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Turtles emerge A baby painted turtle crawled onto Michigan Ave. NE in Staples on April 29, to soak up the warm sun. The turtle was moved to a warm spot on the side of the road to avoid traffic. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

City of Motley receives good report from auditor

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting April 28, the Motley City Council accepted the Annual Audit Year Ended Dec. 31, 2024, as presented by Ryan Schmidt with Schlenner Wenner & Company, certified public accountants from Little Falls.

"Everything went smoothly," Schmidt said, adding that City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton did a great job working with them and was very prepared.

Schmidt noted that in regard to the General Fund inflows (revenue), the city was $42,000 over budget. Revenues typically come from property taxes and state aid. The over-budget was attributed mostly to Sourcewell grant funding.

Regarding the General Fund outflows (expenses) for 2024, Schmidt noted that the city was $26,000 over budget in the area of general government. He pointed out that the city was under budget in the departments of public safety and public works.

The ending budgetary cash fund balance for 2024

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Tom Crawford honored

Tom Crawford of Staples, right, was recognized recently for his many years of service with the Old Wadena Society at their annual meeting, held at the Pirate's Den in Verndale. He's pictured with Darlys Hamberg, Chairman of the Old Wadena Society, who presented him with a plaque which read, "Friend of Old Wadena and the Crow Wing River - Tom Crawford - Old Wadena Society - 2025." Crawford's involvement, which spanned decades, included helping with the annual Old Wadena Rendezvous and Folklife Festival and other projects such as the Bog Walk, Conservation Days, and trails at Old Wadena Park. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





Ballfield fan experiences

Above, fans bundle up to watch the Staples-Motley baseball team play a game in the rain and wind on May 1. Below, the Staples-Motley softball team had a noon game on April 29, giving Staples-Motley Elementary students a chance to cheer for the team on their lunch break. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Weather

2025
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
May 7	71	39	M. Sunny
May 8	75	49	Sunny
May 9	84	51	M. Sunny
May 10	78	54	Sunny
May 11	87	59	P. Cloudy
May 12	86	61	M. Sunny
May 13	83	59	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2024

	High	Low	Cond.
May 7	63°	53	Showers
May 8	70	42	Sunny
May 9	69	44	M. Sunny
May 10	67	45	M. Sunny
May 11	80	42	Sunny
May 12	78	57	Sunny
May 13	67	50	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 66° Low = 44°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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‘Mystery photo’ triggers memories

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Seeing a first-grade photo of her son and his pals in a recent Staples World Mystery Photo made her smile, Jana Munger of Motley said.

“They’re still close today,” Jana said, looking at the photo first published in the May 6, 2010 edition of the paper. It featured students in Mrs. Blowers’ first grade class at Motley Elementary School performing at their “Running Start Program.”

In addition to her son, Landen Converse, the line-up of youngsters included Logan Hirschey, Christina Johnson, Evan DeChaine and Ethan Hannahs. They appeared to be reciting a poem.

“Wouldn’t it be fun to recreate the photo,” this reporter said, noting the star-covered paper hats donned by the first-graders, all with hands in their pockets.

Picking up on this idea, Jana, who works at Twin Cities Orthopedics in Staples, said she’d talk to Landen and see if it could be arranged.

“Yes,” was the resounding answer from all who’d been notified, and soon a meeting place was arranged to try and recreate that first-grade memory.

Four of the boys who’d been a part of that elementary school program 15 years ago showed up at BRICKS Restaurant in Motley to share a few memories - Logan, Evan, Landen and Colby. Now young men in their early 20s, they were gung ho about lining up for a photo, but instead of paper hats, they’d brought along their favorite vehicles.

The photo brought back memories of that program, as well as other events that took place at Motley Elementary.

They recalled teachers who made an impact on their lives, mentioning Mrs. Blowers, Mrs. DiGiovanni, Mr. Shequen and Mrs. Card. “They made learning fun,” Logan said.

They’re grateful that their friendship has stayed intact all these years. They became friends in the first place thanks to their moms, who are best friends. In addition, three of them are cousins…Logan, Landen and Colby.

They credit their strong bond to shared interests in cars, fishing and Xbox video games. With summer around the corner, you’ll probably find them meeting up at their favorite fishing hole…donning baseball caps instead of their first-grade paper hats.



Remembering Motley Elementary days

A recent Mystery Photo in the Staples World brought back memories for four childhood pals who attended Motley Elementary School. The photo, from May 6, 2010, featured students in Mrs. Blowers’ first grade class reciting poems and singing songs as part of their “Running Start Program.” Pictured above holding a copy of the 2010 newspaper photo are, from left, Logan Hirschey, Evan DeChaine, Landen Converse, Colby Lenk. Although Lenk wasn’t in the archive photo, he was part of the program that day with his first grade pals and remembered it well. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

What Mother’s Day means to me as a mom
By Jana Munger

Mother’s Day, to me, is a quiet moment to pause and take in the journey of motherhood - the growth, the chaos, the love, and everything in between. It’s not just about being celebrated, but about reflecting on how far I’ve come, how much I’ve learned, and how deeply I’ve loved.


Jana Munger

It’s a reminder of the small, unseen moments that make up motherhood - the late nights, the comforting hugs, the endless patience, and the fierce protectiveness. It’s in the smiles, the “I love you’s” and even the challenges that push me to grow as both a mother and a person.

Mother’s Day is a day of gratitude - for the privilege of being *your* mom. Landen, Jazmyn and Collin, you are my heart, my purpose, my greatest gifts. You’ve taught me more about love than words could ever say.

It’s not about being perfect; it’s about being present, loving fully, and showing up every day.

Always my babies you’ll be.

Thoughts about motherhood, straight from the heart

Mothers’ memories - Staples World reporter Dawn Timbs reached out to the mothers of three of the boys in the 2010 mystery photo who were interviewed recently, asking them a few questions about their thoughts on motherhood. Below are their answers.

Joline Olson

She has found so much joy in being a mom to Logan, starting from when he was a young boy playing in the dirt and with toys, to watching him grow into the man he is today, Joline Olson of Brainerd said. Her heart is “full of joy” as she thinks about her son, who is amazing and perfect in her eyes.

The hardest part of being a mom was watching Logan find his independence, Joline said. He did all the silly stuff that boys do, like flipping wheelies on his bike, she recalled. “But that’s normal stuff boys do…he grew up to be the perfect man I’d hoped he would,” Joline said.



Celebrating her son

Logan Hirschey, a 2021 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, is pictured with his mom, Joline Olson, following the commencement ceremony. (Submitted photo)



Proud ‘mom moment’

Jayme DeChaine posed with her son, Evan, after receiving his diploma at Staples-Motley High School in 2021. (Submitted photo)

One of the special things she remembers, is when Logan was in the 1st grade... he came home from school and was so excited about a Christmas present he’d made for her. He was supposed to keep it a secret until Christmas Day, but that “lasted about an hour,” Joline laughed, going on to tell how Logan had told her all about the special snowman ornament he’d made. He’d left out the part of how he’d shared all about it in the Staples World for everyone to read. She’s still got the article in a scrapbook, as well as the ornament. “It goes on the tree every year,” Joline said.

How are she and Logan most alike? They are both a combination of introvert and extrovert. They appreciate the solitude of being in nature, but also love being around a crowd. “We’re both shy at first, but once we’re comfortable around people, you can’t shut us up.” They also share a love of music and have a similar sense of humor.

What advice would she give the next generation of mothers? Remember you are doing a fantastic job, even when you make mistakes. You will learn from your mistakes. Your child will always be your biggest fan, just as you are their biggest fan.

Joline said she and Logan have a tradition of having dinner together once a week, which she treasures. “I’m a blessed mom.”

Jayme DeChaine

When asked what she’s enjoyed most about being a mom, Jayme DeChaine of Motley said, “Watching them grow up to be the people they’ve become.” In addition to Evan, she’s a mom to Jordan, and stepmom to Brianna and Courtney…all ‘great kids,’ she adds.

And what’s been the most challenging part of being a mom? Dealing with the teenage years, Jayme said. “They struggle and go through a lot of stuff.” She went on to share that she learned the importance of being their mom first…providing structure and guidance, and not simply their best friend.

When asked to recall something funny or special Evan told her, Jayme said, “Every time he says ‘I love you’ or gives me a hug is special. He’s a sweet kid.”

She asked her other children for help in answering the question, “In what way is Evan most like you?” Jayme laughed. According to them, their brother is a caring person and good to other people, just like his mom.

In regard to advice she may have for the next generation of mothers, Jayme said, “Appreciate every moment, even the bad. And don’t compare your situation to others,” she went on, noting that what works for one family might not work for yours.

Jana Munger

Landen is her oldest child, Jana Munger of Motley shared, adding that she has two others… Jazmyn and Collin.

The most joy she’s gotten from being a mother is, “God giving me the gift of watching my children grow into these beautiful beings. I am so, so blessed in every way imaginable,” Jana said.

She went on to share that, “The most challenging part of being a mom for me is watching them go through some of the hard moments life sends their way, knowing I can’t fix it or make it better for them. All I can do is be a safe space for them to fall into.”

When asked if she remembered something funny or special Landen told her, Jana said, “When Landen was eight, he said he wanted to be a paleontologist when he grew up so he could take DNA from a T-Rex fossil so he could grow a tail. He was so serious. I’ll never forget it. He was obsessed with anything dinosaur related.”

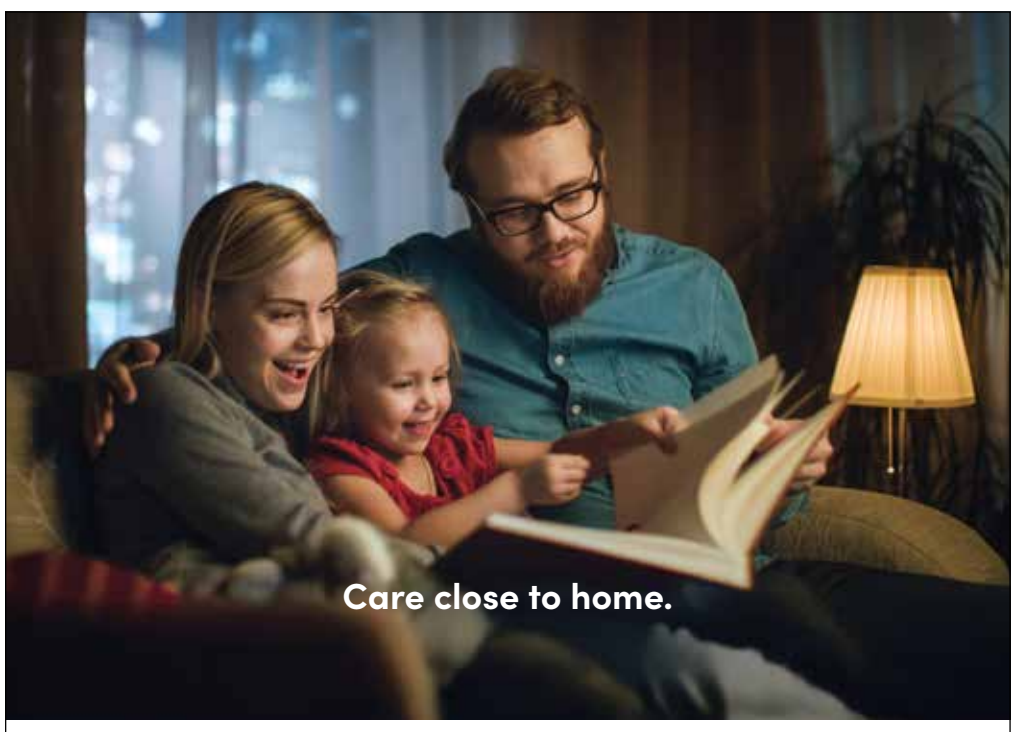
In what ways is Landen most like her? “Landen cares deeply and loves hard. I’d like to think he got some of that from me. He’s accident prone, too, which I know he got from me,” Jana laughed.

And her advice for the next generation of mothers? “Cherish the little moments. Give them all the love you have in your heart. Give them your time. Let them know you are their safe space. You never know when the last time for snuggles will be. Don’t stress about the messy house, or the crayon on the walls or why your shoe is stuck in the toilet. Let them be little as long as you can. Grow with them, learn with them. Love them with all you are.”



Precious moments

Jana Munger and her son, Landen shared a dance when he was a small boy. She treasures memories like this, Jana said, noting Landen is now in his early 20s. (Submitted photo)



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White Cane Day held in Staples

White Cane Day was held in Staples May 2 with members of the Staples Lions volunteering at varies sites in town to collect donations in support of the blind. Above, Karla Leslie and below, LaVonne Selleck support the cause with Lions Frank and Amy Leidenfrost. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Staples Police report

April 20, Staples Police received a request for a welfare check on a friend who has been making some suicidal comments recently including a Facebook post. Police made contact with the subject and found everything to be okay.

April 20, Staples Police investigated a physical assault that occurred in the past.

April 21, Police received a tip that a subject under probation may be using illegal substances. Police arrested the subject for probation and transported to Wadena County Jail.

April 22, Staples Police spoke with a group having a late night bonfire and informed them of noise complaints from neighbors.

Court report Apr. 30

Long Prairie Police Department

Charles Robert Hanson, Monticello. License required to take/buy/sell/transport/possess protected wild animals. Fine $50. Fee $85. Fishing-Walleye regulation violation. Fine $50.

MN State Patrol

Cameron Charles Ganyo, Motley. Speed 79/65. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Mary Renee Evelyn Kroll, Staples. Speed 80/65. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Marco Chimuth, Omaha, NE. Duty to drive with due care. Fine $50. Fee $75.

Ashley Mae Carity, Osakis. Hands free law. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Rosemarie Alvira Castillo, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Jorge Jose Colina, Fargo, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Carter Jordan-Lee Dinsmore, Starbuck. Speed 65/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Sunni Gayle Ganje, Forest Lake. Speed 82/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Anatacio Gassant, Bismark, ND. Speed 90/70. Fine $70. Fee $155.

Andrew Steven Gentner, Fargo, ND. Speed 87/70. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Brenda Colleen Haar, Alexandria. Speed 75/55. Fine $70. Fee $155.

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

Lois Jose Hilard Nunez, Brownerville. Hands free law. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Brenden Christopher Johnson, Clarissa. Hands free law. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Shannon D. Lalbiharie, Winnipeg, MB. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Travis Lee Miller, Alexandria. Speed 65/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

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

Joendry Agustin Pichardo Lebron, Maplewood. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Brandon M. Poole, Swan River, MB. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Felix Antiono Rayford, Chicago, IL. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Victor Yomar Sanchez Pabon, Long Prairie. Driving after cancellation. Fine $200. Fee $85. Window tint. Fine $50.

Wilton Mulbah Sawyer, St. Paul. Speed 85/70. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Hunter Edward Shaddix, Ocala, FL. Speed 75/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Jake Randall Spencer, Glenwood. Window restrictions. Fine $50. Fee $85. Window tint. Fine $50.

Katherine Amy Stevens, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Abubakai Musa Trawally, Fargo, ND. Speed 95/70. Fine $70. Fee $155. No MN Driver's license. Fine $100.

Zachary Robert Wageman, Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Chun-Mei Yang, Fargo, ND. Speed 83/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

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

Todd County Sheriff

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

Nory Dalie Ramos Rodriguez, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine $40. Fee $85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 17, 2025.

Corissa Mae Oestreich, Brownerville. 5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Continued. Supervised probation, 5 yr. Local confinement (28 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 28 days). Fine $50. Fee $75.

Stella Kay Parks, Montrose. 5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Local confinement (45 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 11 days). Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine $100.

Matthew William Rahn, Sauk Centre. DWI 3-operate motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance. Dismissed. DWI 3-operate motor vehicle-any amount Schedule I/II drugs/matabolite; not cannabis/hemp. Local confinement (364 days, stay 301 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 63 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine $50. Fine $105. DWI 3 operate motor vehicle-under influence; cannabis/hemp product. Dismissed. Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety. Dismissed. Drugs-5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 18, 2025.

Tracy Dean, Jr. Aanerud, Brainerd. 1st degree-possess 50 grams or more-methamphetamine. Dismissed. 2nd degree-possess 25 grams or more methamphetamine. Dismissed. 3rd degree-possess 10 grams or more a narcotic drug other than heroin. Sentenced. Local confinement (128 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 129 days). Supervised probation, 5 yr. Fine $50. Fee $75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 21, 2025.

Dustin Michael Carpenter, Brownerville. Driving after revocation. Local confinement (90 days, stay 81 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 9 days). Unsupervised probation, 1 yr. Fine $200. Fee $75. Contempt of court. Dismissed. Driving after revocation. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 22, 2025.

Scarlen Nahiara Valdez, Long Prairie. School bus-stop signal extended/red light flashing. Unsupervised probation. Fine $100. Fee $75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 23, 2025.

John William Becker, Grey Eagle. DWI-3 Operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. DWI 3-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Continued. Carrying pistol while under influence of alcohol concentration 0.10 or more. Dismissed.

Jedidiah Leclaire, Big Lake. 5th degree possession of a controlled substance. Continued. Supervised probation. Local confinement (175 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 175 days). Fine $50. Driving after suspension. Dismissed. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Dismissed. Motor vehicle registration-intent to escape tax. Dismissed.

Scout Kassady Nathe, Sauk Centre. DWI 3-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Continued. Carrying pistol while under influence of alcohol concentration 0.10 or more. Dismissed. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 361 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine $50. Fee $575. Domestic assault. Dismissed. Domestic assault-bodily harm. Continued. Supervised probation, 2 yr). Local confinement (3 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo days credit for time served: 3 days). Fine $50. Disorderly conduct. Dismissed.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1950

° May 11, 1950 - The gala event of the year - the junior-senior prom and banquet - will be held May 18, at the Motley school auditorium.

Work on the affair has been a project of many months and the 80 boys and girls and instructors who will be present will reap the efforts of such labor.

The banquet, slated for 6:30 p.m., will have Richard Rasmussen, junior class president, as master of ceremonies.

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Dancing begins at 9 to the tune of Howie Hills orchestra of Brainerd. The highlight of the dance will be a grand march.

° May 11, 1950 - Douglas Anderson, 17, Staples high school senior, was named Star Dairy Farmer for 1950 Monday at a dinner in Coffman Memorial union, University of Minnesota. A state and district vice president and Staples Chapter president, he is an applicant for the American Farmer degree. Anderson won the State Dairy Farmer award in competition among the state's 6,889 Future Farmers of America members.

Also at the annual convention, Leon Johnson, Poplar, was named a District Farmer. Leon is a member of the Staples Chapter FFA.

° May 11, 1950 - Reports from resort owners of this area are that the lakes will be open for the first day of the fishing season, Saturday, May 13. Sone of the lakes may not be completely clear but the ice will be out far enough to accommodate as many anglers as wish to try their luck on the opening day.

According to latest reports, lakes Shamineau, Fishtrap and Alexander will have a few inches of solid ice. However a few days of warmer weather and sunshine will soften the ice enough to be broken up in time for opening day fishing.

50 Years Ago - 1975

° May 8, 1975 - The 21-member Staples Men's Chorus will present a concert at eight o'clock tonight (Thursday) in the high school cafeteria.

The chorus is under the direction of Stan Carlson, with Larry Correll as the accompanist. Doug Grossman is president of the group, with Michael Blessing as the secretary and Paul Van Buren is treasurer.

In addition to the above named, other members are Tom Honek, Dave Anderson, Pat Glynn, Orville Meyer, Al Flack, Bud Swecker, Everett Shaeffer, Chris Longbella, Rick Wise, Dave Evans, Jim Tower, Larry Gaugert, Larry Dumpprope, Dave Haglin, Tim Easthouse and Ray Denning.

° May 8, 1975 - Dr. John Gorton, local dentist, was elected Grand Knight of the Sacred Heart Council of the Knights of Columbus at the organization's regular meeting last Thursday. Dr. Gorton will succeed Al Lauer, who headed the group during the past year.

° May 8, 1975 - The top two students in the Class of 1975 at Motley High School were named this week by H. Lyle Jones, high school principal. Leading the class for their scholastic achievements are Stephanie Gold and Donna Foeller.

Valedictorian is Stephanie Gold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gold, Motley.

Salutatorian is Donna Foeller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Foeller, Cushing.

° May 8, 1975 - Kermit Strain and Lyle Hess retired from their employment of the Burlington Northern Railway Company last week.

Both men came in on the same train Friday evening, May 2, and both retired at the conclusion of that run. Hess was the engineer on Train No. X04 and Strain was the conductor.

For Strain, it was the conclusion of 36 years of service with the railroad. He started his employment in February of 1939 as a switchman and then transferred to brakeman in 1941.

Hess completed 33 years of service with the railroad when he took his retirement May 2. He began his employment in September of 1942 and was promoted to engineer in 1949.

25 Years Ago - 2000

° May 11, 2000 - Bonnie Madson was named the Outstanding Layperson in Education for the year. The award was presented by Jennelle Shriver, Vice President of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce,

° May 11, 2000 - The Staples Motley boys track team continued its dominance of north central Minnesota track meets last week, taking first at Hawley on Tuesday in a 14-team meet and first on Thursday on their home field over a 9-team field.

At Hawley, the boys set four meet records, including Jeff Brever in the mile and Adam Barnett in the triple jump, along with the 4 by 200 and 4 by 400 relay teams.

° May 11, 2000 - The Cardinal girls had a very good week, taking three wins in a row in softball action. Their coach is Rachel Kerr.

The girls downed Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 7-6 on May 1. On May 4, the girls swept a doubleheader from Crosby-Ironton, winning the first game 5-4 in eight innings and the second by a score of 8-5.

Amanda Noska was the winning pitcher for the LP-GE game and she also was the winning pitcher for the C-I game. She notched 15 strikeouts, gave up 2 walks and just two hits in eight innings.

Sarah Berg pitched the second game and got the credit for the win. She had 7 strikeouts, gave up 5 hits and two walks.

° May 11, 2000 - Students in Mary Drkula's fifth grade class at Sacred Heart School planted lilacs on Monday of this week on the north side of their school building, as part of their Arbor Month efforts. Their efforts also led to the planting of boulevard trees along the Sacred Heart school grounds this spring.

10 Years Ago - 2015

° May 7, 2015 - Ray Garland received an Eagle sculpture at a recent Staples Rotary Club meeting for his continued support of the Boy Scouts in the area. The presentation was made by Paul Ravenberg, Senior District Executive of the Central Minnesota Council of Boy Scouts of America. The Staples Rotary Club is the chartering organization for the scouting program in the Staples and Motley area.

° May 7, 2015 - Central Lakes College Photographic Imaging Technology instructor Bruce Fuhrman was one of 35 educators to be named 2015 Outstanding Educators by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1975. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Apr. 25, 1985 edition of the Staples World featured Linda Garland (left) and Cindy Snyder, the Staples delegates to the Model United Nations Assembly in Winnipeg, Canada. Students from Minnesota, North Dakota, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan represented 97 countries. Garland and Snyder served as the delegates from Jordan, and are shown with that country's flag.

Nikki Bjerga of Motley said she'd had calls from people asking if she was in the mystery photo. She told them she was not. Fellow 1985 Staples High School grad Andrea (Schimpp) Carlson recognized her classmates Linda and Cindy. Carmen Schimpp of Staples recognized Linda, adding that Linda's mom, Helen Garland, had been her best friend. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.



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Letter to the Editor

Still reading from afar

Even though we moved away nearly three years ago, we look forward to the Staples paper each week.

Great reporting! Eye catching pictures! Nothing beats local news.

Keep up the good work.

Neil and Arlene Grover
Zumbrota, Minn.

Follow-up action to protect property taxes

Last week's editorial by State Representative Mike Wiener brought up the possibility of local property taxes rising due to shifting some of the state deficit onto counties, cities and schools. This information led to a follow-up action plan for this week.

A group calling themselves Proven Patriots will rally at the Minnesota Capitol in St. Paul on Thursday, May 8, from 10 a.m.-noon., to ask the legislature to vote no on the proposals that will raise property taxes.

Quote of the week

"The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces."
— Will Rogers

State passes on housing help

From Minnesota Housing Partnership

A bipartisan coalition of legislators, housing experts, and advocates came together across ideology and party lines to say, "yes, we need more homes in Minnesota, and now is the time for action."

"On housing policy, the aspiration ought to be that Minnesotans choose what communities they live in, not let communities pick which Minnesotans get to live there." - Senator Jordan Rasmusson (R-09)

Yet, the no vote on SF 2229 in the Senate this week means that Minnesotans struggling to pay their rent and afford a home have to wait another year before the Legislature will respond to what 80% of Minnesotans are asking for — a home they can afford. The Yes to Homes Coalition is deeply disappointed by the failure of the Legislature to take action in 2025 to address the cost of homes in Minnesota.

We are deeply concerned and disappointed that the status quo remains, when rising housing costs demand bold action. The Yes to Homes Coalition worked in partnership with cities for over a year on this effort to negotiate in good faith a new path forward that helps build more housing that Minnesotans can afford. We introduced a package of bills that incorporated input and feedback from these conversations. We have yet to see any proposals from these opponents that change the status quo.

"We are open to feedback to make these concepts work, what we are not open to — and have gotten to that point with this bill, we are down to the very skin and bones of these policies — is just an answer of No." - Sen. Lindsey Port (DFL, 55)

Our families and communities across Minnesota will continue to suffer the negative consequences of the housing shortage due to this failure of action by the Legislature. Minnesota voted for bipartisan cooperation in addressing the State's core needs. This effort has been extraordinary in creating unexpected partners and collaboration to advance more housing. This is what Minnesota is demanding and needs to thrive. Status quo does not produce the homes we all agree that we need.

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Get to know a scammer

Common scams used in Todd County

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

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

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

Romance scams

You meet someone online and they will eventually ask you to send them money. They can also send you a cashier check or other type of money order (more than likely fake or counterfeit document) wanting you to cash it. They say you can keep a portion and send the remainder to them through gift card or cryptocurrency.

False purchase

A person calls wanting to confirm payment of a purchase on your Amazon/EBAY/Facebook Marketplace order. The scammers are looking for personal information or want you to send money/gift card information to you to have you check it. These will come through text message or email wanting you to click on a link. Online sales companies do not send these types of messages, delete them immediately.

Fake prize winner

A scammer says you won a prize (Publishers Clearing House, Foreign Lottery or Local lottery) and they need you to pay the taxes on the prize before you received the prize money.

If you didn't enter a prize contest, you didn't win a prize. Delete the message or hang up the phone.

Fake ID confirmation

A scammer calls stating they found your driver's license or identification card and they need you to confirm the information. They are just looking for your information. They might also give you the last four numbers of your social security number and they are wanting you to provide the first five numbers of your social security number.

Do not give out your information.

Red flags

The scammer will try to have you send them money through an application like CashApp, Zelle, PayPal, and Venmo. Make sure if you are going to purchase something online, use a secure vendor.

Quote of the week

"It's the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter."
— Marlene Dietrich

Quote of the week

"They aren't making mirrors like they used to."
— Tallulah Bankhead

Farmers Union town halls: worries about rural economy

From Minnesota Farmer's Union

More than 600 farmers and rural residents attended the 10 People's Town Halls organized by Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) between March 18 and April 8, voicing concerns about impacts of a trade war, lack of action on a new Farm Bill, cuts to rural healthcare programs and the climate of fear created for immigrants in rural communities.

The 10 town halls were held in Jackson, Sleepy Eye, Ogilvie, McGregor, Willmar, Oronoco, Moorhead, Hallock, St. Charles and Waconia.

"We held the town halls because people are frustrated that their voices aren't being heard in Washington, D.C., and St. Paul," said MFU President Gary Wertish. "We organized town halls and listened. This report speaks for people who want a fair chance to earn a living and the freedom to live their lives in rural Minnesota. They want vibrant small towns, a strong agricultural economy, affordable healthcare, and a government that works well for everyone."

The following comments are among those summarized in the report, Voices Need to Be Heard, compiled by MFU.

Tariffs and Trade

"I think Trump is betting the farm with these tariffs. The problem is that he's not betting his farm, he's betting our farms." - Winona County

"We can't have a tariff destroy the value of the soybean market. We all paid into checkoffs for years to develop our markets, and this is what we get? If our partners go somewhere else, they're not coming back for a long time." - Rock County

"I'm worried about losing the Canadians that come down to our local events, shop in our stores.They are a big part of our economy." - Kittson County

The Farm Bill

"I'm nervous, lots of farmers went out of business in 1987. I don't want that to happen again." - Lac qui Parle County

"What I'm grappling with right now is the pushback on farmers receiving support at all, which feels really hard. We work so hard and are already barely making ends meet. How do we explain why it is important to invest in farmers?" - Pine County

"The SNAP program is something a lot of people rely on. SNAP cuts will impact farmers." - Winona County

"I volunteer at a food pantry, and we've seen our clientele numbers skyrocket over the past four years. We're really concerned that with SNAP cuts we're going to have even more clientele coming." - Becker County

"Farmers understand that you can't separate SNAP from the Farm Bill for moral and political reasons. Our congressional representatives have a lot to learn about agriculture." - Kittson County

Livelihoods and Access to Care

"I'm concerned about Medicaid going away ... I worked in assisted living and have a good idea of how it operates. It is very different from what we're seeing on a federal level. No one wants to talk about it because it means you're on welfare. It pays for about half of nursing home costs. If that funding goes away, what will people do? Medicaid also helps to pay for long-term care for seniors. Our rural hospitals are at risk." - Kandiyohi County

"As a physician, I think it is going to be devastating to all our rural areas if the Medicaid cuts go through. This is the fifth year in a row of cuts to Medicare, and I think Medicare reimbursement rates are where they were 50 years ago. Frankly, our rural healthcare infrastructure just can't sustain this." - Olmsted County

"I'm a single parent to four kids. My kids depend on medical assistance, and the food pantry has been hugely helpful. The grocery store is so expensive. My youngest was in Head Start. We need to invest in our youth through these programs, programs where we help feed our children and educate them." - Carver County

Risk to Rural Communities

"If farmers are struggling, everybody in the community will struggle in one way or another." - Aitkin County

"I have a concern with the uncertainty this year that many farmers aren't planning on buying new equipment. I'm concerned about layoffs. It will have a ripple effect across the counties." - Jackson County

"As a business owner, I can say that when farmers hurt, we all hurt." - Jackson County

"I know a lot of our neighbors voted for these characters, but I think we're seeing that not only do our friends in DC not care about ag and rural communities at large, they don't care about the people that elected them either. I think we really have a critical fight for the future of rural America on our hands." - Kandiyohi County

Immigration and Labor

"People don't realize the impact immigrants have on our food system." - Olmsted County

"We have to milk our cows seven days a week, twice a day. We rely on immigrant labor, and they are hard workers and go over the top. They tell me, 'We don't want to cause trouble, we just want to work.'They are like family to us, and we don't want to see anything bad happen to them. This is a personal issue for our family." - Fillmore County

"Worthington was subject to ICE raids when Trump last held office. At that time, the church was a sanctuary space and ICE couldn't go there. That has since been changed and it ain't right. I've been around a lot of those folks, and they are hardworking people just trying to take care of their families and children. What we're doing, this isn't America. It just isn't." - Jackson County

Next Generation

"The LFPA is not only vital for emerging and beginning farmers of all crops to help find a market, it's also a way farmers markets can support the grower by buying what they don't sell and providing transportation to bring it to the most vulnerable communities. With so many cuts to climate-smart programs, how are those of us farming in nutrient depleted and water risk areas going to be able to modernize and keep up with taxes and maintain the land we're on? Transitioning is going to be nearly impossible because it might have no infrastructure on it." - Rice County

"One issue I'm really worried about - and that I've heard from parents about - is that special needs education is going to go away. As a teacher, the conversations around ending the Department of Education is worrying." - Freeborn County

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Lasers chasing bird flu away

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

An increasing number of farmers looking to stop the spread of bird flu are using lasers to discourage wild birds from flying over poultry and dairy operations. Farmers have "sought to reduce the risk of their animals contracting the disease," reports Daniel Walton of Ambrook Research. "They know that wild birds such as geese, ducks, and seagulls spread bird flu along their migration routes, and lasers are becoming a go-to tactic for keeping them — and by extension, the virus — away from buildings or pastures."

Lasers work because birds rely on their vision to sense any surrounding threats. Walton explains, "Green lasers in particular are close to the wavelengths that birds best perceive in motion, and the beams likely interact with the green chlorophyll in plants to produce disorienting effects only birds can see."

Jake Vlaminck, a turkey producer in Lake Lillian, Minnesota, decided to start investing in lasers as a wild bird deterrent after "a bird flu outbreak forced him to cull tens of thousands of turkeys," Walton writes. A neighboring farmer introduced him to a "robotically controlled system. . . . Its laser swivels on a base to target dozens of different points in constantly shifting patterns, keeping birds from growing accustomed to the beams."





Mothers Day performer has roots in Staples

Kari Marie del Rio, who will be performing at the Batcher Block Opera House on Saturday, May 10, has roots in Staples. Her great-grandparents were Howard and Carrie Kirchgessner. Her grandmother's name was Aletha Jean Kirchgessner, but she commonly went by her middle name of Jean. "She was a cheerleader for the high school, and she taught us some of the old cheers from back in her day … 'We're from the railroad town…toot toot!'", said del Rio.

Pictured above, a photo of Kari as a child with her great-grandmother and grandmother. Right, with her grandmother at her senior piano recital in 2002.

Del Rio said Her great-grandfather built a little red cabin on the Crow Wing River, which remains in the family. "We would spend many summer weekends together throughout my childhood and young adult years," she said, "I still cherish my weekends at the cabin and continue to spend summer weekends there to this day."

Her memories include when Batchers was open for business as a thrift/antique store. "My grandfather would always take us into town and give us a little bit of money to spend at Ben Franklin. And no trip to Staples would be complete without a slice of Tower Pizza," she said.

Her parents' names are Ted and Sue Steen, who now live in the Twin Cities area.

"My ancestors are buried in the Staples Cemetery, and I visit them regularly," said del Rio.

Mothers Day showcase, 'Jagged Little Pill' tribute

On Saturday, May 10, Batcher Block Opera House will host "Celebration of Women", an evening dedicated to female singer/songwriters. The probram will be showcasing original music, followed by a tribute set featuring songs from the iconic album "Jagged Little Pill", written by international superstar Alanis Morisette. The show will take place at the historic Batcher Block Opera House in Staples on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 7 p.m.

The performance will feature the talents of three diverse midwestern musicians: Kari Marie, a piano-based musician originally from Minneapolis; Gina Powers, a powerhouse singer whose recent endeavors have spread her fan base from Fargo all the way to the country music home of Nashville; and Skarlett Woods, whose unique guitar and vocal style has made her a fan favorite from Santa Cruz to her current location in Duluth. All are active performers in their cities and have established a name for themselves as creative contributors to the arts community with their original songs and captivating live shows.

During the second half of the evening, the three solo artists will also join forces as a full band to perform selected songs from "Jagged Little Pill", paying homage to one of the most influential albums of the 1990s. The emergence and popularity of Morisette's music has helped pave the way for many female-fronted rock bands and opened wider the door for women to establish successful careers in the professional music scene.

This show is an all-ages event. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at Eventbrite.com, by visiting Frosty's Social Club, or calling the box office directly at (218) 640-9393. Tickets will also be available at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m.

For more information about the "Celebration of Women" event, visit Facebook.com/girlwithapiano or www.girlwithapiano.com.

Dine-in meal at Staples Community Center May 21

Senior Nutrition Program
218-894-2556

A congregate dine-in meal followed by **penny bingo** will be offered at the Senior Dining Site, Staples Community Center senior's room on **Weds., May 21 at 11 a.m.** The Senior Dining Site is located at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples.

Bring your pennies for penny bingo which will be played following the meal.

The May 21 meal may be reserved through the nutrition site by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. **Those wishing to attend should order the meal by 10 a.m. Fri., May 16.**

May 21 menu: Smothered chopped steak, mashed potatoes, whole kernal corn, wheat bread oatmeal cranberry cookie, marg., 1% milk.

Senior Nutrition Site meals are offered at a nominal fee on a weekday basis through LSS Meals. For menu information or to order meals from the Staples site, call by 10 a.m. Friday for the following week.

The Meals on Wheels lunch delivery program is available by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556.

To volunteer as a Meals on Wheels driver, call 218-894-2556.

Menu

Senior Nutrition Program

Call on mornings the Friday before to reserve next week's meal. Call for current suggested donation info. LSS Meal; traditional older adult menu. Menu is subject to change.

Staples 894-2556

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May 12 - 16

Monday - Rigatonni beef, green beans, California veg. blend, chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday - BBQ chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, sliced carrots, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday - Country pork tips, pork gravy, steamed rice, capri veg. blend, spiced peaches.

Thursday - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, whole kernel corn, fresh banana.

Friday -Potato crunch fish filet, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, , tartar sauce, snickerdoodle cookie.

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Born to Jennifer and Ryan Jacobson of Verndale, a baby girl, Isla Rose weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on April 25, 2025.

Born to Kayla Benke and Eric Samuelson of Hewitt, a baby boy, Declann Kenneth weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 27, 2025.

Born to Lynea and Joshuah Schmitz of Grand Rapids, a baby boy, Sullivan Jeffrey weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on April 27, 2025.

Born to Baylee Young and Bailey Meech of Menahga, a baby boy, Clayton Clark weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on April 28, 2025.

Born to Jody and Aaron Rothermund of Wadena, a baby girl, Nora Danielle weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on April 28, 2025.

Born to Kelsey Benson and Ray Kobliska of Browerville, a baby girl, Wrenley Kay weighing seven pounds, six ounces on April 30, 2025.

Born to Cloe Salber and Shane Berkness of Browerville, a baby girl, Oaklyn Mae weighing seven pounds, five ounces on April 30, 2025.

Born to Mikayla and Caleb Jasmer of Motley, a baby boy, Theodore Michael weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on April 30, 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

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

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

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

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday .....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor 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 Classses .....11-11:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW
Vermda;e.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday .....6:00 p.m

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
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MASS:
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God continues to keep those "involuntary" lung and heart muscles going so that we can continue to breath and have blood pumping, mostly with unconscious perceptions until something interrupts them. God gives us so many operating systems in our bodies that work hardly without notice as we go about our other matters of the day.

We benefit from the orbit of the earth around the sun and the earth turning on its axis while the moon revolves around the earth at just the needed and right distances for all of it as "we go about our business." All of this is so full of God's rich design.

We could go on and on with more "signs" of God's physical creation, but then there are even greater realities if we bring in the mind and spirit that God has put in each one of us. We talk in terms of three separate entities of body, mind and spirit, but as each of us knows, God makes us one person, not three separate pieces. I wonder if the way that He has created us reflects His "Three on One" of being Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

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Obituaries

John Greig

John Robert Greig, 78, of Motley passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on May 2, 2025.

Services for John will be held Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Motley Methodist Church in Motley. Friends and family are invited to gather one hour prior for a visitation.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Veterans on The Lake Resort, Ely Mn.

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Mickey Raddohl



Mickey William Raddohl, 78, of Staples, passed away April 26, 2025.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Mickey was born December 19, 1946, to Edward and Floy Mae (Sams) Raddohl in Nimrod. He worked at Northern Manufacturing as a steel fabricator until a debilitating accident in 1980.

Mickey enjoyed tending to his flower gardens and off roading in his jeep. Above all else, he loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Mickey is survived by one daughter, Lisa Pearson; two grandchildren, Ashely (David) Lemcke and Amanda (Cody) Mayer; four great-grandchildren, Zoe, Piper, Sophie and Ian; two sisters, Yalanda (Tom) Rishoud and Lavee Gearey; one brother, Kevin Raddohl and several nieces, nephews and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jason Raddohl; two brothers, Jack Raddohl and Curtis Raddohl; one sister, Terry Morrow; sister-in-law, Sandra Raddohl and brother-in-law, Joe Gearey.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Cardinals keep scoring in softball win

The Staples-Motley softball team was aggressive offensively in a 15-5 win against Long Prairie-Grey Eage on April 29. After that win, the Cardinals lost a doubleheader at Breckenridge on May 1, fallin 7-2 and 8-0. They then lost 4-0 on May 2 to Jamestown, N.D., who was in the area for the weekend to play against Staples-Motley and Little Falls.

Against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, the Cardinals jumped on top early with four runs in the first inning and two more in the second. After LPGE had some big hits to produce two runs in the third, the Cardinals added five more runs for an 11-2 lead. They never put up a zero on the scoreboard, scoring one, one and two in their next three innings.

Addie Potter pitched all six innings, giving up eight hits and three earned runs. She recorded 11 strikeouts.

On offense, all nine Cardinal batters recorded hits, with 14 hits and six walks for a total of 20 baserunners.

Stat lines included: Rachel Kossan 3 hits, 3 runs; Kate Kossan 2 hits, 3 runs; Emerson Bettis 2 hits including a double, 2 runs, 2 RBI; Jade Storry 3 RBI, Oliviah Lorber 2 RBI, 2 runs, Clara Maros 2 RBI, Addie Potter 2 hits, Lilly Tyrrell 1 hit, 2 walks.



Extra effort to make the play

Livi Lorber stretches to make the catch at first base, narrowly beating the runner for an out. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Jade Storry



Addie Potter



Clara Maros



Audrey Brownell, right leads a pack in the 3,200





Lilly Tyrrell contributes on defense, left, and on offense, right, from a game earlier this season.

Beachy ties school pole vault record

Turner Beachy equaled the Staples-Motley pole vault record, held by his father Arden Beachy, set in 1989. He cleared 14'9" at the Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls, S.D., May 2-3. This meet featured the best track and field athletes in South Dakota, with a few from Minnesota and North Dakota.

The Cardinals had two other competitors compete in the meet. Audrey Brownell was 12th in the girls 3,200 in 10:49, lowering her own school record. She came back the next day to finish 7th in the 1,600 meter run in 5:03.

Avandre Brandt placed 22nd in the boys high jump competition, clearing 5'10".

Beachy started the pole vault competition with a miss at 13'3". He cleared that height on his second try and cleared 13'9" on his first attempt. The next height was 14'3", two inches above his personal best. He cleared that on his second attempt to move the bar to 14'9" with four competitors left. Beachy missed his first two tries at the school record, then cleared it on his third attempt. He missed all three tries at 15'3". Although only one competitor cleared that height, Beachy fell to fourth place because he had more misses in earlier rounds.

According to Athletic.net, that is the fifth best vault for all Minnesota athletes this year, and the highest vault of all Class A athletes so far this year.

The Cardinal track and field team had another meet scheduled last week but it was rained out.



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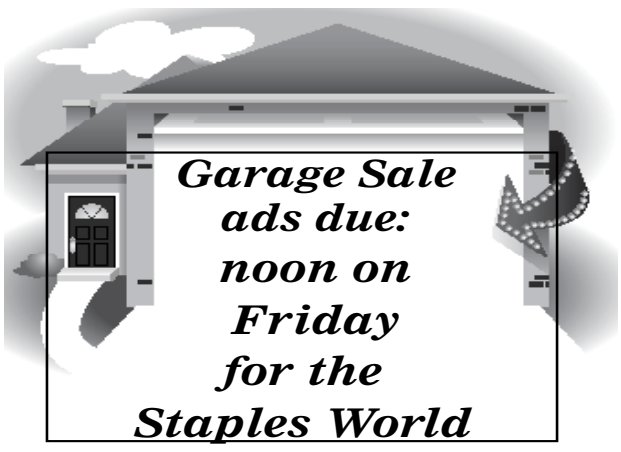
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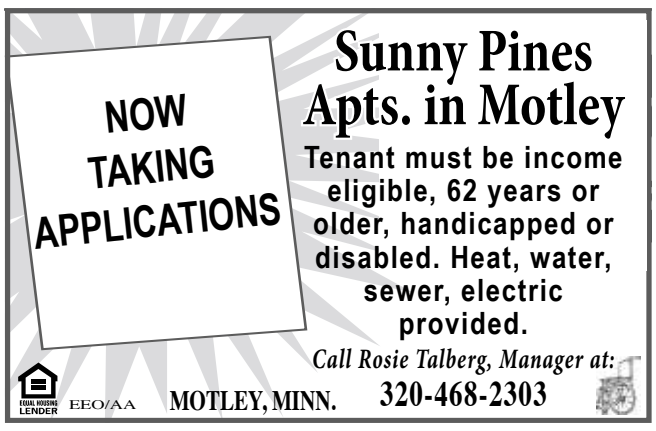
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The Leader Community Hall Board will meet on Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary
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NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP MESSAGING

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

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

Diane Mack , Clerk,
Moran Township
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NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF VILLARD COUNTY OF TODD STATE OF MINNESOTA

BID FOR DITCH MOWING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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

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

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

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

Description:

Quote to mow on township roads per time

Quote Amount:

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

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

Your Name:
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Signature:

Mary Trantina-Koenig, Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

Questions? Call or email 320-732-4420 or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Agenda
•Call to Order
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
•Approval of agenda
•Approval of April 24, 2025 Board of Adjustment's meeting minutes
•The applicant is introduced
•Staff report
•Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
•Site Visit Review
•Public comment
•Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. Cody Kent: Section 05, Round Prairie Township, Latimer Lake
Site Address: 24837 204th St., Long Prairie, MN 56347
PID: 21-0004900
1. Request to reduce the lake setback from 100' to 37' for construction on existing structure to include a garage/storage space and addition to dwelling space.

2. Jeffrey and Sara Tiahrt: Section 33, Ward Township, Horseshoe Lake
Site Address: 33826 251st. Ave., Browerville, MN 56438
PID: 26-0039100
1. Request to reduce the lake setback from 150' to 102' to add a roof to an existing deck in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning District.

3. Tyler and Kelly Korhonen: Sections 35, Little Sauk Township, Cedar Lake
Site Address: 21871 Cedar Lake Road, Sauk Centre, MN 56378
PID: 17-0040300
1. Request for structure addition in a severe steep slope.
2. Request to reduce the lake setback from 100' to 30' in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

4. Jason Bergmann: Section 18, Little Sauk Township, Maple Lake
Site Address: 17408 thru 17462 Echo Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347
PID: 17-0016802
1. Request to reduce the new lot size from the standard of 40,000 sq. ft.
2. Request to reduce the buildable area from the standard of 18,000 sq. ft.
3. Request to reduce the lot depth from the standard of 200'.
4. Request to reduce the lot width from the standard of 150'
5. Request to change requirement of 50 feet of frontage along a public road to 50 feet of frontage along a private access easement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning.

5. Jason and Dorothy Braun: Section 03 & 04, Burnhamville Township, Mons Lake
Site Address: 32085 Flicker Road, Burnhamville Township, MN 56318
PID: 06-0062200
1. Request to reduce the lake setback from 150' to 87' for structure addition in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning District

6. Wayne Terry: Section 12, Birchdale Township, Little Birch Lake
Site Address: 27601 Amber Lane, 56336
PID: 03-0050500
2. Request to reduce the lake setback from 100' to 65' for dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

Adjournment.

Next meeting: June 26, 2025

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 14, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $87,387.00

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

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

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

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

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

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 309 CENTRAL AVE S, EAGLE BEND, MN 56446

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Quicken Loans Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Rocket Mortgage, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 33-0003100

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100039033600886869

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 14, 2025

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

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 05, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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

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 December 5, 2025.

Dated: April 28, 2025

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
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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: November 30, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $181,500.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Todd A. Judd and Erin E. Judd, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for U.S. Bank N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 15, 2013 as Document Number 482459 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association by assignment recorded on February 17, 2022 as Document Number A530413 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Community Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on April 1, 2022 as Document Number A531026 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded on June 27, 2022 as Document Number A532350 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The land referred to in this policy is situated in the State of Minnesota, County of Todd, City of Staples and described as follows: The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section 21, Township 133N, Range 32W, according to the United States Government Survey thereof.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 30534 470TH STREET, 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: $140,759.08

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: U.S. Bank N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 25-0021900

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100021200003069498

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 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

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

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 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 July 10, 2026.

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

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

Dated: April 29, 2025

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Mortgagee

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Taking a final bow

Cast members in the Staples-Motley Middle School play, "Dr. Experimentor and the League of Evil," took a bow following their final performance at Centennial Auditorium in Staples May 3. The play was directed by Brian Sterriker, along with assistant director Cecily Moe.

Cast members included Jackson Alexander, Nora Nelson, Alivia Bingham, Danielle Hanson, Jackson Bitzer, Landon Ziegler, Brayden Moore, Arthur Keplin, Lucas Ziegler, Llana Michel, Quinn Brichacek, Ashlynn Borntrager, Matthew Jewison, Christopher Mikhaeil, Kayd Ingersoll, Lylianne Nurnberger, Lydia Tklacich, Abiri Ziegler, Brooke Georges. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



A scene from the middle school play

Staples-Motley Middle School students performed "Dr. Experimentor and the League of Evil" at Centennial Auditorium in Staples May 1, 2 and 3. Pictured above, Dr. Experimentor (played by Jackson Alexander, far right) deals with Teenage Mutant Ninja Bunnies. Other cast members, from left, include Brayden Moore, Arthur Keplin, Lucas Ziegler, Matthew Jewison, Kayd Ingersoll, Christopher Mikhaeil. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Tips for tick season

Associate Professor Jon Oliver, U of M School of Public Health

This spring, Minnesotans are eager to get out and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Unfortunately, warmer weather also ushers in pests like ticks. Many ticks carry bacteria, viruses and parasites that can harm humans, including Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.

Associate Professor Jon Oliver with the U of M School of Public Health answers questions about this year's outlook for tick season, how people can avoid ticks and what to do if they find one on themselves.

Q: Will there be a lot of ticks this year?

Prof. Oliver: It's always a good bet that there will be plenty of deer ticks in Minnesota in the spring and summer. We see fewer ticks during years with dry weather/low humidity. Wet weather in the summer 2024 means immature ticks were able to thrive. This year, those ticks will have grown to be adults, called nymphs. Based on last year's numbers, the typical winter temperatures we experienced this year, I expect we will have a fairly average year for deer ticks, meaning there will be plenty of them around. Warm days in April mean that adult ticks are already out and about, especially when daytime temperatures exceed 60 degrees.

Q: What types of ticks are most common in Minnesota?

Prof. Oliver: Deer ticks and American dog ticks are common in Minnesota and both commonly bite people and pets. Although both species can potentially transmit diseases, deer ticks are more concerning because they are often infected with the bacteria that cause Lyme disease.

Q: Where are ticks most prevalent?

Prof. Oliver: Deer ticks require a refuge with a high humidity level, such as the forest leaf layer, so they are most often found in forested areas. Deer ticks are now found in every forested county in the state, so people should be vigilant while enjoying the outdoors. Adult deer ticks are active April through June and September through November when temperatures are above freezing and there's no snow. Immature ticks are considered more of a disease risk because they are smaller and harder to notice, so they often remain attached and feed for longer. Immature ticks are mostly active in May through July in Minnesota.

Q: What can people do to avoid getting ticks on themselves and what should someone do if they find one?

Prof. Oliver: Tick-borne diseases are more easily prevented than cured. Insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA-approved repellent chemicals are effective at repelling ticks. If you spend a lot of time in tick habitats, it may be worth treating a suit of clothes with permethrin, a repellent/insecticide that works on ticks. Tucking pants legs into your socks can help keep ticks on the outside of your clothes making them easier to spot. The bacteria that cause Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases usually take hours to enter your body after a tick attaches to feed. Daily tick checks will greatly reduce your chance of getting Lyme disease even if you are bitten.

If you find a tick biting you:

- Use tweezers to grab the tick by its mouthparts where they enter your skin.
- Pull the tick straight off. Avoid crushing its body.
- After a tick bite, be mindful of your body's health. If you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms, visit your doctor about the tick bite.

Q: What are you doing to advance research on ticks?

Prof. Oliver: My research focuses on interactions of ticks, the bacteria they carry, as well as the distribution of ticks on the landscape of the Upper Midwest. New pathogens are discovered relatively often in Minnesota's deer ticks, and our lab is working to find out how and where new diseases arise.

One exciting new project we're working on aims to bring detection tools for more rapid identification and discovery of pathogens in ticks and rodents. Using an innovative mobile laboratory in the field, we can use these tools to detect pathogens within hours instead of days. We can also use the new tools to detect a full range of tick-borne pathogens at the same time, where previous tools could only detect one pathogen at a time. Testing the sensitivity and reliability of this new surveillance system will be a major focus of our summer activities this year.

#ShareWhyYouCare for Mental Health Awareness Month

Todd County Health and Human Services

May is Mental Health Awareness Month in Minnesota, a time to promote mental well-being and reduce stigma surrounding mental health. Throughout the state, organizations and communities are coming together to support individuals and families affected by mental health challenges.

NAMI Minnesota is leading the charge with its #ShareWhyYouCare campaign, encouraging residents to participate in daily wellness activities throughout May. From outdoor walks to connecting with loved ones, these simple acts aim to foster self-care and community support. Participants are invited to share their experiences using the hashtags #NAMIMinnesota and #ShareWhyYouCare on social media the organization is also offering a variety of educational workshops and support groups. These include suicide prevention training, trauma-informed care sessions and resources tailored for parents and caregivers.

Notably, the Hope for Recovery workshops provide valuable information on managing mental health conditions and building supportive relationships. For those in rural areas, NAMI Minnesota offers virtual support groups and resources to ensure that individuals across the state have access to the help they need.

As Mental Health Awareness Month unfolds, Minnesotans are encouraged to engage in these initiatives, share their stories, and support one another in building a more resilient and mentally healthy community.

NAMI Website : https://namimn.org/namimn-events/mental-health-month-challenge

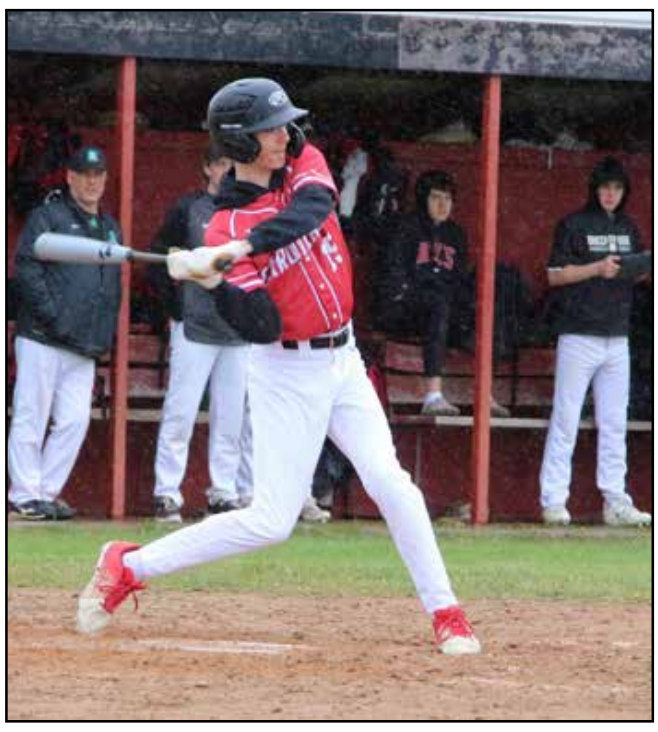
Winning in the rain

The Staples-Motley baseball team didn't let a steady rain dampen their ability to hit, pitch and catch, defeating Breckenridge 14-4 on May 1.

A light to steady rain fell during all five innings and the Cardinals scored in each of the five innings.

Silas Claussen had a big offensive game with two hits, three RBI and two runs scored. Ben Tyrrell scored three runs after getting two walks and one hit with one RBI. Cooper Tappe and Colbe Tappe each had two RBI. Elijah Kossan stole two bases and scored two runs. Only one Cardinal hitter recorded a strikeout in the game and they received seven walks.

Tyrrell pitched all five innings as the Cardinals ended the game early by scoring three runs in the fifth inning. Tyrrell pitched six strikeouts and had three walks. Only one of the four runs was earned, with the other three coming after an error in the field that could have ended the inning.



Stepping up at the plate

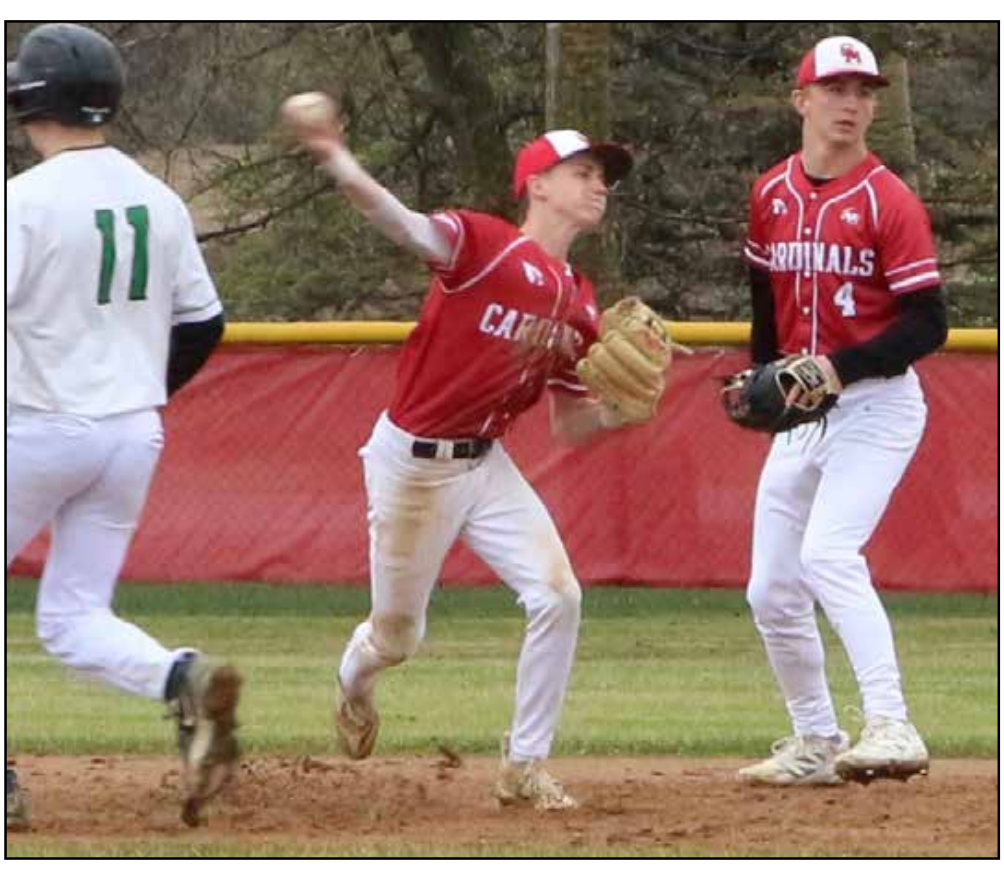
Silas Claussen steps into a pitch. He had three RBI and scored two runs in the LPGE game. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Jack Carlson



Ben Tyrrell



Elijah Kossan turns a double play after getting the flip from Cooper Tappe, right.

Golf team stays hot

Carter White shot two under par at Headwaters Golf Club in Park Rapids, leading the Staples-Motley boys golf team to a second place finish at a 20 team invite.

White had a hot round with five birdies, three bogeys and the rest pars. Grant Bestland shot four birdies and ended up four over par. Jackson White had 12 pars in his 18 holes.

The Cardinals were in position to win the meet, but Peyton Mithun's scorecard was missing a score, so the round didn't count. Mithun had four birdies on the round and the team would have had their best round of the year if his score had counted, around 300 total strokes.

State recognition

After eight rounds played this season, the Cardinals were ranked 22nd overall by the Minnesota Golf Association, which includes all the schools regardless of class. That puts them seventh among Class AA schools. The online app iWanamaker has the Cardinals at 45th in the state overall, sixth in Class AA.

The Minnesota Golf Association has Carter White ranked third in the state overall, the top ranked Class AA golfer.

Team results

Park Rapids Heart O Lakes Invitational

Pequot Lakes 302, Staples-Motley 312, Walker-Hackensack-Akely 314, Bemidji 316, Hawley 320, Thief River Falls 328, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 330, Perham 332, East Grand Forks 337, Barnesville 342, Crookston 348, Park Rapids 353, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 355, Frazee 358, Breckenridge 364, Pine River-Backus 367, United North Central 371, Pelican Rapids 396, Blackduck 422, Wadena-Deer Creek 451

1. Carter White 70, 5. Grant Bestland 76, 10. Jackson White 78, 54. Thomas Johnson 88, 85. Evan Schultz 98



Jackson White

Cardinals compete at PR

The Staples-Motley girls golf team competed at Pelican Rapids on April against the Heart O Lakes Conference teams.

Walker Johnson had two pars and eight bogeys to finish 14th for the Cardinals. Brolklyn Winter had one par and four bogeys to move into the team's top four scorers.

Team results

Heart O Lakes meet at Pelican Rapids

Barnesville 361, Hawley 381, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 384, Perham 387, Pelican Rapids 400, Breckenridge 407, Park Rapids 409, Staples-Motley 438, Frazee 441, Wadena-Deer Creek inc.

14. Walker Johnson 97, 30. Sarah Kroll 108, 38. Mara Uselman 116, 39. Brooklyn Winter 117, 40. Katelyn Schotzko 119



Brooklyn Winter

Private woodlands sought for forestry inventory

The DNR, in partnership with the Minnesota Forestry Association (MFA), is working to build the state's first statewide forest inventory using aerial LIDAR with ground reference plots called PBI. While Plot-Based Inventory (PBI) efforts have initially focused on public lands, nearly half of Minnesota's forests are under private ownership. Expanding inventory efforts to include private woodlands is essential for creating a more accurate and comprehensive picture (map) of the state's forest structure and ecosystem; ultimately benefiting all forest owners, both public and private. A few hundred more participants are needed; mostly in western and southern Minnesota.

Participation in the program is voluntary and offers significant benefits to landowners at no cost. Contracted professional foresters will collect forest inventory plot data on selected parcels. Within a 37 foot radius plot, foresters measure the height and diameter of all trees greater than five inches which are tied to a high accuracy GPS in the plot center. These plot measurements are then tied to statewide aerial LIDAR imagery already collected. The data collected will be processed into a statewide model which will create forest structure inventory maps similar to the example above. Woodland owners also receive a PBI report detailing findings about their plot if selected.

This report is just the beginning. Professional foresters can help woodland owners use this information to make informed forest management decisions. Accurate information on tree species, volume, forest structure and overall health is critical for effective woodland management. This forest structure information helps woodland owners make better decisions on wildfire risk reduction, forest harvest planning, wildlife habitat improvement, tree planting, trail development and future forest carbon credits. It also supports the creation of forest stewardship plans aimed at sustaining healthy, resilient and scenic forests for future generations.

To learn more about the forest inventory process, landowners can visit mndnr.gov/forestry/resource-assessment/forest-inventory.html.

To enroll, visit: dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/resource-assessment/private-forest-inventory.html.

Priority is given to areas with fewer enrollments such as western and southern Minnesota. Enrollment signifies voluntary agreement to potentially have data collected. Participants are selected based on the geographic data needed by the program. Sign up does not guarantee a plot will be collected.

Funding for the program was an outcome of the 2023 legislative session and the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund and includes various partners and stakeholders statewide. Help from private landowners will significantly improve the accuracy of the statewide forest inventory models and maps.

Understanding what's in your woodland is essential, as forests are not just trees but potential sources for fuel, wildlife habitat and enjoyment, all of which need to be managed. So, what's in your woodland?

Enrollment deadline is July 1, 2025.

Visit dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/resource-assessment/private-forest-inventory.html to enroll.

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Comprehensive Plan meeting on June 24

was $905,869.

In regard to the city's proprietary funds - water, sewer and solid waste - all seem to be operating as they should be.

In other matters the council:

- NOTED that the third Comprehensive Plan Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, at 4:30 p.m. at city hall. All are welcome.
- INTRODUCED the new deputy clerk, Kristen Ziegler of Staples. She will succeed Janae Stern, whose final day is May 8.
- ACCEPTED a $20,000 Region 5 Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). The funds will be used for planning city hall upgrades that implement energy efficiency.
- NOTED that the city wide clean up is set for Saturday, May 10, from 7:45 -10:45 a.m. at the city garage.
- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, May 12, at 4:30 p.m.
- SET the next planning and zoning meeting for Monday, May 19, at 2 p.m.
- NOTED that city offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, in honor of Memorial Day.
- HELD a closed meeting to conduct a performance evaluation for Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton.



Auditor delivers good news

Ryan Schmidt, far right, of Schlenner Wenner & Co., gave the presentation of the City of Motley's 2024 Audited Financial Statements. Schmidt said everything went well and the city has a "Clean Opinion." Also pictured, in back from left, are Mayor Pat O'Regan and council member Steve Johnson. Seated in front, from left, are City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton and Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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City of Motley welcomes new Deputy Clerk

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Kristen Ziegler of Staples is now on board as the City of Motley's Deputy Clerk. She started her new position April 28.

Prior to this, Ziegler worked for 17 years at Lakewood Health System, Staples, in the area of medical billing.

She enjoyed her work, but was ready to try something new, Ziegler said. When she saw the ad regarding the job opening in Motley she decided to apply, went through the interview process, and was excited to be offered the position.

Ziegler's face might be familiar to locals as she owns Still Lefty's Bar in Staples, along with her fiance, Leo Carlson. She's also worked in the past at Giza's Plumbing and Heating in Staples.

She's a Browerville High School grad, Ziegler said, adding that her maiden name is Deering.

Along the way, she and her late husband, Jeff Ziegler, welcomed three children: Brittany, and twins Justin and Jenna. Kristen shared that she was a stay-at-home mom for several years, later taking a job at Staples Elementary School.

In her free time, Kristen enjoys spending time with friends and family. She also "loves being a grandma," Kristen said, sharing that her daughter Jenna has two children.

Kristen said she got to know some of the residents when she worked at Lakewood's Motley clinic, and is looking forward to meeting more people from this city in her role as deputy clerk.



New deputy clerk

Kristen Ziegler of Staples has been hired as the new deputy clerk for the City of Motley. Her first day on the job was April 28. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

MPCA approves stockyard permit

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency announced that they have made a preliminary determination to issue a permit for Tri-County Stockyards in Motley.

The permit will allow 3,500 head of beef in total on the property barns and open lots. Liquid manure and runoff will be stored within lined storage structures. Solid manure will be stockpiled with land application fields.

The permit includes a proposed construction of a liquid manure storage area and the addition of four existing open lots.

The permit is proposed for up to five years.

A draft permit is available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/public-comments. Additional materials relating to the permit are also on the web site.

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