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Up, Up and Away for the U.S.A. On a crisp March 19 day Todd Ross of Denver, Colorado climbed the All Veterans Park flagpole in Staples to make repairs. The flagpole fixer climbed the entire 30 feet to the top of pole (far left) to make the repairs. Memorial Day observance at All Veterans Park was held held May 25. (Photos by Ken Klose)



Getting filled up spiritually

Over 50 students attended the launch of the Staples-Motley Breakfast Club May 19, held at Staples Fire Hall. Following the meal, they gathered for a short devotional. Bibles were available to each student and they followed along as Colbe Tappe, a senior at Staples-Motley High School, read and spoke from the Gospel of Luke, which includes the story of the Good Samaritan. Tappe

pointed out the themes in the reading which included forgiveness and caring for people that others look down on. "The way we treat others matters greatly to God," Tappe said, referring to a portion of Luke. He went on to note that in the gospel reading Jesus reminds people that their value comes from God. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Memorial Day, graduation coverage coming next week

With early deadlines because of Memorial Day, high school graduation coverage and Memorial Day photos will be in next week's Staples World.

'Staples-Motley Breakfast Club' launched

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

After attending a Breakfast Club for students in Pillager, Staples-Motley senior Colbe Tappe was inspired with the idea of starting one in his own community.

That dream became a reality on May 19, when the Staples-Motley Breakfast Club was launched, with students in grades 5 - 12 gathering together for a morning of food, fellowship and faith. "Cardinals Fed, Faith Led," is the club's motto.

At least 50 students arrived at the Staples Fire Hall that morning to enjoy a hot breakfast provided by TimberLake Hotel, and hear an inspirational message from fellow Cardinal Tappe. Prayer was a part of the morning as well.

Misty Creemers, Pillager, along with her daughter,

Caleigh, and son, Colston, were in attendance to offer support for the newly formed club that had been inspired by their own.

A co-founder of the Pillager Breakfast Club, Misty shared later of how that club had transpired. She went on to note that she and her husband Thomas (along with their children) had been approached by Shawn and Sarah Smith about partnering together to bring a Breakfast Club to life in their area. "Through the partnership of the Smith family and our family, the Creemers family, we created the Pillager Breakfast Club - feeding bellies and fueling faith," Misty Creemers said.

Their mission, Misty went on, is to offer students a place to start their day with a free breakfast, an encouraging message about

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Weather

2026			
This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
May 27	87	58	M. Sunny
May 28	85	60	M. Sunny
May 29	81	58	P. Cloudy
May 30	80	58	Rain
May 31	78	59	Sunny
June 1	77	57	Showers
June 2	79	58	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 73 ° Low = 50°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Ardell Davey
Daniel Owen
Marlys Vollegraaf

Staples-Motley says ‘goodbye’ to its retiring staff



Retirement party at Staples-Motley Elementary School



The Staples World invited retiring staff at Staples-Motley School District to share some thoughts about their career. Below are their responses to our questions.

Cindy Denning
I've worked as the District Nurse at Staples-Motley for six years. I've been in healthcare for 40 years.
WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I have always wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl. My mom was a nurse so I had a wonderful example.
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR TIME AT STAPLES-MOTLEY? I love the kids. I should have started a book on my first day with the funny things that they say and do - it has been a true joy to finish my career caring for our students.
WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK? The students and staff. I'm sure I will be their #1 volunteer in the future.
WHAT WERE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU EXPERIENCED AT SM? BIGGEST CHANGES? I started during COVID, so that was an interesting journey with all of the quarantine requirements, masking, etc. I started working only at the elementary school and moved to working with all ages

four years ago. I thought it would be a big adjustment, but in general the high school kids have the same problems and needs as the elementary - they're just taller.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH YOUR TIME AFTER RETIRING? I plan to travel and spend time with my grandkids. I also hope to do a lot of volunteering at the school and in the community.
ARE THERE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? I think it's important to note that while I have been a nurse for many years and have worked in many different settings, my experience at Staples-Motley Schools has been the most rewarding of my career.
Yolanda Koppes
I worked as a Special Ed Para at Staples-Motley for 27 years.
WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I've always loved kids. When our girls were in school I would volunteer. I was asked if I would be a sub, and from there I was hired as a special education para.
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR TIME AT STAPLES-MOTLEY? I have many fond memories of the people I worked with over the years. The best

memories are from working with the kids. It was so rewarding to help them learn and watch them grow.
WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK? I will miss working with the kids. It was great to help them accomplish things. No matter how small it may have seemed to others, to the kids I've worked with it may have been huge.
WHAT WERE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU EXPERIENCED AT SM? BIGGEST CHANGES? Sometimes it was hard trying to figure out how to best help the kids. But when I could better understand things through their eyes, the easier it went for all of us.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH YOUR TIME AFTER RETIRING? Hopefully my husband and I will be able to go to our grandkids' activities and be able to spend more time with family. Also, may do some sort of volunteering.
Sandy Opheim
I'm a 5th grade English teacher. I've taught 37 years overall, 27 of which were with the SM district. I was a teacher in Catholic schools for three years, principal for three years, and taught grades 2nd, 3rd, multi-age 4th-5th and 5th-8th.
WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I worked in Parks and Recre-

ing? I will read, golf and enjoy family time.
Laurie Paskewitz
I am a Special Education teacher and have taught 26 years in the school district.
WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I love kids. Growing up I played "school" all the time with my sisters and of course I was always the teacher. My mom, great-grandmother and father-in-law were all teachers.
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR TIME AT STAPLES-MOTLEY? I get to work with the same kiddos for up to five years... watching them grow and teaching them to read has been truly rewarding. The staff have been amazing and I have developed life long friendships. My kids all graduated from SM and going to their sporting events, music/band/drama events have been some of my favorite memories.
WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK? I will miss the relationships with families I've developed over the years and of course, my students.
WHAT WERE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU EXPERIENCED AT SM? BIGGEST CHANGES? Working with students who have extreme mental health difficulties is very challenging. The biggest changes are that there are more and more students with extreme mental health needs. Also, teachers are not respected and valued as a profession, like they used to be.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH YOUR TIME AFTER RETIRING? I will be the SPARKS/Kinship consultant for our school district. I will coordinate volunteers to read with students, math tutors, and be lunch and breakfast buddies. We need more volunteers in our schools, we have many kids that need mentors. Contact me if you are willing to be a volunteer. Also, I'm excited to spend more time with my grandchildren and do some traveling.
ARE THERE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? I'm very proud of our district. It was so good to see our referendum pass and I'm excited to see how our district will excel in the coming years.
Jennifer Sapp
I'm a fourth grade teacher and have taught eight years in the school district - one year in 1st grade and seven years in 4th grade. I've taught 26 years in total - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades in three different communities.
WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS PROFESSION? I've always loved kids, so wanting to be a teacher was pretty natural. Eighth grade career day with a kindergarten teacher helped confirm that. Also, I come from a long line of educators in my family.
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR

Favorite memories from your time at Staples-Motley? Read alouds of books by amazing authors, creative writing lessons, introducing fascinating historical events, fun dress-up days, celebrating student birthdays, and observing students making connections both with their learning and with each other.
WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK? I will miss my colleagues, who have become my friends. And, I will miss those special moments of connection with the students.
WHAT WERE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU EXPERIENCED AT SM? BIGGEST CHANGES? Just like other districts in Minnesota, our school did not have enough substitute teachers. That was a challenge.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH YOUR TIME AFTER RETIRING? I look forward to more time with family and friends. I also look forward to more time for my hobbies: music, writing, scrapbooking, reading, hiking, leaf peeping, and camping.
ARE THERE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? I'm so grateful for my eight years with Staples-Motley Elementary. I was blessed to work alongside some incredible people and experienced how powerful being part of a supportive team can be.



Cindy Denning



Yolanda Koppes



Sandy Opheim



Celebrating their friends

Past and present staff members at Staples-Motley Elementary School stopped by to congratulate retiring teachers and reunite with friends. From left, Natalie Johnson, Michelle Jeziorski, Renae Schmitz. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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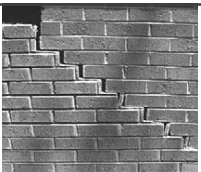
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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1951

• May 24, 1951 - Next Monday evening, May 28, is going to be a gala event at the city hall when the Cub Pack of Staples will have a circus. The circus starts at seven o'clock and the eight dens of the Pack will all participate.

Included in the circus will be a band, clowns, acts of all kinds, games and side shows of various kinds, and also a variety of types of refreshments for young and old.

• May 24, 1951 - Motley's baseball team defeated Pillager at Motley on Friday afternoon, May 18. The sun played peek-a-boo with the clouds and the weather seemed to be undecided as



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1980. 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.

to whether it should rain or shine until the last of the fourth inning. The rain started to pour down and the game was stopped for a little while but it didn't stop either team, as they continued to play just as hard as ever, when the shower was over.

With Howie Sklenicka doing line battling and pitching along with all the good support in fielding, Motley once again defeated Pillager with a score of 12-3 declaring Motley the champions of the Crow Wing Valley League with a 4-0 perfect record.

• May 24, 1951 - Six years after being honorably discharged, Bill Pribbenow was awarded the Bronze Star last week, for duty performed while in combat.

According to an interview with Bill he stated, "On June 5, 1944 the 101st Airborne Division left England for France about nine p.m. and jumping at 5 a.m. the morning of the 6th, being completely surrounded at all times by the enemy.

Our mission was to knock out a battery of coastal guns, knock out enemy installations and set up road blocks to keep the enemy from hampering troops trying to land on the beach.

"Hard fighting continued for five days and nights," Bill went on.

• May 24, 1951 - Anderson Hardware in Staples shared a testimonial from a Speed Queen user - "In my basement laundry I have two built-in tubs. In the left-hand tub I put the first rinse water; in the right tub, the second rinse with bluing. Procedure is as follows: When the first batch is washed, I wring the clothes into the left-hand rinse tub. Then I immediately fill the washer with the second

batch of clothes, set the timer, and start the agitator. While this load is washing, I wring the clothes from the first rinse tub into the bluing rinse. Then I swing the wringer and wring out of the bluing rinse into the clothes basket. Succeeding loads are handled in the same manner.

"Without the Speed Queen's good water action produced in the large, bowl tub, and the double walls to keep the water hot, I know I couldn't do my washing in the short time I do. No other machine that I know of cleans clothes as fast and thoroughly as my Speed Queen."

50 Years Ago - 1976

• May 13, 1976 - Graduations ceremonies for the 39 members of the Class of 1976 at Motley High School will be held Friday, May 21, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Robert G. Bengtson, principal, announced this week that Dennis L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, is the class valedictorian. Judy Dubbels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dubbels, is the class salutatorian.

• May 13, 1976 - Pancake Supper - All you can eat! Sponsored by the sophomore class Saturday, May 22, Staples High school cafeteria. Tickets: \$1.50 adults, senior citizens and children (under 12) \$1.00.

• May 13, 1976 - The Rev. W. Lloyd Hanley reported to The World this week that on March 14 he announced his resignation to the Staples Church of Christ.

Rev. Hanley came to Staples 10 years ago from Pierre, S.D. He and his wife, the former Naomi Clemans, are both natives of this community. The Hanleys will continue to make their home at Lake Shamineau.

• May 13, 1976 - Consistent play by a veteran Wadena crew proved too much for other Mid-State Conference rivals as the Indians captured first place in the Mid-State tourney at Detroit Lakes May 15.

Staples finished with 12 points to tie Wadena for the crown, but dropped the contest on total games lost, 100-73. Little Falls finished third with 10 points, followed by Detroit Lakes with 4.

Individual Cardinal results found Brian Bates and Jim Uhrich winning the championship in second doubles by defeating D.L. 6-3, 7-5 and Wadena 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

• May 13, 1976 - Members of the Cardinal Baseball team, who shared Mid-State championship honors with the Detroit Lakes Lakers are Doug Shequen, Bob Nurnberger, Paul Jenkins, Mike Mertens, Larry Dumpprope, Jim Marden, Tim Miller, Robb Peterson, Jon Tevlin, Steve Grossman, Jeff Cizek, Tom Backberg, Mark Redemske. Coaches are Jerry Riewer and Joe Joerger.

• May 13, 1976 - Champions of the Wednesday Twilight League at Hi-Way Lanes for the 1975-76 season is the team sponsored by Nancy's Boutique. Members are Nancy Sadusky, Effie Moon, Meal Wert, Lila Card, Rhoda Schull and Bonnie Grossman.

25 Years Ago - 2001

• May 24, 2001 - Staples Motley won the first round of the Section 6A boys tennis team tournament Monday with a 6-1 win over Melrose. That moves the Cards on to the final four in the section.

• May 24, 2001 - Five Sacred Heart sixth graders were named winners of the Staples Senior Citizen Essay contest recently.

They included Ann Jeanette Swenson and Shawn Pearson, first place; Trevor Dvorak, and Heather Kohlman, second place; Justin Engholm, third.

• May 24, 2001 - Senior Martin Brenny is one of the weekly 2001 May National Scholarship Month Golden Speech student winners. Martin received \$100 in gold coins from Speech Coach Don Sanda in recognition of his speech team efforts. He earned numerous awards in his oral interpretation of numerous material categories, competing both in high school and National Forensics League contests. Martin finished fifth at the state speech contest in March.

• May 24, 2001 - Beginning in June, Staples police officers will have a portable defibrillator in their squad cars for use in emergency situations. The \$7,600 needed to purchase the unit came from 3M (\$2,000), Lakewood Health Foundation (\$2,600) and the Central Minnesota EMS Council (\$3,000).

10 Years Ago - 2016

• May 26, 2016 - Members of the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club, which celebrates its 90th anniversary this year, have been busy cleaning up the grounds of the Poplar Cemetery near Leader in preparation for Memorial Day. Since it was first organized in 1926, the club has planned the annual Memorial Day program at Poplar Cemetery, as well as helped maintain the grounds. The club's motto is "Help One Another" and in addition to service projects at the cemetery, it has served as a social outlet and support system for several generations of area women.

New mobile alert system for Wadena County

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office is announcing the deployment of a new Mobile Alert System in partnership with RAVE Mobile Safety to enhance emergency communication with residents.

Residents of Wadena County are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts through Smart911 by visiting:

<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=wadenaalerts>

You can also search "Smart911/Wadena County" on any internet search engine.

This new system will be used to deliver important information during emer-

gencies, including severe weather warnings and critical public safety alerts. By registering, residents can receive timely notifications that help them stay informed and take appropriate action when needed.

The Mobile Alert System may be used for:

- Severe weather alerts
- Emergency incidents and public safety threats
- Evacuation notices
- Other urgent situations affecting public safety

The Sheriff's Office encourages all residents to sign up and ensure their contact information is up to date to receive alerts as quickly as possible.

Todd Cty. court report

MAY 20

Long Prairie Police

Hector Luis Mateo Molina, St. Cloud. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.

Bayley Maye Roper, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Kimorah Laulul Yobech, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

MN Dept. Natural Resources

Rylan Eric Spaeth, Long Prairie. ER Big Game-take deer with invalid bonus permit (before valid). Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Glenn Paul Thuringer, Worthington. Big Game-fail to register deer as required. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Ashley Laina Ayala, Long Prairie. Speed 79/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Adrian Douglas Bearson, Long Prairie. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Vincent Kenneth Contreras, Brooten. No proof MV Insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Ashley Ann Dreger, Sauk Centre. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Matthew Stephen Dufner, Grand Forks, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Miles Spencer Dunmire, Berlin, WI. Seat Belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Eric David Eastman, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Reynaldo Perez Fernandez, Yankton, SD. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Sydney Patricia Fox, Hastings. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

William James Guericke, Elk River. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Christopher David Harren, Sauk Centre. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Shane Richard Johnson, Mora. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Nancy Joanne Kazlauckas, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Christian Alexandro Lopez, Alexandria. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Lucas John Maland, Eagle Bend. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Luis Angel Murillo, Long Prairie. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Penny Leuthard Parks, Long Prairie. No MN Drivers license (after 60 days residency/30 days CDL). Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50.

Shauna Rae Parson, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Sebastian Adam Zacarias Ranger, Alexandria. Window restrictions, windshield tinted or glazed.

Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Siron Ta Lamont Solmon, Minneapolis. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Scott James Zwilling, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Staples Police

Matthew Scott Larson, Staples. Speed 44/35. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Logan Zahel Monson, Clear Lake. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Todd County

Laura Jean St. Onge Block, Little Falls. Failure to obtain a burning permit. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Leonardo Cuellar Ramirez, Long Prairie. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Mariana Jimenez De La Cruz, Browerville. Speed 55/45. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tyler John Kolles, Flensburg. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Skye Lynn Larson, Staples. Speed 64/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Edwin Reyes Ocasio, Long Prairie. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Domingo A. Rodriguez Ozoria, Long Prairie. Speed 90/60. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Kevin Thomas Shea, Staples. Speed 39/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Julian Johnathan Valencia, Long Prairie. Speed 80/55. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Willander Vasquez Contreras, St. Cloud. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Bruce Dudley Workman, Villard. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Heidi L. Hovis Seventh District Court in Todd County May 7, 2026.

James Leon Morris, Jamestown, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Seventh District Court in Todd County May 8, 2026.

Armoson Milord, Long Prairie. 3rd degree DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days credit for time served: 90 days). Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$100.

The following cases were heard before Judge Heidi L. Hovis Seventh District Court in Todd County May 11, 2026.

Ariene Marie Altenbrun, Hewitt. DWI-3-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 354 days for 3 yr). Supervised probation, 3 yr. Fine \$50. Fee \$505. Open bottle law. Dismissed.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 17, 2001 edition of the Staples World featured Motley Elementary School (grades K through third) students performing "The Three Little Pigs" as part of their Spring Program, an opera,

"Beauty and the Beast." From left, Emma Pogreba, Miranda LeGendre, Cody Hanson. The program was directed by Pat DiGiovanni with accompaniment by Mary Duberowski.



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Staples City Council avoided discussion of the actual flag controversy

By Mark Anderson
Publisher

The Staples City Council missed an opportunity to make an actual statement when they voted to switch from the new state flag to the old state flag. With only one person giving a single reason for voting against the new flag, their reasoning seemed to be that some other towns were doing it, so we should do it too. That makes our council look like a group of followers, not a group of leaders.

There are plenty of reasons to not like the new flag and other city councils have debated reasons to switch back or keep the new flag. But not this council, they let the other cities do the talking for them instead of taking a stand for themselves.

The one reason given at the council meeting was that the process for selecting the new flag was messed up. That is certainly true and the result was a benign, devoid flag, but I don't think that alone is enough of a reason to reject it.

What everyone is avoiding is the purported reason to change the state flag, that some people felt the state seal on the flag was offensive for depicting a Native American riding a horse into the sunset. That was true in the original territorial seal, before we were a state. This clearly represented the European immigrants pushing the Native Americans out of the state. When we became a state in 1858, the seal was less clear on which direction the Native rider was going, almost parallel to

the sunset. A new seal in 1983 shows the horseman riding away from the sunset, meaning that he is staying right here in Minnesota. There are weapons depicted, hunting tools not aimed at each other, but I have seen enough westerns to know that artists often include them for confrontational tension. One of the old versions I saw had mountains in the background, which should be offensive to Minnesotans who have never seen a mountain in our state.

The more I look at the most recent seal used on the old state flag, the less I see where it is offensive, other than its origin. When we learn Minnesota history in elementary school, the first lesson is about the Lakota people in the south and the Ojibwe in the north, along with other corresponding native tribes. They belong as a part of our state seal, they are the original people.

A brand new state seal was adopted in 2024 along with the change of the flag, throwing everything out. It now has a loon, a star, some wheat and the phrase Mni Sôta Makoce (pronounced mni-SO-tah mah-KO-chay), the traditional Dakota name for their homeland, which translates to "the land where the waters reflect the skies" or "cloud-tinted waters".

They could have put that new seal on the new flag and it would have been way better than the bland flag they finally chose through a contest resembling a children's coloring contest.

When changing the flag and the state seal, the state was not even going after the worst offender. Currently at

the Minnesota State Capitol, on one of the giant murals in the main rotunda, there is another pioneer scene where in the corner a small little demonic creature is slinking away. That figure represents the Native Americans as odd non-human creatures to be exiled from our land. It is racist and offensive on its face. Instead of going after that mural, someone at the state decided to go after the flag, which isn't nearly as offensive.

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If the Staples City Council had included any type of actual reasoning while voting out the new flag, they could have told the state why they did it and it could have sparked some reassessment on both sides. Now it is open to interpretation, which could go bad because some of the flag pushback is being driven by biased groups.

It is historically accurate that the Native Americans were pushed out of the state many were killed through wars and diseases. At the same time, Minnesota still has one of the strongest Native American cultures still going of the 50 states. We need to talk about that paradox, not lob symbolic gestures back and forth.

In not discussing the topic, the city council did exactly what the state did with their flag and seal process, they avoided an actual conversation about our state's symbolism and history, and how that relates to us today. They both plastered over the topic in an attempt to be inoffensive and came out with a blah result.

Quote of the week

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.

– Alice Walker

Minnesota Forest Health Report reveals issues

From Minnesota Forest Industries

Minnesota's iconic northern forests are a national treasure. They provide camping, hunting, fishing and other recreation opportunities; solace from our fast-paced world; and critical habitat for a wide diversity of birds, mammals and other animals. But they are not static, trees that make up forests grow, age and die like all other living things.

The DNR's Forest Health Annual Report 2025 details several forest health issues in the state. The Brimson Complex and Munger Shaw wildfires burned nearly 30,000 acres last spring and killed millions of trees. Eastern larch beetle has killed most of the mature tamarack in northern Minnesota, impacting 1,244,000 acres since 2001. A derecho in late June 2025 devastated at least 11,600 acres of forest in the Bemidji area. Spruce budworm defoliated 182,000 new acres of balsam fir and white spruce, adding to the decades of mortality in the Northeast. Emerald ash borer continues to spread, now in 58 of 87 counties, causing wholesale death to ash trees.

Timber harvesting is a primary tool to address these issues, slow the spread, and salvage wood after destructive events. Logging is also used to remove trees near the end of life; to thin stands so remaining trees get more sun and nutrients; to improve wildlife habitat; and to provide fiber for the forest products industry. Yet we only harvest 1 percent of the forest annually. Many forest types regenerate naturally from seeds or sprouts, but some require that we plant seedlings, like white pine, white spruce, some hardwoods, and Minnesota's state tree-the Norway pine. Planting a diverse array of species will help the forest to survive and thrive through weather, fire, and insect-related stresses.

With all the intrinsic benefits of forests, it is difficult to understand why the State of Minnesota is not securing adequate funding for reforestation efforts. The

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requires \$4 million annually to plant trees, protect them from deer damage, and perform timber stand management to ensure future forests persist. These efforts are funded by a combination of timber sale proceeds and the sale of general obligation bonds (not by raising taxes). But in recent years, the Governor's budget proposal to the Legislature, and the legislature's investment, has not met that need. This year the DNR Capital Budget Request is only seeking \$2 million for the Acquisition and Betterment of Land category. That category encompasses acquiring high-priority parcels of land and replanting and seeding trees, completing forest stand improvements, and enhancing access to state lands. Assuming an even split between these four priorities there will only be \$1 million for tree planting and tending for the next 2 years.

The Nature Conservancy and Minnesota Forest Industries are working together with Representative Spencer Igo (Balsam Township) and Senator Scott Dibble (Minneapolis) to secure a more realistic and proactive figure for these efforts. Rep. Igo and Sen. Dibble introduced an \$18 million reforestation capital funding bill in the 2025 legislative session.

"The State of Minnesota needs to recognize the importance of our forests to the people of the state and make a greater investment in its health and well-being," said Tom Radovich, Executive Vice President of Minnesota Forest Industries. "We hope to secure bipartisan support for funding efforts that ensure the health and sustainability of our future forests."

Minnesotans expect professional forest managers to ensure that we have resilient future forests, to minimize wildfire risk, and increasingly to help forests absorb and store atmospheric carbon to address our changing climate. Our government simply must provide them with the funding and means to succeed.



Minnesota Territorial Seal, 1849



Minnesota State Seal, 1858



Minnesota State Seal, 1983



Minnesota State Seal, 2024

Quote of the week

"It is a newspaper's duty to print the news and raise hell."

— Wilbur F. Storey

Quote of the week

"A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves."

— Edward R. Murrow

Apply yard chemicals safely to protect waters

By Denton Bruening
Minnesota Department of Agriculture

A University of Minnesota study from a few years back delivered a clear wake-up: backyard chemicals, especially lawn fertilizers, are a significant source of nutrient pollution in our lakes, rivers and wetlands.

The problem is bigger than many people may realize. Every year, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) tracks off-farm fertilizer and pesticide purchases. In 2024, the last year purchase data was published, Minnesotans bought 178 million pounds of fertilizer for residential use. Pesticide purchases were smaller - about 870,000 pounds at last count - but they also contribute to con-

tamination risks.

So, no matter what you apply - fertilizer, weed-and-feed, pesticide - the same rules apply: Chemical products used at the wrong time or in the wrong place can move off your property and into our waters.

But here's the good news: You don't have to overhaul your yard or give up a healthy lawn. Just use these products the right way. Here are simple steps that help keep chemicals out of our water resources.

1. Use only what you need. Conduct a soil test before you buy or apply any fertilizer to ensure it's needed. Test kits are available at most garden centers. Spot-treat weeds and other problem areas, whenever possible. Mow at 3-4 inches to shade out weeds and use mulch in gardens to prevent

others from establishing. When using any backyard chemical, always follow label instructions.

2. Keep products where they belong. If a powder or granular chemical lands on the sidewalk or driveway, sweep or blow it back into its intended area. Pavement is the fastest route to a storm drain.

3. Check the weather before applying anything. Avoid windy days, heavy rain in the forecast, extreme heat and drought conditions.

Even if you hire a lawn care crew, you still have a say over what happens in your yard. Professional applicators are licensed by the MDA and are required to provide a clear breakdown of what they apply to your yard. You can - and should - ask how they determine

what products are used, how they prevent runoff, and whether their practices align with your goals for protecting water quality. A reputable company will welcome these questions.

Minnesotans fish, sail, swim and brag about our lakes for good reason. And protecting these waters isn't just the job of farmers, cities, and regulators. It's on all of us.

This year, as you step into your yard with a fertilizer spreader or a bag of weed control, please remember: Small changes in how we use backyard chemicals can make a meaningful difference. And when thousands of households make those changes together, Minnesota's waters stay cleaner, clearer, and healthier for everyone.

Quote of the week

"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating."

— Frederick Douglass

USPS needs congress to act

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

The U.S. Postal Service does what no private company can: It delivers mail six days a week to every address in the country at an affordable price. But the business model the USPS has been mandated to use is outdated and has plunged the delivery titan into insurmountable debt. Should the USPS be allowed to go bust? No. Congress needs

to address USPS structural problems now, writes The Wall Street Journal editorial board.

Last week, the USPS "reported a \$2 billion quarterly loss. 'We are in a cash crisis,' Postmaster General David Steiner said. 'We require urgent Congressional action to expand our borrowing authority and to address outdated constraints on the organization,'" the board writes. "The important part for lawmakers to hear is that last part."

You may notice the delivery of your newspaper will be one to two days later due to new postal delivery regulations implemented by the federal government April 25, 2026 and made effective through the post office with the April 29, 2026 issue of the Staples World. You may receive your Staples World newspaper one to two days later than usual due to the fact that only one postal truck will be available in Staples (mornings). The Staples World regular publication date remains Wednesday.

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Mark Your Calendar

May 28

‘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>

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, May 28, 7 - 9:30 p.m., at St. Michael’s Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Charley Huhtala, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

May 29

WOMEN’S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Fridays in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free

Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

May 31

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS Sundays, 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

June 2

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

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

From Todd County Health & Human Services

Be Aware of Ticks:

- Blacklegged ticks (deer ticks) are found in wooded or brushy areas while American dog ticks (wood ticks) are found in grassy, more open habitat and woods.
- While ticks may be active whenever it is warm outside, ticks are most active here in Minnesota during these months:
 - Blacklegged tick adults are most active in the spring and fall
 - Blacklegged tick nymphs (immature ticks) are most active from mid-May through mid-July
 - American dog tick adults are most active in the

spring and early summer

Use Tick Repellent:

- Choose an EPA-registered product so you know it is safe and effective against tick bites.
- Products containing permethrin, which are used on clothing and gear, are especially recommended for people who spend a lot of time in wooded areas.

Check Frequently for Ticks:

- Ticks must remain attached for one to two days before they can transmit the Lyme disease bacteria.
- Bathe or shower after coming indoors to wash off and find ticks that may be crawling on or attached to you.
- Search your entire body closely, especially hard-to-

see areas.

If you find a tick on yourself, remove the tick as soon as possible.

- Use a pair of tweezers or your fingers to grasp the tick by the head, close to the skin.
- Pull the tick outward

slowly, gently, and steadily

–Clean the area with soap and water.

Source: MN Department of Health, <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tickborne/prevention.html>

• ESTATE AUCTION •

From Motley, MN, Hwy #10 to Hwy #210, East to Hwy. #64, North approx. 2-1/2 miles to Cty #33 Warner Road, West approx 1/2 - 3/4 mile to #11951 71st Ave. SE, Motley, 56466. Follow signs on:

Saturday, June 6, 2026

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



•Large model airplane, Super Star (Hobbico) N226LK (approx. 6' wing)

•Lionel train set, size 027 in box

1942 Harley Davidson RSC, with title, refurbished. V-Twin, white with red stripes and trim. Shifter on left on tank. Wide handle bars, with saddle bags. #MBPGain 4113. Speed odometer reads 551.0 mi / second odometer reads 777.7 mi.

12 ft. aluminum Alumacraft boat with Snowco trailer

Gray Sportster XLH motorcycle, as is, skeleton shift Case 1835D skidsteer, gas, as is, in shed

OLD BOAT MOTORS IN SHED

5-1/2 HP Sea Horse G. 18 HP Sea Horse W. 3.6 HP Chrysler W. 6 HP Johnson W. 15 HP Sea King Chrysler W. 9-1/2 HP Johnson W. Approx. 6 HP Johnson G.

Many shop manuals

In Line 6 cyl., 65 HP Mercury Cruiser on cart

Yard King snow blower, 8 HP, 27" John Deere rider 325, approx. 48" S.D engine on cart, 4 speed transmission

Motorcycle parts Snow blower

Tires and many auto parts and rims, etc.

Riding Weed Eater lawn mower

Many Weed Eaters Push mowers

Chainsaws for parts or repair (a lot)

House jacks, roof Gas cans

Some doors and windows Scrap iron

Log chains

Older items

Old garden cultivators Old fenders

A lot of rough sawed lumber

HOUSEHOLD

Drum, some toys, puzzles and games

Lamps, end tables Old sewing machine

V. lg. flat screen TV, Panasonic

Kitchen items Books Oak chest

Upright cabinet Small dresser

2 air conditioners, small

SPORTING/TOOLS

Snow sled Hunting items Gas cans

Men's hunting boots, clothing Oars

Deer hunting clothes Camping pillow

Many long handle tools Plastic pails

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Dancing entertainment at Lakewood Care Center

The Music General dancers from the local area performed for residents at Lakewood Care Center on May 19. Pictured, the grade 8-11 troupe performs while

the elementary age groups watch along with Care Center residents. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Shop Local!

We have what you need right here

Check out these local businesses

Home, Hardware

Staples Ace Hardware 210 2nd Ave NE, Staples

Central Building Supply 820 2nd Ave. NW, Staples

Williams Floral & Nursery 1010 2nd Ave. NE, Staples

Motley Hardware 117 Highway 10 S., Motley



Groceries & food

Ernie's Food Market 1425 Highway 10 E, Staples

Jon's Family Foods 203 Warner Road NE, Staples

Automobiles & vehicle repair

Nyhus Chevrolet 120 2nd Ave NE, Staples

Ken's Collision & Glass/Southside Mini-Mart/Soutside Suds Car Wash 219 6th St SE, Staples



Retail, gift and thrift stores

Longbella Drug By Lakewood 1210 Highway 10, Staples

Old 10 Apparel 508 2nd Ave NE, Staples

STEP On In 116 5th Street NE, Staples

Like-Nu Gun & Pawn 214 2nd Ave. NE, Staples

Ray's Tobacco 215 2nd Ave. NE, Staples



Why shop local?

We care about your service

Local businesses have a deep understanding of the products and services we provide. We take time to get to know your needs and strive to make your shopping experience worthwhile.

We support community groups

We donate 250% more per sale to local nonprofits, events and youth activities than national chains.

We keep our community unique

One-of-a-kind businesses create the character for our community. We don't want to be like everywhere else.

We invest in our community

For every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, at least \$50 recirculates and remains in the local economy, compared to \$15 for national chains.

We cut your taxes

Your local business tax base pays city, county and school taxes at a higher rate, which translates to lower taxes for you. This gives us better schools, transportation and emergency response services in our community.

Local businesses provide job growth

Up to 90 percent of net new jobs are created by locally owned businesses

We spur innovation

Entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that promote their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character.

We reduce driving time

Residents of neighborhoods with more local businesses drive 26 percent fewer miles.

Restaurants and bars

Tower Pizza 414 2nd Ave NE, Staples

Frosty's Spirits & Social Club 5th Street & 2nd Ave. NE

Spot Cafe 116 2nd Ave NW, Staples

Beck's Burger Co. 119 3rd St NE, Staples

The Boxcar 102 4th St NE, Staples

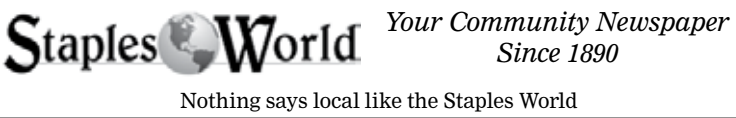
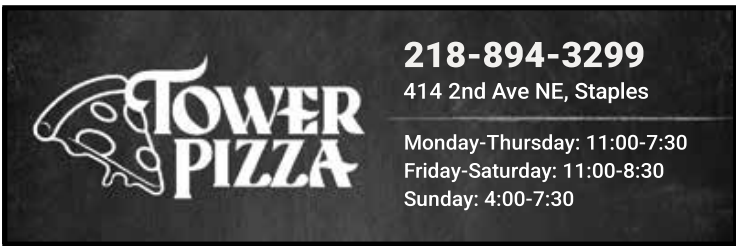
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Stomping Grounds 213 4th St NE, Staples

Bremer's Booze Bank 48 Main Street W, Motley



Join us in celebrating the

60th

Wedding Anniversary

of

Ervin and Susan Birkholtz

Sat., May 30

noon to 4 p.m.

Pillager Community Center

207 E 2nd St., Pillager

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Hello World

ONLINE BIRTHS REMOVED AT THE REQUEST OF LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM.

Student Achievements

LIBBY O’NEIL, Staples, recently graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene Post Licensure.

JEREMY HASKIN, Verndale, has been named to the 2026 Spring Semester Dean’s List at the University of Jamestown, N.D. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 while taking at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Obituaries

Daniel Owen, Sr.

Daniel Clifford Owen, Sr., 74, passed away peacefully on May 10, 2026.

Services were held May 19, at the Motley Free Methodist Church.

Daniel was born July 4, 1951, to Jordan “John” and Clistia Ann (Parker) Owen in Willmar.

Daniel proudly served his country in the United States Coast Guard, an experience he greatly enjoyed and often spoke about with pride. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend whose greatest joy in life came from spending time with his family. Daniel enjoyed family picnics, gatherings outdoors and sitting together visiting for hours. He was happiest when surrounded by his grandchildren and the daycare children he cared for so deeply.

Daniel found peace and happiness in gardening and tending to his plants. Whether working in the garden or sharing time with loved ones, he was known for his generous spirit. Daniel was a man who never asked for much for himself, but freely gave whatever he could to others. His kindness, warmth and selflessness will be deeply



missed by all who knew him.

Daniel is lovingly survived by his wife, Linda Lee Owen (VanNorman); six children, Dawn (Millard) Houser, Dennis Brusewitz, David (Tayna) Brusewitz, Diane Brusewitz, Donald Brusewitz and Daniel (Shelly) Owen; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters; extended family members and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Patricia Briscoe and one niece, Christina Owen.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Marlys Vollegraaf

Marlys Diane Vollegraaf passed away peacefully in Washington state on Weds., April 8, 2026 surrounded by people who loved her. She lived a life full of purpose, laughter and endless love for children, friends and family.

Join us as we celebrate Marlys on Sat., June 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Children’s Museum of Skagit County, a perfect place to honor someone who devoted their life to children.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Children’s Museum would mean the world to her. Donations in her memory can be sent to The Children’s Museum of Skagit County, 432 Fashion



Way, Burlington, WA 98233 or directly through the following link: skagitchildrensmuseum.org/support/donate.

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Ardell Davey

Ardell D. Davey, 75, of Browerville, passed away peacefully May 15, 2026, in Browerville.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 30, at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at Brennys.

Ardell was born January 1, 1951, to Roy and Mary Davey in Barclay Township. He dedicated 32 years of employment to Long Prairie Packing Company, where he was known for his strong work ethic and dependable nature. He retired in 2007.

Ardell enjoyed spending time with family and friends, woodworking, agate hunting, writing as a published author, spending time on the computer and watching YouTube videos.

He is survived by one son, Ryan Davey of Aldrich; two daughters, Jennifer Davey of Long Prairie and Jessica (Larry) Marion of Browerville; four grandchildren, Nickolas Davey of Osakis, Chandler Davey of Long



Prairie, Brandon Marion of Browerville and Wyatt Marion of Browerville; three sisters, Suzzy Harper of New York Mills, Konnie Overy of Brainerd and Tracey Denny of Staples; along with many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, David, Clifford and Roy and two sisters, Kayann Davey and Elsie Boldra.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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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
Church 218-631-1593
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
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
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnfree.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
280 1st Ave S, Motley 218-631-1593
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
Mass: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
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
office@verndaleflc.org
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 218-631-1593
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314 Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
MASS: Saturday 6:00 p.m

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass 218-631-1593
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314 Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
Mass: Saturday 4:00 p.m.

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

Wadena

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

St. Ann’s Catholic Church
514 1st Street SE, Wadena(218) 631-1593
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314 Rev. Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
Mass: Sunday (livestream) 10 a.m.

“To Husbands”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

This is humbling. Likely, my wife will be reading this if it’s published. All I’m trying to do is say these thoughts to myself. If it can help another man, all the better.

The standard scares me, but it’s life-giving the closer I live this out when the apostle Paul says in Ephesians 5:25 (NIV 2011), “Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” Now there is much before these verses as well as after that enhance those words, but let’s focus here.

The center of this verse is what Jesus did for the Church by “loving her at the cost of giving Himself up for her on the Roman execution cross.” Here’s the Second Person of the Triune God, “emptying” Himself (Philippians 2:7) of His Divine privilege in heaven in order to “take on the form of a servant” in order to accomplish His commission from His Heavenly Father to bring us back to Him, from our wayward sin, through the forgiveness-payment of His sinless blood.

Husbands, how are you and I doing in “emptying ourselves of privilege and right?” How am I

putting my wife before myself in intent, word and action? Does she FEEL loved? You aren’t sure? Be a He-Man and ask her. Will she feel safe in honestly answering you, especially if it’s something you may not want to hear?

Let’s ask it another way. Am I a sacrificing husband? Am I, in practical ways, putting my wife before myself? When is the last time you opened the car door for her? Am I serving her by intentionally being about investing around the house, leading in keeping up the vehicle maintenance, shoveling snow and mowing the grass? (I know that some of this can be shared).

It’s interesting to think about. This isn’t at all about women being helpless because they aren’t (They still live longer than us men on average!) It’s not that she isn’t capable of life tasks, but rather it’s about finding ways to honor her. Sure she can lift heavy snow, but why should she have to when I can honor her in serving her in so many opportunistic ways? Love your wife as Jesus loved His Church in practical, loving and intentional ways... Willingly!

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Girls golf team shows remarkable depth

Kroll, Schotzko, Winter, Hoemberg all break 100

With only one player in the top ten, at number nine, the Staples-Motley girls golf team still placed a solid second at the final Heart O Lakes Conference meet, held at Balmoral Golf Course in Battle Lake. This was their highest finish in the season-long series of meets at HOL member schools.

While the girls team hasn't had every golfer available for every meet, they had a full complement for this one and showed remarkable depth. The Cardinals had four golfers under 100 and one right at 100. Two other teams had two golfers break 100, no others had more than one.

Sarah Kroll opened her round with a par, then two holes later had a birdie on the 313 yard par four 8th hole. She parred the next

two holes but was double bogey or above for the next four holes. Kroll settled down with three more pars on her next six holes and finished as the top Cardinal golfer in this meet.

Kaitly Schotzko also scored a birdie, on the 234 yard par four 6th hole. She scored 43 on the front nine at the course, but struggled more on the back nine.

Brooklyn Winter stepped up with her best round of the year, with the highlight a birdie on the par five 419 yard fifth hole. She opened her round with a par on the 8th hole, then survived the tough back nine, finishing with two pars on her last four holes.

Molly Hoemberg was very consistent, she didn't let the tough back nine overwhelm her, shooting 50, then stayed steady to shoot

49 on the front nine.

Mara Uselman usually breaks 100, but found trouble on four holes that hurt her score. She scored four pars but they were offset by the other holes.

The Cardinals played in the Section 6AA meet on May 26, after this newspaper went to press.

Team results

Final HOL meet at Balmoral, Battle Lake

Park Rapids 372, Staples-Motley 386, Perham 390, Hawley 391, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 395, Breckenridge 406, Pelican Rapids 406, Barnesville 414, Frazee 442, Wadena-Deer Creek inc. 9. Sarah Kroll 93, 12. Katelyn Schotzko 96, 14. Brooklyn Winter 98, 15. Molly Hoemberg 99, 16. Mara Uselman 100, 46. Meredith Hoemberg 120

Cardinals dominate first section baseball game

The Staples-Motley baseball team opened the Section 6AA playoffs with a 9-1 win over Osakis on May 21.

Senior Colbe Tappe took the mound and struck out the first five batters he faced, setting the tone for the rest of the game.

The Cardinals scored early with three runs in the first inning. Elijah Kossan and Cooper Tappe walked, setting up a double to center field by Colbe Tappe, scoring both runs. Silas Claussen moved courtesy runner Xander Moench to third, then Moench scored on a wild pitch, putting the team up 3-0 in the first

inning.

The Cardinals added another run in the third, when Claussen walked and was knocked home on a hit by Camrik Tappe

In the fourth ining, Kossan walked again, stole second again and scored on a hit by Cooper Tappe, who rounded the bases on passed balls and wild pitches to score and put the team up 6-0.

Osakis finally scored an unearned run in the sixth inning, but it was too little because the Cardinals added three in their half of the sixth. Kossan led that rally by reaching base on

a dropped third strike. A single by Cooper Tappe and double by Colbe Tappe produced two runs and Claussen knocked in the final run with a hit.

Colbe Tappe took the mound again for the seventh inning and struck out the side to end the game with a 9-1 win.

The Cardinals advance to second round of the Section 6AA playoffs and will face Foley on Tuesday, May 26, at Joe Faber Field in St. Cloud at 7 p.m. Further rounds re on May 28 and June 1, 2 and 4, al in St. Cloud.

Cardinals advance athletes in sub-section track & field

The Staples-Motley track and field teams qualified several athletes to compete at the section meet by finishing near the top in the East Subsection of Section 6A track and field meet. The top five in each event advance, plus time/distance qualifiers compared to the other subsection.

Standout performances for the girls included Sophia Luna placing fourth in the 100, Annie Schlosser finishing 7th in the discus and Elise Trif running a personal best in the 1,600.

In the boys meet, Avandre Brandt came back from and injury that still hampered him in the high jump, but he cruised to qualifying spots in the 200 and 400. Angel Luna was right behind him in the 400.

Noah Larson won the 110 hurdles with a fast time of 15.99 into a headwind. He was also third in the discus.

Adrian Gomez swept the throws as he keeps improving in each event. He tossed several shot puts in the 45 foot range, then uncorked a 141 foot discus throw, his best ever.

The boys pole vaulters excelled after a long wait into a cold evening. Turner Beachy missed his first two attempts but eventually cleared 13'7" to win. Conner Kuhns cleared his highest mark in competition, making 13'1 and taking good attempts at higher levels.

In the triple jump, Kaleb Harman had his best ever result, a half inch short of 40 feet.

Andrew Dobson ran his personal best in the 3,200 meter run.

Girls results

East Subsection of Section 6A

100 - 4. Sophia Luna 13.88, 6. Lucille Maros 13.95, 27. Iva Hinson 15.70
200 - 8. Maros 28.58, 9. Luna 29.03, 14. Abigail Phillippi 29.96
400 - 11. Piper Hanson 1:07,

800 - 15. Alexis Odden 2:53, 25. Maci Mithun 3:16
1,600 - 9. Elise Trif 6:08, 12. Elizabeth Kroll 6:23
3,200 - 11. Suhaila Mikhaeil 13:14
100 hurdles - 15. Abby Brichacek 20.94
4x100 relay - 6. S-M (Mari'vel Duran, Luna, Maros, Chadia Schultz 53.02
4x400 - 10. S-M (Hanson, Meissen, Phillippi, Duran) 4:51
Shot put - 16. Annie Schlosser 27'7.5", 27. Jocelyn Vogt 20'3", 31. Rita Oeltjenbruns 17'6"

Discus - 7. Schlosser 94'4", 20. Gemma Fairbanks 64'7", 24. Vogt 61'7"
High jump - 10. Maros 4'2"
Long jump - 18. Lily Davis 13'10.25", 21. Phillippi 13'5.25", 24. Duran 13'0"
Triple jump - 17. Brichacek 27'1.5", 19. Davis 26'9.5"

Boys results

East Subsection of Section 6A

100 - 8. Jesus Gallardo 12.39, 21. Charlie Maros 13.33, 28. Michael Hinson 13.83
200 - 3. Avandre Brandt 23.47, 9. Gallardo 24.40, 29. Carter Kist 26.59

400 - 2. Brandt 54.22, 3. Angel Luna 55.15, 21. William Lange 1:02

800 - 21. Alex Leach 2:35, 24. Jackson Odden 2:38, 29. Ben Oeltjenbruns 3:03

1,600 - 12. Spencer Olsen 5:35, 16. Jacob Faulkner 5:42, 20. Odden 5:47
3,200 - 8. Andrew Dobson 11:04

110 hurdles - 1. Noah Larson 15.99

300 hurdles - 10. Kaleb Harman 48.59, 17. Aaron Oeltjenbruns 54.83, 20. Gauge Holst 57.57

4x100 relay 11. S-M (Maros, Carter Kist, Holst, Josiah Mumm) 50.59

4x400 - DQ

Shot put - 1. Adrian Gomez 45'3", 16. Larson 34'2", 25. Michael Jewison 28'11.5"

Discus - 1. Gomez 141'8", 3. Larson 121'4", 17. Liam Jennissen 96'10"

High jump - 4. Brandt 5'10"

Pole vault - 1. Turner Beachy 13'7", 2. Conner Kuhns 13'1", 9. Aaron Oeltjenbruns 9'7"

Long jump - 9. Gallardo 18'7.5", 20. Harman 16'6.75", 23. Holst 15'2"

Triple jump - 2. Harman 39'5.5"

Cardinals fall in first softball playoff game

The Staples-Motley softball team took an early lead in their playoff game at Holdingford, but struggled to get out of innings on defense and eventually lost 13-3.

The Cardinals started off hot, with Emerson Bettis hitting a single and moving to second base on a ground out by Jada Holst. Madison Perius hit a single to put two runner son base. Bettis scored on a passed ball before Katie Kossan knocked the second run in with a single. The team was seeing the ball well as there were no strikeouts in the inning.

The lead didn't last long as Holsingford

got base runners with hits, errors, walks and hit by pitches. Aleea Holst and Leighton Bettis both pitched in the first inning and they found themselves down 6-2.

Holdingford scored three runs in the second inning and two more in the third.

The Cardinals rallied again in the fifth inning.

With 2 out, Clara Maros hit a double to the outfield, stole 3rd base and came home on a single by Kossan.

But the team gave up two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to end the game 13-3 on the 10 run rule.

Boys finish long HOL season, Mid-Minn.

The Staples-Motley boys golf team finished their regular season with the Heart O Lakes Conference final meet at Wildflower at Fair Hills in Detroit Lakes, then another small meet at Crosby-Ironton.

In the long series of HOL meets across the season, the Cardinals finishing position ranged from to second to fifth, in a very competitive conference. Despite a decent showing by their four scorers, the Cardinals fell to fifth in this match, as other teams stepped up.

Jackson White and Thomas Johnson each shot two birdies and 11 pars, but also regained those strokes with two double bogeys by White and a triple bogey by Johnson.

Oskar Doll shot five pars and was steady the rest of the way with nothing over a double bogey. Evan Schultz scored three pars.

In the meet at Crosby-Ironton, it was titled "Farewell to the Mid-Minn.", with only three teams showing up to finish that league. White and Doll were the top two Cardinals, tying for third place with 83. Tyson Turner and Kaleb Harman were the next two scorers, each shooting 100 for 10th place.

The Cardinals played in the Section 6AA meet on May 26, after this newspaper went to press.

Team results

HOL boys final at Wildflower at Fair Hills,

Detroit Lakes

Hawley 307, Frazee 318, Perham 318, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 332, Staples-Motley 333, Breckenridge 336, Park Rapids 343, Barnesville 352, Pelican Rapids 375, Wadena-Deer Creek 403

7. Jackson White 77, 7. Thomas Johnson 77, 29. Oskar Doll 88, 34. Evan Schultz 91, 41. Ashton Anderson 94, 44. Zachary Tabatt 97

Farewell to the Mid-Minn.

Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 326, Staples-Motley 366, Pine River-Backus 411

3. White 83, 3. Doll 83, 10. Tyson Turner 100, 10. Kaleb Harman 100 12. Tabatt 102, 13. Anderson 104,



Track and field action

Noah Larson draws an audience to watch his discus throw. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Elise Trif



Avandre Brandt



SW 2024 changed wk #3



Staples-Motley School Board

MEETING #17
ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
May 4, 2026
6:00 p.m.
District Office

MINUTES

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

Roll Call was taken; members Wright, Frisk, Freeman, Reeck and Reese were present, comprising a quorum. Member Trout was absent. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Business Manager Hill, Principal Ferdon, Recording Clerk Larson, Staples World Publisher Anderson, staff and community members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Chair Wright recognized those in attendance.

Presentation by Ehlers regarding the issuance of voter-approved general obligation school building bonds.

Presentation by the Music Department regarding Music Tour 2026

Consent Agenda

Approve minutes from the April 20, 2026 Board Meeting

Approve the hire of Bonnie Richter, ElementarySpecial Ed Teacher 26/27 school year

Approve the hire of Paul Walgren, Middle/High School Custodian
Approvethe hire of Emili Vieths, Middle/High School English Teacher

Approve the resignation of Dennis Miller, Transportation effective April 14, 2026

Approve the 26-27 agreement with Todd County Health & Human Service Foster Care

Coop Transportation.
Approve the 26/27 Cross-District High School Course Access Consortium Agreement

Approve the 26/27 Online College in the High School MOA

Approve the 26/27 Transportation Contract with Greig’s Bus Service

Motion by Freeman, second by Reeck, to approve the consent agenda. MC

Other

Motion by Reeck, second by Frisk, to approve the proposed utility easement with the City of Staples. MC

Motion by Freeman, second by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. MC

Trisha Larson, Clerk
ISD #2170

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Upcoming Meetings/
Events:

Mon., June 1, 2026 - School Board Meeting/Work Session, District Office, 6 p.m., 905 4th St. NE, Staples

Mon., June 22, 2026 - School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples

NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
REQUEST FOR
QUOTES
FOR BLADING AND
SNOWPLOWING

Staples Township is requesting quotes for blading and snowplowing approximately 34 miles of township roads for one (1) year beginning November 1, 2026 continuing through October 31, 2027. Snowplowing shall be done when there are two plus (2+) inches of snow accumulation. Salt/sanding shall be done as needed. Staples Township should receive first service.

Blading shall be done every two to three (2 - 3) weeks.

Contractor must carry commercial liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence; general aggregate of \$2,000,000 and workers compensation insurance. A Certificate of Liability Insurance must be provided to the Township before any services are provided.

Contact the clerk at 218-296-2151 to receive a complete copy of the request

Sealed quotes must be received by the clerk at “Staples Township, 48301 County 21, Staples, MN 56479” no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026 or delivered at the regular meeting at Staples Township Hall, 25750 490th Street, Staples, MN 56479 no later than 7:30 p.m. on that date. QUOTE FOR BLADING/SNOWPLOWING must be written on the outside of the envelope.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township

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Staples, MN 56479
APPLICANTS(S):
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NOTICE
STAPLES-MOTLEY
ISD #2170 STAPLES,
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
MILK AND RELATED
DAIRY PRODUCTS

Notice is hereby given, that Staples-Motley Independent School District No. 2170, Staples, MN, will receive sealed bids for Milk and Related Dairy Products for the 2026-2027 school year according to the specification and conditions which may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Staples-Motley Schools, ISD No. 2170, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, Minnesota. Bids shall be submitted in the form and manner contained in the specifications and the conditions.

Sealed bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent no later than June 11, 2026 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. at which time the bids will be opened and tabulated.

On June 22, 2026 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., the school board will meet to evaluate all bids and act thereon. The school district reserves the right to accept, reject or negotiate any bid and to make an award which is deemed most favorable and advantageous to the school district. If further information is desired, interested persons should contact the district office, phone 218-894-5400.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2026.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 Staples, Minnesota
Sherry Frisk, Clerk

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Freshwater
Education District

FRESHWATER
EDUCATION
DISTRICT #6004
Board Meeting
April, 2026
Wadena, MN

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Huttunen at 5 p.m.

Present: Board President: R. Huttunen-Sebeka, B. Tumberg-WDC, S. Veronen-Verndale, R. VanDenheuvel-BH, R. Thalmann-Henning, K. Howard-Menahga, R. Wright-S-M, C. Wolf-LP-GE.
Supt: L. Westrum- WDC.
Admin: E. Weber and J. Anderson.

Others: A. Wahlin, R. Bowman, K. Macheel, R. Rothstein, J. Osberg, S. McAllister and M. Jorgenson.

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and seconded BY Wolf to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE-U/C

Presentation- S. McAllister, Director of Prog. and Eval., presented on the Family Survey on Coaching Program.

MOTIONED BY Tumberg and seconded BY Veronen to approve the consent agenda, including committee and advisory meeting minutes, payments, transportation, and program agreements, 2026-27 school calendars and menu options, reciprocity and joint agreements, and permission to advertise and hire for open positions. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann and seconded BY Howard to approve the retirement of T. Miller, Prog. Assistant and ECSE Age 3-6 MARSS Reporter, effective 6/30/26. VOTE- U/C

Reports:

Superintendent reported

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 28, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$44,481.94

MORTGAGOR(S): Gary W. Mertens, Jr. and Dayna S. Mertens f/k/a Dayna S. Case, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 3, 2006 as Document Number 444789 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on August 12, 2016 as Document Number A500326 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Bayview Dispositions IVB, LLC by assignment recorded on February 26, 2019 as Document Number A513288 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2019-R5 by assignment recorded on March 18, 2026 as Document Number A550468 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 7 and 8, Block 1, Donovans Addition to Staples, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder. And Lots 7,8,9, and 10, Block 1, Donovans Addition to Staples, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder. Being an abstract property. Todd County, Minnesota.

the Executive Director search remains active, ongoing personnel negotiations, facility safety and security upgrades, ALC/Targeted Services summer programming updates, academy enrollment numbers, Quarter 3 finance reports and a Business Service Plan update.

New Business

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and seconded BY Wright to accept and approve the recommendation from the FED Supts. to sell the time of the Director of SPED Prog. Specialist/ Assist. and SPED Director to PAWN and UNLC for FY26 and FY27. VOTE: U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg and seconded BY Veronen to approve the Summer '26 TS/ CR Extended Time Agreement Template. VOTE: U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann and seconded BY Howard to approve the FY26 Revision III budget and assessment manual. VOTE: U/C

MOTIONED BY Wright and seconded BY Tumberg to approve the LTFM Levy 10-year plan as presented. VOTE: U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann and seconded BY VanDenheuvel to approve the Business Manager Service Agreement with Perham-Dent ISD #549. VOTE: U/C

No motion was brought forward regarding the request for a leave of absence. No formal action was taken.

Adjournment-

MOTIONED BY Wolf and seconded BY VanDenheuvel to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Tumberg,
Board Clerk

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tion to Staples, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder. And Lots 7,8,9, and 10, Block 1, Donovans Addition to Staples, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder. Being an abstract property. Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 423 MINNESOTA AVE SW, STAPLES, MN 56479

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$28,279.16

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Fay Servicing, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0077300 and 38-0077400

TR A N S A C T I O N AGENT’S MORTGAGE I D E N T I F I C A T I O N NUMBER: None

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

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

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by



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law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on June 25, 2027.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREM-

ISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Dated: April 16, 2026

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM TRUST 2019-R5 Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 6, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$195,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Kevin J. Bednar, and Penny K. Bednar, husband and wife

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

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 9, 2006 as Document Number 443619 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-BC2 by assignment recorded on January 6, 2010 as Document Number 466298 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded on September 5, 2023 as Document Number A537950 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded on November 12, 2013 as Document Number 487120 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-BC2 by assignment recorded on October 29, 2014 as Document Number A491803 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

OF PROPERTY: The North 436.14 feet of the South 1183.43 Feet of the West 547 feet thereof of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 133, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 48218 COUNTY 9, STAPLES, MN 56479

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$288,207.71

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: MILA, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC, n/k/a Rocket Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to Nationstar Mortgage LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 22-0017500

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1001752-0000289060-9

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 19, 2027.

CATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 19, 2027.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: Kevin J. Bednar and Penny K. Bednar

Dated: May 11, 2026

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC2 Mortgagee

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Federal law may require reporting to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network for certain purchases of residential property by entities or trusts. A successful third party bidder may be required to provide ownership and identifying information as a condition to completing the transfer.

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Music appreciation at SMAC Afterglow party

Staples Area Men's Chorus held their annual Afterglow party to celebrate their singing season on May 14 at Holst Acres in Staples. The chorus holds the event to

thank fans and patrons and to sing some of the material they have performed over the past season.



Staples Area Men's Chorus at the BIG SING

Above: Twenty-four members of the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC), directed by Teresa Hamp and accompanied by Sandy Paskewitz, participated at the annual BIG SING Festival in Appleton, Wisc., this past April 24-25. The weekend event included 11 men's choirs from North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The choirs had the opportunity to perform for each other

and be critiqued by professional singers and directors, along with breakout sessions offered to help individual members improve their singing skills. Below: On Saturday evening, the choirs combined for a concert in the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, with close to 300 voices participating. (Submitted photos)



Old fashioned plowing at England Prairie



England Prairie Pioneer Club, dedicated farmland/museum located near Verndale, welcomed club members and friends with teams of horses to plow the fields getting ready for planting and England Prairie Days in August. (Submitted photos)



Long-time members

At their Afterglow party, the Staples Area Men's Chorus honored two of the longest members, Mike Blessing and Dave Anderson. Both have been with the chorus for nearly its entire existence, more than 40 years. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Director appreciation

SAMC director Teresa Hamp teared up when presented with a gift from the members of the men's chorus. Hamp is stepping down as director and thanked the members for the opportunity to be their director. The organization is currently interviewing for a new director. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Tree City recognition for City of Staples

The Arbor Day Foundation named Staples a 2025 Tree City USA in honor of its commitment to plant, grow and maintain trees to benefit the community.

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program is celebrating its 50th recognition season and its history of growing healthier, greener and more resilient communities through urban forestry.

"Tree champions like Staples are leading the way in a growing movement to shape a better future with trees and action," said Michelle Saulnier, Vice President of Programs at the Arbor Day Foundation.

"Trees are critical infrastructure, building resiliency and fostering good health in our nation's cities."

To earn Tree City USA recognition, a city must uphold four core standards, including maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and participating in an Arbor Day celebration.

"The City of Staples budgets money annually to place and replace trees. We see the numerous benefits," said Staples Mayor Ron Murray.

Todd SWCD supervisor position elections

This year, the Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (Todd SWCD) has three (3) Supervisor positions up for election. SWCD candidates appear on the ballot for the general election that will take place on November 3, 2026. At the November polls, citizens, countywide, vote for the Supervisor candidates up for election. A candidate must reside in the district for which he/she is running. The supervisor districts up for election in 2026 are:

- Area I – Staples, Villard, Germania, Moran, Fawn Lake, and Turtle Creek
- Area III – Ward, Iona, Harford, Little Elk, and Long Prairie
- Area V – Leslie, Reynolds, Gordon, Little Sauk, West Union, and Kandota

Please note, the SWCD District boundaries are different than the County Commissioner District Boundaries

A SWCD is a special – purpose unit of government managing conservation efforts and programs at a county level. Its own Board of Supervisors leads each of the 88 SWCDs in the state.

A brief outline of duties:

- Set local conservation priorities for soil, water, forestry, cropland, irrigation, manure/nutrient management, lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

• Inform and educate Todd County citizens on the value of and threats to natural resources.

• Work with other local officials in decision-making processes to meet local, state and legislative priorities

• Set positive examples in environmental stewardship.

• Balance economic needs/ viability and environmental sustainability.

• Set operating policies and standards to help guide the SWCD

SWCD Supervisors meet monthly to discuss business, including state grant allocations to landowners. Supervisors do not receive a monthly salary, but do receive compensation for attending meetings at \$125.00 per meeting day and reimbursement for travel expenses.

The current Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors consists of Barb James (Area I)- up for election, Wayne Wendel (Area II), Dale Katterhagen (Area III)- up for election, Larry Bebus (Area IV), and Tom Williamson (Area V)- up for election.

To learn more about the SWCD, please call Todd SWCD at 320-732-2644, and ask to speak to the District Manager, Deja Anton.

Remember to vote for the SWCD Supervisors at the November 3, 2026 election.

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Faith-focused group launched with help from Pillager club

Jesus, and a welcoming, faith-filled community.

Since the launch of the Pillager Breakfast Club in October of 2025, which meets at the Pillager Fairgrounds, their attendance has grown to 130 students. They are not affiliated with the Pillager School.

Misty went on to share that her family had invited Colbe Tappe and his mother, Holly Tappe, to attend their Breakfast Club this past May 7, “so they could experience firsthand what it was all about and see if it might be something they would want to bring to the Staples-Motley area. Colbe was so excited about the idea of starting one and asked how quickly we could make it happen because he really hoped to see one launched before he graduate.”

They didn’t hesitate in saying, “yes,” to Colbe’s request, Misty said, noting that the two families are committed to listening to God’s calling and serving wherever He leads. She went on to say that, “Through the generosity of the Staples Fire Department, who allowed us to host the gathering there, TimberLake Hotel, who donated breakfast, and many volunteers willing to lend a helping hand, we were able to help host their kickoff breakfast the morning of May 19, where 50 amazing students joined us.”

“We truly believe this is a generation of revival, and our families are honored and excited to be part of what God is doing,” Misty Cremers said. “We look forward to helping



Speaker

Colbe Tappe, one of the organizers of the Staples-Motley Breakfast Club, read a portion from Luke at the club’s first meeting May 19. Tappe encouraged students to follow Jesus’ example of living lives of humility, compassion and integrity.

other surrounding school districts begin Breakfast Clubs as well and watching the fire for Jesus continue spreading throughout the small-town communities in Minnesota.”

Judging by the enthusiasm of students at the Staples-Motley Breakfast Club, it was evident that as they left for classes that morning, they were “filled up, both physically and spiritually,” as was the hope of club founders.



Enjoying a free breakfast



Students attending the Staples-Motley Breakfast Club May 19, enjoyed a free breakfast provided by Timberlake Hotel in Staples. The event, which drew over 50 students, was held at the Staples Fire Hall, with the fire department providing the space. The Staples Community Center provided the chairs. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Club founders, organizers

Members of the Pillager Breakfast Club attended the launch of the Staples-Motley Breakfast Club May 19, offering support to its organizers. Pictured, from left, Renee Kroll, SM club organizer;

Caleigh Cremers, Colston Cremers and Misty Cremers, who helped found the Pillager Breakfast Club; Colbe Tappe and Holly Tappe, organizers of the SM club. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Todd County offers free well water testing kits

Todd County has received a grant to help residents ensure their drinking water is safe. This initiative provides free water testing kits to eligible households and offers financial assistance to help address identified water quality issues.

The program aims to promote regular safety checks for private wells. To participate, residents must meet the following requirements:

- Eligibility: Must be a Todd County resident using a private well.

- Limit: One kit per household.
- Retesting: Available for households that have recently installed a water treatment system.
- Usage: Testing is only for the primary drinking water source of the home

The kits test for five key contaminants:

- Lead
- Arsenic
- Nitrates
- Coliform Bacteria
- Manganese

Important Collection Details:

To ensure sample viability, all bottles in the kit must be filled and returned. Samples must be collected on Thursday morning and dropped off at the Planning and Zoning office by 10:00 a.m. the same day.

Residents can pick up their free kits at the Todd County Planning and Zoning office Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information or to ask questions about the program, call 320-732-4420.



Staples-Motley senior pranksters

Members of the Staples-Motley High School Class of 2026 pulled a ‘senior prank’ their final week of school, camping out in the school parking lot. Students parked their cars around the lot May 18, blocking the entrance for faculty arriving the next morning. They also had a large camper taking up space, set up bean bag games,

and made pancakes the next morning for all who’d camped out in their vehicles overnight. In addition, ‘For Sale’ signs had been put up at the school, with a price of one dollar. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)