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Safe at home Above, Staples-Motley softball players are protected in their new dugout siding at their home game on April 9. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

TCDC dinner celebrates 14 years with Utech

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Todd County Development Corporation (TCDC) held a dinner on April 11 at the Browerville Community Center, to recap the past year of development in Todd County and to acknowledge TCDC Executive Director Rick Utech's retirement.

TCDC is a non-profit that has operated in Todd County for 34 years.

Utech's last day as director will be May 8, he said. Also in attendance was Melissa Wyman, who will replace Utech. Wyman is currently the City of Staples Economic Development Director.

In 14 years at TCDC, Utech created the TCDC Revolving Loan Fund, developed a Small Business Development Center, assisted in lending $5,12,400 dollars to county businesses, leveraged more than $24,590,000 of business investment and facilited more than $1,800,000 in COVID 19 grants to local businesses and non-profits. Utech provided 1,643 hours of SBDC assistance and 1,323 hours of other technical assistance to businesses, organizations and non-profits.

TCDC statistics for 2023

See **TCDC** on page 12a



Retirement plaque

Todd County Development Corporation Board Chair Jim Lunemann and Rick Utech, TCDC Executive Director, look at the plaque presented to Utech for his upcoming retirement. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Community urged to promote rural success

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

"If small towns are dying, why can't I find a house to buy in my town?"

That quote from Ben Winchester sums up two major issues facing rural communities. First, rural communities are suffering from stereotypes that they are dying when they are actually thriving in many instances. Second, the main problem preventing more growth is housing.

Winchester, Extension Educator from the Center for Small Towns at the University of Minnesota-Morris, spoke about rural communities at the Todd County Development Corporation's annual dinner on April 11 at the Browerville Community Center.

Winchester presented statistics showing that many people want to move to rural towns, they just can't find a place to live that fits their needs.

"We don't have a worker shortage, we have a housing shortage," said Winchester.

One of the main causes of the housing shortage is that senior citizens are living in their homes longer than previous generations.

"You have plenty of workforce housing, it's just occupied by seniors," said Winchester.

In the next 10 to 15 years, a large percentage of them

See **WINCHESTER** on page 12a



Rural brain gain

Ben Winchester, UMN Extension Educator, talks about the Rural Brain Gain, using statistics to show that rural areas are doing well and that the old narrative of dying towns simply isn't true. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

2024
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 17	51	33	Showers
Apr. 18	38	27	Cloudy
Apr. 19	42	25	Cloudy
Apr. 20	48	29	P. Cloudy
Apr. 21	56	34	M. Sunny
Apr. 22	62	39	M. Sunny
Apr. 23	65	42	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 17	48°	29	Sunny
Apr. 18	52	25	M. Sunny
Apr. 19	41	35	Rain
Apr. 20	34	33	Rain
Apr. 21	47	27	Showers
Apr. 22	35	27	P. Sunny
Apr. 23	43	24	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 57° Low = 36°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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H. Lyle Jones
Marjorie Miller
Gilberto Terrones



Staples-Motley speech team champions of Section 6A

With their section championship trophy, the Staples-Motley speech team, front row from left, Raina Mikhaeil, Brynn Bestland, Maddock Harvey, AJ Nienow, Sabina Moe, Naila Mikhaeil and Lily Davis; middle row, Addie Brenny, Hailey Richardt, Caleb Bestland, Walker Johnson, Olivia Opheim and Molly Hoemberg (obscured); back row, Alex Tkalcich, Joshua Cushing, Lexi Ann, Laken Hines and Jaden Johnson. See story, page 12a. See Speech Showcase on page 2a. (Submitted photo)







Speech Showcase performers

A number of Staples-Motley Speech Team members performed at the Speech Showcase event April 9. Pictured at top left, Maddock G. Harvey, in the Storytelling category, performs, "Wren and the Bear." At top right, Walker Johnson, in the Extemporaneous Reading category, reads a segment from, "A Phone Call by Auburn Sandstrom." At bottom right, AJ Nienow, in the Creative Expression category, performs his original piece, "The Mulligan. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Longtime supporter

Lion Frank Odell, member of the Staples Host Lions and a longtime coach for the Staples-Motley Speech Team, stands near the Speech Hall of Fame located in the lobby of Centennial Auditorium in Staples. The board was made possible thanks to a generous donation from the Staples Host Lions. The club has also supported the team over the years by hosting the home speech meet each season. Lion Odell spearheaded the two-year project, and was recognized at the Speech Showcase April 9. A ribbon cutting ceremony, led by speech co-captains AJ Nienow and Sabina Moe, was held prior to the Speech Showcase.

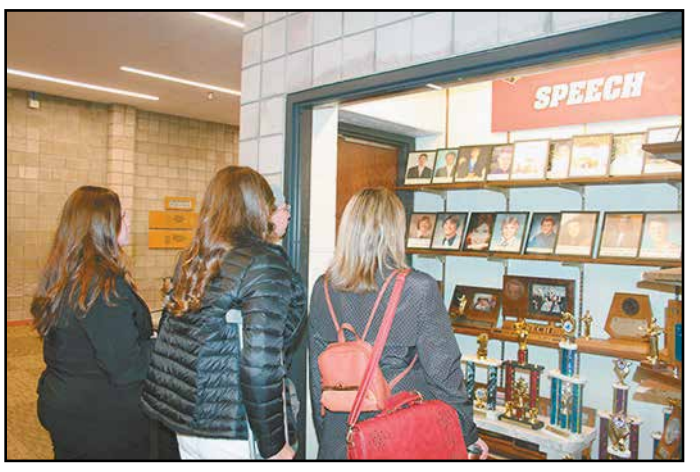


Humorous speaker introduced by his dad

Above: Head coach Kip Hines introduces his son, Laken Hines, at the Staples-Motley Speech Showcase April 9, held at the high school. Laken (at right), who competes in the Humorous Interpretation category in extra-curricular speech, entertained the crowd with his piece, "Screaming Timmy Must Die" which featured a variety of characters that he brought to life during his performance.







Trophies now on display

Staples-Motley Speech now has a display case located in the lobby of Centennial Auditorium in Staples. It contains a number of team trophies, as well as the photos of Cardinal State Speech champions over the years.

Several speakers headed to state

The Staples-Motley Speech Team brought home the Section 6A Championship trophy April 13, defending their title. In addition, four speakers were section champions in their categories, and three were in the top three in their categories, with all seven headed to the state tournament April 19, in Shakopee. They include:

- AJ Nienow, 1st, Creative Expression
- Olivia Opheim, 1st, Informative Speaking
- Brynn Bestland, 1st, Great Speeches
- Laken Hines, 1st, Humor
- Walker Johnson, 2nd, Extemp. Reading
- Josh Cushing, 2nd, Creative Expression
- Lexi Ann, 3rd, Prose

Speech team alum

Steve Hoemberg of Staples, a former member of the Staples-Motley Speech Team, shared some memories of his experiences in speech, and its positive impact on his life.



Dynamic duo

Brynn Bestland and Joshua Cushing, in the Duo Interpretation category, performed their piece, "Superhero" at the Speech Showcase event April 9.



Todd County Court report April 10

Long Prairie Police Department

Octavio Marcial Perez, Willmar. Stopping, standing, parking where signs prohibit stopping. Fine $25. Fee $22.

David Martinez Montanez, Long Prairie. Domestic Abuse- violate order for protection. Dismissed.

Shane Robert Zablocki, Sauk Rapids. Speed 40/30. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Randy Lee Robb, Osakis. ATV- prohibition on youthful operators, passengers under 18 helmet required. Fine $50. Fee $85.

John Jermaine Wright, Plymouth. Fishing- Special Management Waters- sunfish reduced daily limit (10). Fine $100. Fee $100.

Minnesota State Patrol

Chance Bodee Enyart, Motley. Expired driver's license- over 21. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Eugene Arthur Hill, St. Paul. Speed 81/65. Fine $60. Fee $75. Driving after revocation. Dismissed.

Lonny Charles Killian, Staples. No or inoperative breakaway brakes. Fine $100. Fee $85. Front and rear license plates required. Fine $30.

Irene Agnes Lee, Staples. Fail to yield right of way (making left turn). Fine $50. Fee $85.

Cyrus Brandon Tate Misquadace, St. Cloud. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Travis Michael Wilkins, Bemidji. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Jamie Yvette Zolen, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Omar M. Abdillahi Houssein, Clarkston, Ga. Speed 91/70. Fine $70. Fee $155.

Paul David Abrahamson, Browerville. Seatbelt required, driver and passengers must use. Fine $25. Fee $85.

Jehfar Mohammed Alhameed, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85. Cannabis open package- use in motor vehicle on street or highway prohibited. Fine $100.

Avery Jack Bahn, Farmington. Speed 82/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Hunter Lee Bleess, Sauk Centre. Speed 73/60. Dismissed. Ignition interlock restriction violation. Fine $300. Fee $75.

David Maurice Bradley, Hendersonville, N.C. Speed 82/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Kerigan Lynn Brooks, Elk River. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Tiffany Joyce Bush, St. Cloud. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Daken Paul Carstensen, Sebeka. Seatbelt required- driver and passenger must use. Fine $25. Fee $85.

David Stuart Crane, Alexandria. Driving after suspension. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Kevin James Deetz, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 81/70. Fine $50. Fee $85. Improperly worn seatbelt. Fine $25.

Erungel Ucherriang, Browerville. Seatbelt required- driver and passenger must use. Fine $25. Fee $85.

Alex Douglas Evans, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 90/70. Fine $70. Fee $155. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine $100.

Layma Michele Evans, Mandan, N.Dak. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Karl Daniel Franson, Alexandria. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Matthew Ray Grewe, Hewitt. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Carlos Obdulio Guerrero Gomez, Alexandria. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Shyanne Morgan Hemmingson, Royalton. Speed 78/60. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Roberto Antonio Herrera Rodriguez, Ortonville. Speed 75/60. Fine $60. Fee $85. No Minnesota Driver's License after 60 days residency/30 days CDL. Fine $100.

William Joseph Hopkins, St. Cloud. Duty to drive with due care. Fine $40. Fee $85.

John Harris Johnson, Moorhead. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Julie Ann Lee, Fergus Falls. Hands-Free Law, initiate, compose, send, retrieve, read electronic message. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Jessie Delaine Leifson, Mandan, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Quenton Wyatt Mashek, Watertown, S.Dak. Seatbelt required- driver and passenger must use. Fine $25. Fee $85. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine $100.

Carter James Okeson, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Abigail Nicole Olson, Sauk Centre. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Izak Jeffrey Pikula, St. Cloud. Speed 88/70. Fine $60. Fee $85. Driver after revocation. Fine $200. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine $200. Operating motor vehicle while registration is canceled, revoked, or suspended. Fine $300. Faile to mail/deliver certificate of title to department within timeframe specified. Fine $200.

Chad Stevens Sachs, Willmar. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Franscisco Emmanuel Sanchez, Alexandria. No Minnesota Driver's License after 60 days residency/30 days CDL. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Isaac Philip Sundberg, Staples. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Jacob D. Swartzentruber, Browerville. Driver/owner allow open bottle. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Chase Jeffrey David Sweeney, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Cade Michael Wahl, Jamestown, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Tarin George Walker, Bismark, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Danielle Julie Yantes, Cambridge. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Staples Police Department

Heather Marie Gavin, Staples. Traffic- starting a parked car unsafely. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Jamie Mae Corey, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

John Louis Robertson, Browerville. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Cassius Tom Logan Zirbes, Sauk Centre. Speed greater than reasonable. Fine $40. Fee $85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County March 28, 2024.

Charity Ann Crosno, Staples. Accumulated machinery, appliances, other. Dismissed. Inoperable motor vehicle. Stay of adjudication. Continued. Defendant has until April 26, 2024 to remove remaining brown trailer from her property. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, one year. Fee $75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Douglas P. Anderson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 1, 2024.

Erika Ann Ruiz, Fairfax. Criminal vehicular operation- substantial bodily harm- alcohol 0.08 or more within two hours of driving. Dismissed. DWI 2- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Sentenced. Fine $200. Fee $100. Local confinement 364 days. Stay 274 days for four years. Credit for time served: five days. Supervised probation, four years. Driver fails to stop for stop sign. Convicted. No sentence pronounced.

The following cases were heard before Judge Michelle W. Lawson in Seventh District Court in Todd County April 2, 2024.

Maria Yulissa Jimenez Medina, Long Prairie. School Bus- fail to stop. Sentenced. Fine $500. Fee $75. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 90 days for one year. Unsupervised probation, one year. Driving without a valid license. Dismissed.

John Robert Lofgren, Long Prairie. Trespass- remaining on or return within one year to land prohibited after notice. Continued for dismissal. Fees waived. Unsupervised monitoring without prior conviction, one year. Trespass- return to property within one year. Continued for dismissal. Fees waived. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, one year.

Taylor Olivia Julsrud, Zumbro Falls. Speed 81/70. Continued for dismissal. Fine $25. Fee $75. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.

Eric Michael Tepley, Browerville. Interfere with 911 call. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Shay Lynn Wiese, Milaca. Third Degree DWI- Operate Motor Vehicle- body contains any amount Schedule I/II drugs, not marijuana. Sentenced. Local confinement 364 days; stay 334 days for four years; credit for time served: one day. (Serve 48 hours consecutively in Todd County Jail, remaining 28 days on alcohol sensitive electronically monitored house arrest). Local confinement 40 days; credit for time served: eight days. (Previously ordered 30 days with no option to serve on EHM and no credit. Additional 10 days to be served in jail).

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1949

∘ April 21, 1949 - The World is in receipt of the April 14 edition of the Seattle, Washington, Post Intelligencer, which carries scores of pictures showing the devastation caused by the recent earthquake along the west coast.

The paper was sent to The World by H. B. Sleeper, one time Staples resident, who now resides in Seattle, and who is with the Northern Pacific railway company in the office of assistant superintendent of telegraph.

∘ April 21, 1949 - Fire of undetermined origin did a small amount of damage to the home of Mrs. Martha Qualen at 414 Fourth Street southeast in Staples at noon on April 18.

It was the prompt response of the Stapes Fire Department that possibly saved the home from a major loss, as the department arrived within record time, and soon had the blaze under control.

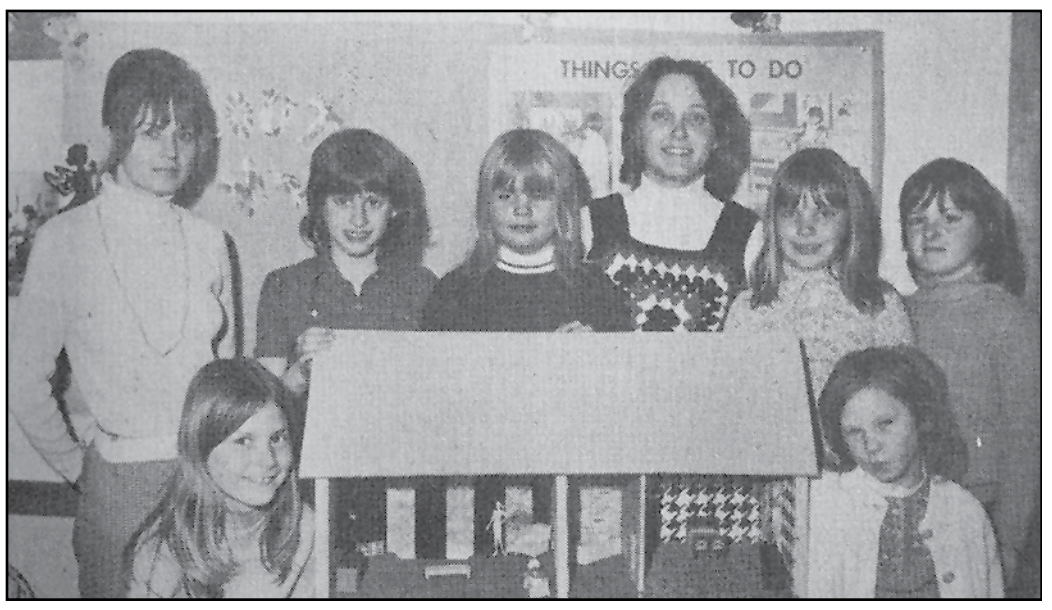
∘ April 21, 1949 - Only by quick action on the part of Norman Schroeder and Kenneth Chapin last Thursday, April 14, was the home of Mrs. Lennie Chapin, Poplar, saved from complete destruction.

A fire started in the home, apparently caused from an overheated stove pipe, set the ceiling on fire. The fire had gained considerable headway before help could be summoned, and much damage was done to the ceiling and walls before it could be brought under control.

∘ April 21, 1949 - The Girl Scout troop of Staples, under the leadership of Mrs. DeVere DeMars, will present a play in a broadcast over station KWAD at Wadena on Monday evening, April 25, starting at 7 o'clock.

The Girls have chosen as their play "Brave Girls" which has been under the direction of Mrs. DeMars who is also the narrator. The girls taking part are: Gayle Hall, Mary Morarity, Joyce Wettstein, Bonnie Liane, Bernice Macho, Georgienne Sapp, Patricia Flory, Barbara Cunningham, Cynthia Rapp and Nancy Wolf.

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Compiled by
Dawn Timbs
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Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1974. 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.

50 Years Ago - 1974

∘ April 18, 1974 - Craig Medred, a student at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, recently had two articles published in national magazines.

"The Silent Shooter" was the title of the article written by Medred, which appeared in the April 74 issue of "Fur, Fish and Game." Another article was published in "Mother Earth News."

Medred, a 1970 graduate of Staples High school, also is a feature writer for the University newspaper.

Craig is the son of Mrs. Donna Medred of Minot, N.D. and the late Robert Medred. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin of Staples.

∘ April 18, 1974 - The Rev. Ray Ewing of Staples has been appointed assistant sergeant at arms for the Rotary International convention which will be held in Minneapolis June 9-13.

∘ April 18, 1974 - At its regular council meeting in April, the City of Motley accepted the bid from Tyrrell's, Inc. in the amount of $17,749.74, for two new fire truck chassis.

E. L. Morey, fire chief, said that one of the new International 1800 Loadstar chassis will be used to replace the Dodge chassis now in service and used as the main truck of the Motley department. The other chassis, exactly the same, will go in General Safety Equipment Corp., where they will build the new fire truck pumper for the department.

∘ April 18, 1974 - Motley High school's Junior Class Play, "Don't Blow the Whistle" has been cast. Members of the cast include Tami Kraft, Barb Hought, Charles Kampa, Ken Bartle, Kelly Boldan, Donna Foeller, Roger Zetah, Coleen Swecker , Roxy Galligher, Brenda Jenkins, Stephie Gold, Janice Kristenson, Debbie Galligher, Roberta Wohlert, Bryan Silgjord. The play, under the direction of Pam Sachs, will be presented April 19, in the Motley auditorium.

∘ April 18, 1974 - the First Place trophy in Division I in professional wedding cakes was awarded to Mrs. Frank (Marie) Adamietz. She also received the First Place trophy for her entry in Division II for Bakers and Caters on the 7th Anniversary category.

A student of Mrs. Adamietz, Ione Crocker, received a First Place gift certificate from Wilton's of Chicago, Illinois, on a 25th wedding anniversary entry.

25 Years Ago - 1999

∘ April 22, 1999 - Wayne Barros, Utilities Supervisor for the City of Motley was recognized by MPCA for outstanding performance by operators of wastewater treatment plant. The award was presented by MPCA Commissioner Karen Studders.

∘ April 22, 1999 - The Cardinal boys golf team had a disappointing season opener at the Belle Plaine Invitational April 17, finishing last in the field of six teams.

However, they came back in the Mid Minn Conference tourney April 19, at Wadena Golf Club, with a second place.

∘ April 22, 1999 - Over 1,000 works of art filled the Centennial Auditorium lobby in Staples this past weekend in the 35th Annual Staples rotary Art Show and Freshwater Education District Regional Art Fair.

Nearly 200 pieces were entered in the adult division for juried competition in what coordinator Jim Hofer termed, "One of the best shows ever."

∘ April 22, 1999 - WestBreeze Townhomes, a new five-unit apartment complex is under construction on Third Street North in Staples.

The excavation work has been completed and concrete footings poured. Work was under way last week on laying the concrete block foundations.

The project is a joint effort of Huck and Marilyn Holst and their two sons, Darren and Derek.

10 Years Ago - 2014

∘ April 17, 2014 - Two of the five Staples Motley Speech team members that competed at the 2014 Minnesota State High School Class A State Speech Tournament on April 12, came home with medals. Chloe Litts took second place in Discussion and Spencer Svendsen placed seventh in Extemporaneous Speaking.

∘ April 10, 2014 - Arnie Cole has been named Pillager's 'Citizen of the Year' for 2014. The news was announced at the town's Annual Fiddler's Contest April 5. Cole was born and raised in the Pillager area and has volunteered many hours as president of the Pillager Fair Board.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the April 4, 1974 edition of the Staples World featured cast members from the Staples High School Music Department's production of "South Pacific" rehearsing. Pictured, from left, are Emile de Beque (Mark Evans) and his children Jerome (Alan Paskewitz) and Nagana (Patti Jares), with Nurse Nellie Forbush (Pam Quance).

Tammy (Johnson) Fritsche, a 1978 Staples High School graduate, now of Pillager, correctly identified all. Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Mark Evans and Pam Quance, as well as their characters and a synopsis of the musical, "a wartime romance on a South Pacific island." She wasn't sure about the children pictured, but wondered if they were the son and daughter of Hans and Cookie Borstad. Wolak went on to share that she moved to Staples in 1973 and this was the first musical she'd attended at Staples High School. "I was 'blown away' by the talent of the cast. From that year on, every high school musical has been a highlight of our community," Wolak said. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

SWCD tree program in Todd County

Submitted by Todd County SWCD

Did you know you can buy trees from Todd County Soil Conservation District?

Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (Todd SWCD) has a tree and plant sale program. The sale typically starts around Thanksgiving for spring pick up. We currently have Norway Pine, Red Oak and Lilac left in the inventory for spring planting. To place your order, call 320-732-2644.

Unsure what type of tree would do best on your property? We have staff available to help you decide on your tree selection.

SWCD has field technicians available for assistance in designing field windbreaks, shelterbelts and reforestation plans. They offer tree plan designs and the site visits are free.

Todd SWCD offers cost share funding for planting field windbreaks and reforestations.

Cost Share funding is not just for trees, cost share funds can be used on any project that is addressing Water Quality and Erosion concerns– such as, not limited to:

- Sealing unused wells
- Closing unused manure pits
- Stacking slabs
- Cattle Crossings
- Exclusion Fencing
- Shoreline/River bank Erosion projects
- Water Retention Projects
- Cover Crops
- Field Erosion
- Wetland Restoration projects
- Forest Stewardship Plans

Todd County also has a low interest loan program to replace failed septic systems.

If you have any questions about Todd SWCD programs, and/or would like to be put a on mailing list to receive the tree order, call Todd County SWCD at 320-732-2644.

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For the Staples World

Senior cohousing seen as antidote to loneliness epidemic

By Nancy P. Kropf
Dean of Perimeter College & Professor of Social Work at Georgia State University
and Sherry Cummings
Associate Dean and Profesor of Social Work at University of Tennessee

One of the major questions of growing older is, "where do I want to live as I age?" For many baby boomers, an important goal is staying independent as long as possible. Many in this generation desire to age in their homes and make their own choices as long as possible.

Living preferences are changing, as are relationship patterns, such as greater numbers of mid- and late-life adults who are single, childless, or live at a distance from adult children. "Senior cohousing communities," or SCCs, are a form of communal living that integrates common areas and private residences. They promote choice and independence, which are particularly important for the aging baby boom generation.

As academic social workers and gerontologists, we have studied numerous issues of later life. Professionally, we wanted to see how these communities promote health and well-being.

Personally, we are both baby boomers and are exploring options for our retirement years. We both have had a parent who lived in a long-term care setting. Our caregiving experience prompted us to consider where we like to live, and where we see ourselves aging.

Shared values, shared lifestyles

Cohousing is a relatively new type of living arrangement. The first modern cohousing community was developed in Denmark in 1972. In the U.S., senior cohousing, started in the early 2000s. There are now 17 such communities, and 28 are currently in formation or under construction.

Cohousing communities bring people together who choose to live cooperatively based upon shared values. Examples are the desire to promote environmental sustainability or social justice, or a shared spirituality. Common elements include a community vision statement that articulates important principles along with a hierarchical governance and decision-making structure.

Residents live in individual homes but share some spaces, such a common building with a kitchen, library and exercise room. Patios and gardens are positioned in a way to promote interaction. As a result, residents engage in communal meals and other activities.

These new arrangements differ from traditional over-55 residential communities, which are planned and managed by a developer. These places are often large and provide organized activities for those who live there.

SCCs, however, are typically small and are planned, developed and operated by the residents themselves. The whole idea is to promote community, social engagement and active aging.

Life in a shared community

To experience life in the shared living communities, we visited 12 of them in six states and interviewed 76 people during the summer and fall of 2018. The smallest included 10 individual homes, while the largest consisted of 41 condo units. Some communities were in rural areas, while others were in cities.

In a few places, we spent the night and participated in some of the activities, such as shared meals, happy hours, vespers and soaking in a hot tub. The ages of the residents ranged from the mid-50s to the mid-90s. Our book, "Senior Cohousing: A New Way Forward for Active Older Adults," describes our visits and interviews.

The communities were quite different. Some had individual housing units, while others were condominiums. All had a common house with a kitchen area and spaces for meetings and socializing, and some had elevators to accommodate those who couldn't manage stairs. Many had a guest room, where prospective residents could stay for a few nights.

Several themes emerged from our interviews and conversations with the residents.

A major reason that people choose to move to a shared housing community is social engagement. This is a critical issue since 1 in 3 people over age 45 are lonely. Being part of a community that offers mutual support has a positive impact on health status, connection and quality of life during later years.

The residents we interviewed reported that they enjoy the common activities, such as shared meals, parties and discussion groups, along with the opportunity for spontaneous interactions. Caring relationships develop among the residents, and many described the support received after major events such as a hospitalization or significant loss, and also for smaller tasks such as a ride to the airport or pet sitting.

In addition, being a source of assistance was important and engendered feelings of being worthwhile and needed. However, those interviewed were also clear that there is a difference between offering assistance and being a caregiver for others, which was not a role that people expected within the shared communities.

We were surprised to find many in these communities are introverts, as several residents had taken personality inventories. One of the women offered an explanation: "For introverts it's perfect, because you go in your house and you can be in there as much as you want, but when you come out, you don't even have to go make friends somewhere."

There were many norms around interactions to manage the public-private spaces. In one community, for example, sitting on the front porch meant that you were available for conversation. If you sat on your back porch, however, others did not bother you. The opportunity to have close relationships with others, but also have individual space, is an important element of SCCs.

Living and learning

From our time at the shared communities, it was clear that living in a shared governance, communal housing arrangement provided opportunities for growth. People described being more patient, open to new learning, having vitality and valuing multiple perspectives. These experiences are consistent with the gerotranscendence theory of aging. This theory suggests that as a person grows older, it is possible to "transcend" or move beyond previous understandings and gain new perspectives on fundamental existential issues, the meaning and importance of relationships, and definitions of self.

This type of community is not for everyone, though. Although some shared community units are moderately priced, with a one-bedroom home for under $100,000, many are very costly, with some well over a half a million dollars. Also, a person must be willing to work, as the shared areas require maintenance. And, residents are expected to serve on governance committees.

Like all living arrangements, these communities have their promoters and detractors. But for those who value community and may be interested, current senior cohousers recommend that you don't hesitate – do your research, and go visit one for a few days.

From Bluezones.com
This article was first published on The Conversation.

Quote of the week

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."
— Shirley Chisholm

IF funds grants to fight lonliness, social isolation

The Initiative Foundation announced the award of 25 grants across Central Minnesota for projects, programs, and community-building ideas that bridge differences and bring people together.

Originally touted as a one-time, $100,000 grant round to alleviate loneliness and social isolation, the Initiative Foundation adjusted the award total to $105,000 to ensure good and worthy ideas received funding. In all, more than 120 applications were submitted for the loneliness and social isolation grant awards.

"We want these grants to create good, to restore trust, to deepen relationships," said Don Hickman, vice president for community and workforce development at the Initiative Foundation. "Our goal is to support innovative ideas that address the unique challenges we face—particularly in rural areas—to bring people together. If we can do that, this might be one of the best grant rounds we've ever awarded."

From "Saturday Night Live" family programming in Cass Lake to practical skills-building classes led by active older adults in Delano—from changing a flat tire to making basic plumbing repairs—these special grants are expected to strengthen social bonds through shared experiences, events, or community gatherings.

Included among the awards were the following initiatives:

• Cass Lake-Bena Public Schools, Cass Lake: $5,000 to support twice-a-month "Saturday Night Live" programming for families. Activities include pickleball, board games, Ojibwe crafts, including beading and regalia-making, and other opportunities to encourage intergenerational engagement. (Cass County)

• CentraCare, Long Prairie: $5,000 for transportation and programming activities to encourage intergenerational and intercultural engagement. (Todd County)

• City of Delano: $5,000 to harness the wisdom of the community's active older adults to teach practical skills classes like changing a tire, using a drill, growing vegetables, and basic plumbing. (Wright County)

• Horizon Health, Inc., Pierz: $7,500 to launch the National Council on Aging's Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) to provide resources and companions to help seniors combat depression and loneliness. (Morrison County)

• Soup For The Soul, Inc., Mora: $5,000 for "Dishing Up Meals With a Side of Kindness" to support free and shared meals for adults and teens, low-income and housing-insecure individuals. (Kanabec County)

• Wright County Historical Society, Buffalo: $3,800 to provide free monthly Creative Coffee Chats with themed topics and brief, informal presentations; creative activities such as butter-making; and the opportunity to share personal histories and stories. (Wright County)

Help for crime victims

By Cassandra Ortiz, Todd County General Crime/ Child Abuse Services Coordinator
Hands of Hope Resource Center

Each year, millions of people suffer the direct physical, financial, and emotional impact of crime victimization. Being a victim of a crime can be a very difficult and stressful experience. Victims may need to seek help and support from friends, family, their community or a victim assistance professional.

According to the Office for Victims of Crime, since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is an annual observance in April, that brings communities together and raises awareness about victims' rights, protections and services. This is an opportunity to honor survivors and advocate for them. It's also about recognizing organizations that have been fighting for victims' rights for decades, establishing new partnerships to better serve and support victims of crime and strengthening existing partnerships.

This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week: April 21-27, 2024, theme is "How Would You Help? Options, Services and Hope for Crime Survivors" which asks all of us, friends, family members, neighbors, colleagues, community leaders, victim service providers, criminal justice practitioners, and health professionals how we can help crime victims. Are you prepared if someone confides in you about a victimization? Is your organization victim-centered and trauma-informed? Are you familiar with the services available in your community? We call upon communities to commit to creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, helped and supported.

If you are a victim of a crime, or would like additional information regarding victim rights, contact Hands of Hope Resource Center at 320-732-2319.

Rural/urban wage gap larger at highest levels

By Kelly Asche
Senior Researcher, Center for Rural Policy and Development

As the search for workers intensifies throughout Minnesota, the conversation around wages and the gap between rural areas and the seven-county metro continues to come up. To try and add some nuance to that discussion, a few weeks ago we took a look at whether it was realistic to think we can "close the gap" in wages between rural areas and the seven-county metro. Even though wages have increased faster in rural Minnesota than the Twin Cities, the growth would need to be nearly 200 percent in 20 years to completely close it. That's likely unrealistic.

Another wrinkle in these conversations is that comparing between rural and metro areas on median or mean wages can gloss over significant details, leading everyone to believe that all occupations pay significantly lower in rural compared to metropolitan areas.

A majority of occupations have median hourly wages that are within five dollars of the wages for the same occupation in the seven-county metro. However, there are a few outliers, such as management, which has a median wage difference of up to $20 less per hour in many planning regions compared to the metro.

The occupations that differ the most in median hourly wages from the seven county metro are Management, Legal, and Computer and Mathematics.

These occupations pay $10 or more less per hour in planning regions outside of the seven-county metro. Why does this matter? Because if a larger percentage of total employment are composed of these particular occupations, they will drive the overall average or median wage higher or lower as well.

The occupations that drive the wage and earnings gap between Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities are typically a few occupations that represent significant gaps. For most other occupations, the wages are still lower in Greater Minnesota but with much less of a gap.

To compare mean or median wages between metro and rural areas can be helpful to get a quick idea of what the earnings comparison might potentially be, but one can't jump to the conclusion that the gaps are significant across every occupation. There's a lot of nuance and details within the data and comparing occupational wages between rural and urban can be much more telling and helpful.

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Quote of the week

"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be."
— Rosalynn Carter

Mark Your Calendar

April 18

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

April 19

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.

April 21

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

April 22

AA group Mtgs In Motley are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

April 23

CARE Ministry Free Meal Tuesday, April 23, 4:30 - 6 p.m., at Staples United Methodist Church, 310 5th St. NE, Staples. The free meals are held on a monthly basis to promote fellowship, connection and nourishment.

Grief Support Group offered by Lakewood Health System, will be held Tuesdays (through April 23), from 3 - 4:30 p.m., at Sourcewell, 202 12th St. NE, Staples. Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, child or any other loss is welcome to attend.

Experience Strength And Hope AA group Mtgs In Staples are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

Congregate meal at community center April 24

Senior Nutrition Program
218-894-2556

Congregate dine-in lunch followed by bingo will be offered at the Senior Dining Site, Staples Community Center senior's room on Weds., April 24 at 11 a.m.

Lunch 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. Friday, April 19.**

April 24 menu: Lasagna, green peas, breadstick, marg., spiced apples, 1% milk.

The Senior Dining Site is located at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples.

Meals On Wheels Drivers Needed

The Senior Nutrition Site Meals On Wheels needs volunteer drivers to provide weekday delivery of meals to seniors. Scheduling usually has drivers averaging around five hours per month.

If interested, call LuAnn in Staples at 218-894-2556 for information or to sign up.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

April

- **FFA State Convention** April 21-23, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- **Prom** April 27

May

- **DFS Awards Night** May 1, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **MS Finale Concert** May 10, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **HS Commencement Concert** May 17, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **Last Day of School** May 24
- **Cords and Awards** May 24, 10 a.m., main gym
- **Commencement Ceremony** May 24, 7:30 p.m., main gym
- **Memorial Day** May 27, District Offices closed



Lions support community

The Staples Host Lions recently made two $500 donations - one to the Morrison County Agriculture Society for the Motley Fair; and one to the Staples All Veterans Park. Pictured above, from left, are Shawn Trantina, Motley Fair Board; and Lion President Rick Adamietz. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples-Motley School Board regular meeting April 22

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, April 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Groups or individuals wishing to be included on the school/community forum portion of the meeting must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting.

The agenda includes but is not limited to:

-Approve the hire of Alicia Truax, ECSE Teacher; Holton Truax, Spring Weight Rm. Advisor; Bobby-Jo Johnson, Spring Weight Rm. Advisor

-Approve the Middle School Play work agreements

-Approve the resignation of Kaylee Pratt, Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor effective at the end of the 23/24 contract

-Approve the resignation of Annie Capistrant, Elementary Para. effective May 17

-Approve the 2024/2025 School Nutrition Program Joint Agreement with Staples ALC (FED)

--Approve the 2024/2025 Contract for Health Occupation Services

-Approve the 2024-2027 Finalsite School Communications contract

-Facilities update - ICS

-Approve the Annual Compliance Overview of the American Indian Advisory Committee Vote of Concurrence

-Approve the 2024-2027 ISD #2170 Communications Plan

-**Upcoming schedule:**

Mon., May 6: Board Work Session, 6 p.m. District Office

Mon., May 20: Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Fri., May 24: Last day of school and graduation

Mon., June 3: Board Work Session, 6 p.m. District Office

Mon., June 24: Board meeting, 6 p.m. District Office.

LCCMR public listening sessions set

The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), a 17-member state commission made up of legislators and citizens, will host a series of public listening sessions to help determine priorities for future spending from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF). The public's input will help the LCCMR develop a new strategic plan to guide funding decisions for special environment, natural resources, and outdoor recreation projects for the next six years.

Members of the public are invited to learn more about the LCCMR and the ENRTF, and tell state-decision makers what environment, natural resource, and outdoor recreation issues they believe need funding. Everyone, including those who have never been involved with the ENRTF and/or LCCMR, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

People are encouraged to indicate their interest in attending through a quick form, although completing the form is not required to attend. See below for more details:

Brainerd Listening Session

Date: Friday, May 3, 12 - 1 p.m.

Location: Central Lakes College; Room C205 (Central Building), 501 West College Drive in Brainerd.

Details: LCCMR members will be hosting a facilitated discussion. Light refreshments will be provided. Free parking is available on-site.

Detroit Lakes Listening Session

Date: Friday, May 3, 5 - 7 p.m.

Location: Becker County Historical Society and Museum (Event Hall), 714 Summit Ave., Detroit Lakes

Details: Join anytime for an open-house style event. Light refreshments will be provided. Free parking is available on-site.

St. Cloud Listening Session

Date: Saturday, May 4, 10 - 11 a.m.

Location: Oblivion Coffeebar & Mercantile, 27 7th Ave., St. Cloud.

Details: LCCMR members will be hosting a facilitated discussion. Light refreshments will be provided.

Members of the public are also invited to take a survey and share their opinion with state decision-makers on the important environment, natural resource, and outdoor recreation issues across Minnesota in need of funding. All voices are welcome and encouraged to participate in the public survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D52JVQC.

Find additional information about LCCMR strategic planning efforts on the website, at: bit.ly/LCCMR_strategic_plan

The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is a permanent dedicated fund in the Minnesota state treasury that was established by voter approval of a constitutional amendment in 1988. The amendment directs 40 percent of the net proceeds of the Minnesota State Lottery, into the ENRTF until the year 2025. Since 1991, approximately $1 billion from the ENRTF has been spent on over 1,600 projects that protect and enhance Minnesota's environment and natural resources in every county in the state.

Currently, the ENRTF provides $80-90 million per year for projects across the state through a competitive application process.

The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources is made up of five state senators, five state representatives, and seven citizen members. The function of the LCCMR is to make funding recommendation to the Minnesota State Legislature for special environment and natural resource projects, primarily from the ENRTF. The LCCMR developed from a program initiated in 1963.

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AUCTION

The following items will be sold at auction, located at the Motley Fairgrounds in Motley, MN. Indoors if rain.

Saturday, April 20, 2024

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

As we are moving we will sell the following personal property at public auction:

FURNITURE

Table from Italy, from coffee table to dinner table,The Castio Table

Homemade, nice furniture
Cherry wood bedroom set, 4-pc., very nice, clean
Chess table and chairs, hand made out of maple and birch
Cabin Furniture
End tables
Swivel chairs
Book case
Chest of drawers, dresser and night stand
Stand up closet
Wash basin and stand, hand made
Trager pellet grill

HOUSEHOLD

Casio machine
Games
Wildlife rugs
Lamps
Approx. 30" flat screen TV
Dishes, etc.
More household items
Sewing machine and cabinet, Kenmore
Sm. refrigerator

ANTIQUE/OLDER/ COLLECTIBLE

Old Coca-Cola cooler
Cartoon glasses, collectible and McDonald's
John Deere clock
Booze train, 4 cars, full of JB, sealed

TOOLS

Some tools and tool boxes
Battery charger
Long handle tools

SPORTING

Old tackle box
Minnow buckets
Hand augers, 3 or 4
Tents
Small pool table
Lake rake
Some fishing poles
Tackle boxes
Fshing stuff
Waders
King cooker and stand
Lanterns

Many more items too numerous to mention

Gary Thorset

Very Large amount of Tools!

Soldering irons
Bench grinders
Old planes
Levels
Taps
Clamps
Garden tools
Drills
Air tools Nail guns
Vise grips
Screw drivers
Tap & dies
Log chains
House jacks
Tarps
A lot of sockets and sets
Funnels
Paint gun
A lot of tool boxes
Very large amount of extension cords
Air compressors
Allen wrenches
Tape measures
Tube cutters
Cresent wrenches
Vises
Refrigeration tools
Pliers
Wrenches, box end open
Torches
12v testers
Nut drivers
Battery chargers
Drop lights
Hydraulic jack and screw jack
A lot of hammers
Routers
Jumper cables
Pancake heaters
Hatchets
Chisles
Cordless items
Tow hitches
Scrapers
Leaf blowers
Gas cans
Small generator
Skil saws, many
Air compressors
Bench top Craftsman metal lathe
Garage door opener
Garden hose
Misc. items, many
L.P. heater
Misc. auto parts
Auto. manuals
Electric parts
Paint, misc.
Nuts and bolts, hardware, etc.


Unique secretary


Mirror, entry stand with chair, umbrella holder


Antique dresser

Chain saws, pole saws
Weed eaters
Heat lamps
Two wheel carts
Scythes
A lot of long handle tools: potato forks, shovels, etc.
Push mowers, Toros
Cyclone seeds
Nuts and bolts organizer
Alpaca cart

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLE

WWII items
Army shovel
Cast iron pots and pans
Shoe stretcher
Beany Babies
Thimbles
Old milk buckets and strainer
Old trolling motor
Old gas cans
Old oil cans
Old sod cutter
Old tires and wheels

HOUSEHOLD

Folding chairs
Coolers
Metal cabinets
Sewing machines
Lg. amount of sewing stuff and etc.

Sewing machine in cabinet, White Rotery
Typewriters
Nut crackers
Steamers, Bissell
Record players
Office supplies
Floor safe
Omni Chord Suzuki
Pictures
Sears guitar, old
Cassette tapes
8 track tapes
Christmas
Household items
Rain gear; boots
Clocks and radios
Dressers
Pocelain pots
Cake pans
Crock pots
Knick knacks
Blankets
Misc. pots and pans
Tupperware, large amount
Totes
Mongomery Wards clothes, new

SPORTING

Bird feeders
Old camp stove
Coffee pot

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Estate of Laurel and Leona Kowal, Browervile, Mn.

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Anne Aamodt, Central Supply Inventory Specialist
Nominated by Ashley Christy, Central Supply Inventory Specialist
"Anne is an outstanding employee and person in every way. She shows Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, High Quality and Innovation consistently every single minute of every day she works. Our entire department can count on her at any time without question.She shows compassion to all of us in our department when we have things going on both professionally or personally. With every project she works on or problem she tries to solve, she is persistent, hardworking and honest."



Tayah Carry, Patient Access Representative
Nominated by Clinic Nurses Becky Landis, Cassie Keppers, Larissa Jones, Andrea Groth, Kristin Penoyer
"Tayah has integrity, compassion, and is an all-around team player. She has a positive go-getter attitude and is always willing to lend a hand. On top of her daily tasks, she schedules additional appointments, takes patient's to and from lab, ultrasound, MRI and ER and calls patients to make follow up appointments or offer sooner openings. She also helps the nurses stock rooms or clean rooms. The patient's love her kindness and willingness to help facilitate their needs. The way she interacts with the kids after their appointments always makes their day. Tayah implemented coloring pages for the kids to do at their appointments and sent them to the care center during the Covid outbreak for the residents. She is a shining star."



Emily Lundin, Universal Work, Assisted Livings
Nominated by Kathy Dobson, VP of Senior Services
"Two tenants would like to recognize Emily for her outstanding care. Barb Peterson shared 'Emily treats me like family. This was my first Christmas away from the farm. It is going to be so hard, but Emily's smile and noticing if I needed something before I had to ask is nice and very comforting. It really helps to have an employee like Emily here to brighten up my days.' Donna Kastanek shared 'Emily always has a smile on her face. She asks if there is anything she can do or help me with. She is very caring, kind and gentle. She is the best.'"



Kelsey Markham, RN, Clinic Services Supervisor
Nominated by Heather Kleve, CMA, Clinic Services Chronic Care Specialist
"A patient shared with me that they were having a really bad mental health day. She was almost to the point of driving herself to the ER when she received a call from Kelsey. The patient's provider had asked Kelsey to reach out to her to get her scheduled. Kelsey not only helped her get scheduled but supported the patient over the phone. The patient shared 'It was with her soft-spoken voice and care that helped me through the rest of the day. I am very thankful for her reaching out when she did.'"



Faith Rausch, LPN, Clinic
Nominated by Carissa Arens, CNP
"Faith was asked to evaluate a patient in the lobby who was struggling to breath. She quickly recognized the patient needed help right away and got her to the emergency department. The outcome was that the patient was extremely ill and required the highest-level of life support at a higher level of care for many days, but ended up without any long-term complications and is doing great now. Faith did a great job exhibiting high quality care and when minutes counted, Faith contributed to saving this patient's life."

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1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
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
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
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
Rev. Robin Collins
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
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Pastor Chris Mathiason
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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
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MASS:
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847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
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Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m

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First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
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218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER .....7:00 p.m.

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

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
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VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
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WEDNESDAY
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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.

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"For Better or Worse, The Power of Childhood Memories"

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Over the decades of ministry, I ache deeply for those adults who look back to their growing up years without healthy childhood memories. Like all families, my growing up family had it's ups and downs, imperfections and challenges. But in a strong and significant way, I was granted the gift of growing up in a loving Christian family.

Almost 18 years ago, when I was knocking on 50, I thought it would be interesting to attempt an "As I Remember It" three ring notebook of my memories leading up to being 50. I gave a copy to each of our three children and my wife. A good share of the memories were childhood memories. My Dad was a junior high teacher and photographer as well as a longtime spiritual elder in our local church. My Mother was a stay-at-home-Mom. We sang together as the Klein Family singers. Quite frankly though, my parents deserved a far greater return on their generous investment than they got back from their oldest son. But, I get the privilege and responsibility of looking back with rich childhood memories.

But in ministry, you see and hear a far different, agaonizing story from many that I've been entrusted with. Neglect at best. Abuse at worse. And it follows into the adult world and perspective. There are tremendous healing stories. But then, there are other stories of people staying stuck, sometimes until their last breath. It is heart wrenching when people do not find healing and freedom from the past. I hear some of these stories at Adult and Teen Challenge at our Brainerd campus.

Folks, all of that to say, as adult parents (and grandparents), we are entrusted with God's precious children for just a few short, but very formidable years. We need to consciously and intentionally be engaged, embracing the children that are entrusted to us. We need to invest Jesus' view of children in Matthew 19:13-15 into each child that God gives to us, valuing and hugging them, as Jesus did.

Parenting can be exhausting. We have responsibilities and people tugging at us. So it takes us going back to the spiritual well of Jesus (John 4:4) again and again to have what it takes to be what Jesus calls us to be especially when we are with children.

Ask God today, to give you a fresh view of children from His perspective. And if you are still unresolved in your own painful childhood memories, please seek out skilled, compassionate help. You are worth it to God.

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Obituaries



Gilberto Terrones

Gilberto Russell Terrones (Nano), beloved son, brother, grandson and nephew passed away unexpectedly on February 18, 2024 at the age of 22.

Gilberto was born September 19, 2001. He graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 2020 and went on to pursue a career in the culinary arts becoming a Sous Chef.

Gilberto will always be remembered for his sense of humor and his giant size smile.

Gilberto will forever be missed and loved by Nichole Nordby (Brian) (mother), Andres Terrones (father), Isaiah Nordby (brother), grandparents Sandra and Bob Nicholson and Russ and Vanessa Johnson. Also aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends.

We'd like to say a special thank you to Shane Magnuson, his partner in crime. Gilberto knew he could always count on you to go the extra mile (literally) for him.

Please join the family for a celebration of life gathering at the Boxcar Bar & Grill in Staples on April 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and share any stories/memories you may have.

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H. Lyle Jones

We invite you to join our family as we remember and celebrate the life of H. Lyle Jones on Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church.

Please come and share your memories and stories of the time we shared together.

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Marjorie Miller

Marjorie A. Miller, 98, of Atkins, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 11, 2024, at The Gardens of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 20, at Teahen's Funeral Home, Cedar Rapids, with Pastor Brandon Levering officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Marjorie (Margie) was born July 9, 1925 to Clarence and Anna (Reichel) Olson in Wyoming, She married Eldon Miller on Feb. 12, 1945, in Verndale. Eldon and Margie had a Grade A dairy farm in Staples. In May 1967 they moved to Hallock; Jan. 1968 they moved to Tracy; August 1968 they moved to Tipton, Iowa; 1969 they moved to an acreage outside of Tipton and in December 1999, they moved to Atkins, Iowa.

Margie and Eldon had their own band, The Millers, for many years. Margie played the accordion and piano and Eldon played the violin. They belonged to a card club for many years. She enjoyed gardening, doing farmer's market and entered the Tipton fair many times, with her jams, jellies, crafts and sewing winning many ribbons. She crocheted many beautiful doilies for family and friends. She was a great cook and loved cooking for her family and others.

Margie loved her family dearly and was a wonderful mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Survivors include four sons, Rodney Miller, Buena Park, Calif., Russell (Judy) Miller, Marion, Roger (Lily) Miller, North Liberty and Roy Miller, Dominican Republic; five daughters, Janice (Frank) Wagner, Atkins, Joan (Richard) Corum, Lisbon, Jennel (Eldred) Schulte, Fairfax, Joyce Miller, Cedar Rapids and Jean (Brian) Stallman, Fairfax; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding Margie in death were her husband of 70 years; parents; father- and mother-in-law, Harry and Mamie Miller; stepmother-in-law, Ann Miller; one sister, Irene Olson; one brother, James Olson; in-laws Daneen Olson, Arlene and Wayne Conley, Derald and Juanita Miller, Carroll and Donna Miller, Shirley and Willard Redemske, Harold Falk, Wally Thompson and Blayne and Helen Miller.

The family wants to thank The Gardens of Cedar Rapids for all the kindness you showed in caring for our sweet Mother with love and words of encouragement.

Memorials may be directed to: The Atkins Fire Department, 91 Railroad St., Atkins, IA 52206

Arrangements are pending with Teahen Funeral Home, Cedar Rapids, IA.

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Walk-off score

Hayden Rutherford gets congruatulations from his teammates after sliding in with the winning run in extra innings against Wadena-Deer Creek. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Suicide squeeze wins in extra innings

The Staples-Motley baseball team used three bunts to score the winning run in the eighth inning of a 4-3 win against Wadena-Deer Creek on April 9.

Elijah Kossan bunted in Hayden Rutherford for the winning score, but there were plenty of highlights before that.

The Cardinals were cruising with a 2-0 lead and Griffin Betts was dominating on the mound. WDC got three infield hits in the fifth inning to make it 2-1. In the sixth inning, a sudden rain squall with high winds threw off the team's timing as they played through the mini storm. Behind 3-2 in the seventh inning, Staples-Motley used two swinging strikeouts to steal first and manufacture a run, tying the game at three.

In the eighth inning, Colbe Tappe kept WDC scoreless on the mound with the help of a 4-6-3 double play from Cooper Tappe to Ben Tyrrell to Bettis. In the Cardinal half of the inning, Rutherford walked and moved to second on a bunt by Eli Smith. Cooper Tappe bunted to move the runner to third and he ended up safe at first when a high throw took the fielder's foot off the bag. With one out, Kossan hit a hard bunt past the pitcher and charging third baseman for a single and there was no play at the plate as Rutherford easily slid in with the winning run.

Last season, the Staples-Motley baseball had several close losses early in the year. Starting out with this win shows they have the ability to come out on top in a close game.



Ben Tyrrell turns the double play after getting a flip from Cooper Tappe, back.



Griffin Bettis slides in safe at third

Cardinals win eight events as Brownell lowers record

Audrey Brownell broke her own school record in the 3,200 meter run, finishing in 11:06.72 in her first outdoor race at that distance this season, April 11, at Pillager. After a fast opening lap and slow second lap, Brownell settled into a steady pace for the next five laps and finished with a 1:15 final lap.

Kyanna Burton also won her race, finishing first in the 800 meters.

On the boys team, Avandre Brandt was a double winner, finishing first in the 200 meter dash and the high jump.

Turner Beachy won the pole vault, clearing 13 feet, placing him in the top ten on the school's all-time list.

Other winners were Logan Robben in the 800, Blaine Plattner in the 3,200 and Sawyer Ferdon in the triple jump.

Team results

Pillager Houligan Extravaganza

Boy's results

100 - 16. Luke Bjerga 13.16, 21. T. Beachy 13.61

200 - 1. A.Brandt 23.64, 21. Alexander Helstrom 27.73, 29. Atreyu Eagle Tail 30.76

400 - 10. Dillan Robben 59.51, 12. Ivan Lozano 1:01, 14. Eagle Tail 1:03, 19. Henrique Dos Santos 1:08

800 - 1. L. Robben 2:06, 5. Odin Trif 2:25

1,600 4. B. Plattner 5:30

3,200 - 1. B. Plattner 12:06, 4. D. Robben 12:55, 5. Lozano 13:00

110 hurdles - 2. Noah Larson 17.03, 4. Gavin Chenoweth 19.74

300 hurdles - 4. Larson 45.88, 9. Chenoweth 53.54

4x100 - 2. 46.77

4x200 - 2. 1:38

4x400 - 2. 3:45

High jump - 1. Brandt 5'10", 14. Larson 4'10", 15. Plattner 4'10"

Long jump - 3. Josiah Critten 19'4", 5. Benet Robinson 18'8", 6. L. Robben 18'8", 9. Beachy 18'4"

Triple jump - 1. Sawyer Ferdon 39'7", 7. Chenoweth 34'8", 10. Helstrom 33'4", 11. Justin Olson 32'1"

Pole vault - 1. Beachy 13'0", 2. Conner Kuhns 10'0"

Discus - 9. Dustin Converse 94'1", 10. Steven Petrich 87'10", 14. Drake Dukowitz 84'1", 22. Bjerga 72'11"

Shot put - 3. Petrich 39'6", 5. Converse 34'8", 10. Dukowitz 33'6", 14. Bjerga 31'11"

Girl's results

100 - 5. Corrine Olson 14.00, 18. Charlotte Wunderlich 15.43, 34. Marissa Heiort 17.49

200 - 9. Olson 30.02, 23. Leah Greenwaldt 34.07, 27. Brooke Bendson 36.47

400 - 21. Bendson 1:18, 22. Greenwaldt 1:19, 24. Madelyn Kist 1:22

800 - 1. Kyanna Burton 2:30, 8. Naila Mikhaeil 2:57, 15. Suhaila Mikhaeil 3:03

1,600 - 4. Aleea Holst 6:16, 6. S. Mikhaeil 6:29

3,200 - 1. A. Brownell 11:06

100 hurdles - 4. Bailey Weiland 19.62, 7. Abby Brichacek 21.39, 12. Wunderlich 30.58

4x100 - 8. 59.66

4x200 - 7. 2:11

4x400 - 8. 5:08

4x800 - 3. 11:00

High jump - 10. Dalma Kovacs 4'2", 11. Avery Japke 4'2"

Long jump - 14. Ronnie Noska 13'1"

Triple jump - 14. Brichacek 28'7", 15. Noska 28'1"

Pole vault - 3. Wunderlich 7'0"

Discus - 4. Annie Schlosser 79'1", 10. Weiland 70'1"

Shot put - 10. Weiland 26'0", 13. Schlosser 25'6", 17. Josie Jennissen 23'6"



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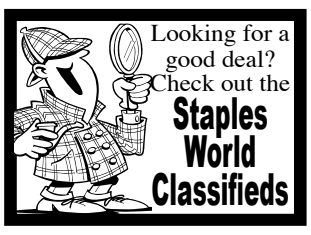
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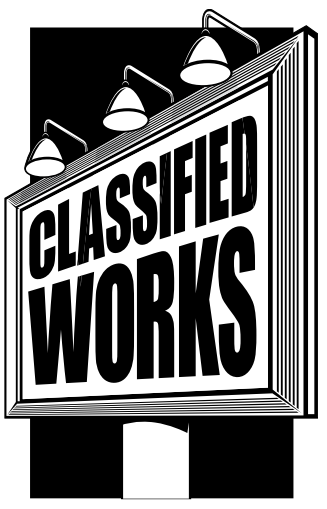
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For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional $42 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service **QuestCDN.com**. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated April 11, 2024.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of $125.

A pre-Bid conference will not be held for this project.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with U.S. Department of Labor and the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

The City of Staples reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City of Staples.

Jerel Nelsen
City Administrator
Staples, Minnesota
17-18pnc

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
Certificate of Assumed Name
Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME:
Norsemen Tactical
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
12399 241st AVE.,
STAPLES, MN 56479
U.S.A.
APPLICANT:
Norsemen Tactical LLC
12399 241st. AVE.
STAPLES, MN 56479
U.S.A.
If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY:
Ryan Walwick, owner

MAILING ADDRESS:
None Provided

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES:
norsemen.tactical@gmail.com

FILED: **March 28, 2024**
16-17pnc

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
2024 CONCRETE BRIDGE PROJECT

Closing date:
May 14, 2024

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., May 14, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SAP 077-614-022

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

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

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)
NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
2024 PAVEMENT BITUMINOUS PROJECTS
Closing date:
April 30, 2024

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., April 30, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SP 077-602-020
SAP 077-615-007
SAP 077-633-004
SAP 077-638-019
SAP 077-646-008
SAP 077-646-009
CP 24:86
CP 24:100
CP 24:103
CP 77-24-01
CP 77-24-06

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

Loren Fellbaum,
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer
15-17pnc

NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Staples Township shall meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office at 320-732-4431 to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
16-17pnc

NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
215 1st Ave South,
Suite 103
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 2, 2024** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. 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? Phone 320-732-4420 or Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Agenda
•Call to Order.
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Introduction of Planning Commission Members and process review.
•The applicant is introduced
•Staff report
•Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
•Public comment
•Board review with applicant, staff, and public
•Approval of agenda.
•Approval of the April 11, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. Levi A. Yoder: Section 22, Eagle Valley Township
Site Address: 35447 205th Avenue, Clarissa, MN 56440
PID: 07-0025300
1. Request for a CUP for metal fabricating and retail sales in AF-1 Zoning.

2. Michael L. Wolpert: Section 26, Staples Township
Site Address: 46825 County 21, Staples, MN 56479
PID: 22-0023503
1. Request to revise or revoke condition #1 on CUP# 2017-001.

3. CHS Inc.: Section 06, Round Prairie Township
Site Address: 20298 Hwy 71 South, Long Prairie, MN 56347
PID: 21-0007100
•Request for CUP for dry and liquid fertilizer facilities greater than 100' in height in Commercial Zoning.

Adjournment
Next meeting: June 6, 2024

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 Planning Commission
Jim Pratt, Chair
17pnc

TODD COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on **Monday, April 29, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.** the Todd County-Long Prairie Zoning Board will hold a public hearing in the City Government Office in Long Prairie, MN at 615 Lake Street South.

If you have any concerns or questions in regard to the upcoming meeting and the application on the agenda, feel free to contact the Todd County Planning & Zoning Office at either **(320) 732-4420** or **toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us**. All correspondence must include name & mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.

Agenda

1. CHS Inc.: Section 06, Round Prairie Township,
Site Address: 20298 Hwy 71 South, Long Prairie, MN 56347
PID: 21-0007100.
1. Request for variance to increase the maximum height of structures from 100' to 124' for the proposed construction of a fertilizer leg in Commercial Zoning.

Todd County-Long Prairie Zoning Board
17pnc

NOTICE
FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL ROAD TOUR

Fawn Lake Township will hold its Annual Road Tour on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Interested parties should meet at the Town Hall before 9:00 a.m. Any questions, please contact the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
17-18pnc

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MARCH 5, 2024

Call to Order

Jessie Sogge provided points of consideration relating to the Todd County Commissioner's role and the elements provided by statute regarding the proposed issuing of a CUP to Dairyridge.

Matthew Holt provided input for consideration relating to the Dairyridge CUP regarding a water permit requirement and addition of a township road to alleviate traffic concerns.

David Becker expressed concerns regarding the impact if there was no water in the aquifer for the future due to the proposed Dairyridge CUP.

Cary Hudalla expressed concerns regarding the future of ag prices and potential effect on the proposed Dairyridge project and its sustainability.

Jack Rohr expressed concerns about water levels for the future of the B1 aquifer and need for determination of the definite map of area of this aquifer.

Don Wienhold expressed concerns regarding the sustainability of the B1 aquifer and monitoring requirements.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 5th day of March, 2024 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with the removal of item 8.1 Approval to Hire Additional Legal Assistant - County Attorney and 9.2 Hire an additional Full Time Court Security staff.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes and Joint County/SWCD Meeting Minutes for February 20th, 2024 as presented.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Sauk Centre Country Club dba Greystone Golf Club at the address of 10548 Andrews Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

To approve an Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for TMF Resort Inc dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

To approve a Setup License for TMF Resort Inc dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

To approve an On Sale Wine License including strong beer for TMF Resort Inc dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

GAMBLING PERMIT – CENTRAL MINNESOTA WHITETAILS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Central Minnesota Whitetails through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Central Minnesota Whitetails to hold a raffle event at Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Rd, Clarissa, MN on April 6th, 2024.

GAMBLING PERMIT – LITTLE BIRCH LAKE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Association through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Association to hold a raffle event at Shattuck's Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN on September 14th, 2024.

To hire Bo Garthus for the Full Time Deputy position, start date TBD, Starting pay will be $28.48 Grade 10 step 1.

Approve the resignation of Child Services Social Worker Angela Hopkins, effective March 1st, 2024.

To approve the hire of Adriana Smieja to fill the Accounting Specialist position, Grade 6, Step 1 at $22.22/hour. Start date: TBD

To approve the hire of Seth Buschke to fill the Eligibility Worker position. Grade 6, Step 1 at $22.22. Start date: 3/6/2024.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the February 2024 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 903888 through 903966 in the amount of $1,403,134.25 (Manual) 930 through 938 in the amount of $67,027.72 and (Regular) 242255 through 242355 in the amount of $651,594.33 for a total of $2,121,756.30.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403069 through 403094 in the amount of $12,830.29 and (Regular) 57795 through 57836 in the amount of $44,834.35 for a total of $57,664.64.

On motion by Byers and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 805086 through 805122 and (Regular) 711630 through 711692 for a total of $55,264.28.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601201 through 601202 and (Regular) 517728 through 517740 for a total amount of $95,117.83.

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

APPROVAL OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL CHANGE & PETTY CASH FUNDS

WHEREAS, there are multiple petty cash & change funds in various departments across the county, and;

WHEREAS, State Auditing Standards & Statutes require board approval when modifications are requested and to annually confirm/reaffirm all county departmental change & petty cash funds,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the petty cash and change funds for the various departments for immediate implementation as per the attached list to be filed in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

On motion by Neumann and second by Byers, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2024 PARKS AND TRAILS APPROPRIATION FUNDS TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the 2024 budget for Todd County's allocation of funds to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board has been approved at $9,000; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Parks and Trails Board requesting for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund for 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of $9,000 from the General Fund to the Parks and Trails Fund.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition to clean a section of CD33 and install a private crossing on parcel 20-0035403 - Reynolds Twp section 32.

Public Works

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve attached Cooperative Construction Agreement for the Browerville Trail along CSAH 21.

County Attorney

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the 2024 Agreement for Prosecution Services with the City of Burtrum, Grey Eagle, West Union, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Bertha, and Hewitt.

County Sheriff

On motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To create an additional Full Time Investigator position at Grade 11.

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To purchase the new Motorola Body Camera system at the Quoted price of $113,870.

Solid Waste

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize Director, Chris McConn, to sign the MPCA Grant Agreement for $186,625.00.

Planning & Zoning

Information was provided to the County Board to confirm that the applicant for CUP on parcel 14-0009600 has formally withdrawn the item which was tabled in the February 20th, 2024 board meeting.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: To adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and adopt the amendments to Section 9.08 - Sewage Treatment Standards as presented.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and failed by majority rollcall vote with Denny and Noska for and Becker, Byers and Neumann against:

Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and additional findings from the County Board and grant the CUP on parcel 18-0040700 with the following conditions:

1. Applicant must obtain NPDES permitting for proposed expansion prior to issuance of land use permits.

2. No future building permits for feedlot components will be issued without prior approval of the MPCA as long as animal units and numbers met or increase beyond State NPDES/SDS and Federal CAFO definitions.

3. Applicant must obtain alternate MN DNR waters withdrawal permitting and provide verification of approved permitting to Todd County prior to issuance of land use permits.

4. Applicant must obtain Construction Stormwater Permitting in accordance with MN Rule 7090.

5. The stormwater and erosion control plan within any engineered designs shall be provided to Todd County prior to the start of construction. Todd County employees shall have the right to enter the property with advanced notice throughout the 2024-2029 NPDES construction permit period to ensure stormwater protections are in place.

6. Air quality exemption notices shall be provided to Todd County prior to all future manure application events. The notification shall include field identification and location, manure density, manure application rate, period of application, procedure of application, and timing of incorporation.

7. Land application fields and setback maps shall be provided to Todd County on an annual basis for no less than the first five years of the MPCA issued permit.

8. Applicant shall provide annual land application records to the MPCA and local Feedlot Program for review no later than March 15 of the year following the land application events to be reviewed.

9. All land application shall adhere to MN 7020 setbacks including 100' setbacks to sand-point and other sensitive wells as defined by the Minnesota Department of Health whether in use or not and 50 feet from any non-sensitive well, whether private, irrigation, commercial, or livestock well. These setbacks increase during winter application to a 300' setback to all wells and surface waters and must also be adhered during winter land application events.

10. Liquid manure storage structure shall have capacity for no less than 12 months storage based on the annual manure production of the total animal units after any expansion with inclusion of all wastewater and runoff water from open lots being directed to the liquid manure storage area. All manure storage shall be constructed prior to stocking of additional animal units.

11. Proposed liquid manure storage area shall be constructed entirely outside of the current Drinking Water Supply Management Area for the City of Long Prairie.

12. Applicant shall develop an emergency management plan in both English and Spanish and shall have the plan posted in farm vehicles and key locations throughout the dairy site.

13. Applicant shall seek application to and recommendations from the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program before year 2024.

14. In the event of a manure spill or other discharge, applicant must notify the County and the Minnesota Duty Officer immediately upon discovery of said discharge.

15. Addition of flow monitoring devices in all wells within both the B1 and H1 aquifer wells.

16. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

The following statements are the conditions, changes or reasons that the motion failed:

1. Lack of information provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural reasons in order to make an informed decision about water quantity protections.

2. Insufficient availability of groundwater to supply the requested increase in animal units.

3. Lack of correct information related to ground water and that the County shall have the final decision in protection of ground water quantity.

4. Health, safety, and welfare for the citizens of Todd County.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the increase in OSS II position from 32 hrs a week to 40 hrs a week.

On motion by Byers and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unani-

See **TCC** on page 10a

Autism-friendly colors can help calm children

Submitted by University of Minnesota Extension

Selecting paint colors for your living room, office or classroom can be a big decision — one that impacts not only the feel of the room but the emotions of those within it. Research suggests color may play an even more important role for children with autism.

For National Autism Awareness Month this April, Cecilia Xi Wang, an assistant professor in the College of Design, answers questions about how families and schools can use color to better support children with autism.

Q: How do colors affect people generally?

Prof. Wang: Colors profoundly impact our emotions and behavior, influencing how we perceive and interact with the world around us. In various design fields, colors are recognized as powerful tools for shaping our experiences and creating environments that resonate with us emotionally. Colors can evoke specific responses, like the invigorating red of a fitness app or the soothing blue of a meditation website. Colors can also have psychological and physiological effects. For example, in health care design, colors are selected based on evidence and patient needs, with calming tones reducing stress and bold contrasts aiding wayfinding.

Q: How does color impact children with autism?

Prof. Wang: Children with autism spectrum disorder often have unique sensory sensitivities, making them exceptionally responsive to environmental stimuli, including color. In designing spaces for these children, such as classrooms or healthcare facilities, it's essential to consider the impact of color on their sensory experiences. Bright or intense colors may be overwhelming for some children with autism, while softer colors tend to be more calming.

Q: How can families incorporate autism-friendly colors at home?

Prof. Wang: Autism-friendly colors typically include muted hues like pale blues, greens, and earth tones, which have a soothing effect. These colors can be incorporated into home decor through wall paint, furniture, textiles, and decorative accents. Creating designated sensory-friendly spaces within the home, equipped with sensory tools and activities tailored to individual preferences, can provide a safe and comfortable retreat. Thoughtful consideration and personalization can ensure the space feels welcoming and supportive for the entire family.

Q: How can schools use this knowledge to better support students?

Prof. Wang: Schools can leverage design insights to create inclusive learning environments for students with autism by creating classrooms that promote focus and concentration by incorporating autism-friendly color schemes and minimizing sensory distractions, such as harsh lighting or busy patterns. Just like at home, providing sensory-friendly zones at school offers students a space to retreat and self-regulate. Collaborating with students, families and experts to understand their unique needs and preferences is also essential in creating supportive environments that foster learning and well-being for all students.

Q: What are you currently working on related to color selection?

Prof. Wang: I am deeply engaged in projects centered around color selection within health care and human-centered empathic design. Specifically, I am collaborating with the U of M Medical School's CentraCare Regional Campus in St. Cloud to develop new learning environments and make informed color selections with students, faculty, and staff. My research focuses on how colors relate to human behavior and psychology, particularly in promoting well-being. These endeavors involve exploring the nuanced impact of color choices on user experiences and emotional responses, aiming to create environments conducive to healing and holistic wellness.

Cecilia Xi Wang is an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota's College of Design. Her research delves into leveraging design thinking to develop intelligent, meaningful, and sustainable experiences, forging novel connections among signs, objects, actions, and ideas. Actively engaged in both teaching and research, Dr. Wang's contributions span various domains, including design philosophy, user experience design, health care design, service design, visual communication design, and multi-disciplinary design.

Considering when is the right time to retire

Submitted by University of Minnesota Extension

Kate Schaefers, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Minnesota, answers questions about easing the transition to retirement and embracing this next stage of life.

Q: How do you know it's the right time to retire?

Schaefers: Retirement is more nuanced than a one-time event — it's a process, with pivots and course corrections. The right time to retire is driven by the whole picture of what is most important, what works, and how to fund it.

Increasingly common is the concept of "unretirement," when people work after retirement by choice and for added income — only 39% of workers aged 50–64 believe they will have enough money to live comfortably in retirement, according to a 2023 Gallup survey. Many shed career jobs in favor of alternative ways of working: part-time work, consulting, project-based and gig work are options that fit with a new, sustainable life chapter.

Q: What are some unexpected challenges people might face?

Schaefers: We underestimate the importance of friendships, teamwork and sense of belonging that comes from our work. Despite best intentions to stay in touch, co-workers move on without us — a sobering reality. Too often, retirees struggle to find new friends and social networks. Strong relationships are more important than anything else when it comes to happiness, health and longevity, according to longitudinal data from Harvard University. That's why ready-made communities like OLLI at the University of Minnesota are so valuable for retirees.

Another challenge is the shift from saving to spending. When it comes time to spend down retirement accounts, it can be difficult and even painful to face the realistic fear of outliving our resources. A solid budget and a mental shift are needed. Part-time income might also ease some of those fears and open the door to spending on things that enrich retirement, like trips and experiences.

Q: What strategies can help people better plan for retirement?

Schaefers: Dwight D. Eisenhower famously said, "Plans are worthless, but planning is everything." Have plans for the important things — finances, health, relationships and lifestyle. However, life is uncertain, so flexibility is key. As you transition into retirement, carve out a defined period (e.g., the summer after you retire) to decompress. Put something exciting such as a trip or fun project on your calendar to ease the transition. As you adjust, start building your new daily schedule, including activities that align with your life priorities. Will an exercise class keep you on track with staying active? Will watching grandchildren give you quality time with loved ones? Will taking an OLLI class spark your curiosity? Give yourself permission to experiment and adjust.

Q: How can people create structure and routine in this phase of life?

Schaefers: We yearn for a life on our terms, without alarm clocks and schedules to confine us. Yet people may feel rudderless without work routines. In our productivity-oriented society, busyness is a virtue and idleness-aversion is a thing. It's easy to fall into the trap of keeping busy but not feeding our souls.

Stephen Covey's success habit of putting first things first offers a powerful guide for retirement. Start with what matters most to you — the rocks — and build those into your routines first. Everything else — the pebbles, the sand, the water — are fillers, and it's okay if those fall through the cracks. It will take focus and practice (and maybe some idle time to think!), but in the end it's a good strategy for turning your values into action.

Q: What resources does the U of M offer to help retirees stay engaged?

Schaefers: Lifelong learning is key to an active retirement, and nothing beats the enrichment that comes from a community of learners. OLLI at the U of M offers hundreds of courses to spark your curiosity, book clubs and special interest groups to connect you with peers, and opportunities to volunteer your talents to the community.

OLLI is available for an annual $300 membership, but we are offering free online lectures this spring so you can sample engaging U of M research topics, including Treating Cancer as an Invasive Species; Awesome Apples: Honeycrisps to Kudos; and Diabetes, Obesity and the Next-Generation Drugs Shaping our Future, and more. Spring lectures are on Thursday afternoons from March 28 - May 2. You can sign up for one or more lectures at ccaps.umn.edu/olli/olli-u-lecture-series.

Kate Schaefers is the director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota, which is part of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies. She also is a psychologist, coach and educator. She coaches professionals who are transitioning into new roles, jobs and careers, and organizations that are exploring ways to tap the talent of a multigenerational workplace. A past president of AARP-MN, Schaefers currently serves on the AARP-MN Executive Council. Learn more about OLLI at ccaps.umn.edu/olli.

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

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mous vote: Approve notification to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Todd County's intent to administer and deliver the Energy Assistance Program for FFY 2025.

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Care Coordinator Job Description.

Commissioners

After discussion was held, Chair Becker tabled the proposed action regarding written approval from affected Todd County Townships on P&Z Commission Boards Agenda action items to allow for time to research potential verbiage that could be added within the Zoning Ordinance.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the Presidential Nomination Primary is being held today countywide and encouraged residents to vote today.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney encouraged residents to vote today.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Denny had nothing new to report.

Commissioner Becker attended the Personnel, Facilities and Region V meetings.

Commissioner Noska encouraged residents to vote today.

Commissioner Neumann attended the Personnel meetings.

Commissioner Byers attended the Wellness Committee, Long Prairie Watershed and Tri-Cap meetings.

Recess

Chair Becker recessed the meeting until March 19th, 2024.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
EBSO INC	$295,613.19
HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL	$7,609.77
INTEGRITY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, LLC	$4,455.00
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC	$6,286.14
NOW MICRO INC	$5,105.40
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	$13,593.14
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	$90,689.08
STEP	$11,818.80
TANGEN/NEIL R	$2,410.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	$8,046.50
VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	$3,439.60
23 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$10,760.25
BLUEPEARL VETERINARY PARTNERS	$2,603.42
CENTRA CARE	$12,109.12
MELROSE ONE STOP	$5,155.04
MINNESOTA POWER	$14,396.26
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	$5,080.50
MORRISON COUNTY	$24,249.26
NORTH COUNTRY CHEVROLET BUICK GMC	$49,260.59
REVIZE LLC	$8,280.00
SHI CORP	$4,170.33
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES INC	$5,083.71
29 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$12,541.08
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	$7,329.06
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	$14,014.32
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	$5,833.00
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK	$6,908.83
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	$11,825.00
MINNESOTA POWER	$8,910.64
NORTHSTAR PLUMBING, HEATING AND AIR	$8,950.00
OFFICE OF MNIT SERVICES	$2,677.30
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	$2,749.31
THE TRADESMEN CONSTRUCTION INC	$124,830.31
TODD CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY	$15,000.00
TOWN OF BARTLETT	$22,822.36
TOWN OF BERTHA	$26,669.62
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE	$31,908.83
TOWN OF BRUCE	$25,316.00
TOWN OF BURLEENE	$23,906.17
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE	$30,614.32
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY	$36,337.52
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	$30,217.31
TOWN OF GERMANIA	$29,163.21
TOWN OF GORDON	$30,523.74
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE	$23,074.52
TOWN OF HARTFORD	$35,590.51
TOWN OF IONA	$35,312.20
TOWN OF KANDOTA	$22,098.27
TOWN OF LESLIE	$25,075.31
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK	$20,572.36
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK	$31,009.22
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE	$30,206.54
TOWN OF MORAN	$27,837.14
TOWN OF REYNOLDS	$28,374.31
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE	$33,506.02
TOWN OF STAPLES	$26,782.31
TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE	$ 30,853.89
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK	$16,237.00
TOWN OF VILLARD	$31,351.14
TOWN OF WARD	$32,296.69
TOWN OF WEST UNION	$18,939.46
TOWN OF WYKEHAM	$30,769.03
WENCK ASSOCIATES, INC.	$27,706.73
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	$9,588.75
28 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$11,893.26
MCCC, MI33	$8,695.00
OTTER TAIL CO SOLID WASTE DEPT	$17,625.31
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	$27,706.73
TOWMASTER	$153,593.00
WARNER LAW, LLC	$4,484.78
18 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$6,785.02
CITY OF BURTRUM	$17,363.82
CITY OF STAPLES	$3,193.32
SCHOOL DISTRICT #2170	$18,921.81
SCHOOL DISTRICT #2753	$63,261.74
SCHOOL DISTRICT #486	$31,545.79
TOWN OF BRUCE	$14,190.60
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	$4,051.58
TOWN OF MORAN	$2,550.79
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE	$30,602.36
6 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$1,819.24
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	$29,671.10
US BANK - CC	$10,032.45
MN UI FUND	$22,418.94
7 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$4,905.23
TOTAL:	**$2,121,756.30**

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
CARGILL SALT DIVISION	$15,356.76
CONFITREK, INC	$2,400.00
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECH	$2,477.33
HILLYARD	$3,391.68
IDENTISYS INCORPORATED	$5,713.43
SAUK CENTRE POLICE DEPARTMENT	$3,800.00
62 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$24,525.44
Total:	**$57,664.64**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
2 PATRIOTS PROPERTIES	$3,060.00
BENSON FUNERAL HOME	$3,030.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	$2,320.81
DHS - SWIFT	$9,344.43
ITEN FUNERAL HOME	$3,180.00
PERISH/ALAN	$2,303.41
US BANK	$3,002.46
93 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$29,023.17
Total:	**$55,264.28**

VENDOR NAME	$AMOUNT
DHS - ANOKA METRO RTC - 412	$65,286.00
DHS - MOOSE LAKE RTC - 462	$2,179.61
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROG - 462	$5,939.60
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472	$11,578.50
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC	$2,731.41
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS	$5,056.59
9 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$2,346.12
Total:	**$95,117.83**

On a motion by Denny and second by Byers, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 5th, 2024 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 19th, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Barbara Becker, County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Lakes, rivers still too cold to swim

With anglers, boaters, and paddlers taking advantage of the early ice-out across much of Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is reminding anyone spending time around lakes, rivers, and ponds that water temperatures remain extremely low and unexpected falls can turn tragic.

Each year, about one-third of fatal boating accidents happen during the cold water period and many instances involve victims who weren't wearing a life jacket. Cold water can quickly incapacitate even strong swimmers and the most effective way to survive a fall in is to wear a life jacket that's buckled or zipped.

Watch the weather and have a means of communication. People recreating around water should tell someone where they're going and when they plan to return.

See the DNR's cold water safety webpage for more information about staying safe around or on cold water.



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White begins title defense season with win

Defending state champion Carter White opened the season with a tie for first place at the Detroit Lakes Early Bird at Lakeview Golf Course on April 12. White shot even par 64 on a shortened course that included nine par-three holes and just one par five.

White was one under par on front nine and one over on the back nine.

Keller Anderson and Peyton Mithun tied for 13th place at 72. Anderson shot one birdie and nine pars while Mithun had 11 pars and one birdie. Grant Bestland shot three birdies with six pars, but struggled with double and triple bogeys on the back nine to place 30th. Thomas Johnson had five pars and one birdie. Jackson White was playing well but had one bad hole that blew up his scorecard.

Team results

Detroit Lakes Early Bird

Detroit Lakes 272, Fargo Davies 284, Staples-Motley 285, West Fargo 289, West Fargo Sheyenne 291, Fargo North 299, Fargo South 307, Crosby/Ironton/Aitkin 323, Crookston 329, Wadena-Deer Creek 340, Pine River-Backus 360



Golf alum visits

The first Staples-Motley state golfer came back to meet the latest golf state champion and other team members on April 9. Lori Lee of California, a 1979 Staples High School graduate, was the first Cardinal state entrant in the state golf tournament in 1977. She visited golf practice at The Vintage Golf Course on April 9 and met with team members. From left, Keller Anderson, Lee, defending state champion Carter White and Thomas Johnson. (Submitted photo)

1. Carter White 64
13. Keller Anderson 72
13. Peyton Mithun 72
30. Grant Bestland 77
38. Thomas Johnson 80
40. Jackson White 81



Running catch

Lilly Tyrrell tracks down a fly ball (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Softball team earns one win in busy week

The Staples-Motley softball team took one win in five games during the opening week of the season. They beat Pine River-Backus 19-14 in a game played at Northwestern University on April 11, then lost the second game 11-1 against Wadena-Deer Creek.

Earlier in the week, the Cardinals opened the season with an 18-1 loss to Pierz, then dropped a doubleheader against Aitkin 13-3 and 10-5. The Cardinals got their bats going late in the first game against Aitkin and continued hitting well in the second game.







Softball action

Above, Izzy Olander; left, Ellie Moulton; lower left, Liv Lorber. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Eighth grade GBB Pacesetter runners-up

The Staples-Motley 8th grade girl's basketball team won the runners-up trophy at the Minnesota State Pacesetter Basketball tournament held April 6 in St. Cloud.

Front: Aleea Holst, Sophia Luna, Chloe Larson. Back: Alyce Scheler, Brooklyn Winter, Brooke Reisenauer, Jaida Holst, Carolyn Hoppe, Clara Maros, Addie Potter. (Submitted photo)





Donation to the Staples-Motley Wrestling Club

The Motley Lions recently made a donation to the Staples-Motley Wrestling Club to help purchase a new wrestling mat. (Submitted photo)

DNR makes ATV safety a priority

Off-highway vehicles have been common sights across the state for weeks now, and they'll become more prevalent going forward, as trails open for use as conditions allow.

With what could be an unusually long riding season on tap and the continued surge in the number of all-terrain vehicles registered in the state, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources urges all riders to make safety their top priority. During the past decade, an average of 19 people each year have been involved in fatal OHV crashes. In that same period, the number of registered machines has risen from about 377,000 to more than 520,500. While even one fatality is too many, the number of fatalities per registered ATV has been trending downward in recent years.

DNR safety officials said actively supervising young riders and making sure they properly fit the machine they're riding, wearing a DOT-approved helmet, using the seatbelt on machines equipped with them, and completing a safety education course are among the top ways to ensure a safe ride.

Minnesota law requires anyone born after July 1, 1987, and who is 12 years or older, to complete safety certification before operating ATVs on public lands or waters, public road rights-of-way, and state or grant-in-aid trails. People who do so are less likely to be involved in serious crash. Remember riders under age 15 are not allowed to operate Class 2 ATVs, except on private property. The DNR advises against riders under 15 operating Class 2 ATVs in any location.

For more tips on safe riding and available safety classes, head to the DNR's ATV safety webpage.



State speech qualifiers

Staples-Motley speech team members who will compete at the Minnesota State Speech Tournament on Friday, April 19 in Shakopee, front row from left, Lexi Ann, AJ Nienow and Laken Hines; back row, Brynn Bestland, Walker Johnson, Olivia Opheim and Joshua Cushing, (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley sends seven to state speech

On April 13, the Staples-Motley Speech team competed in the MSHSL Section 6A tournament. It was a great day for Staples-Motley Speech with the team winning first place in the tournament to become Section 6A champions and seven competitors advancing to the state tournament in Shakopee.

The top three competitors from each category at the section tournament advance to the state tournament. Those advancing from Staples-Motley are: AJ Nienow and Joshua Cushing, placing first and second respectively in Creative Expression, Walker Johnson placed second in Extemporaneous Reading, Brynn Bestland first place in Great Speeches, Laken Hines took the top spot in the Humor category, Olivia Opheim placed first in Informative Speaking, and Lexi Ann placed third in Prose.

Other team members who placed and contributed greatly to the team's first place win are Sabina Moe fifth in Discussion, Raina Mikhaeil and Jaden Johnson, fourth and fifth respectively in the Great Speeches category, Hailey Richardt sixth in Original Oratory, Addie Brenny fifth place in Poetry and Maddock Harvey fourth in Storytelling.

City of Motley receives good report from auditor

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting April 8, the Motley City Council accepted the Annual Audit Year Ended Dec. 31, 2023, 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 Kari Jacobson did a great job and was easy to work with.

Schmidt noted that in regard to the general fund inflows (revenue), the city was $29,000 over budget. Revenues come from property taxes and state aid.

In regard to the general fund outflows (expenses) for 2023, Schmidt noted that the city was very close to budget, exceeding it by about $3,600. 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 2023 was $864,695.

Schmidt noted that the city's proprietary funds - water, sewer and solid waste - all seem to be operating as they should. "I have no concerns," he said.

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED an ordinance allowing assisted living facilities in the city's Medium Residential District. Council member April Skeesick-Larson clarified that a 12-bed maximum had been discussed at a previous planning and zoning commission meeting.
- APPROVED amending an ordinance to regulate animal trapping and animal safety within the city limits.
- APPROVED a $5,000 donation to the Motley Fair (Morrison County Ag Association) to help with the fair's expenses and cash flow, as requested by Fair Board President Shawn Jordahl and fair board member Kristin Bjerga. Also approved, per their request, was a temporary liquor license for the fair, to be held June 13 - 16.
- APPROVED a motion to rescind a motion from March of 2023, in which the city approved a $6,000 donation to June Fest. During their discussion, the council noted that the city had already approved a $6,000 donation for the 2024 June Fest. During their pre-vote discussion, council member Dennis Erickson said he felt the organization in charge of June Fest must not have needed these funds, as they "obviously got by" without them. Council member Nikki Bjerga also expressed concern that the city could deplete their 10-percent fund if they give toward every request.
- APPROVED a motion to increase the Fire Relief Pension Fund from $3,000 to $3,700.
- APPROVED having the Motley Fire Dept. donate the SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) they had received from the Staples Fire Dept. to the Bertha Fire Dept. Motley Fire Chief Brad Olson noted that Motley's new SCBAs had arrived a few weeks ago.
- APPROVED having Minnesota Cleaning Solutions do a deep cleaning of the carpets at city hall. Previously, a pipe that supplies water to the fire trucks broke, and there was water throughout the Historical Society Room, the records storage room and the hallway.
- HEARD from Skeesick-Larson during the council forum regarding the training sessions she'd recently attended at Sourcewell in Staples. She expressed her gratitude to the council and Sourcewell for this opportunity.
- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m., preceded by a work session at 4:30 p.m.

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Small towns need to work on community participation

will need to move or will die, opening up a large number of homes in the area.

"This is literally unprecedented, there is a big turnover coming up, and the new people moving in will be a lot of families with children," said Winchester.

The talk touched on school enrollment and the rural/urban divide. Winchester said schools losing enrollment is based on a lower birth rate throughout the nation. The average household size in 1940 was 3.6, but is down to 2.6 today.

He said a lot of urban growth is due to rural areas becoming reclassified as urban. For example, an outer suburb that has always been rural suddenly gains population and is changed to an urban area.

"Rural success is taken away and handed to urban areas," said Winchester.

Winchester suggested communities promote their small towns instead of buying in to the false narratives.

Another national trend of diminishing community participation has increased since the pandemic and hits small towns harder because there is a lot more pressure on rural residents to become community leaders. Winchester said one in 19 people in a rural community are a member of a community board or organization.

The old model of large community organizations focusing on many aspects of the community needs to be replaced by groups with a more narrow focus, said Winchester. That way people can be invited to participate to the level and subject matter that they desire instead of becoming a member of a large organization with many different focus areas.

"Rural communities are changing, not dying," said Winchester.

Todd County Development Corporation Board Chair Jim Lunemann encouraged the audience to think about Winchester's question "how do we engage our community?"



New director

Melissa Wyman spoke at the TCDC dinner about taking over as executive director in May.

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TCDC/SBDC

were released, including two successful grants written for $480,000, 31 jobs created or retained, 20 business retention and expansion visits and $4,377,573 in projects financed with the help of TCDC.

The Small Business Development Center within TCDC is a free service to area businesses for help with business plans, access to capital, marketing and strategic planning.



Concerns voiced about sign's condition

At their work session April 8, the Motley City Council and city staff discussed the brick sign outside of the Motley Fire Department that is in need of repair.

City Clerk/Treasurer Kari Jacobson said she received a phone call from a resident who stated that the sign looks horrible (although he used a different word) and needs to be replaced.

Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton explained that the sign had been hit by a car a couple of years ago. Fire Chief Brad Olson added that it would be very expensive to repair.

During their discussion, Brotherton wondered if they should put work into a new design. Jacobson suggested the person who called might consider starting a fundraiser for a new sign.

Conversation also took place regarding a blighted property in town, which council member April Skeesick-Larson said is an eye sore for the city, as it's one of the first things you see when entering town. The item will first be brought to the planning and zoning commission, as the council and city staff were not sure if it met the qualifications for being a nuisance property. Mayor Pat O'Regan also suggested speaking to the property owner to see what his plans are. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Tractor accident in Morrison County results in injury

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports that on April 9, at approximately 11:14 a.m., their office received a report of a man that was run over by a tractor pulling a trailer at a residence off 85th Ave., just north of Flensburg in Pike Creek Township.

According to the sheriff's office, 22-year-old Albin Oldakowski of Little Falls was attempting to get a tractor and trailer unstuck using another tractor and trailer. He got caught under the wheel of the tractor that was being pulled out and was run over. Oldakowski was transported to St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls by ambulance and then airlifted to St. Cloud Hospital with unknown injuries.

The MCSO was assisted by the Little Falls Police Department, Swanville First Response Team, North Air Care and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.

Motley area law enforcement reports

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

April 3 - 9

April 8 - Motley Police received a report of a juvenile from Motley that ran away the Friday before.

April 7 - Motley Police assisted Morrison County deputies with an out-of-control subject at 16 Hwy 10 S., Motley.

April 3 - Motley Police issued a speeding citation to Gabriela Carter, 27.

April 9 - The MCSO received a report that a sign had been stolen at Swallow Dr. and Dove Rd.

April 8 - The MCSO received a call from a subject from Cushing who reported he'd lost his wallet.

April 6 - The MCSO received a call regarding a one-vehicle roll-over at Hwy 64 in Cass County. The Motley Fire Dept. was paged.

April 5 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 2300 block of 330th St., Motley. The deputy checked the area, but was unable to locate anything. He also checked the building and found it to be secure.

April 5 - A Morrison County deputy was dispatched to a suspicious activity complaint at 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

April 4 - The MCSO received a report of a vehicle accident at 12233 State Hwy 64 SW, Motley. The Motley Fire Dept. was paged.