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Memorial Day guest speaker

Gunnery Sergeant Rob Walters USMC (Retired) of Cherry Point, N.C. was the guest speaker at the Memorial Day program in Staples May 26. The event was hosted by the Motley American Legion, Tri-County Post #124. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Remembering their brother

The Battlefield Cross bronze statue in honor of Vietnam War Veteran Roger Jensen was dedicated at the Memorial Day Program in Staples May 26. Jensen, a Staples native, was killed in action June 28, 1969. Pictured, from left are Roger's brother, Dwayne Jensen of Staples, and his sister, Margie (Jensen) Olson of Long Prairie. Several other relatives were also in attendance at the statue dedication.

This bronze memorial, made by Brodin Studios in Kimball, was donated by Kevin and Sue Jenkins, Staples. Kevin Jenkins said the statue holds special meaning for him, as he and Roger both graduated from Staples High School in 1967. Kevin, an Army veteran, also served during that era. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Vietnam veteran shares

U.S. Army Veteran Larry Knosalla of Staples, dressed in the uniform he wore in 1969, shared words about The Battlefield Cross prior to the bronze statue in honor of Vietnam War Veteran Roger Jensen, and Staples native, who died in action. Knosalla shared about The Battlefield Cross: *The helmet and identification tags signify the fallen soldier, their name never to be forgotten. The inverted rifle with bayonet signals a time for prayer, a break in the action to pay tribute to our friend. The combat boots, worn and dirty, represents the final march of the soldier's last battle.* (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

People of all ages showed their love of the U.S.A.

There was plenty of red, white and blue on display at the Memorial Day program in Staples May 26, as people of all ages (including the child wearing a bright USA T-shirt) showed their support for their country, and remembered those veterans who gave their lives for our freedom. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

2025 This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
June 4	74	53	M. Sunny
June 5	76	52	P. Cloudy
June 6	78	55	Showers
June 7	79	55	Showers
June 8	75	52	Cloudy
June 9	75	57	Sunny
June 10	76	56	
Last Year, 2024			
	High	Low	Cond.
June 4	70°	61	Rain
June 5	77	59	P. Sunny
June 6	74	50	M. Sunny
June 7	77	57	Rain
June 8	78	56	Sunny
June 9	80	61	Sunny
June 10	83	65	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 75° Low = 53°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

ISD #2170 Milk bids **9A**
Todd Commissioners **9A**
Moran **9A**

Obituaries

Marilyn Tyrrell

Yvonne (Bunner) Wilson



Cardinals leave The Nest

Staples-Motley seniors gather outside of The Nest following their graduation ceremony on May 23. This was the first graduation to be held in the new gymnasium, which opened during their senior year. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Scattering flowers

Children at the Memorial Day program at Poplar Cemetery were invited to scatter flowers at the grave of the Unknown Soldier while the audience sang the song, Scatter Flowers, sung to the tune of “In the Sweet By and By.” This has been a tradition at the Poplar Cemetery program for decades. Pictured above, from left, are siblings Khiylee, Brynlee and Whytlee Cory of Staples.



Singing the National Anthem and God Bless America

Above: Marissa Michalson of Motley sang the National Anthem at the Memorial day program at Poplar Cemetery May 26. Pictured to her right is Dave Johnson who served as emcee at the program; Marine Veteran Rob Walters, speaker; Kelly Blessing, Staples native now of North Carolina; Pastor Jim Johnson of Motley

Free Methodist Church who delivered the invocation; and Ron Hanson, member of the Motley American Legion. Below: Debbie Shake of Leader leads people in singing “God Bless America.”



Family connections

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Rob Walters of Cherry Point, N.C. (center) was the guest speaker at four area Memorial Day programs May 26. He is pictured following the program at the Poplar Cemetery with his girlfriend Kelly Blessing, a Staples native now of Morehead City, N.C. and Kelly’s uncle, Mark Blessing of Staples. The Blessings first met Walters years earlier, as their families were friends. Later, Kelly’s dad and Mark’s brother, the late Bob Blessing, a Marine Corps veteran, would serve to connect them again. During his speech, “Remember All Veterans and Their Values,” Walters reminded listeners that freedom is not a passive gift, and that it must be nurtured by every generation. “How do we ensure that their (veterans) sacrifices were not in vain?” he asked. He went on to say that we need to teach people that Memorial Day is not just a holiday, but a solemn reminder of the cost of freedom. Gunnery Sgt. Walters (Retired) also spoke that day at programs in Motley, Staples, and at Bridgeman Cemetery.



Placing the wreath

Motley American Legion Post #124 member Ron Hanson placed a wreath at the grave of the Unknown Soldier May 26, at the Memorial Day program at Poplar Cemetery.

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Conducting the 21-gun salute



Members of the Motley American Legion Tri-County Post #124 conducted a 21-gun salute at four area Memorial Day programs, including at the Poplar Cemetery pictured above. At left, Frank Vasecka, member of the Motley American Legion Post #124 played ‘Taps’ at the conclusion of the Memorial Day program at the Poplar Cemetery.

Staples World
Memorial Day photos
by Dawn Timbs

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1950

• June 8, 1950 - The Morey Fish Company was broken into Monday night and approximately \$30 in cash taken from the till.
Ed Morey was out of town and further details are not available at this writing.
• June 8, 1950 - Clarence S. Townsend, one of the pioneer boys of Motley, died at Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada, on May 6. He had been ill for some time with a heart ailment.
Mr. Townsend will be remembered as having spent his boyhood days in Motley where he was well known. He, as a boy, worked

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on the first newspaper to be published in Motley. It was called the Motley Register and was owned and edited by Editor John T. Drawz, former editor of The Staples World.
Mr. Townsend was born in Susquehanna, Pa., and came as a small boy with his parents to Minnesota.
• June 8, 1950 - Staples had two graduates of the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing, when they held their 49th commencement exercises June 1, in the Augustana Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.
They were Donna Sautbine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Sautbine of Staples and Donna Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin of this city. Both girls are graduates of the Staples High School with the class of 1947.
• June 8, 1950 - Glenn Sansburn was re-elected president of the Staples Lions club at the annual election of officers held at the St. Charles hotel banquet room June 5.
Elected as other officers for the coming year were Laurence Huff, first vice president; Lloyd Sapp, second vice president; F. C. McGivern, third vice president; Richard Longbella, secretary-treasurer; Meyer Engen, tail twister; L. W. Harter, lion tamer.
• June 8, 1950 - "Music at Sundown" is the radio program which comes from radio station KWAD at Wadena each Monday evening at seven o'clock, and it has particular significance due to the fact that two Staples women have the program.
Mrs. Joe Fellman, Jr., is

the vocalist, and Mrs. John Anglin is her accompanist. The theme song of the program is "At Sundown."
• June 8, 1950 - Approximately 100 bikes, belonging to kids of the city of Staples and the immediate vicinity were Scotchlited by members of the Staples Rotary club at the high school building June 5. The project was done by members of the club free of charge.

50 Years Ago - 1975

• June 5, 1975 - The Minnesota Marching M'Bassadors of Long Prairie High school will be one of the top attractions in the Staples parade Wednesday evening, July 2.
Judged as "Champion High School Band" in the Minneapolis Aquatennial in 19676, 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972 and as a "Grand Champion Band" in 1973 and 1974, the Long Prairie Marching Band will be trying for an unprecedented seventh consecutive championship at this nationally-known event in Minneapolis July 19.
The Marching M'Bassadors will also be appearing in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasedena, California, next New Year's Day.
• June 5, 1975 - Finishing their season with a perfect record of 6 wins and no losses were the girls of Coach Doris Dumpprope's softball team at Staples High school.
Team members included Debbie Anderson, Pat Smith, Captain Sandy Denning, Jan Cameron, Manager Lani Longbella, Barb Lenk, Cheryl Doucette, Sue Becker, Connie Becker, Jean Hassler, Melaine Miller, Sue Olson, DeAnn Hutchison, Peggy Mooers, Joyce Wille, Pat Imgrund, Kim Nurnberger and Mary Lauer.
• June 5, 1975 - Behind the outstanding pitching performance of Tom Backberg and the hitting of the Cardinal team, Coach Jerry Riewer's Baseball team at Staples High school, captured the championship of the District 24 Baseball Tournament at Brainerd last Thursday evening.
The Cardinals claimed their championship with a 10-0 victory over the defending District 24 champions, the Wadena Indians, in a five-inning contest.
Team members include Doug Stohlanske, Steve Grossman, Jeff Cizek, Tom Backberg, Dale Hagenson, Mark Craft, Jim Marden, Mark Redemske, Tim Miller, Robb Peterson, Craig Wilson, Larry Dumpprope,



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1981. 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.

Bob Nurnberger, Paul Jenkins, Doug Shequen and Mike Mertens. Joe Joerger is also a coach.
This marks the third District 24 Baseball title for the Cardinals, all under the coaching of Riewer.
• June 5, 1975 - Moonlight Madness, an evening of sale of sales, will be staged in Staples Monday, June 9, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., under the direction of the Retail Committee of the Staples Chamber of Commerce.
Lee Jenkins, chamber secretary, announced that for this promotion, the Staples State Bank will be open to make consumer loans at 7 percent simple interest.

25 Years Ago - 2000

• June 8, 2000 - A dream that started many years ago is now a reality. The addition to the Leader Community Hall is now ready to use.
"There are still a few things to do yet," said project director Walt Sowers, "but the building is ready and what a joy it is."
The project included constructing a 28' x 52' addition to the Hall on the northeast corner and adding a kitchen area, meeting room and bathrooms.
• June 8, 2000 - Rehearsals are in full swing for the Lamplighter Theatre production of "Oliver!" set for July 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

nial Auditorium in Staples.
"This is the most ambitious production we've ever done," said Margo Hoemberg, producer. "We have a large cast of both adults and children, and they all have to sing, dance and act. It is also a technically difficult production."
• June 8, 2000 - Tom Danculovich had a very good day on Saturday, May 20, scoring a hole in one at The Vintage Golf Course after limiting out on walleye earlier in the morning.
Danculovich, who was fishing and golfing with his wife's cousin, said it could only have been better if he could have golfed better on a few other holes.
The day started off for the two with fishing at Rush Lake. "We just nailed the walleye, getting our limit of 1-1/2 to 2 pounders. We loaded up the boat and by late afternoon we were back in Staples."

10 Years Ago - 2015

• June 4, 2015 - After 40 years of serving the community, on June 1, Dennis and Rayma Miller sold Miller True Value in Staples to Tom and Jayne Olson and Chris Etzler.
The Millers will remain at the store for a while, helping with the transition to the new owners. "We're excited that somebody local bought it," said Rayma.

Lakewood and Twin Cities Orthopedics to offer free sports physicals

Lakewood Health System and Twin Cities Orthopedics in Staples are once again partnering to offer free sports physicals to students on Tuesday, June 24. Appointments are available from 5 to 7 p.m. and will take approximately 10 minutes each. Appointments will take place at TCO Staples - Therapy, located at The Plaza (1210 Hwy 10 E), where students will get a first-hand, behind-the-

scenes look at the space when they arrive for their appointment.
Any student needing a provider-signed Minnesota State High School League form in order to participate in school sports is welcome to schedule an appointment. Slots are limited. To register, visit www.lakewood-healthsystem.com and click the sports physicals banner, or visit <https://bit.ly/4kx6YJH>



National Anthem sung

Deb Otteson, far right, led the crowd in singing the National Anthem at the Memorial Day program in Staples May 26. Also pictured, from left, are U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Rob Walters of Cherry Point, N.C., guest speaker; and Pastor Carl Larson, who gave the invocation. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Court report June 4

Long Prairie Police Department

Filipe Alejandro Bustos Estrada, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

MN Department of Natural Resources

Adam William Studniski, St. Joseph. Aquatic plant management-fail to have a permit. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Dale Lee Kemnitz, Detroit Lakes. Fail to yield right of way, making left turn. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Beverly Ann Oelrich, Eagle Bend. Fail to yield right of way stop signs/ blinking. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Paul Mark Altrichter, Rochester. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Tanya Jo Bakken, Wendall. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Cecilia Guadalupe Bellah, Tolna, ND. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Jeff Robert Boden, Cedar Springs, MI. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

James Robert Fearing, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40 Fee \$85.

Dakota J. Hanson, Brainerd. Speed 65/60, Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Joshua Silverius Hauer, Clarissa. Unsafe Equipment. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Brooklyn Paige Holmquist, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Giovanni Lopez Morales, Shakopee. Speed 95/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Takeymah McChristian, Firecrest, WA. Speed 86.70 Fine \$60 Fee \$85.

Daryl Ray Miller, Grove City. Unsafe lane usage on laned highway. Fine \$50 Fee \$85.

Michael Kielen Rethlake, Minneapolis. Speed 106/70, Fine \$150. Fee \$235.

Zyarre Shaunte Richards, Grand Forks, ND. No MN drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Kalvin Ruiz Gomez, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Roman Shtohryn, Calgary, AB. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Joseph Robert Steiner, Roseville. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Zachary Scott Thunselle, Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jason Darrel Vandenheuvel, Little Falls. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Steven Shane Weaver, Climate Falls, OR. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Laura Marie Witt, Pine River. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Osakis Police Department
James Aron Barber, Osakis. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Todd County
Marcderson Eliacink Browerville. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200.

Fee \$85.
Thomas John Gjerstad, Osakis. Open burning-violate ban, Fine \$100, Fee \$85.

Keith Alan Jares, Long Prairie. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Maria Montiel Herrera, Melrose. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Failure to drive in single lane. Fine \$50.

Charles Russell Sinclair, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County May 28, 2025.

John Alvin Hosen, Bigfork, MT. Over center line. Continued. Fine \$125. Fee \$75.

Kyle Thomas Frisk, Motley. 3rd degree refusal to test. Dismissed. 4th degree driving under the influence of alcohol. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 87 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$500. Fee \$100. Rear lamps. Dismissed.

Gary Urban Hommerding, Eagle Bend. 5th degree-possess Schedule 1, 2, 3, 4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Continued. Local confinement (11 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo days credit for time served: 11 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine \$500.

Scout Kassady Nathe, Sauk Centre. DWI 3-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 362 for 4 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Local confinement (15 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days for time served: 2 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr). Fine \$500. Fee \$75. Carrying pistol while under influence of alcohol-concentration 0.10 or more. Dismissed.

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

Garry Herman Kuhlmann, Grey Eagle. Driving after cancellation. Dismissed. Conditions met or expired. Supervised probation, 2 yr. Fine \$600. Fail to signal for turn. Dismissed. Rear lamps. Dismissed.

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

Edgar Omar Lopez Contreras, Sauk Centre. Garbage/trash/similar vehicle driver. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo. Fine \$60. Fee \$75.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 29, 1975 edition of the Staples World featured the eight members of the Class of 1976 who were initiated into the National Honor Society at Staples High school. From left are Sandi Hoemberg, Cheryl Sauer, Clark Dahl, Pam Seipkes, Kathy Lund, Karla Hill, Peggy Finn and Jane Olander.

Colleen (O'Keefe) Mayhew of Staples, a 1981

Staples High School grad, correctly identified all, as well as the context of the photo.

Brian Bates of Staples, and a 1976 Staples High School grad, recognized all of his classmates, mentioning that they were juniors at that time. Fellow classmate Annette (Schimpp) Wright of Staples recognized all, as well as the context. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

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Black bass, the perfect fish?

Coinciding with the arrival of Memorial Day weekend, Minnesota’s 2025 open season for black bass—largemouth and smallmouth—became general statewide; this, following a two-week catch-and-release period for most of the state that began May 10th.

Not that catch-and-release is an especially meaningful, or necessary, limitation, given the fact that so many who fish specifically for bass are catch-and-release minded, second only to musky anglers in their tendency toward that conservation practice. Gone are the days when the outdoors pages of local newspapers from May-to-September featured photos of bragging-size and thoroughly dead bass held aloft in front of bait shop backdrops. “Caught and released” is now routinely a phrase within the text beneath most such images, photos captured on the water.

If a generalization can be made, the smallmouth’s habitat preferences are reminiscent of its unrelated freshwater neighbor, the walleye. Consequently, smallmouth angling technique over much of the season is focused on subsurface presentations, likely to be over underwater humps,

bars, and points paved with gravel or boulders.

Of the two black bass subspecies, the largemouth is the more inclined to orient to shorelines and surface structure, including bulrush or cattail edges, lily pads, overhanging timber, and under the overhead protection provided by docks, swim rafts, and other such man-made “structure.” Their shallow water presence can be even more pronounced under low light conditions, such as at dawn and dusk.

It’s perhaps an oversimplification to say that this makes the largemouth the more catchable of the two bass subspecies, for a wider range of anglers. But as fraught as generalizations can be, it’s one that has more than a little merit. The largemouth, perhaps more than its smallmouth relative, is appealing to anglers for being both accessible and cooperative, under a wide range of circumstances.

The largemouth in a feeding mood is an aggressive fish, one outfitted by nature to prey on a long menu of aquatic and semi-aquatic creatures. These range from smaller fish, to frogs, crayfish, snakes, salamanders, and even young birds such as ducklings or baby loons. This is so because its eating apparatus is a set of jaws that—when in attack mode—open roughly as wide as its body’s circumference. “Jaws” may be an apt reference, recalling images of the 1970’s thriller of that name, whose villainous star was a great white shark.

If there is a “most thrill-

ing” angling technique, whatever the fish species might be, it is casting and retrieving top-water lures. More than most freshwater fish sought in Minnesota, the largemouth is inclined to attack lures fished on top or just under the surface. Feeling a sharp tug on your line beneath the surface is a very different sensation from seeing the water explode as a bass engulfs a lure you are retrieving.

It’s certainly true that a well-rounded bass fisherman has an arsenal of lures and techniques for searching out and catching bass both under the surface as well as on top. But it doesn’t take a formal poll to come to the conclusion that the electricity flowing through our own sensory apparatus is several notches higher when we can see—and sometimes hear—the water erupt around a lure fished on the surface. It’s been that way from the invention of the Arbogast Hula Popper in 1941, to the soft plastic Scum Frog of today. More often than not it’s a largemouth bass that is doing the erupting!

The range of anglers who target the largemouth bass is a further indication of its status as the near-perfect freshwater game fish. Especially during periods when it is feeding or orienting to shallow water structure the largemouth can be caught without deploying sophisticated angling electronics. That’s not to say that the angler equipped with and using a depth finder or scanning sonar won’t be more effective under a wider range of angling conditions. But

the largemouth can often be caught without reliance on it, right down to the youth fishing from grandpa’s dock. This makes the largemouth a game fish—trite as it may sound—of “the common man.”

At another point on the spectrum is tournament angling. There, at its highest levels, it’s is a big-money, high-profile proposition. And there can be no doubt that across the United States the number one tournament species is the largemouth bass, both in the number of tournaments held, and in the fame and fortune that await winners at the highest level. The bass is the star here, too.

Watercraft nomenclature has even been influenced by this fish, perhaps in tandem with the proliferation of these tournaments. “Bass boat” is a term we associate with the pursuit of this fish, even though these low-profile, decked boats equipped with platform seats are used for many kinds of angling.

Largemouth and smallmouth bass are also likely to be even more so the “fish of the future” for Minnesota anglers. Seasonal shifts toward warmer average temperatures and shorter periods of winter ice cover favor the bass, as evidenced by the fact that the number of Minnesota lakes with thriving bass populations is steadily increasing. Climate change is unquestionably a mixed-blessing prospect. But at least insofar as state fish populations are concerned, the black bass is likely to come out ahead.

So too, perhaps, will the bass fisherman.

Agritourism adds value to Minnesota farms

University of Minnesota Extension

Summer is a great time to make memories with friends and family outdoors, whether it’s picking berries, horseback riding, eating dinner on a pizza farm or attending a barn wedding. These and other on-farm activities are part of the growing agritourism industry.

Extension Educator DeeDee LeMier answers questions about the state of agritourism in Minnesota.

Q: What is agritourism?

LeMier: Agritourism is a fluid industry at the intersection of tourism and agriculture, and reflects common activities — entertainment, hospitality, direct sales, outdoor recreation and education — that are flexible to different life and farm stages.

Farmers new to agritourism may be surprised to find that it is a well-established international business sector. Farmers worldwide have found that tapping into tourism audiences allows them to meet their personal, business and family goals.

Q: How can agritourism help support farmers?

LeMier: Farmers have long been looking for ways to diversify their businesses to provide financial stability. Weather and economic conditions can make it hard

for farmers to plan for the future. Beyond financial stability, changes in farming practices and community demographics have led to increased social isolation. Agritourism provides a range of opportunities for farmers to diversify their operations. For example, some livestock producers host on-farm events, like farm-to-table dinners, for their customers. Others may develop creative activities like corn mazes to provide community connection.

There are important considerations to make whether farmers are interested in year-round projects or small-scale trials. Resources developed by University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Grown, Explore Minnesota and other partners provide key tools for addressing on-farm safety, liability insurance, and marketing resources for farmers interested in adding agritourism to their business.

Q: How does agritourism impact Minnesota’s economy?

LeMier: As an emerging sector in Minnesota, the full economic impact is not yet well understood. According to the Agricultural Census, 3,862 of Minnesota’s 68,822 farms offer direct sales or agritourism, and about 25% of those farms made less

than \$10,000 from these efforts. But economic impact is about more than just receipts or profits. Beyond direct transactions, like produce sales or apple orchard admission, we should account for visitors who stop for gas, dine out or stay overnight in the area.

One far-reaching impact is the Minnesota State Fair, where people travel from around the country to see a variety of agricultural exhibits and experiences. In the most recent annual report, the economic impact was estimated at \$300 million. While this is undoubtedly the largest single agritourism event in the state each year, it is also a great example of how the success of the fair has direct impacts on farmers who grow food for the event and compete for recognition to help promote their businesses.

Q: How can people support agritourism in their communities?

LeMier: You can support agritourism through direct sales, events and activities. The creativity in the sector is incredible — goat yoga, anyone? — and there are so many opportunities to learn more about your community and connect to others with similar interests.

Supporting farmers in your area by purchasing their products and attend-

ing their events is always encouraged. Groups and organizations can support farms by organizing visits, and schools and restaurants can source local foods. Community organizations such as chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus, and small business support organizations are encouraged to include agritourism businesses in their efforts.

If you aren’t sure where to start, visit the Minnesota Grown directory website at minnesotagrown.com. It is a great resource for finding events, farmers markets and “u-pick” farms in your area.

Q: What University of Minnesota resources are there to explore agritourism?

LeMier: University of Minnesota Extension has a wide range of resources, and anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to visit z.umn.edu/agritourism for more on how to plan for and promote agritourism. If you want to dig in further, a new business planning tool is available at agplan.umn.edu. This free resource guides users through developing an agritourism-specific business plan to share with business partners and other stakeholders.

Letters to the Editor

Urban deforestation

As a former member and sometimes chair of the City of Staples Forestry and Beautification Board, I read the article in the Staples World of May 21, about the removal of all of the shade trees along North Fourth Street with much concern. The stated reason was for the improvement of city infrastructure (presumably water and sewer mains under the street).

Traditionally, that infrastructure has been installed under the middle of the street (maybe to provide easiest access for service lines to both sides of the street) and has not required boulevard tree removal.

The “FAB” board was established to work for the improvement of city living through the beautification of public spaces. A large part of those efforts was the planting, pruning and maintenance of shade trees on street boulevards and in other public spaces. Thousands of volunteer hours, paid city employee hours

and taxpayer dollars went into the planting of thousands of shade trees in the city.

Those efforts resulted in Staples being recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation As a Tree City for many consecutive years (the requirements for Tree City designation may be found on the Foundation’s website).

The trees along Fourth Street have now become well established and provide a pleasant view and experience that will only get better if they are allowed to mature. The wholesale removal of them seems to me to be a terrible waste and a callous refutation of the dedicated efforts of a lot of people, many of whom are no longer with us and unable to protest. It seems those trees have become nothing more than an impediment to someone’s vision of “progress”. If you care, let the mayor and city council know before the chain saws are turned loose. Thank you.

Ken Klose
Staples, Minn.

Tree removal plan reverses community vision

We read with more than passing interest the Staples World article on the recent Staples City Council meeting in which the city’s engineer announced that all boulevard trees along Fourth Street will be removed during the upcoming reconstruction of Fourth Street.

On May 5-6, 1993, 140 trees were planted on 4th Street by volunteer members of the Staples Forestry and Beautification, or Tree Board. We very strongly suggest that those trees should be saved in place.

Our city engineer, his crews and the contractor and his workers and equipment can work around them.

In all the street reconstruction done in Staples from 1985 to 1989 (Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth Streets,) plus most if not all the Southside street

rebuilding, any new city water or sewer pipes were installed roughly in the center of the streets. Likewise the Highway 10 Turnback project along Second Avenue,

What has changed? Are they planning to install new pipes under the boulevards?

Some say trees cause sidewalk damage. Yes that has happened. But those same trees bring us beautiful scenery in spring, summer and especially fall. They even look great in the middle of winter. Without trees along either side, how many of us will drive or walk the new Fourth Street in the fall of 2027 or later and say, “Wow, this is a beautiful new street.”

Those Fourth Street trees were planted, pruned and cared for by some very fine folks. Most of those have passed away. A few are still living and I hope they and others will speak up and come to the next city council meeting to tell the council we want to keep our tree-lined streets.

Tom Crawford
Staples, Minn.



Community tree planting

May, 1993 - Glynn Kaste and Ray Gildow plant one of the trees along Fourth Street in Staples. Other volunteers and members of the city’s Forestry and Beautification Board are seen planting in the background. (Staples World photo from 1993)

Quote of the week

“If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people.”
— Confucius.

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Staples-Motley Middle School honor roll

Staples-Motley Middle School recently announced the Second Quarter honor roll for 2024-25.

A Honor Roll

Grade 8
Waylen Anderson, Chloe Badger, Logan Bendson, Garrett Bjerga, Eli Bounds, Millinda DeWald, Jessica Dukowitz, Elaina Elfstrum, Brock Graton, Lexa Graves, Airen Gutknecht, Preston Hange, Aleea Holst, Ella Judd, Kennedy Judd, Caleb Kopp, Aubrey Lang, Levi Larson, Alex Leach, Olivia Lynch, Roxy Mertens, Rylee Mevissen, Hudson Nanik, Evah Noska, Jackson Odden, Kaylee Perius, Taylee Reese, Nadia Santos, John Schotzko, Daniel Sturm-Hughes, Cooper Tappe, Ryder Thompson.

Grade 7
Tenley Bartylla, Tucker Baumgartner, Caleb Bestland, Easton Bitzer, Lily Brichacek, Maxx Carlson, Naudia Djuren, Layla Dumpprope, Mari'vel Duran, Kelsey Elfstrum, Katelyn Erickson, Gemma Fairbanks, Maggie Grunewald, Danielle Hanson, Piper Hanson, Meredith Hoemberg, Aubree Hove, Annabella Hurtig, Arthur Keplin, Zeva Kriesel, Aubrey Lund, Ryan Macheel, Lucille Maros, McKinley McGuiness, Llana Michel, Berkley Nelson, Nathan Nelson, Nora Nelson, Payton Nelson, Charlie Noska, Nyah Noska, Carter Odden, Benjamin Rutten, Chadia Schultz, Alexander Tkalcich, Elise Trif, Aubrey Vogle, Jocelyn Vogt, Joshua Winter, Madison Zetah, Landon Ziegler.

Grade 6
Everett Allen, Phaedra Arndt, Paislee Boozell, Ashlynn Borntrager, Kamryn

Brenna, Katherine Hoppe, Lukas Jares, Ryleigh Johnson, Mia Kriesel, Elizabeth Kroll, Reed Leach, Zane Leach, Timothy Lind, Abbie Lucas, Isaac Norring, Alexis Odden, Breydi Orozco, Andromeda Smith, Camrik Tappe, Jayden Wilson, Corey Wojciechowski.

Grade 5
Emily Beard, Danni Borash, Kaiya Brenna, Isaiah Detloff, Adalynn Dewald, Charlee Dukowitz, Hugo Ellingsen, Tyler Fraundorfer, Eva Greenwaldt, Willow Hines, Adaline Hogate, Kayd Ingersoll, Dakota Karjala, Brekken Kuhns, Andrew Larsen, Evan Lehner, Elliana Mumm, Leah Nelson, Jace Odden, Robert Owen, Jr., Ava Roline, Roman Ross-Sullivan, Tristan Samborski, Benjamin Santos, Bennett Sonenstahl, Dominic Thiede, Reese Thompson, Zara Vogel, Anna Warner, Annika Weber, Jayce Wilson, Derek Zimmerman.

B Honor Roll

Grade 8
Jackson Alexander, Hayden Anderson, Isaac Cole, Elliot DiGiovanni, Gabriel Gibson, Brayden Granby, Michael Hinson, Hannah Holker, Liam Jennissen, Michael Jewison, Raylan Laney, William Lange, Julia Linehan, Jack Lundquist, Cameron Martin, David McKenna, Abby Miller, Anthony Mitchell, Tristan Moore, Lee Morrison, Cayden Neisen, Vanessa Nelson, Chord Pagel, Mikaela Pesta, Jacob Reeck, Evan Richards, Jayden Rogers, Owen Roline, Alexis Schwegel, Isabella Schwegel, Sawyer Story, Ayden Wickham-Pirnie, Henry Zimmerman.

Grade 7
Alivia Bingham, Jackson Bitzer, Emma Borash, Kiera Chenoweth, Braxton Cherry, Odin Davis, Mya Dobson, Natalie Dumpprope, Patrick Eckert, Blake Hafften, Logan Hoggatt, Addyson Holst, Matthew Jewison, Ryker Karjala, Lalonie Kenyon, Bentley Lahr, Brielle Mevissen, Christopher Mikhaeil, Blake Mongan, Brayden Moore, Levi Mumm, Kianorose Nobles, Angelina Paklonsky, Kade Potter, Braydon Pruitt, Leiten Rychner, Brennen Sonenstahl, Benjamin Stevens, Aubrey Suomi, Lydia Tkalcich, Tayden Weite, Christian Winter, Kaiden Wirtjes, Abiri Ziegler.

Grade 6
Evan Alexander, Malakai Bestland, Nakoda Church, Kalliemae Corey, Kaitlynn Dahlvang, Tyler Daly, Charles Davis, Nevaeh Elifrits, Brooke Georges, Talia Graves, Harrison Grunewald, Nathan Huwe, Logan Jares, Savannah Kirby, Rylan Kuhns, Lane Laney, Taylin Lind, Charlie Maros, Beckett Messer, Maddy Michael, Matthew Michel, Lylianne Nurnberger, Alexandria Pearson, Ryker Pesta, Serenity Scharen, Parker Sharpe, Taija Shequen, Makenna Warner, Anna Zolotoryova.

Grade 5
Preston Caldwell, Payton Church, Junior Converse, Emma Dumpprope, Jackson Elifrits, Raquel Johnson, Gustavo Lozano, Aurora Lydeen, Grayson McKenna, Libby Mumm, Lillith Orr, Cadence Pruitt, Connor Reck, Camden Sirucek, Shay Sturm-Hughes, Austin Thomson, Carson Vargas, Ryker Weite, Axel Young.



Lunch at Leader Community Hall

A number of people stopped by the Leader Community Hall on Memorial Day, following the program at Poplar Cemetery. The meal was hosted by the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club, the same group that's maintained the cemetery for 99 years. Pictured below, from left, are Tanya (Michalson) Sale and Jim Sale, St. Michael; Scott Michalson, Motley; Janine (Boldan) Wells, Leader; Linda Michalson, Motley; Loreli

(Hulett) Alexander and Harley Alexander, Prior Lake; and siblings Logan Michalson, Selena Michalson, Marissa Michalson, all of Motley, whose late grandfather, Army Veteran Tom Michalson, was remembered at area Memorial Day programs that day. The grandchildren shared readings at the Poplar Cemetery program, and Marissa sang the National Anthem. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Wiegand writes second novel

Elaine Wiegand's second novel is out now, titled "Death of a Ranger." Following is from a description of the book.
"He took an oath to protect the forest—until betrayal buried him beneath it.
Tom Starry was ev-

erything a Forest Ranger should be: loyal, brave, and devoted to the land and the people he served. But when he uncovers a dangerous secret buried deep in Minnesota's woods, a secret that ties back to those he trusted most, his life is cut tragical-

ly short.
A powerful blend of crime, family, and survival, 'Death of a Ranger' asks one haunting question: How far would you go to protect the ones you love, even after they're gone?"

Free meal June 11 for senior citizens

At Staples Community Center

Blandin Boost Grant will be hosting a free lasagna dinner for senior citizens 55-plus on Wednesday, June 11, at the Staples Community Center from 5 - 8 p.m.. Dinner will consist of lasagna, salad, breadstick, coffee and water. Limited amount of seating for up to 70 people.
For reservations, contact Dayna Mertens at 218-296-

3741. The Staples Community Center is located at 425 4th St. NE, Staples.
Entertainment will be provided by the Tim Cline band.
Funding is provided by the Blandin Boost Grant of Todd County Community Action (TCCA) in support of the Hilltop Square project.

Motley Free Methodist COMMUNITY PICNIC

FOOD Fellowship FUN

JUNE 11, July 9, & AUGUST 13, 2025 @ 5 PM

CONVERSE PARK

Mark Your Calendar

June 5
'WALK WITH A DOC' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lake-wood 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>

June 6
WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

June 8
CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

June 10
EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

June 11
FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC - SPONSORED BY MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH Wednesday, June 11, 5 p.m., at Converse Park in Motley. Food, live music and games.

June 14
MOTLEY'S JUNE FEST will be held Saturday, June 14, beginning at 8 a.m. with a run/walk, and concluding at dusk with fireworks. This event is being held in conjunction with the Motley Fair, with activities planned at Converse Park and the fairgrounds.

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Formal 655 Hydro 6 cyl., diesel, back times like new, 5,153 hrs., well maintained, runs great, wide front	New Holland 1465, nice, like new, 9 ft.	New Holland 352 grinder mixer, in shed	New Holland 855 big round baler, roller chain
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Mark and his dog Diggs of Glenwood enjoyed a drive in their 1969 Pontiac GTO on Memorial Day, May 26. They stopped off at Ernie's Grocery in Staples while Mark's wife, Verlee picked up a few things and then headed back out to Hwy 10 to enjoy the rest of their holiday weekend drive. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Memorial Day ride



Obituaries

Yvonne (Bunner) Wilson

Yvonne (Bunner) Wilson, 88, of Staples passed away June 1, 2025.
Services will be held at a later date.
Arrangements are by the Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

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Marilyn Tyrrell

Marilyn Tyrrell, 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 1, 2025, at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home in Brainerd. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Marilyn was born August 7, 1942, to Orville and Clarice (Lerbakken) Sundsrud in Wildrose, North Dakota. At the age of 15, she moved to Staples, where she graduated from Staples High School. It was there she met her high school sweetheart, David Tyrrell. The two were married on June 17, 1962, and shared 62 wonderful years together.

A woman of remarkable drive and creativity, Marilyn spent many years owning and operating a local florist shop. Her entrepreneurial spirit led her to also open a fabric shop, work at Batcher's Department Store and waitress - all with dedication and a personal touch that made her a cherished presence in the community.

Marilyn found great joy in time spent with family, chatting with friends, shop-



ping and traveling with David. Together, they visited nearly all 50 states and made a memorable trip to Norway.

Marilyn is survived by her loving husband, David Tyrrell; one son, Neil Tyrrell; one daughter, Collette (Roger) Knoll; four grandchildren, September (Christopher) Dehen, Kandace (Aaron) Weise, Jessica Knoll and Taylor Tyrrell; six great-grandchildren, Hunter, Connor and Tanner Dehen and Aubree, Brielle and Ellie Weise; one sister, Beverly (Donald) Gaalswyk and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter and one sister, Geraldine Sundsrud.

Arrangements are with Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home.

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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.....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

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Pastor Carl Larson
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.

Cushing Baptist

1354 320th Street, 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 Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church

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

Hope Chapel Alliance

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

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

Verndale United Methodist

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

Central Community Church

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

St. Frederick Catholic Church

20 Mason Avenue NW
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
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township

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

Wadena

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

"Refreshing!"

By Pastor Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

A glass of ice cold lemonade on a 90 degree afternoon...ah, refreshing. A cup of hot chocolate on a drizzly, windy 40 degree evening...ah, comforting. That's been our Minnesota May...if you don't like the weather...wait ten minutes.

Jesus used extreme temperatures to describe His ideal followers...hot and cold.

Revelation 3:15-16 reads, "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."

Lukewarm is not so desirable. I tend to agree. A lukewarm cup of coffee...yuck...get me a microwave. A lukewarm glass of cool-aid...boring...get me some ice cubes.

In our spiritual journey, God desires us to be fully engaged. God really, really, really wants us to be engaged. And just like a mouthful of lukewarm coffee...He will spit us out. Pretty forceful words to indicate just how strongly He feels about this. God really wants us to participate "on earth as it is in heaven."

Some read the "hot or cold" reference to mean

that God desires us to be "hot" in our faith...really faithful or "cold" in our faith...not faithful at all. The thinking is that the "cold" are more easily persuaded to follow Jesus.

I have trouble with the idea that God desires His people to be "cold" toward Him.

I'm of the opinion that hot and cold are both great. The clear reference to hot and cold water is a reference to how comforting a hot beverage can be on a cold day and how refreshing a cool beverage can be on a hot day. In other words, God desires us to impact our world in the circumstances around us. "I know your works" the text says. He's talking about what we do as children of God. He desires us to be a positive influence on those around us. He has created us for a purpose and that purpose is noticeable and that purpose is beneficial. He has not created us for a lukewarm faith.

Some of us are hot chocolate and some of us are lemonade...comfort and refresh others for the kingdom of God.

Peace.

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High level speed contest

Avandre Brandt bursts between the two leaders halfway through the 200 meter dash, before catching them by the finish line. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals sending six to state track and field

The Staples-Motley track and field team is sending six athletes to the Minnesota State Track and Field meet, two of them in multiple events.

Girls athletes heading to state are Audrey Brownell in the 800 and 1,600 meter runs, and Kyanna Burton in the 3,200.

Boys athletes headed to state are Avandre Brandt in the 200, long jump and high jump, Sawyer Ferdon in the triple jump, Noah Larson in the 110 hurdles and Turner Beachy in the pole vault.

Brownell took the lead on the first lap in the 1,600 meter run and finished strong for a clear victory. In the 800, she relaxed on the first lap, then crushed her second lap with a 1:06 split.

Burton took the lead in the 3,200 with two laps to go and cruised to the victory. She also ran the 1,600 and was three seconds from qualifying for state, but finished in fifth place.

Brandt set personal bests in all his events. In the 200 meter dash, he had a fast start and emerged from the turn with a slight lead that he extend in the final 100 meters for the win. In the high jump, he cleared 6'2" amid a swirling wind to tie for first place. In the long jump, a slight tail wind helped some of the jumps and Brandt made it to state by surpassing the state qualifying standard.

Beachy was unmatched in the pole vault, clearing his first three attempts at 11'10, 12'10 and 13'4. After clearing the bar at 13'10 on his second attempt, no

other competitor was left so Beachy moved the bar to 14'5" but just missed on his three attempts there.

Conner Kuhns placed third in the pole vault, one spot away from going to state. He made three good attempts at the state qualifying standard of 12'10", but knocked the bar off on each one.

Larson continued his impressive season the 110 high hurdles, keeping his steps all the way through and finishing strong for second place and a trip to state.

Ferdon blasted his second attempt in the triple jump, setting a personal best by clearing 43 feet for the first time, which passed the state qualifying mark. He improved that on his fourth attempt, leaping into second place on the school's all-time list with a 43'6.75" jump.

In the team scoring, the boys finished fifth, with a good mix of points coming from field events and track events. Despite three titles, the Cardinal girls ended in ninth place in the team standings. They had a couple of athletes who did not compete due to absence. Shot putter Cami Anderson was a potential top four finisher, but had an injury and could not compete.

Boys results

Section 6A

Pelican Rapids 85.33, Sauk Centre 81, Osakis 80, Minnewaska 69.33, Staples-Motley 67, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 67, Pillager 35, Breckenridge 31.5, Wadena-Deer Creek 31, Ottertail Central 30, Rothsay 25, Border West 19.33, Frazee 18,

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 15.5, Pkne River-Backus 14, West Central Area 12, United North Central 10, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy 6, Parkers Prairie 5, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 4, Barnesville 2

110 hurdles - 2. Noah Larson 17.19, 11. Gavin Chenoweth 19.57

200 - 1. Avandre Brandt 23.06
300 hurdles - 14. Larson 47.05
800 - 7. Logan Robben 2:10
1,600 - 12. Blaine Plattner 5:15

3,200 - 11. Plattner 11:38
4x200 - 3. Benet Robinson, L. Robben, Blake Neelan, Brandt 1:33.80

4x400 - 7. Robinson, Sawyer Ferdon, Dillon Robben, L. Robben 3:48

High jump - 1. Brandt 6'2"
Long jump - 3. Brandt 21'8.5", 10. Robinson 19'3.75"

Pole vault - 1. Turner Beachy 13'10", 3. Conner Kuhns 12'4"
Shot put - 9. Steven Petrich 39'10"

Triple jump - 2. Ferdon 43'6.75", 14. Kuhns 35'8.75"

Girls results

Section 6A

Barnesville 63, Pelican Rapids 58, Minnewaska 52.5, Border West 50, Osakis 43, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 43, Frazee 43, Ottertail Central 42.5, Staples-Motley 35, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 32, Pillager 29, Browerville 28, Sauk Centre 27, United North Central 27, Wadena-Deer Creek 26, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 23, Parkers Prairie 21, West Central Area 15, Breckenridge 14, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy 13, Pine River-Backus 12, New York Mills 5

100 - 11. Sophie Luna 13.58, 16. Corinne Olson 13.79

800 - 1. Audrey Brownell 2:19
1,600 - 1. Brownell 5:06, 5. Kyanna Burton 5:24

3,200 - 1. Burton 11:49, 13. Aleea Holst - 13:05

Pole vault - 8. Tamara Strelt 7'7"

Cardinal golf teams shooting low scores

The Staples-Motley girls and boys golf teams were playing their best golf of the season as they prepared for the Section 6AA meet.

The girls had all six players shoot well in their final regular season meet at Wapicada Golf Club in Sauk Rapids on May 27, hitting one of their lowest team scores of the season.

The boys golf team also had low scores in their final regular season meet, May 28 at Craguns Legacy in Brainerd. They won the meet without one of their top golfers.

In the girls meet, Walker Johnson scored three pars and had 10 bogeys for a consistent round. Katelyn Schotzko scored five pars, but had two bad holes that pushed her score up. Mara Uselman, Brooklyn Winter and Sara Kroll were the next team scorers and Molly Homeberg was right with them.

In the boys meet, Carter White destroyed the Cra-

seven birdies in 18 holes. He finished five under par for the individual win.

Peyton Mithun had an early double bogey, then rattled off six straight pars, followed by a birdie. He had another birdie and five pars on his next nine holes to finish four over par for the round at 74. Jackson White also had two birdies in a round of 76.

Without Grant Bestland at the meet, Thomas Johnson stepped up to be the fourth scorer. His first nine holes included a birdie but he also had three double bogeys. He settled in on his second nine with six straight pars to finish with a score of 80. Jaden Johnson also played well with a birdie and four pars.

The Cardinals won the meet as a team, by three strokes. Most of the top section teams were at this meet, so Staples-Motley is still the favorite to go to state, but with so many good teams it will be close

played Monday, June 2 and Tuesday, June 3 at Blackberry Ridge in Sartell.

Team results

Girls meet

St. Cloud Cathedral Invite at Wapicada Golf Club, Sauk Rapids

Albany 368, Melrose 379, Pierz 384, Milaca 390, St. Cloud Cathedral 401, Staples-Motley 413, Sauk Centre 439, Zimmerman 455, Foley 465, Royalton inc., Wadena-Deer Creek inc.

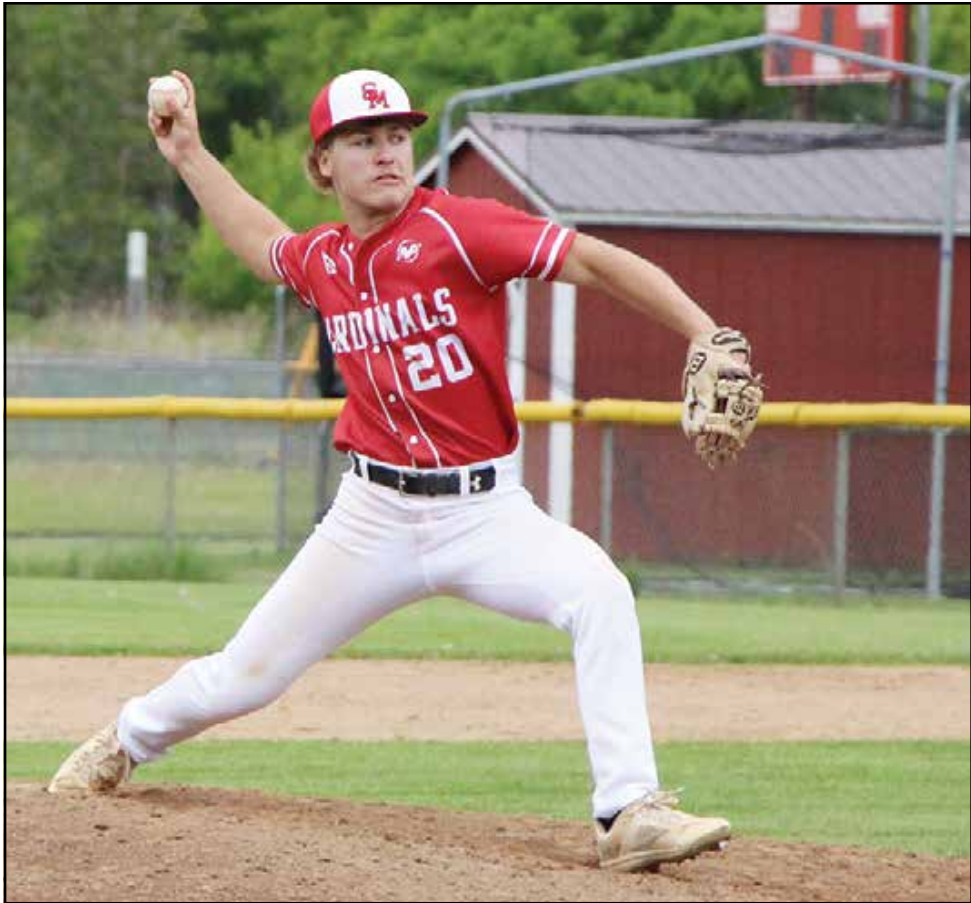
10. Walker Johnson 94, 17. Katelyn Schotzko 97, 38. Mara Uselman 110, 41. Brooklyn Winter 112, 41. Sarah Kroll 112, 44. Molly Hoemberg 113

Boys meet

At Craguns Legacy, Brainerd

Staples-Motley 295, Pequot Lakes 298, Albany 299, Little Falls 302, St. Cloud Cathedral 307, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 321, Pierz 329, Melrose 333, Sauk Centre 339, Milaca 340, Foley 350, Pillager 358, Osakis 378, Royalton 378, Wadena-Deer Creek inc.

1. Carter White 65, 6. Peyton Mithun 74, 11. Jackson White 76, 24. Thomas Johnson 80, 49. Jaden Johnson 86



Winning pitcher for playoff game

Ben Tyrrell started on the mound for the Staples-Motley playoff run. He pitched all seven innings for the win. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals win with bunts, steals and hits

The Staples-Motley baseball team won by playing small ball, lost a pitching duel, then won by getting big hits in their first three playoff games, keeping them alive to play in the second week of the Section 6AA playoffs.

The Cardinals beat Melrose 8-5 on May 27, lost a one-run game to second seed Royalton 4-3 on May 28, then came back to knock Wadena-Deer Creek out of the playoffs with a 15-5 win on May 29.

The Cardinals advanced to face Albany in a game played Monday, June 2, after this newspaper went to print.

In the opening round against Melrose, the Cardinals fell behind early 2-0, but tied it up in the third inning on a hit by Beau Carlson, walk by Elijah Kossan and bunt hit by Jack Carlson. Cooper Tappe hit one run in and Kossan scored on a passed ball. Colbe Tappe and Kris Taylor walked to load the bases again, then Hayden Rutherford and Silas Klaussen each had bunt hits tp, ale tje scpre 4-2. Ben Tyrrell walked for an RBI and Beau Carlson got

back up to hit a sacrifice fly to put the Cardinals up 6-2.

Melrose got one back in the fourth, but the Cardinals used baserunning to score two in their half. Colbe Tappe hit a single then stole second and got to third on a passed ball. Taylor walked and took second on a double steal, with Tappe scoring on the throw to second. They did the same thing when Rutherford got a hit, sending Taylor to third, then the double steal left both runners safe and one run.

With an 8-3 lead, Ben Tyrrell had pitched out of a couple of jams. In the sixth inning, he had three quick outs, a grounder and two pop flies. But in the seventh, Melrose loaded the bases with three straight hits. They scored on a sacrifice and another hit, but Klaussen pulled in a fly ball for an out and Jack Carlson caught a couple of groundouts to end the game with an 8-5 win.

In the second round against Royalton, Cooper Tappe was in a pitcher's dual with the Royalton team. The Cardinals fell behind 3-1, but tied it in the



Jack Carlson puts down a bunt.

seventh inning. But they never got another chance because Royalton scored in the bottom of the seventh to win the game 4-3.

After winning with bunts and baserunning in their first game, Staples-Motley unleashed their bats in a 15-5 win over Wadena-Deer Creek in the next round. Taylor lead the onslaught with five RBI and the team ended the game early with such a big lead.



Kris Taylor slides in to score after beating the throw on a double steal.



Pickleball courts open in Staples

The new pickleball courts in Staples are installed and ready for players. The project is scheduled for Thursday, June



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Signature: Jennifer B. Klecker

Date: 05/22/2025

Name and title: Jennifer Klecker, Attorney

Email address for Official Notices: gary@mfu.org

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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: July 31, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$92,857.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joel Ambriz Carrillo, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 3, 2015 as Document Number 495310 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on September 10, 2019 as Document Number A515937 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East One Hundred Sixty-Five (165) feet of the South Seventy-six (76) feet of the North Eighty (80) feet of Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Budgett's First Addition to the Village of Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 215 6TH ST SE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$80,064.88

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0077000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100312-0001250034-1

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 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 12, 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: May 05, 2025

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Alexa Marsh, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (25-0371-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 21-26pnc

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES ORDINANCE NO. 556 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF PLEASANT AVE NE, BETWEEN 2ND ST NE AND 3RD ST NE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAPLES ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Staples, Todd County, Minnesota, has authorized vacation of the following described alley pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 412.851 and the Charter:

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

SECTION 2. Effective Date. The ordinance and vacation becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted this 27th day of May, 2025.

Tara Greer, Clerk City of Staples 24pnc

NOTICE STAPLES - MOTLEY ISD #2170 Staples, Minnesota

INVITATION FOR BIDS MILK AND RELATED DAIRY PRODUCTS

1. 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 2025-2026 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.

2. Sealed bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent no later than June 11, 2025 at 4:00 o'clock p.m. at which time the bids will be opened and tabulated.

3. On June 23, 2025 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, 2025.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 Staples, Minnesota

Sherry Frisk, Clerk 23-24pnc

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Audience appreciation for the Class of 2025

The audience rises as the Staples-Motley Class of 2025 is led into The Nest by Heidi Zimmerman and Jade Story, the two student speakers for the ceremony. Be-

low, graduates accept their diplomas from Staples-Motley School Board members Mary Freeman and Sherry Miller-Frisk. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Dillan Robben



Marissa Heifort



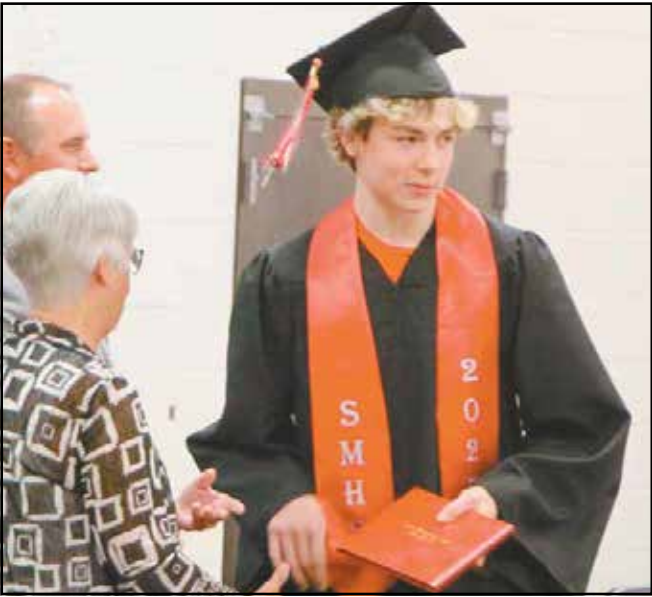
Sawyer Ferdon with his mother Debbie Ferdon



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Autumn Smith



Corinne Olson with her grandmother Sherry Frisk



Jackson Braith



Jaden Johnson





Baseball team celebrates Memorial Day weekend with military appreciation

Staples-Motley baseball team hosted a military appreciation day on May 23, rescheduled from the May 20 game that was rained out. The Motley American Legion Post 124 brought out the flag presentation as veterans in the audience were invited onto the field for the National Anthem and a medley of military anthems. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Veteran Ron Starke throws out first pitch on military appreciation day

As part of military appreciation day, Ron Starke of the Motley American Legion threw out the first pitch. Pictured above right, Staples-Motley catcher Colbe Tappe walks Starke out to the pitcher's mound. Left, Stark throws one down the middle of the plate. Right, Starke waves to the cheering crowd. Below right, Tappe comes to congratulate the veteran. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Fan-friendly baseball on Memorial Day weekend

Warm weather on May 23 allowed Staples-Motley Elementary School students to attend the early afternoon baseball game. Above, one class watches from behind

the fence. Later in the game, below, a large contingent of high school students lined the fence to cheer the team to a victory. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Cords and Awards for top GPA graduates

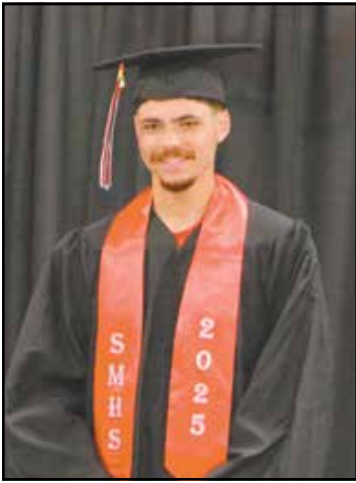
The Staples-Motley Cords and Awards ceremony gave special cords for Students earning Distinctive Honors for the highest GPA, front row from left, Olivia Ophem, Logan Robben, Bennet Robinson, Miranda Schotzko,

Jade Story, Lilly Tyrrell and Heidi Zimmerman; back row, Jack Carlson, Laken Hines, Sawyer Ferdon, Ellen Lange, Oliviah Lorber, Jessica Lundquist, Axel Mertens, Peyton Mithun and Corinne Olson.



Top GPA awarded

The school gave medals to the top grade point average earners at the Cords and Awards ceremony. Above, Miranda Schotzko, Jade Story and Heidi Zimmerman all earned a 4.0 GPA. Right, Sawyer Ferdon was next at 3.96.



Highest honors at Cords and Awards

Silver cords went to the next group, Highest Honors students. From left, Kattera Barnhart, Grant Bestland, Jaden Johnson, Marissa Heifort, Steven Petrich,

Alexander Schultz, Israel Ritter, Skyler Self, Kristofer Taylor, Ben Tyrrell.



Staff recognition

School Social Worker Maggie Borg was honored at Cords and Awards with the Staff Member of the Year recognition, based on recommendations from the students. Pictured, Borg gets her award and is applauded by Dean of Students Kari Sarych and School Counselor Steve Jennissen.



Honors students at Cords and Awards

Silver cords went to the next group, Highest Honors students. Front row from left, Kierra Zivkovic, Jamie Weinandt, Logan Samborski, Hayden Rutherford, Dillan Robben; back row, Sophie Albie Jacob Becker, Gavin

Chenoweth, Dustin Converse, Drake Dukowitz, Elizabeth Larimer, Dylan Lawrence, Naila Mikhaeil and Brian Mitchell.



Embarking on military careers

The Class of 2025 gave a standing ovation to four members going into the military at the Cords and Awards ceremony. From left, Arabella Moore, going into the Air

Force, Kaylee Eckel, going into the Army, and Jaden Radermacher and Skyler Self, going into the Army National Guard.



Music for senior class

The Staples-Motley orchestra performed at Cords and Awards, left and above.



Graduation 2025 - going in as high school students, coming out as graduates



Jaden Johnson and Steven Petrich



Wyatt Berg and Sawyer Ferdon



Olivia Lorber and Peyton Mithun



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Connecting with friends

Following the Memorial Day Program at All Veteran’s Park in Staples, people spent time visiting with others in attendance. Pictured above, from left, are Navy Veterans Lee Jenkins, Staples, and Loren Morey, Motley; and metal sculptor Jeff Kreitz of Pequot Lakes, who designed the eagle statue and bell tower at the park. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Post program visiting

Friends and families enjoyed chatting after the Memorial Day program at the All Veterans Park in Staples May 26. Pictured, from left, are Gene Mattila, Sharon Swenson, Bob Swenson and Lisa Boie, all of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Love those Dilly Bars!

The Mertens siblings from Staples enjoyed eating Dilly Bars after the Memorial Day program in Staples. The free treats were furnished by the Staples DQ. Pictured, from left, are Autumn, Owen, Oliver, Edwin and Allis Mertens. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Over 200 people recited the Pledge of Allegiance at the Memorial Day program in Staples May 26, held at the All Veterans Park. It was one of the largest crowds ever at the park, according to reports from members of the park board. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)