th St., Brainerd. The meeting is open to all veterans served by the Brainerd VA Clinic and St. Cloud VA, and provides veterans the opportunity to hear from and have concerns addressed by St. Cloud VA officials.

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Tips for planting a vegetable garden

From University of Minnesota Extension

Planting a vegetable garden is an enjoyable experience. With careful planning and preparation, you can have a good harvest.

Do not prepare your soil for planting when it is too wet or too dry. If soil sticks to your shoes or shovel, it is too wet. Press a small amount of soil in your hand. When the moisture is right, the soil crumbles and breaks into small clumps. If it is too wet, it stays molded in a ball.

Rake the planting area after tilling or spading. A firm, fine seedbed is best, especially for small-seeded crops.

Packing the soil too much could promote crusting of the soil surface and damage emerging seedlings.

Tilling the soil in late fall allows for earlier spring planting.

Have your soil tested to find out the right amount of fertilizer or manure to apply before planting.

A soil test will tell you if you need to add any lime, nitrogen, phosphorous or potassium to your soil.

Timing is everything in the vegetable garden. Planting seeds at the right time ensures a bountiful harvest. Each crop has its own needs, including tolerance of cold temperatures.

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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 .....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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

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

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

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class ...10:30 a.m.

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
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Communion .....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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YouTube Channel .....10:00 a.m.

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Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
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Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
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Sunday Worship
January - July ..... 9 a.m.
July - January..... 11 a.m.

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Leader .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
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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.

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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.

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Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m

Pillager

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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.

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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.

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Pastor Jake Anderson
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Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

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Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER .....7:00 p.m.

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

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Youth Pastor Joe Ward
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Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses .....11-11:45 a.m.

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

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

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

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
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
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Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday .....6:00 p.m

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
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MASS:
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.

"The Overwhelming Generosity God"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Prayer is a remarkable conversation with God. As we are called in First Thessalonians 5:17 to "pray continually," we could pray all the time in praises of Him. He is worthy of that and praises are ongoing in Heaven of Him. We could spend all of our time in confessing our struggles and sins to Him for they are many. We could spend all of our time in prayer sharing our requests with Him for the needs are great. But we could also spend all our time in prayer in gratitude to God, for His generosity is indeed overwhelming.

The Bible (as well as our lives) are replete with examples of God's generosity. Even in the midst of the Bible being clear about the difference between right living in God and wrong living apart from Him, God still has a "bottom line" generosity to all of us no matter what including with each breath and heartbeat that He gives to each one of us all the way to our last ones.

We get the flavor of this living truth in Matthew 5:43-45 (NIV), when we hear, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in Heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and send rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." Did you hear in that last verse God's universal generosity toward ALL of us? We hardly even think about how directly the sun and rain that we depend upon and that comes so generously to us are literally "acts of God."

Even greater than all of those above gifts, we've been reminded earlier this month of the greatest and most generous gift of Jesus' coming to this earth. From Palm Sunday through Resurrection Sunday, we heard again in our special services and in our own reflections how God's plan was to send His Son in our places to die on the cross for our sins...rising to life three days later.

There are two verses in Romans 8:31-32 (NIV) that bring both God's general generosity and His special generosity together when we hear the apostle Paul share, "What, then, shall we say in response to theses things? If God is for us, who can be against us. He who did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?" Did you catch the "both and?" For sure God's greatest gift is His Son, but He also wants to give us the "all things" of our basic daily needs. That's incredible generosity.

But there is something that can get in the way of perceiving all that's going on with God's generosity. It's the matter of my selfish entitlement. The more that I demand things be the way that I want them to be, the less I will see from Whom all this comes from.

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Obituaries

Judy Holderbach



Judy Holderbach, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on April 18, 2025.

A celebration of Judy's life will be held at 10:00 a.m., June 21, 2025 at Bradshaw Celebration of Life Center, 2800 Curve Crest Blvd., Stillwater.

Judy is survived by one daughter, Kari; one son, Mitch; four grandchildren, Devyn, Noah, Tarek and Maliha and one sister, Jan Joiner.

Judy was preceded in death by her loving parents, John and Mary Jane Friedli; one brother, Jack and her soulmate, Mike Holderbach.

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Ruth Zulkosky



Ruth M. Zulkosky, 83, of Sauk Rapids passed away at the St. Cloud Hospital April 20, 2025.

Funeral services were held April 27, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in St. Cloud with Pastor Zach Hoffman officiating

Burial was at the Motley Cemetery in Motley.

Ruth was born December 2, 1941 to Herbert and Lillian (Gilmore) Eisenlohr in Staples. She grew up on a farm in Motley and attended Concordia College in St. Paul, receiving a degree in teaching. Ruth taught kindergarten, first and eighth grade at Trinity Lutheran school and later at Pleasantview Elementary where she developed the Title I Reading Program. She also worked as a sales associate for various places, ending at J C Penny's. She owned and operated Midbook Telephone Directory and Christian Book and Gift Store. Ruth was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and LWML. She volunteered with Support the Troops and Meals on Wheels. She was a faithful, supportive member of her church.

Ruth was a self-less, hard worker with the biggest heart. She was a stern guider, gracious and charming. Ruth was a proud, generous, wonderful mother and grandmother, who provided for her children and grandchildren with love.

Ruth is survived by one daughter, Dawn Barker of Indialantic, FL; two sons, Phillip Kutzorik of Minneapolis and Chris (Sheena) Kutzorik of Sartell; nine grandchildren, Hannah, Brendan, Murphy, Joshua, Amber, Ethan, James, Madison and Aiden; one great-grandchild, Midas and one on the way and two sisters, Mary (Arthur) Helmerick of Cottage Grove and Carol Jentz of Lidgerwood, ND.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, John and Dave Eisenlohr.

Obituary and Guest Book available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.

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White, Bestland shoot under par at The Vintage

Carter White and Grant Bestland scorched their home course, shooting under par at The Vintage in Staples to lead the Staples-Motley boys golf team to a tournament win on April 26.

White had only one bogey his entire round, strangely enough on a fairly easy hole, the par 3 second hole at The Vintage. Other than that, he was perfect with pars on every hole except birdies on 4, 6 and 18. That left White at 70, two under par for the round.

Bestland started his round on the 10th hole, scoring a birdie on the par four. Over the next eight holes, he proceeded to dip to four under par with birdies on holes 10, 13, 14, 17 and 18, with one bogey. Turning onto the front nine, Bestland gave a couple back then his round hit a crescendo when he eagled the 4th hole at The Vintage, carding a three on the par 5. A double bogey on hole seven and a bogey on eight put him back to even par, but he finished strong with another birdie on the ninth hole for a one under 71. That was six birdies and an eagle in 18 holes for Bestland.

The Cardinals also golfed well at Walker-Hackensack-Akely on April 21, and at Breckenridge on April 23, finishing second at each invitational.

Team results

WHA Wolfpack Invitational

Walker-Hackensack-Akely 308, Staples-Motley 312, Rock Ridge 329, Perham 331, Frazee 344, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 346, United North Central 378, Pine River-Backus 414, Blackduck 435, Northome/Kelliher 471, Cass Lake-Bena 486, Nevis 507

1. Carter White 74, 7. Jackson White 78, 10. Grant Bestland 80, 10. Peyton Mithun 80, 10. Thomas Johnson 80, 50. Evan Schultz 110

Heart O' Lakes meet at Breckenridge

Hawley 307, Staples-Motley 309, Perham 319, Frazee 338, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 339, Barnesville 353, Park Rapids 359, Breckenridge 369, Pelican Rapids 397, Wadena-Deer Creek 470

2. C. White 73, 5. Bestland 76, 7. J. White 77, 15. Mithun 83, 21. T. Johnson 86, 30. Jaden Johnson 90

Cardinal Invite at The Vintage in Staples

Staples-Motley 302, Princeton 315, Roseau 326, Crosby-Ironton 332, Pine River-Backus 370, Wadena-Deer Creek 458, Royalton inc.

1. Carter White 70, 2. Grant Bestland 71, 7. Jackson White 80, 10. T. Johnson 81, 11. Mithun 82, 20. J. Johnson 87



Teamwork on the golf course

Walker Johnson hits a fairway shot as teammate Sarah Kroll watches at her side. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Must-see golfer

As one of the top golfers in the state, Carter White draws a crowd when he plays a round of golf. Pictured, White chips a ball onto the green in front of a gallery. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Eyeing another birdie

Grant Bestland rolls a birdie putt hole at The Vintage. (Staples World photo

Johnson, Kroll lead Cardinal golfers

The Staples-Motley girls golf team continued improving in two meets, both Heart O Lakes Conference meets.

They were fourth at their home meet on April 21. Walker Johnson led the Cardinals with a score of 93. She scored three pars on her first four holes, starting on the back nine at The Vintage. She had five pars total and only six holes with higher than a bogey.

Sarah Kroll had three pars and scored a birdie on the par3 fifth hole at The Vintage.

Molly Hoemberg had one par and five bogeys at the home match.

Johnson missed the next two matches because of state speech, but the Cardinals continued playing at a good level at Hawley and at the Bemidji Invite on April 25.

Team results

Heart O Lakes meet at The Vintage

Barnesville 374, Perham 408, Hawley 411, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 414, Staples-Motley 427, Park Rapids 429, Pelican Rapids 442, Frazee 444, Breckenridge 482, Wadena-Deer Creek inc.

7. Walker Johnson 93, 21. Sarah Kroll 109, 24. Molly Hoemberg 110, 29. Mara Uselman 115, 33. Brooklyn Winter 117, 35. Katelyn Schotzko 118

HOL meet at Hawley

Barnesville 361, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 382, Hawley 384, Park Rapids 387, Perham 395, Pelican Rapids 402, Staples-Motley 408, Frazee 429, Breckenridge 430, W-DC inc.

Bemidji Invite

59. Kroll 109, 60. Schotzko 110, 66. Hoemberg 114, 69. Winter 117, 69. Uselman 117, 77. Meredith Hoemberg 133



Molly Hoemberg





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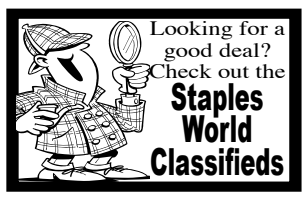
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The Leader Community Hall Board will meet on Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary
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Fawn Lake Township will hold its Annual Road Tour on Friday, May 95, 2025 at 9 a.m.

All interested parties should meet at the town hall by 8:55 a.m.

Any questions, please call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
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Moran Township will hold their road inspection tour on Saturday, May 3, 2025 starting at 7:00 a.m.

The Moran Township Board will be leaving from the town hall to drive the township roads about that time. Residents are welcome to follow in your own vehicle.

Diane Mack, Clerk,
Moran Township
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NOTICE (ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT) TODD COUNTY 2025 BOX CULVERT PROJECTS

Closing date: May 13, 2025

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., May 13, 2025 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SAP 077-599-065
SAP 077-599-067

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

Loren Fellbaum,
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer
17-19pnc

NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR BIDS

Thomastown Township is seeking bids for 4-5 miles Class #1, spread and packed, 1,000 yds./mile. Must meet Wadena County test specifications for Class #1.

Deadline for completion: August 15, 2025. Watering of roadbed required in event of drought.

Bids must be received before 7 p.m., May 5, 2025. Contact Troy Barrett, 218-894-2136.

Sue Walsvik, Clerk
Thomastown Township
17-19pnc

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE NORHT-SOUTH ALLEY LOCATED NORTH OF PLEASANT AVE NE, BETWEEN 2ND ST NE AND 3RD ST NE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of Staples will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, to consider the request to vacate a portion of the north-south alley located north of Pleasant Ave NE, between 2nd St NE and 3rd St NE. The legal description of the alley is as follows:

The alley located between Lots 1-3 and Lots 4-6, Block 3, Brannon Addition, according to the plat of record in the Todd County Recorder's office, Todd County, MN.

All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter. If you are unable to attend, you can e-mail or mail comments to the City Clerk at tgreer@ci.staples.mn.us. For more information, call Tara at 218-541-5004.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples
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NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP MESSAGING

Moran Township residents that are 18 years or older, along with landowners: We are starting a new contact option called Click-Send. The messages will be sent, however, replies will not be available.

If interested, please send a text to "Click Send" with your name and address to the clerk at 320-287-2233.

Diane Mack , Clerk,
Moran Township
18-19-20pnc

NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF VILLARD COUNTY OF TODD STATE OF MINNESOTA BID FOR DITCH MOWING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Villard Township, Todd County, MN is now accepting quotes for ditch mowing. The ditch mowing will take place once before July 1, 2025, and once before August 31, 2025. Any other time will be as needed and instructed by the Town Board.

This contract will be for one season of 2025 and is to mow approximately 38 miles of Township ditches in Villard Township. One swath of 6 feet on both sides of the road is recommended.

If you are selected for the job, you will need to provide a copy of your insurance and sign the contract before starting.

Please mail or email your quote to the clerk at the address shown below.

Description:

Quote to mow on township roads per time

Quote Amount:

_____

Your quote will need to be received by the Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Quotes can be emailed to the address listed below.

If you should have any questions, contact the Villard Township Chairman at 218-270-0137. Thank you for your time.

Your Name:
Company Name:
Signature:

Mary Trantina-Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township
31836 Timberlane Road
Staples, MN 56479
marykoenig169@gmail.com
19-20pnc

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES ORDINANCE NO. 555 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALE OF PROPERTY

THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. I The City of Staples is hereby empowered to sell the following real estate located in the City of Staples, County of Todd, State of Minnesota:

Lot A Auditor's Subdivision of Lot 54 of the SW ¼ NW ¼ Lot, Section 12, Township 133, Range 33, reserving the following easements to the Grantor:

1) An easement for public roadway purposes over and across the following described property, which said easement shall run with the land and be for the benefit of the general public: Commencing at the northwest comer of Lot A, Auditor's Subdivision of Subdivision of Lot 54 of the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 12, Township 133, Range 33; thence South along the West line of said Lot A to the southwest comer of Lot A; thence East along the South line of Lot A a distance of 33 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of Lot A to the North line of Lot A; thence West along the North line of Lot A a distance of 33 feet to the point of beginning;

2) A 30 foot wide easement for the purpose locating, establishing, maintaining, and constructing over and across the following described land a certain drainage ditch together with such rights of entry upon, passage over, deposit of excavated earth and storage of material and equipment on such area as may be necessary or useful for the construction, maintenance, cleaning and repair of such drainage ditch and grantors release the City of Staples from any and all claims or damages arising in any way or incident to the construction or maintenance of the drainage ditch across the following described land: Commencing at the northwest comer of Lot A, Auditor's Subdivision of the Subdivision of Lot 54 of the SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 12, Township 133, Range 33; thence South along the West line of said Lot A a distance of 30 feet; thence East and parallel with the North line of said Lot A to the East line of Lot A; thence North along the East line of Lot A distance of 30 feet to the northeast comer of Lot A, and thence West along the North line of Lot A to the point of beginning.

Sec. 2 The net proceeds from the sale shall be used pursuant to Section 11.05 of the Staples City Charter.

Sec. 3 The Mayor and City Administrator are authorized to execute any documents to complete the sale.

Sec. 4 This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with law.

Adopted this 22nd day of April 22, 2025.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples
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Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON APRIL 10, 2025

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 10th day of April, 2025 at 12:10 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Agenda

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the agenda as presented.

Commissioners

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve an On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Charlotte Tavern Inc at the address of 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. This is subject to final approval requirements from the State of MN-DPS AGE before effective.

Adjourn

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned until April 15, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Bob Byers,
County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
19pnc

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON APRIL 1, 2025

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 1st day of April, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2025 as presented.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) at the address of 16268 County 50 (parking lot and street area), Long Prairie, MN in Little Sauk Township effective July 12th, 2025.

To approve a one day Dance License for the American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) at the address of 16268 County 50 (parking lot and street area), Long Prairie, MN in Little Sauk Township effective July 12, 2025.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403796 through 403821 in the amount of $26,107.24 and (Regular) 58808 through 58844 in the amount of $53,161.36 for a total of $79,268.60.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion as introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 806329 through 806366 and (Regular) 712911 through 712958 for a total of $63,079.73.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601617 through 601624 and (Regular) 518328 through 518352 for a total amount of $87,176.19.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM): a time to bring attention to the widespread issue of sexual violence and empower communities to take action. This year's theme, "TOGETHER WE ACT, UNITED WE CHANGE," highlights the power of working together to create safer, more respectful environments for all, and;

WHEREAS, sexual abuse, assault, and harassment affect individuals of every background. To address this, we must promote education around consent, healthy communication, and bystander intervention. By equipping individuals and communities with these tools, we can help prevent violence before it starts and foster a culture of respect and care, and;

WHEREAS, central to this campaign is the importance of amplifying the voices of survivors, especially those most vulnerable in our communities. Their experiences must be heard and acknowledged, and their stories should guide our efforts to combat sexual violence in all its form, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, everyone in our communities deserves to live in safe and supportive environments where they are treated with respect. When our workplaces, schools, and communities work together to uphold safety and respect, we make progress in preventing sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2025 Sexual Assault Awareness Month and calls on all individuals, communities, and organizations of Todd County to take action to prevent sexual violence. Each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK APRIL 6 – 12, 2025

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than twenty million crimes each year, affecting not only individuals, but their communities too, and;

WHEREAS, many victims face barriers – such as isolation, distrust of authorities, language limitations, lack of transportation, or cultural barriers – that keep them from accessing the services and criminal justice systems that can help them recover from crime, and;

WHEREAS, dedicated victim service providers work every day to meet the needs of crime victims, yet there are still too many victims without meaningful access to rights and services, and;

WHEREAS, crime victims' rights acts passed here in Minnesota and at the federal level have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process, and;

WHEREAS, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process – not only victims – are properly educated about victims' rights, and;

WHEREAS, we must respond to crime and violence by helping victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives, and provide a sense of hope for their future, and;

WHEREAS, Hands of Hope Resource Center is hereby dedicated and committed to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week April 6-12, 2025, as CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

Reaffirming Todd County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

County Attorney

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2025 Agreement for Prosecution Services-West Union.

Solid Waste

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize solid waste director to sign Change Order CO-1 for $120,182.74.

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize solid waste director to sign Change Order CO-2 for $65,595.89.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To award the bid to Innovative Office Solutions in the amount of $29,062.91.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To award the bid to Farm Rite Equipment for the L95 loader in the amount of $76,091.23.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve signing the 2025 STEP Services contract.

Administration

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the Teamsters Courthouse Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2025-2027.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported the 2025 Tax season is busy, attended the AMC Leadership Conference, and reminded that Osakis School District's special election is happening on April 8, 2025.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator attended meetings regarding childcare, personnel meeting, LPGE career fair, AMC Leadership Conference, organized the recent lunch & learn series and thanked Admin staff for their continued hard work for the county.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended the Staples City Park Board, feedlot, AMC Leadership Conference and Rainbow Rider meetings.

Commissioner Neumann attended the SRWD, CPT, AMC Leadership Conference meetings. Encouraged the board to work on a 5-year plan and renewing efforts to connect with area schools for students to experience county government at work.

Commissioner Noska attended regular meetings including the feedlot and a portion of the AMC Leadership Conference. Recognized the March 29th Vietnam Veterans Day and thanked them for their service.

Commissioner Byers attended the Personnel, Attorney workgroup, and AMC Leadership Conference meetings.

Commissioner Denny attended the regular scheduled meetings including the Prairie Lakes meeting with highlights on the ash program.

Recess

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the meeting was recessed until April 15, 2025.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	$2,461.99
ARC ELECTRIC SERVICE	9,409.43
BARR ENGINEERING COMPANY	3,982.00
CAMFIL USA, INC.	2,644.41
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	7,306.99
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	12,877.64
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	20,850.75
MJ LAWN CARE SERVICES	2,500.00
VIKING GARAGE DOOR CO	2,064.00
54 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	15,171.39
Total:	**$79,268.60**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
ARC ELECTRIC	$3,880.19
V#16675 - COST EFF HEALTH INS	5,516.08
TCSS MH INITIATIVE FLEX FUND	23,005.00
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE DATA	4,080.00
76 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	24,395.13
6 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $,2000	2,203.33
Total:	**$63,079.73**

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS	$8,558.48
GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC	16,666.29
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC	2,897.79
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SRVS	20,068.44
NORTHWOOD CHILDRENS SERVICES	8,166.48
PRAIRIE LAKES YOUTH PROGRAMS	12,600.00
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	10,948.00
26 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	7,270.71
Total:	$87,176.19

On a motion by Becker and second by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held April 1, 2025 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 15, 2025..

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Bob Byers,
County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
19pnc

Public Notices

PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR COUNTY PROPOSAL TO
REZONE US HWY 10 AND 71 CORRIDORS

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday the 15th day of May, 2025, following a Board of Adjustment meeting at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Wadena County Courthouse to consider a proposal to Amend the Official County Zoning Map for Wadena County.

Said proposal, if approved, would rezone the following areas of the following described from A-3 General Agriculture, A-2 Mixed Agriculture/Forestry, or Transitional Agriculture to a B-1 Highway Service Business District. Affected areas include: 1320 feet (1/4 mile) on both sides of US Highway 10 along its entire route, 1320 feet (1/4 mile) on both sides of US Route 71 along its entire route except an area approximately 1.5 miles in distance in Sections 33, 27, and 28 of Leaf River Township, 1320 feet (1/4 mile) on both sides of State Highway 87 from the west City Limits of the City of Menahga to the Becker County Line, and 1320 feet (1/4 mile) on both sides of CSAH 23 1 mile north from the City Limits of Verndale and south from the City Limits of Verndale to the Todd County Line .

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

Wadena County Planning Commission

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TODD COUNTY COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS
Todd County, Minnesota

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 29, 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:

1 LS Clearing and Grubbing
36 LF Remove Curb and Gutter
220 SF Remove Concrete Walk
1200 CY Common Excavation
450 CY Aggregate Base Class 5
2250 SY Mill Bituminous Surface (2.0")
460 TON Type SP 12.5 Wearing Course Mix
210 TON Type SP 12.5 Non-Wearing Mix
12 EA 6' Precast Concrete Wheel Stop
2 CY Random Riprap Class II
767 SF 4" Concrete Walk
36 LF Concrete Curb and Gutter
370 LF Silt Fence, Type HI
90 LF Sediment Control Log
40 CY Common Topsoil Borrow
1 LS Turf Establishment
350 SY Rolled Erosion Prevention
3160 LF 4" Solid Line Paint
42 SF Pavement Message Paint
1 LS Lighting System
144 LF 8' Vinyl Fence

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

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at https://widseth.com. Click "Bid Documents" in the top right corner of your screen or go to www.questcdn.com and enter the Quest project #9610193 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and working with this digital project information. You may download the digital plan documents electronically for $30. An optional paper set of project documents is also available from CES Imaging for a nonrefundable price of $30 plus printing costs. If you choose a paper copy you will get all addenda as paper copies and will be charged for the printing costs. Please make your check payable to CES Imaging and send it to 1701 James Circle N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430. Please contact CES Imaging Repro Dept at (763) 560-9098 or (800) 831-8587 for pricing and if you have any questions.

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

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Cardinal sports action



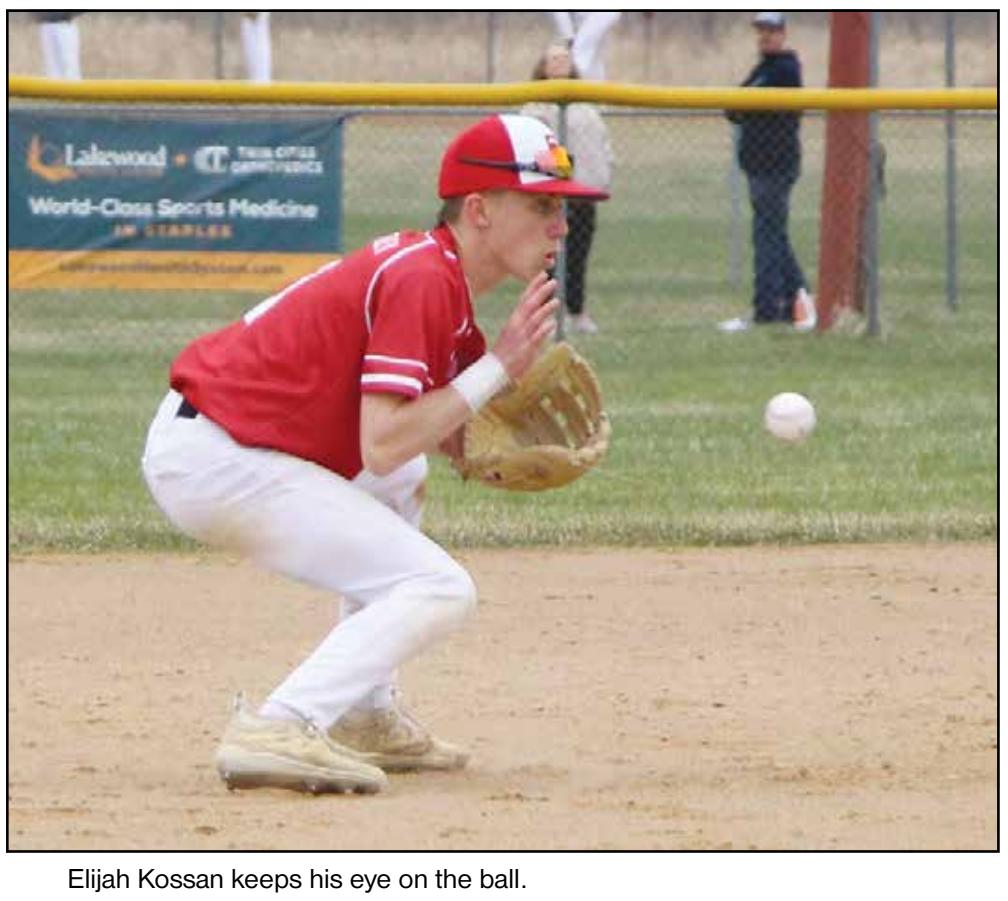
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Track team keeps getting faster, farther, higher

Numerous personal bests were achieved by the Staples-Motley track and field teams at the Heartland Invitational at Park Rapids on April 22. The Cardinal boys were second out of 11 teams, while the girls were 9th out of 10 teams

Notable girls performances included Suhaila Mikhaeil running her fastst 1,600 and 3,200 in the same meet, Aubrey Vogle placing sixth in th 200 and the two sprint relay teams placing third. Relay runners included Corinne Olson, Vogle, Kana Reese, Sophia Luna, Ronnie Noska and Kylee Chenoweth.

In the boys meet, Logan Robben set a PR in the 1,600 and Blaine Plattner beat his personal best in the 3,200. Avandre Brandt won three events the 200, long jump and high jump, while Noah Larson won th 110 hurdles and Turner Beachy won the pole vault.

Girls results

100 - 4. Sophia Luna 13.99, 7. Corinne Olson 14.31, 12. Chadia Schultz 14.69, 37. Iva Hinson 15.65, 45. Roxy Mertens 15.89, 54. Emilynn Sullivan 16.11, 60. Taylee Reese 16.98

200 - 6. Aubrey Vogle 29.97, 19 Hinson 31.78, 37. Mertens 33.24, 46. Arabella Moore 34.68, 53. Giovanna Santos 37.23

400 - 8. Lucille Maros 1:08, 12. Naila Mikhaeil 1:11, 19. Lily Davis 1:15, 22. Elise Trif 1:17

800 - 17. Madelyn Kist 3:07

1,600 - 6. Suhaila Mikhaeil 6:19, 7. Trif 6:19, 16. Kist 6:54

3,200 - 4. S. Mikhaeil 13:39

100 hurdles - 13. Abby Brichacek 20.89

300 hurdles - 19. Brichacek 1:03

4x100 - 3. SM (Olson, Vogle, Kana Reese, Luna) 57.20

4x200 - 3. SM (K. Reese, Ronnie Noska, Kylee Chenoweth, Luna) 2:05

4x400 - 8. SM (Olson, Avery Japke, N. Mikhaeil, K. Reese) 5:06

Shot put - 8. Annie Schlosser 26'10.5", 9. Marissa Heifort 26'8.75", 15. Josie Jennissen 24'6.25", 26. Schultz 21'1.25", 35. Natalia Burciaga Perez 15'11"

Discus - 7. Schlosser 82'2.5", 15. Heifort 69'11.5", 16. Jennissen 69'9", 21. Noska 63'3", 35. Burciaga Perez 46'9"

High jump - 9. Kist 4'2", 9. Japke 4'2", 10. Onna Schmitz 4'0", 11. Arianna Grant 4'0", 11. Maros 4'0"

Long jump - 10. Davis 12'10", 15. Schmitz 12'3", 28. T. Reese 10'7.25", 32. Moore 10'1.5", 34. K. Reese 9'4", 35. Burciaga Perez 6'11"

Triple jump - 5. Grant 28'1", 9. Brichacek 27'1"

Boys results

100 - 11. Luke Bjerga 12.73, 36. Vance Vejtasa 14.74

200 - 1. Avandre Brandt 23.44, 29. Carter Kist 29.86,

400 - 3. Brandt 52.70, 10. Jesus Gallardo 57.49, 35. Jackson Odden 1:13,

800 - 4. Logan Robben 2:09, 20. Andrew Dobson 2:37, 22. Spencer Olsen 2:41, 30. Odden 3:00

1,600. 3. L. Robben 4:50, 10. Blaine Plattner 5:15, 15. Ivan Lozano 5:29, 35. Alex Leach 6:26

3,200 - 3. Plattner 11:34, 4. Dobson 11:55, 9. Lozano 12:25

110 hurdles - 1. Noah Larson 16.76, 8. Gavin Chenoweth 19.80

300 hurdles - 3. Larson 48.60, 4. Dillan Robben 48.76

4x100 - 5. SM (Dustin Converse, Adrian Gomez, Drake Dukowitz, Luke Bjerga) 50.14

4x200 - 7. SM (Kist, Gauge Holst, Vance Vejtasa, Carson Dewald) 1:53

4x400 - 3. SM (D. Robben, Sawyer Ferdon, L. Robben, Gallardo) 3:47

Shot put - 2. Gomez 42'4", 3. Dukowitz 41'2", 8. Converse 38'1.5", 17. Bjerga 33'8.5", 35. Peter Oeltjenbruns 26'0", 36. Liam Jennissen 25'4.5", 38. Michael Jewison 24'2", 39. Parker Hammer 24'1", 44. Ben Oeltjenbruns 22'0"

Discus - 6. Dukowitz 107'0", 8. Converse 99'11", 24. Gomez 74'6", 25. Jennissen 72'2.5", 33. Jewison 56'2.6", 38. Hammer 53'6", 39. P. Oeltjenbruns 51'1", 40. B. Oeltjenbruns 47'6"

High jump - 1. Brandt 6'2", 4. Larson 5'8", 15. Dewald 5'0"

Pole vault - 1. Beachy 13'0"

Long jump - 1. Brandt 20'10", 9. Gallardo 17'0", 18. Holst 15'5", 34. Vejtasa 10'1"

Triple jump - 2. Ferdon 41'3", 6. Alexander Helstrom 36'4", 9. Chenoweth 34'6.75"

Brownell, Beachy compete at Hamline Elite meet

Audrey Brownell and Turner Beachy traveled to St. Paul for a meet that featured the top track and field athletes in Minnesota, the Hamline Elite meet on April 25.

Competing against mostly big school athletes, Brownell was 4th in the 1,600 meter run, breaking the five minute barrier for the first time and lowering her school record to 4:59.12.

Beachy placed eighth in the pole vault, clearing 13'1" on his second try.



Turner Beachy



Drake Dukowitz



Maddie Kist



Avery Japke



Adrian Gomez



Ronnie Noska



Scoring on a close play

Hayden Rutherford slides in safely to home plate as he beats the throw from the outfield against Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Tappe homers in loss

The Staples-Motley baseball team lost four games during the week of April 22-25, dropping their record to 3-6.

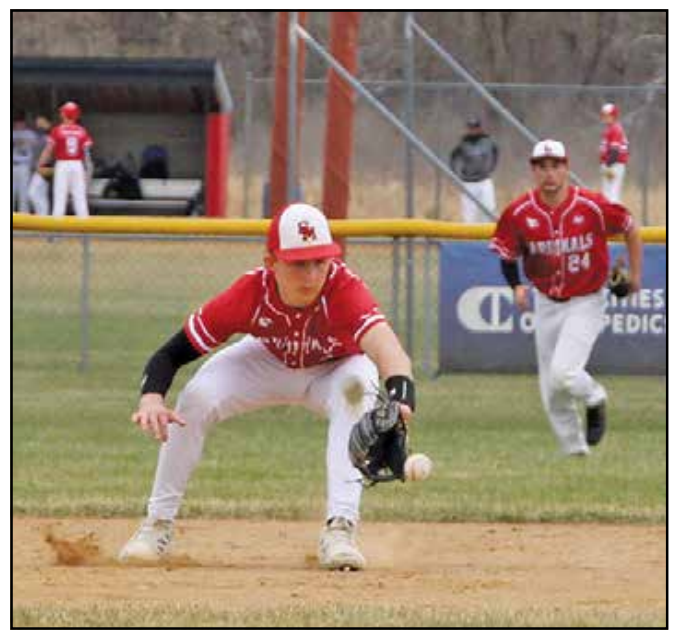
They dropped both games of a double-header at Perham on April 22, 10-1 and 11-1. In the first game, the only run was a home run by Colbe Tappe. In the second game, Hayden Rutherford scored with Beau Carlson getting the RBI.

On April 24, the Cardinals lost 10-6 at home to Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton. They took a 2-1 lead in the second inning, but saw DGF score four runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Staples-Motley scored four in the sixth, but fell short in their comeback.

Kris Taylor and Rutherford scored two runs each in the game. Jack Carlson was the starting pitcher and also had three RBI. Rutherford had two RBI.

On April 25, the Cardinals lost 7-6 at Wadena-Deer Creek. They took a 4-1 lead after the first inning, but the score was tied at 6-6 by the fourth inning. WDC scored one run in the sixth, which turned out to be the difference in the game.

Cooper Tappe pitched four innings and had six strikeouts. Eight Cardinals had exactly one hit each: Elijah Kossan, Cooper Tappe, Colbe Tappe, Taylor, Jack Carlson, Ben Tyrrell, Gage Decker and Silas Claussen.



Cooper Tappe fields a grounder with Isaac Halverson backing him up.

Softball team has close loss

The Stales-Motley softball team lost 7-4 against Wadena-Deer Creek on April 25. The Cardinals tied the game at 1-1 in the first inning and kept it close until the sixth inning, when W-DC scored three runs. Addie Potter pitched all seven innings and recorded five strikeouts. Izzy Becker had two hits and two RBI, Jade Storry had two hits and one RBI. Rachel Kossan and Clara Maros also had two hits, as the Cardinals only scored four runs on 12 hits.



Izzy Becker

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Owners want The Vintage to be a 'third place'

improvements this spring, including putting in a new irrigation well to keep the grass green. They also purchased 12 new carts for use on the course and re-filled the pro shop with new gear.

They updated the food menu and put in more space for people to eat in the clubhouse. Paul said they want people to think of the golf course as a "third place" where they can come whether they're golfers or not, eat a meal, participate in events or just hang out on the patio or by the river.

Alison said they're continuing to plan more events and will be available as a venue for weddings and other private parties.

"It'll be an opportunity at an affordable cost," said Alison.

All the golf course staff has remained in place. "We are super honored that they want to continue working here," said Paul.

Promoting the course

The Augustinaks have put up a billboard near Motley to let travelers on Highway 10 know about the course, which is a couple of miles off the highway.

Paul said he will be using social media to build up awareness of the course, especially to Brainerd area travelers who may be looking for a more affordable golf outing than some of the high-end courses there.

They will continue with the Wednesday evening men's league and are looking to start a women's league on either Mondays or Tuesdays.

Course Manager Lynn Peterson sets up many tournaments throughout the year and there will be other special events such as couples nights or evening specials.

So far, the new happenings at The Vintage are drawing people in. Despite a later start this year, the number of visitors is increasing from previous years.

Golfers can sign up for a tee time online at vintagegolfclub.com or by calling the clubhouse. Tee times are usually needed on weekends or when there's a tournament going on. Tournaments are also listed on the web site.



The golf season has started at The Vintage.



Downtown building demolition leaves corridor of green space in Staples

The building that formerly held Ron's Musical Resale in downtown Staples was torn down on April 25. Above, Ideal Construction loads the bricks into a truck to haul away. Right, a loader begins the process of bringing the building down. (Submitted photo). The downtown space is now flat and is open to many uses, including as a park. Below, a view of the scene from the "Little Italy" outdoor portion of the Batcher Block Opera House, showing a possible continuation of downtown green space crossing the alley between 5th Street NE and 4th Street NE. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)







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