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Community spirit shown A variety of organizations participated in the Railroad Days Parade in Staples Aug. 16, including Cardinal athletes and the Staples Historical Society. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

CLC Field Day is Aug. 29

The Central Lakes College Ag & Energy Research Center invites community members, students, farmers, families, ag industry professionals and policymakers to its annual Field Day, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 29, from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the center's research site: 26505 Cty Rd 2, Staples.

This free, no-registration-required event offers a full day of hands-on demonstrations, engaging education, local food and family-friendly activities celebrating innovation in agriculture and energy systems.

Morning events - 9 a.m. - noon:

- Tractor & Combine Ride-N-Drive, hosted by Midwest Machinery
- Drone flight demonstrations, presented by Tenacity Ag
- Vendor showcase, inside and surrounding the main shed
- Ag-related goods for purchase, new this year.

Attendees can also choose from two educational sessions with a variety of topics led by regional experts:

- Understanding drone licensure, Jerry Moberg, Dynamic Cropping Systems
- Soil Moisture Sensors & Variable Rate Irrigation – Amy Robak, Centrasota
- Local foods tour – Tammy Rick, Living Legacy Gardens
- Field research in edible bean production – Juan Osorno, NDSU
- Hazelnuts in Minnesota – Lois Braun, University of Minnesota
- Innovative interseeding: 60” row corn with cover crops, Taylor Thompson, CLC

For younger guests, ‘Children’s Garden Activities’ with Judy Barka and the AgCentric Technology Trailer, sponsored by Country Financial, will provide hands-on fun including digging potatoes, cutting flowers and ag-themed technology exploration.

Afternoon events - noon - 1:30 p.m.

- Free lunch program featuring guest speaker Kurt Blomgren, Minnesota FSA Executive Director
- Ice cream social begins at 1 p.m. in the Living Legacy Gardens, sponsored by the CLC Foundation
- Music in the Garden, featuring a live performance by Skal Klubben, a Scandinavian-themed violin group
- Living Legacy Garden tours

Local, state and federal legislators are encouraged to attend to engage directly with constituents, learn more about the challenges and opportunities in Minnesota agriculture, and see firsthand how education, conservation and technology are shaping the future of farming in the region.

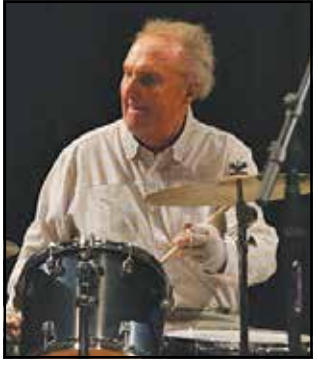
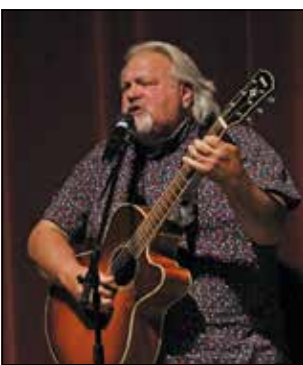
Field Day is a signature event of the Central Lakes College Ag & Energy Research Center, offering a unique opportunity to explore applied research, emerging technologies, sustainable practices and community collaboration in agriculture and energy.

For more information, visit: www.clc-agandenergy.org/events or contact Tyler Grunewald at 218-894-5141.



Railroad Days magic show

Magic Norm brought up a lot of children to help him do magic tricks during his two Railroad Days performances on Aug. 16. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Variety show performers

Musicians at the Little Red Caboose Variety Show included, from left, Jim Olsen, Sarah Kroll and Ray Gildow. Below, Laken Hines shows a range of expression while performing his state championship speech.



City Council confirms permit is still valid

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council advised that a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the meat processing facility being built at the Staples Industrial Park is still considered valid because the city ordinance does not limit progress to just physical construction.

At the Aug. 12, 2025 council meeting, Mayor Ron Murray read a statement responding to citizen concerns about the project and to an editorial column in the Staples World.

Murray said that the city attorney reviewed the CUP and determined that the permit remains valid. He cited a signed agreement with building engineers within the sixty day timeframe in the city ordinance, showing that progress was underway.

The statement also addressed air and water concerns with the facility that had been brought up

by citizens. Murray said the wastewater questions were brought to the Public Works Commission, which found no significant concerns.

On the air quality concerns, Murray said the facility will be fully enclosed, and refrigerated. The CUP limits the hours of the facility and the number of livestock that can be processed every day. In addition, the facility will be regulated by the USDA and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

The full statement can be read on page 4a of this week's newspaper.

Food trucks

After discussion, the council agreed that a current use of a food truck does not meet the intent of the city's food truck ordinance.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city has gotten complaints about a food truck being set up every Saturday for an auction at a building on 4th

See **STAPLES** on page 12a

Weather

2025

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 20	83	61	Sunny
Aug. 21	81	64	Sunny
Aug. 22	78	55	M. Sunny
Aug. 23	67	51	Sunny
Aug. 24	67	47	M. Sunny
Aug. 25	69	47	Sunny
Aug. 26	72	55	Sunny

Last Year, 2024

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 20	74°	61	P. Sunny
Aug. 21	75	56	M. Sunny
Aug. 22	71	63	Rain
Aug. 23	76	63	Cloudy
Aug. 24	82	64	M. Sunny
Aug. 25	81	68	Cloudy
Aug. 26	84	71	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 77° Low = 56°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Community Center bids Church dissolution 9A

Obituaries

Geraldine Ott
Eileen Spillman
John Wollenburg



Volleyball team on parade

Members of the Staples-Motley Cardinals volleyball team were part of the Railroad Days Parade Aug. 16. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Grand Marshal

Shane Tappe of Staples served as Grand Marshal of the Railroad Days Parade in Staples Aug. 16. Also pictured are Tappe's daughter Cora and Marge Tepley, driver and owner of the vehicle. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Respect shown for giant American flag

A number of people helped carry a giant American flag as part of the Railroad Days Parade in Staples Aug. 16, taking time to share greetings along the way. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Takin' the parade to the streets

People of all ages lined 4th and 5th Streets NE in Staples to watch the Railroad Days Parade which featured a variety of vehicles, including fire trucks, tractors and vintage cars. (Above photo by Dawn Timbs. Below photo by Mark Anderson)





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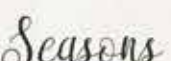
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FIELD DAY



26505 County Road 2, Staples, MN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

9AM - 12PM EVENTS

Registration, Refreshments

- Drone Flight Demonstrations - Tenacity Ag
- Tractor and Combine Ride N Drive - Midwest Machinery
- Vendors Inside & Around the Shed

NEW THIS YEAR: Ag-Related Goods Available for Purchase

SESSION 1: 10-10:45am

- Understanding Drone Licensure: What You Need to Know
Jerry Moberg - Dynamic Cropping Systems
- Soil Moisture Sensors/Variable Rate Irrigation
Amy Robak - Centrasota
- Local Foods Tour
Tammy Rick - Living Legacy Gardens

SESSION 2: 11-11:45am

- Field Research in Edible Bean Production
Juan Osorno - NDSU
- Children's Garden & Activities w/AgCentric Trailer
Judy Barka - AgCentric - Sponsored by Country Financial
- Innovative Interseeding: 60" Row Corn with Cover Crops
Taylor Thompson - CLC Ag & Energy Center

Hazelnuts in Minnesota: Production Potential & Practices
Lois Braun - University of Minnesota

AFTERNOON EVENTS: 12-1:30pm

- FREE Lunch Program
Featuring Guest Speaker: MN FSA Executive Director Kurt Blomgren
- FREE Ice Cream Social
Sponsored by CLC Foundation
- Living Legacy Garden Tours
Skal Klubben Performance (Scandinavian named violin group)

Vendor Registration



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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Tyler Grunewald - 218.894.5141

NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Thank you for reading the Staples World

Tresspass incident leads to recovery of \$28,000 in stolen property

On August 7 The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was made aware of a trespassing incident in Section 10 of Thomastown Township, Wadena County. Upon arrival, law enforcement, saw an ATV with a male operator fled the scene into a nearby wooded area. Over the next several hours, law enforcement, using ATV's, drones and a K-9 worked to keep a perimeter around the individual.

Approximately four hours later, the male was located using the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. drone. The male was in a cornfield, repeatedly ignoring commands to surrender. The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. K-9 Ranger was on scene and located the male in the cornfield. After repeated commands to surrender, K-9 Ranger apprehended the male who was taken into custody without further incident.

The male was identified as Ross Reichel, 55, of rural Staples. Reichel was transferred to Lakewood Health System hospital for injuries



Ross Reichel

sustained in the incident. A search warrant was conducted at Reichel's residence where approximately \$28,000 worth of stolen property was recovered from various burglaries in Wadena and Todd counties.

Reichel was charged by criminal complaint Aug. 8 by Wadena County Attorney Kyra Ladd. The charges included felonies of Receiving Stolen Property, 3rd Degree Burglary and Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle.

The case remains under investigation of the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. Property owners are asked to check their properties, especially those in Thomastown Township for any signs of theft or suspicious activity.

The Wadena County Sheriff's dept. was assisted on scene by the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. (with special thanks to K-9 Ranger and his handler), the Staples Police Dept., MN DNR Enforcement, Lakes Area SWAT and Premier Towing, Wadena.

Todd County Sheriff's report

Recent report(s) from the Todd County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) included:

August 8, 2025: Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle crash involving a Can-Am side by side and a pickup truck. A Can-Am Defender driven by a 13-year-old juvenile male of Iowa was traveling north on Cty Rd 17, approaching Outward Dr, rural Browerville. A 17-year-old juvenile male of Trail, was traveling north on Cty 17 in a work truck, approaching the Can-Am Defender. The driver of the work truck attempted to pass the Can-Am Defender, when

the driver of the Can-Am Defender attempted to make a left-hand turn and the vehicles collided. The work truck entered the ditch and the Can-Am defender came to rest in the center of the roadway.

The driver of the Can-Am Defender and the passenger, identified as James Koranda, of rural Browerville, were transported to Lakewood Hospital by private vehicle for evaluation. The driver of the work truck was not injured. The Can-Am Defender was towed privately. The work truck was drivable.

Court report Aug. 13

Dept. of Natural Resources
Jacy Ray Christl, Wadena. ATV-operation on roads & rights of way prohibited. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

State Patrol
Logan Scott Anderson, Staples. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Elliana Jewel Finck, Verndale. Expired drivers license-under 21. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Angelo Fleursaint, Osakis. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
James Michael Griffith, St. Paul. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jordan David Kraus, Park Rapids. Speed 82/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Justin Thomas Ostrander, Verndale. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Johannah Lynn Jane White, St. Paul. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Rachel Diane Axness, Des Lacs, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Quewon Beecham, St. Cloud. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Timothy Peter Brown, Blaine. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Elsa Katharine Buck, Minneapolis. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Arian Gabriel Caballero Montalvo, Sauk Centre. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Jorge Luis Castro, St. Michael. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Jose Armondo Castro, St. Michael. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Christa Keating Fandrich, San Diego, CA. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Caiden Lee Frerichs, Long Prairie. Hand free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Graciella Gonzalez, Milwaukee, WI. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Myrissa Belle Guenther, Miltona. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Eithen Harvey Hiebel, Nelson. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Tyler Joseph Hoffman, Freeport. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Marcus Ervin Krahn, Sauk Centre. Unsecure load. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Fred Thomas Main, Buffalo. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Leticia Montanez Ramos, Long Prairie. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Randall William Newville, New London. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Blake Thomas Proell, Sauk Centre. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Seth Michael Pundsack, St. Martin. Duty to drive with care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Rebecca Yasmin Rodriguez Rodriguez, Long Prairie. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No MN driver's license. Fine \$100. Fail to mail/deliver certificate of title to Dept. Within time frame specified Fine \$200. No proof of insurance. Fine \$200.
Jose Natividad Sanchez Garza,

Morris. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Brandi Marie Sarff, Clarissa. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
Sumit Sharma, Greenwood, IN. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Abraham Aiman Shriem, La Salle, MB. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Kathryn Jean Stanley, Eden Prairie. Improperly worn seatbelt. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Andrew Ronald Thull, Brainerd. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Rubin Vasquez Sanchez, Long Prairie. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Abraham Villanueva, White Bear Lake. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Waziri Wakandwa, Fargo, ND. Speed 94/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Todd County
Elizabeth Lynn Costa, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Dine \$200. Fee \$85.
David Earl Eckenrode, Sebeka. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Dominick Antonio Juarez-Garcia, Long Prairie. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Natasha Kaspari, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Jeremy Telei Rekemesik, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Sarah Kathryn Roses, Stanlely, ND. Speed 71/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Shantal Marie Trinidad Soto, Long Prairie. Fine \$200 Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County August 6, 2025.
Daniel Jesse Abraham, Mchenry, ND. DUI 2. Dismissed. DWI 2 Operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (60 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 20 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine \$800. Fee \$405.
Michaela Noel Forcier, Sebeka. Drugs-5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Continued. Local confinement (7 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 7 days). Supervised probation, 5 yr. Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County August 5, 2025.
Isaiah Lorenzo Rankine, Fergus Falls. Speed 100/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$175.
Cody Lee Tvrdik, Staples. Domestic assault. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 88 days for 2 yr credit for time served:

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

• Aug. 24, 1950 - Many youngsters along the N. P. line between Staples and Duluth will mourn the loss of their "candy man" Bill Lawrence, engineer on the train, who passed away in the Brainerd Hospital Friday evening.

It seems that a gas tank on his train was punctured, and he was saturated with the gasoline while trying to repair the leak. Death was caused by the gas fumes.

Many times during the week, Motley youngsters would run toward the track when they would hear the train whistle and be ready to catch the treats that Engineer Lawrence would toss out the cab window to them. At Christmas time, he

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dressed as Santa Claus and rode in his cab, making countless numbers of children happy along the way. These children will miss this favorite engineer.

• Aug. 24, 1950 - Richard Randgaard of Staples was injured in an auto smashup three miles south of Nisswa Sunday when the car which he was driving went out of control along the highway, and tipped over into the ditch.

His right arm was injured in the crackup, and he sustained cuts on his right hand.

• Aug. 24, 1950 - More building is going on in the city of Staples during the past several weeks with the result that four new homes are under construction and several remodeling jobs are now under way. LeRoy Jenkins is building his home over the basement he and his family have been residing in for almost two years. Directly north of the Jenkins home two new homes are being constructed by Robert Cross and William DeParcq, and a new home is being built just east of the Gordon Cross residence.

Remodeling of homes includes those of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilhelmson, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hoemberg and Mr. and Mrs. Al Mertens.

• Aug. 24, 1950 - Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holub, observed his ninth birthday Aug. 17 and his mother gave a birthday party for him in the afternoon. His guests were Duane and Darrell Steinbrecher, Phillip Trout, Jack Jacobs and Bobby Nichols. Larry received some nice gifts. The boys enjoyed a lot of fun playing games out of doors. Mrs. Holub served a nice lunch.

• Aug. 24, 1950 - Frank Rasmussen, Jr., of Leader, who was injured in a motorcycle accident on May 23, and who had been confined to the Staples Municipal hospital since that time, was released from the hospital Aug. 14 and returned to his home in Leader.

As he was going up the back steps into the house, he fell and broke his leg again in the same place, so reports state. He was returned to the Staples Municipal hospital where he is at the present time, and is apparently progressing satisfactorily.

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

• Aug. 21, 1975 - Dr. James W. Ewing, son of the Reverends Ray and Ruth Ewing of Staples, will join the Eden Theological Seminary faculty at Webster Groves, Mo., according to an announcement by Dr. Robert T. Fauth, president of Eden.

Dr. Ewing, presently Director of Training for Care and Counseling, Inc. of St. Louis, will become Professor of pastoral Care. Dr. Ewing resides in Web-

2 days). Supervised probation. Fine \$200. Fee \$75. Disorderly conduct. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County August 4, 2025.

Sheena Laura Bue, Randall. 2nd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. 2nd degree driving while impaired-blood alcohol content greater than .08 within 2 hours of



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 2000. 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 Aug. 14, 2003 edition of the Staples World featured Jaci (left) and Lauren Jeziorski (right) leading a group of Staples Dollar Store employees and Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce visitors in celebrating the opening of the Staples Dollar Store. Jim (second from left) and Michelle Jeziorski (to Lauren's left) are the new owners of the store, located on Fourth Street in

the former Perry's Ben Franklin building. They are also parents of Lauren and Jaci, who are enrolled at Staples Elementary School. Employees Norma Odden and Joey Hirschey are in the middle, with several members of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce in the back.

Gary Timbs of Staples said he recognized "Mr. and Mrs. Ski," and had good memories of their store.

ster Groves with his wife, Joan and their two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah. Dr. Ewing graduated as co-valedictorian of the 1948 graduating class from Staples High school.

• Aug. 21, 1975 - Eleven evenings of special Spiritual Life meetings will be held at the Free Methodist campground in Motley starting Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 8 p.m.

Conducting the meetings will be Evangelist Richard Schlupp of Verndale. The meetings will include spiritual music, Bible preaching, and Christian fellowship with Charismatic emphasis, according to Pastor Leslie M. Crider.

• Aug. 21, 1975 - Cynthia Swecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Swecker and a nine year member of the Becker Busy Bees 4-H Club was crowned 1975 4-H Style Queen at the annual Cass County Fair at Pine River.

• Aug. 21, 1975 - St. Isidores Church in Moran Twp will hold their Annual Picnic Sunday, Aug. 31. Ham Dinner from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Adults, \$2.25; Children under 12, \$1. Entertainment all afternoon.

• Aug. 21, 1975 - The 49th annual Amateur Hamfest was held at Sauk Rapids, Sunday, Aug. 17.

In attendance from Staples were Ron Barr, Steve Gardner, and Dave LeVasseur, members of the local Heartland Radio Club. Among the over 200 operators attending were Hams from as far away as Massachusetts and the Panama Canal Zone.

• Aug. 21, 1975 - A total of 148 elementary students will be attending classes in levels one through six at the Lincoln Model Nongraded school in Staples, when the 1976-76 term gets underway Sept. 2.

Don Droubie, principal, reported that the students in this school are nongraded and will come into contact with several teachers throughout the school year.

Members of the faculty include: Donald D. Droubie, principal; Mrs. Rosemary Blessing, kindergarten teacher; Mrs. Ella Topp, Mrs. Joyce Snyder and Donald Flaten, primary dept. teachers; Gwynne Gaffaney, Bruce Tollefson and Ray Gildow, intermediate dept. teachers; Mrs. Judy Tollefson, Reading Resource teacher; Mrs. Bernita Jasmer, S.L.B.P. teacher; Mrs. Kay Tomsich, librarian; Mrs. Virginia Hegre, music; Tom Wolhowe, physical education.

25 YEARS Ago - 2000

• Aug. 21, 2000 - The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Larry Matveyev and his new business to Staples. His clock and watch repair shop is on 4th St. just south of the stoplights and the phone number is 218-894-1121. Chamber members part of the ribbon cutting ceremony included Wendel Toedter, Ed Perry, Rose Cloakey, Mary Schmitz, Frank Gardner, Jerel Nelsen, Keith Porter and Mel Nefstead.

• Aug. 21, 2000 - Bill Israelson, pro at The Vintage Golf Course in Staples, fired a six-under-par 65 Monday to take the first day lead in the Minnesota PGA Championship at North Oaks Country Club in Minneapolis.

"Izzy" followed that first day performance with a second round 68 on Tuesday to maintain a one-stroke lead after two days of play. Israelson, a former PGA tour player, birdied five of his first eight holes on Monday to take the early lead.

• Aug. 21, 1975 - Carrie Lindbloom has enjoyed the past 60 or so years of her life living in Aldrich and being an active Aldrich community member. She celebrated her 99th birthday a month ago, with help from friends who observed her birthday by naming it Carrie Lindbloom day in Aldrich. She is still an active member of the Aldrich Congregational Church and still lives in her own home, very much enjoying her independence.

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

• Aug. 20, 2015 - Crosslake author Mike Holst, a Staples native, has just released his 11th book, "Three Days in August," a fiction novel based on stories from small town America. Holst will conduct a book signing during Railroad Days in Staples, Aug. 22, in front of the Stomping Grounds coffee shop.

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Staples values engagement in local governement

Ron Murray, Mayor
City of Staples

The City of Staples recognizes and respects the right of residents to raise concerns and ask questions about development projects in our community. Public engagement is a vital part of local government, and we are committed to transparency, responsiveness and factual communication.

In light of recent comments made during public meetings and in a published editorial, we feel it's important to clarify several points regarding the Farmers Union Foundation meat processing facility project and the City's role in the process.

The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) granted to Farmers Union Foundation is not expired. Based on legal review by the City Attorney, it's the City's position that the permit remains valid. The ordinance does not limit progress solely to physical construction. The applicant entered into a signed agreement with its engineers within the sixty-day timeframe, which demonstrates that work was actively underway. This documentation has been shared directly with residents who have questioned the CUP's status.

Concerns about wa-

ter and air quality raised during Open Forum have been heard by the City Council and referred to the appropriate channels. While Council members do not respond during Open Forum, a standard practice intended to avoid back-and-forth debates in an Open Forum, concerns are not ignored. For example, questions regarding wastewater were referred to the Public Works Commission. After review, the Commission found no significant concerns about the facility's potential impact on the City's wastewater treatment plant. This finding was reported back to the Council in a public meeting.

It's also important to understand the scale of the project. Farmers Union Foundation will be limited to processing no more than 15 head of livestock per day. The facility is fully enclosed (including animal delivery), refrigerated offal storage, indoor manure handling, subject to strict USDA inspection and sanitation standards. The CUP also limits the hours of operation, delivery and finished product pickup. Environmental regulation, including oversight of air and water quality, falls under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), which will handle permitting and compliance.

There's been a suggestion that the Council has remained silent on public concerns while engaging more openly with the applicant. Council members asked questions to help ensure accurate information was shared publicly, especially in light of misinformation that had been circulating. These questions were not an endorsement or sign of favoritism.

The City has not taken a position on future approvals, if any, and remains committed to a fair, fact-based process in accordance with City code and state law.

City staff have responded to public inquiries, shared documentation and followed up with concerned residents, in some cases, multiple times. While we understand that not everyone will agree with the outcome, it's important to recognize the difference between not receiving information and not receiving the outcome one hoped for. Staff remain committed to transparency and providing accurate information throughout the process.

The City of Staples is committed to respectful dialogue, lawful procedure, supporting responsible development that aligns with the needs of our residents and the values of our community.

Letter to the Editor

Flower pot appreciation noted

I've been enjoying the flower pots on 2nd Ave. Whoever did them this year did great. They are beautiful.

LaVonne Selleck
Staples, Mn.



Budget bill predictions are fearmongering

By U.S. Representatives
Tom Emmer, Brad Finstad,
Michelle Fischbach and Pete Stauber

President Donald Trump signs the One Big Beautiful Bill Act on the South Lawn of the White House, Friday, July 4, 2025, during the 4th of July picnic. (Official White House Photo by Daniel Torok)

On July 4th, President Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill into law, delivering on the mandate 77 million Americans gave him in November. From securing our borders, to unleashing American energy, to preventing the largest tax hike in American history — this historic piece of legislation contains wins for every Minnesotan.

Yet the Democrats, fueled by their hatred for President Trump, have been on a fearmongering campaign about the contents of our bill — particularly when it comes to Medicaid.

According to Gov. Tim Walz, our One Big Beautiful Bill will “tear health care away from a quarter million Minnesotans.” According to Sen. Amy Klobuchar, “rural hospitals are roadkill” in the One Big Beautiful Bill. Even members of the Minnesota media have been perpetuating the Democrats’ lies.

But that’s exactly what these statements are: lies. So we’re here to correct the record and arm Minnesotans with the facts. The hard truth is that Minnesota’s Medicaid program has been riddled with waste, fraud, and abuse at the expense of hardworking taxpayers. Look no further than the recent uncovering

of massive fraud within Minnesota’s Housing Stabilization Services Medicaid program. Or the 85 autism centers who are under investigation for potential Medicaid billing fraud. Or the \$150 million in fines Minnesota taxpayers were forced to bankroll due to the state’s lack of oversight of Medicaid enrollment. Acting U.S. Attorney Joe Thompson recently stated that the state’s government fraud could exceed \$1 billion — much of that in Medicaid fraud.

To put it succinctly: Minnesota has a Medicaid problem, and taxpayers are being forced to foot the bill.

While Democrat leaders in the state sit on the sidelines, our Republican trifecta in Washington signed provisions into law that address this very issue. The One Big Beautiful Bill contains policies that strengthen Medicaid for the Minnesotans who need it most while rooting out the waste, fraud, and abuse that exploded under the Biden administration. These policies include:

- Preventing taxpayers from subsidizing health care for illegal aliens
- Removing deceased recipients from the Medicaid rolls
- Requiring states to conduct more frequent eligibility checks for the expansion population, ensuring that individuals are not enrolled in multiple states
- Enacting common-sense work requirements for working-age, able-bodied Minnesotans — like the ones many Democrats supported during Bill Clinton’s presidency in 1996
- Expanding access to Home and Community Based Services for low-in-

come seniors and individuals living with a disability

• Implementing a \$50 billion Rural Health Transformation Program to support rural hospitals

So the next time a Democrat posts a video claiming Republicans are ripping away health care benefits from disabled, young children — don’t believe them.

It’s nothing but lies to stoke fear and score political points.

These policies have been historically bipartisan and are wildly popular in Minnesota because Minnesotans have common sense. They can see through the Democrats’ lies and understand how these policies will benefit them and their families.

The truth is simple. Nothing in our bill takes away health care from the very people Medicaid was intended to help such as single mothers, children, seniors, or the disabled.

The Medicaid provisions included in the One Big Beautiful Bill ensure our most vulnerable continue receiving the support they need, while restoring the integrity of the program and saving taxpayer dollars.

It’s a win for our communities, a win for our state, and a win for the entire country. The most appalling factor in all of this is that Democrats would rather spew lies than get on board.

Minnesota’s Republican congressional delegation consists of Rep. Brad Finstad (MN-01), Rep. Tom Emmer (MN-06), Rep. Michelle Fischbach (MN-07), and Rep. Pete Stauber (MN-08)

Get to know a scammer

Common scams used in Todd County

Scammers often target the elderly, but anyone who uses electronic devices, such as phones or computers, can be a target of scammers.

Be wary of a scam if they are contacting you out of the blue. Scammers often pretend to be from an organization you know. Before giving away information or money, contact a family member or a professional who you know you can trust.

Below are some of the scams that have been used in Todd County recently. Thanks to the Todd County Sheriff’s Office for providing these examples of scams.

False warrant

Scammers call, stating you have an out of state warrant and want you to send money to satisfy the warrant. The scammers learn of this information from posts you put on social media with pictures of places you’ve been to and posted about.

Law enforcement does not ask for money on a

phone call. Hang up and contact your local law enforcement.

Faking famous

You receive a call from a famous musician or actor’s agent asking for money to help with medical or financial expenses. They’ll want you to send checks, gift card numbers or wire money to help with medical expenses.

Gift card grift

When purchasing gift cards, make sure to check the condition and packaging, including the silver spot on the back that covers the security pin number. Scammers are stealing cards, grabbing the numbers and security code, then placing the cards back in the stores. When the cards get loaded with money, the scammers get a notification and steal the money. Make sure to keep your receipt for gift cards.

Prison sham

You will receive a letter from a prison inmate looking to be a friend or claim

to need someone to talk to. They’re probably trying to gain your trust and will eventually try to get you to send them money.

Red flags

The individual has broken English or a foreign accent when you talk to them or they send emails/text messages with poor punctuation and incorrect spelling and grammar.

Never do this

- Never call any phone numbers off any mail or email you receive that is a potential scam. Look up the number. Scammers will use fake numbers to have you call. Make sure you are calling a legitimate business.
- Do not turn cash into crypto currency or gift cards to pay off a debt, especially to a government agency. Scammers want you to call them with bitcoin redemption numbers or gift card numbers. This also goes for “bail money” to pay off missing a court date or jury duty.

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Popular duo entertained

Eric Neznik, right, and Jason Franzen performed to a packed house at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples Aug. 3, offering a variety of classic country and country-rock songs. The duo's concert

was part of the Music in the Park series sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Menu

Senior Nutrition Program
Call on mornings the Friday before to reserve next week's meal(s) and for current suggested donation info. LSS Meal - traditional older adult menu. Menu is subject to change.
NEW location: Staples Hi-Rise Apartments, 615 4th St. NE, Staples.

Staples
NEW number:
218-979-4118
LSS meals include bread (various kinds), marg. and 1% milk.
August 26 - 29

Monday - Country fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, sugar cookie.

Tuesday - Baked herb chicken, mashed sweet potatoes, peas, Granny Smith apple.

Wednesday Smothered chopped steak, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, oatmeal cranberry cookie.

Thursday - Oven roasted turkey/turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, chocolate pudding.

Friday - Beef Shepherd's pie, country veggie blend, pear crisp.

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Mark Your Calendar

August 21

Staples Area Farmers Market Thursdays, 2 - 5 p.m., in the clinic patient parking lot at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples.

'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

August 22

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.

August 24

Celebrate Recovery Group Meetings are held every

Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

August 26

Wadena County Republicans will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m., at the Wadena

VFW. Come early to eat and visit with like-minded people.

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.

2nd Annual Staples 3M Club Charity --Golf Tournament-- SAT., SEPTEMBER 6

The Vintage Golf Course, Staples

Registration: 9 - 9:45 a.m. (rules meeting) 10 a.m. Shotgun Start

Entry Fee: \$110 per person includes: *Cart, 18 holes and meal *Team Mulligans (1 ea. player), Team String (36")

*Entry into the longest drive closest to the pin and putting contest

Register by August 29, 2025

Call Darrell Hoernberg at 218-895-1523 or 218-894-2831

Online registration: https://cutt.ly/GrzOYRyn

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\$600 and custom golf putters for 1st place team \$300 and custom plaques for 2nd place team

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\$1,000 worth of 3M branded merchandise prizes to be drawn (must be present to win)

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Join us August 23rd 2025 from 11am - 3pm
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196 Morrison Ave Motley, MN 56466

Join us for food, refreshments, giveaways, and more!
Food will be served till gone!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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England Prairie 45th Annual PIONEER DAYS
Fri, Sat., Sun. Aug. 22, 23, 24, 2025
14229 County Road 1, Wadena, MN 56482
\$5 Gate Fee: Receive a button good for all weekend, 17 & under free. Featuring: JI Case
FRI., AUGUST 22
4 p.m. Gates open NO CHARGE to enter
5-7 p.m. Dinner: BBQ Pork Rib or Roast Beef
5:30-7:30 p.m.
"Nowthen Ramblers"
5:30-7:30 p.m. Pie and Ice Cream
SAT., AUGUST 23
7:30 a.m. Gates open
7:30-11 a.m. Thresher's Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Flag Raising with Scouts
9:30 a.m. Flag disposal Ceremony, Bertha Am. Legion Post #366
11 a.m. Antique Tractor Pull
11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Kitchen open
- Lunch
1:30 p.m. Parade - all invited to JOIN IN!
Beer Garden
SUN., AUGUST 24
7:30 a.m. Gates open
7:30-11 a.m. Thresher's Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Flag raising with the Scouts
9:00 a.m. Worship Service at the Log Chapel
10 a.m. Draft Horses field demos
10 a.m. Plow Down
10:30 a.m. Team Hitch Competition
11:30 am.-3 p.m. Kitchen open
11:30 a.m. Kiddies coin hunt ages 3-12
1 p.m. Parade - all invited to JOIN IN!
2-4 p.m. Bingo
4 p.m. Raffle prize drawings
5 p.m. Close for the season
PLUS: Tractor Show • Kid's Games • Horse Drawn Wagon Rides • Military Museum • Pioneer Museum • Tater Dig & Pick • Wadena Amateur Radio Club Display of Hit 'n Miss Gasoline Engines
DEMOS: • Blacksmith • Print Shop • Shingle Mill • Threshing • Saw Mill
Map / info: www.England-Prairie.org email: pioneer@England-Prairie.org

Very clean sale - well kept items
AUCTION
As we are moving we will sell the following personal property located from:
Wadena, MN 56482, East on Hwy 10 approx. 2 miles to 141st Ave., North approx. 2-1/2 miles to fire #15170. Or from Verndale, MN 56481, West on Hwy. 10 approx. 4 miles to 141st Ave., North approx. 2-1/2 miles to fire #15170. Follow signs on:
Saturday, August 23, 2025
SALE TIME: 9:00 A.M. RESTROOMS AVAILABLE LUNCH ON GROUNDS
Polaris Ranger, XP 1000, 2023, dual overhead cam, only 87 miles, w/brand new Polaris plow
763 Melroe Bobcat, clean, Ingersoll Rand, approx. 1,000 hours, skid steer loader, V1902?
Polaris Sportsman 4-wheeler, 1997, 4x4, 400 liquid cooled eng., 2,856 miles, w/2 wheel garden cart
2005 Chevy Z71 Off Road pickup, 4 dr., 58,000 mi., Vortex engine, w/Leer topper, clean
Older toys, metal trucks, tractors
Roy Rogers and Dale Evans estate sale Victor Radio, works, with certificate of purchase
--SPECIAL ITEMS--
-RED WING CANOE, #735
-Red Wing commemorative pieces, Collector's Society member, dated series
Les Kouba oil painting, dark house, 823/913
T-posts, fencing
Misc. lumber
A lot of long handle tools, hand tools
Ext. cords Ext. ladders, step ladders
Craftsman shop vac, 6-1/2 HP, 16 gal.
Heaters 2 chainsaws, Stihl, Homelite
Auto. receivers 5" vise, Craftsman
OLDIER/ ANTIQUES/ COLLECTIBLES
Red Jacket hand pump, lg.
Old iron seats Old blow torches
Wood pull behind 2' X 8' antique sled
Wood pulld ice augers
Antique cookie jars Heather Fostoria HOUSEHOLD
4 refrigerators, working condition
Drop-leaf table, 4 chairs
Cannons
Large oval table, 6 chairs, 2 leaves
Curved glass curio cabinet Maple bed
Wurlitzer piano, w/amp Quills, 1 wool
3 chest freezers, work 2 dehumidifiers
2 recliner chairs, 1 a lift chair Rugs
Workforce printer 2 dehumidifiers
Misc. lumber
2 maroon recliner chairs
Electrolux vacuum
4 piece bedroom set, oak, very nice
Queen bed, King bed, motorized
2 antique dressers, nice
Library table
2 antique Edison photographs, one plays cylinders, one plays records, both work
Les Kouba prints
Terry Redlin prints
Wadena High School commemorative painted plate
Flat top stove
Canning jars
Red hats, antique hats in hat boxes, antique hat stands
Deer head
Antique books, children's books
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Lawn sprinklers, garden fence
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Geraldine Ott

Geraldine Marie Ott, 85, of Motley, passed away August 8, 2025, at the Harmony House in Motley while under Moments Hospice Care, with her brother, David and daughter, Gina, holding her hand, along with Henry, Kati and Dominique close by.

Services were held August 15 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Motley. Gerry was born October 14, 1939, to Frederick and Dorothy (Hindt) Widhalm in Des Moines, Iowa. She married the love of her life, Roland Ott and together they built a life filled with love and hard work. Gerry worked at El-Ray Café and later Mr. Ed's Restau-

rant all her life, where she shared her warm heart and delicious meals with many over the years.

She is survived by one daughter, Gina Kuechle, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Eric Kuechle with daughter, Breanna (Milton) and great-great grandbaby, Lila; Jesse Kuechle with children, Trevor, Trenton and Lucy; Jason Kuechle with Dominique and children, Marie and Aiden; Matthew Kuechle with children, Josie and Hayes; Kati Westberg with Jesse and children, Kolt, Bryson and Cora.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one brother,



Robert and two nephews, Butch and Ron.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Obituaries

Eileen Spilman

Eileen (Fornshell) Spilman, 80, of Pillager, passed away August 10, 2025, at Lakewood Health Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services were held August 16 at the Motley Methodist Free Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Burial was at the Wildwood Cemetery in Pillager.

Eileen Faye was born April 7, 1945, to Curtis and Jeanette (Ackerson) Fornshell in Brainerd and grew up in Pillager, graduating from Pillager High School

in 1963.

She went to work in St. Cloud at Fingerhut and later at JC Penney's until she married the love of her life, Douglas Spilman, on November 25, 1967, in Pillager. They lived in Minneapolis, where she worked at Prudential Life Insurance until they bought two four-plexes and a duplex, which kept her busy while Doug worked at a machine shop. Their first child, Chad Douglas, was born September 4, 1971 and three years later, their second son, Kevin Curtis, was born October 17, 1974. They moved to Champlin for two years before returning to Pillager in 1978 to a hobby farm, where they remained.

On November 10, 1979, Chad and Kevin died in a semi/car crash in which Eileen was injured. Her faith in God and strength carried her through as she endured the pain. She worked for Avon Corporation for three years before deciding to have another child. Son Kelly James was born December 20, 1982, their Christmas baby.

Doug and Eileen opened and operated Spilman Sawmill in Pillager from 1980 to the present, sawing and planing lumber for family and clients.

In 2020, she held three rummage sales to benefit Pillager businesses, churches, schools, coats and meals for kids, the Pillager Family Center with Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and aid for medical hardships due to COVID-19.

Eileen was a member of the Brainerd Senior Center for 50 years, the Brainerd Eagles Club for 16 years and became a member of Pillager First Lutheran Church in 1978. One highlight of her church membership was overseeing the building's new addition in 2002. She was in the choir, Labors of Love (helping many families with funeral lunches), member of the church's board for six years, Sunday School for many years, Ladies Aid and worked on the church's newsletter. She loved playing bingo, reading Inspired



Books of Love and Suspense, watching "Days of Our Lives" for 57 years, enjoying the family camper on the Crow Wing River and spending time with her family and close friends. In 1993, she was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes and over the years endured three back surgeries, shoulder, knee and hip replacements and glaucoma. This last year she broke her hip and femur from which she never recovered.

Surviving are her loving family: husband, Doug of 57 years; one son, Kelly (Kris Olson); one grandson, Brandon Olson; two sisters, Wanda (Gary) Beimert of Pillager and Penny (Brian) Stumvoll of Nisswa; two nephews, Larry (Lisa) and Brent (Tasha Cestnik) Beimert of Pillager; two godsons, Rori (Katie) Stumvoll of Nisswa and Aron (Samantha) Stumvoll of Lima, Peru and extended family, including many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Chad and Kevin; parents; father- and mother-in-law, Ben and Mable Spilman; brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; best friend, Alice Nyberg and many other family members.

Pallbearers were Larry Beimert, Brent Beimert, Rori Stumvoll, Aron Stumvoll, Lee and Chase Winterowd.

Honorary Ladies: Wanda Beimert, Penny Stumvoll, Shirley Hines, Joanie Pearson, Mandy Winterowd, Lyn Carner and Penny Autey.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
Father Greg Sauer
Mass: Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
Pastor Joshua Jersek
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 Carl Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

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

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley 218-894-2296
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
Sunday 10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Youth Pastor Joe Ward
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman 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
20 Mason Avenue NW
Verndale 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
MASS: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

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

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.

Wadena St. Helen's Episcopal Church
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218-631-3928
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"Hope and Faith are Not Enough"

Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church

An article in the Minneapolis Tribune this past week peeked my interest, especially after having spent the day with my younger brother on our southern Minnesota farm. The article in the Friday, August 8th edition was entitled: Minnesota Farmers See New Crisis On The Horizon, and it shared the thoughts of many mid-western farmers and their families who, even with what seems to be ideal summer bumper crop growing conditions, are struggling to make ends meet. In the article, numerous assumptions were made concerning the policies and situations that surround American agriculture today.

In the article, a farmer from the Granite Falls area shared, that because of the present situation that he and other farmers find themselves in due to policies that have been put in place, he can only "keep living on hope and faith that next year will be better." When I read that piece, I appreciated the farmers understanding that we need to continually look to our faith to help us move forward in our life's difficulties, but was disappointed that his faith didn't push him

towards an action, possibly a community action.

It was 1966, and like many agriculturalist today, farmers and their families were struggling financially due to prices and policies. Because of that, my dad and numerous other farmers and families organized to make a difference. I remember my dad holding a forum at our church to make others aware of the crisis that many were facing. It was by way of community awareness, that the difficulties of prices and policies were brought forward, and it was because of community awareness that actions were eventually taken to help alleviate the problems.

"Living in hope and faith" is commendable, but I believe that God wants us to share our needs in community and then together take action to make necessary changes. In our church we call that God's Work – Our Hands, with the belief is that God has given us the ability to move faithfully to do the necessary work to help improve the lives of God's people and the world.

John Wollenburg, 72, passed away August 6, 2025 at CentraCare St. Cloud Hospital following a brave eight-year battle with cancer.

A small private gathering for family will be held.

John was born July 17, 1953 to Esther and Leonard Wollenburg in Long Prairie, the youngest of seven children.

John worked as a machinist for 45 years and was an easy-going person with a loving, tender heart. A life-long Vikings fan, he enjoyed spending time in the woods, gardening, home improvement, feeding the birds (especially chickadees), playing cards and spending time with Julie, the love of his life and their three dogs. He enjoyed reading, cooking and music, which he passed on to many.

John leaves behind his best friend and wife, Julie; one daughter, Elizabeth; one son, Christopher; two step-children, Josh and Jenna (Graham, son Gannon); three brothers, Karl, Paul (Mary) and George (Ann); one sister,



Marie; seven wonderful grandchildren, Katara, Kaden, Colten, Paige, Cambria, Gavin and Ava; brother-in-law, Terry (Nancy); Tom (R.I.P. Sandy); Tim (Robin); four special nieces and nephews, Beth and Steve Roach and Adrienne and Matt.

John was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Carol; one brother, Bob and ex-wife, Mari-K.

"We would like to thank the staff and aides at CentraCare St. Cloud Hospital for their exceptional round-the-clock care and the Coborn Cancer Center."

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The Nest is open for volleyball

The Staples-Motley volleyball team practices their serves on the first day of practice on Aug. 11, the first official volleyball practice at the new gym since it was under construction during last year's season. Their first home

game will be Thursday, Aug. 28, against Foley. The varsity game has been rescheduled to start at 4:45 p.m. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Tennis starts strong

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team held their first day of practice on Aug. 11, then opened the season with a 7-0 win over Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Aug. 15.



Football practice

The Staples-Motley football team ran some offensive plays on their first day of practice Aug. 11. The team

opens their season at home against East Grand Forks on Friday, Aug. 29, with the game starting at 6 p.m.



Parkers Prairie pickleball

Luke Bates and Dave Johnson were the winners of the Parkers Prairie Festival pickleball tourney on Aug. 3. (Submitted photo)



Running Cardinals

The Staples-Motley cross country teams open their season at home on Monday, Aug. 25, at The Vintage golf course. Races start at 9 a.m.



Basketball legacy started in Motley

Curt Johnson, a 2024 Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, attended this year's Minnesota High School Girls Basketball All-Star banquet and game at Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota, where his granddaughter, Makenzie Carrier, was recognized for her senior year achievements as one of the top ten Minnesota players in the 3A division. Wearing her Kasson-Mantorville high school uniform in the All-Star game, she scored three quick 3-pointers and was one of the game's top scorers.

Above is a three generation photo of basketball stars, Curt Johnson (Motley Rockets, 1969), daughter, Jenny Johnson Carrier (St Louis Park Orioles, 2000) and granddaughter, Makenzie Carrier (Kasson-Mantorville Komets, 2025), all Minnesota high school 1,000 point basketball scorers. Jenny was also a 1,000 point scorer at Winona State University and an inductee in the St. Louis Park Orioles High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011. Makenzie plans to play basketball at Northern State University in Aberdeen.



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122 6th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479

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By: Jerel Nelsen,
City Administrator
City of Staples

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Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 317A.727, Reynolds Baptist Church and Reynolds Baptist Church f/k/a the Swedish Baptist Church of Reynolds (hereinafter, together, “Reynolds Baptist”) (EIN: 41-1463377) is providing written notice to known and potential creditors that the organization is in the process of dissolving. Reynolds Baptist was originally organized under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 315 in 1896. Thereafter, on March 23, 2007, Reynolds Baptist formed a Minnesota nonprofit corporation organized under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317A (File Number 2276906-2). More recently, on July 1, 2025, Reynolds Baptist elected to convert the Chapter 315 organization to a nonprofit corporation governed under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317A (File Number 1566778600042). It is believed that both legal entities used the same EIN and operated as the same organization. Reynolds Baptist’s Board of Directors executed a written resolution on October 24, 2024, voting via written action to dissolve the organization. The motion passed unanimously 2-0, with no abstaining votes. On July 29, 2025, Reynolds Baptist filed a Notice of Intent to Dissolve with the Minnesota Secretary of State’s Office pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 317A.723. Any written claims against Reynolds Baptist must be presented by October 31, 2025 and mailed to:

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England Prairie Sunday parade

England Prairie Pioneer days features a parade through the grounds on both Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. where attendees are welcome to join in. (Staples World archive photo by Janice Winter)

**England Prairie Pioneer
Days Aug. 22-24**

The 46th Annual England Prairie Pioneer Days will be held Aug. 22-24 at the England Prairie grounds located at 14229 County Road 1, Wadena, MN 56482.

Friday, August 22 begins with the BBQ Prk Rib or Roast Beef Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Coronation of the 24th England Prairie Royalty England Prairie Royalty will be held at 6:45 p.m. followed by music with the “NowThen Ramblers” and pie and ice cream.

A full schedule of activ-

ities will be held Saturday and Sunday (see ad) with gates to the grounds opening at 7:30 a.m.

A Flag Disposal Ceremony will be held Sat., Aug. 23, at 9:30 a.m. by the Bertha American Legion #366 W. Larson Post.

The Antique Tractor Pull begins at 11 a.m. Aug. 23. The Plow Down will be held at 10 a.m. Aug. 24 followed by the Team Hitch Competition at 10:30 p.m.

Demonstrations on the grounds include Hit ‘n Miss

Gasoline Engines, Rope Making, Blacksmith Shop, Shingle Mill, Draft Horse plowing, Threshing and more. Activities include petting barn, horse drawn wagon rides, bird house building and more. Buildings on the grounds include the Pioneer Museum, Deep Rock Service Station Barber/Beauty Shop, Philbook depot and more.

More information can be found at england-prairie.org.



Positive presentations given

Two people spoke at the Motley City Council’s regular meeting Aug. 11. Above, Lisa Bjerga, President & CEO at Lakewood Health System (LHS) in Staples, gave a presentation based on the LHS Annual Hospital District Report which she provided to the council and city staff. Pictured, back row from left, are Mayor Pat O’Regan and council members Nikki Bjerga and Steve Johnson. Front row are City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton; Motley Fire Chief Todd Judd; Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton; and Police Chief Al Yoder.

Bjerga, a 17-year employee at LHS (going on three years as CEO), noted that the non-profit is financially strong, with nearly 1,000 employees on staff. As part of their strategic plan, Lakewood has focused on specialties including oncology and orthopedics. Bjerga noted that Lakewood is now providing full-time orthopedic care and that their new cancer center is set to open in the near future. Additional growth in specialty services during 2024

included the opening of TCO Therapy and Longbella Drug by Lakewood Health System, both located in the Lakewood Plaza in Staples. Also, in 2024, Lakewood earned several Top Workplaces Awards, including the TOP Workplaces National Award in Healthcare. Bjerga noted that in the Executive Leadership Dept., Lynn Rice retired on Dec. 31, 2024, after 45 years of service at LHS, and Corrine Neiss retired on June 27, 2024, after 12 years of service.

Below, during the Public Forum portion of the meeting, Sherry Frisk of Motley applauded the city’s police and fire departments for all they did at the recent National Night Out event in Staples. She was proud to have Motley represented, Frisk said. She also mentioned that she is part of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council and that they are hoping to help sponsor a concert in Motley next summer, possibly at the fairgrounds. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley area law enforcement reports

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

Aug. 8 - Motley Police issued a speeding citation to a juvenile.

Aug. 7 - Motley Police received numerous reports that the My Store on Hwy 10 S, Motley, was dark with no one around and the door was unlocked. They responded and saw a note stating the store had closed early due to illness. The Motley Police

called the owner and left a message that the door was open. Later, an employee arrived and locked the door.

Aug. 7 - Motley Police issued a citation to Joshua Edward Shesta, 41, a citation for excess vehicle noise.

Aug. 6 - Motley Police assisted a stalled motorist on Hwy 10 S, Motley. Always Available was called for the tow.

Aug. 11 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity at the 1900 block of Ridge Rd., Motley.

Aug. 10 - Morrison City

deputies responded to a report of an intoxicated subject at 32 3rd Ave S, Motley.

Aug. 8 - The MCSO received a call from Cass Cty, requesting Motley Fire and Rescue be paged for a vehicle accident at 6255 Hwy 210 SW, Motley.

Aug. 7 - The MCSO received a call from a juvenile in Cushing reporting fraud.

Aug. 6 - The MCSO received a report of trespassing at the 3300 block of Bluebird Rd, Cushing.

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Little Red Caboose Variety Show 2025



Celebrating Railroad Days with a kick

Above, director Justin Edin joins the Lamp Camp Ensemble (below) in their dance learned at the annual theatre camp. Their performance was one of many highlights of local talent for the Little Red Caboose Variety Show on Aug. 14. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Action shots at Staples Railroad Days

Many activities were happening in Downtown Staples for Railroad Days on Aug. 16. Above and below, tossing the beanbags for the Lefty's cornhole tournament. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Railroad Days downtown extravaganza

Games, activities, food and fun were plentiful at the Staples Railroad Days downtown event on Aug. 14. Above, people sort through vendor booths. Below, playing a ball game. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Council agrees to look at changes to food truck rules

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The city’s ordinance does allow for a food truck to be parked at a private auction, but Nelsen said the intent was geared towards estate sales at private residences, not a weekly auction location.

Council member Mary Jo Goff said she was concerned about the truck becoming a traffic hazard for cars turning off of Highway 10 onto 4th Street.

Nelsen asked if the council would consider amending the ordinance to state that food trucks are only allowed at a residence once per calendar year for a private auction. The council indicated general consent and Nelsen said the topic will be on the council agenda for their Aug. 26 meeting.

In other news, the council

- Set city budget workshop for Thursday, Aug. 28, at noon.
- Approved separation agreement with employee Anthony Evans, the City of Staples and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, clarifying wages and benefits due.
- Approved outdoor event request for the Staples Chamber of Commerce to hold October Fest and Northern Pacific Park on Oct. 4.
- Heard from Economic Development Director Lucas Wakefield that a recently formed “Doers Committee” received a grant from the Initiative Foundation to attend a training Aug. 21-22. The committee has started a task to coordinate Christmas events and activities in the city.