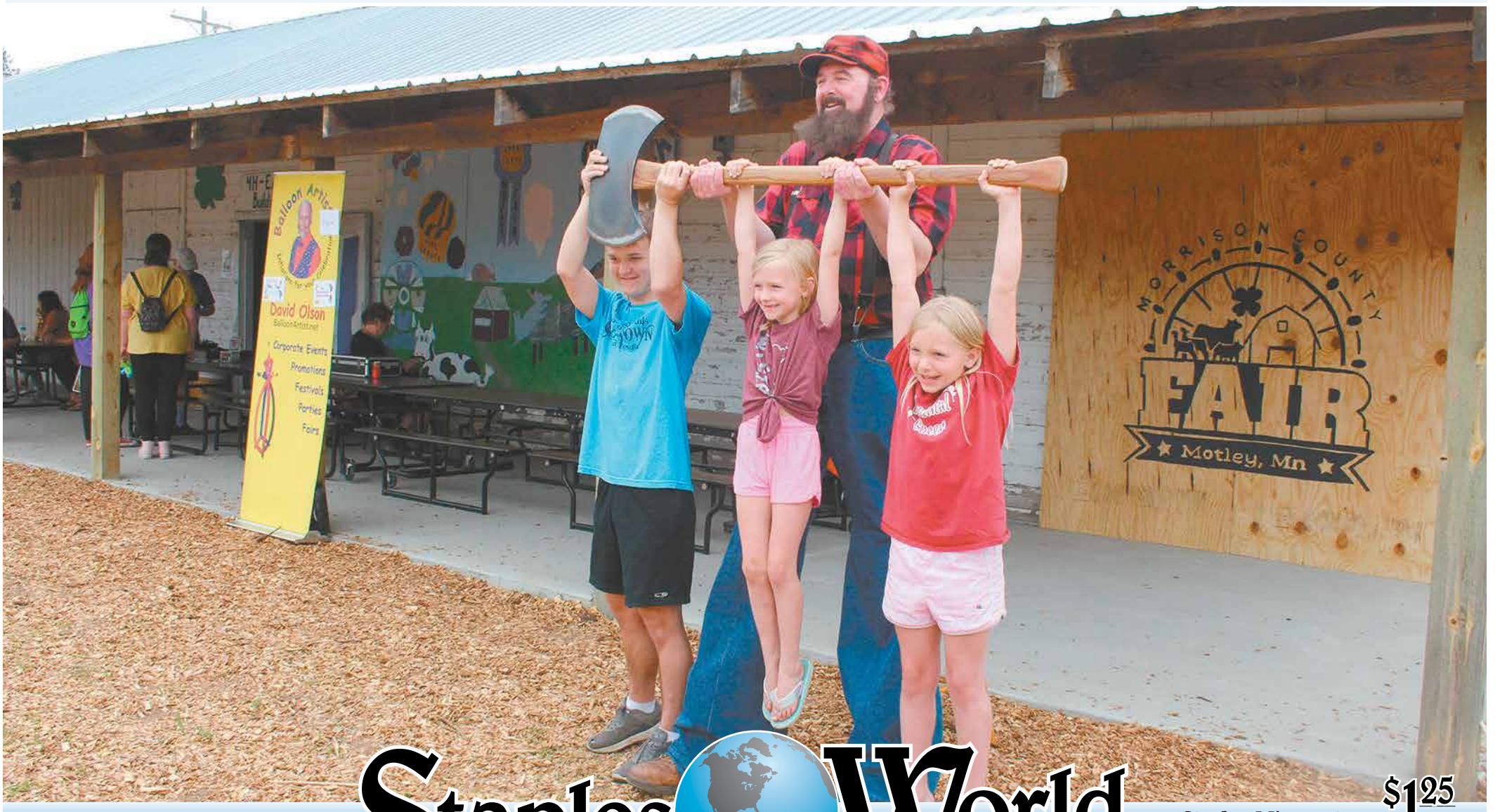
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Motley Fair goes big A highlight at the recent Motley Fair was the opportunity to meet Paul Bunyan, who stood 7'6" tall. Pictured above June 15, Jaidyn Fonteyn, Jocelyn Fonteyn and Logan Serich posed with the gentle giant. See more from the Motley Fair and Motley June Fest in next week's newspaper. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Arts council seeks public input

The Staples Motley Area Arts Council is inviting the public to help plan their future direction. Anyone interested in the arts, including musicians, performers, artists, and fans of the arts, is invited to the Summer Solstice Music and Arts Summit on Thursday, June 20, at the Staples Community Center from 7-8 p.m.

The arts council puts on the Music in the Park summer series at Northern Pacific Park in Staples, featuring local and Minnesota musicians. The group is looking for public input on what else the arts council could do and to see if members of the public would like to join the group or help with certain projects.

Arts council history

The first meeting of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council was July 10, 1969. Their first event was bringing the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra to play a concert at Dower Lake. In the 55 years since, they have sponsored hundreds of musical performances, ranging all over the musical map, from symphonies and operas to polka bands to rock and roll. They also have brought in theatre and other diversified performances.

In the 1980s, the arts council was the catalyst to organize and build Centennial Auditorium at Staples-Motley High School, where many performances have been held.

From its inception, the Staples Motley Area Arts Council has been bringing high quality performers to the community, year after year. The council wants to know if the public will continue to support the arts in this fashion, or if there are new directions that the arts council can participate in.

Weather

2024
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
June 19	73	54	M. Cloudy
June 20	75	60	Showers
June 21	73	63	Rain
June 22	76	59	Rain
June 23	73	57	M. Sunny
June 24	78	63	M. Sunny
June 25	78	58	Showers

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
June 19	88°	63	Sunny
June 20	90	71	Sunny
June 21	87	62	Sunny
June 22	85	66	Sunny
June 23	81	67	M. Sunny
June 24	80	63	Cloudy
June 25	77	62	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 78° Low = 58°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Lawrence Wilhelmson

Giza Plumbing celebrates 90 years of business

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

'Got a stopped up sink and your furnace done quit...who ya gonna call?...Call Giza!'

For 90 years, "Call Giza," has been a familiar phrase voiced by people in the Staples area who are in need of plumbing and heating services.

The family owned and operated business, now in its fourth generation, is continuing to flourish and provide much-needed services to homes and industries not only in Staples, but throughout central Minnesota.

Giza's is believed to be one of only four plumbing businesses in the state that's been owned and operated by the same family for 90 years. And they've done so with professionalism and integrity, maintaining the trust and loyalty of the community all these nine decades.

The business was started in 1934 by John Giza, who moved to Staples from Superior, Wisc., setting up a plumbing business in his garage.

According to family history, John came to Staples by way of his wife, Emma Adamek, who had roots there. At the time of their wedding, young Mr. Giza had just gotten out of the Army and the couple moved to Duluth, where John worked at the Holland Furnace Company. This was during the Depression, and after a year or two, when there was no more work to be found, John and Emma came to Staples, where Emma's dad owned four farms. Shortly after, John went to work cleaning furnaces and Giza Plumbing was birthed in 1934.



Hardworking crew

The staff at Giza Plumbing & Heating in Staples has been serving the community for 90 years. Pictured, from left, are Levi Hammett, Jarvis Deprez, Nathan Schimpp, Lisa Giza and business owner Greg Giza. (Submitted photo)

At the time of Giza's 75th anniversary, former Staples World editor Tom Crawford wrote, "In 1945, he (John) moved the shop to Fifth Street. It is still on Fifth Street, now at 115 N.W. Fifth, but it was originally just north, in the Batcher's Backroom Building at first. For about 20 years, Giza Plumbing was two doors to the south before moving to the current location in 1971."

"John Giza was joined by his son, Harold, in 1946," Crawford continued. "Harold's son, Marv, joined the business in 1970 (after a stint raising mink). The latest family member and fourth generation to come on board is Greg, who has been working full time since 1995."

Marv technically retired in 2020, but checks in once a week, he said recently at the family shop, filled with all sorts of hardware needed for their line of work. There's a lot of memories, too, housed between the shop walls. Marv notes that their building was once home to Schmitt TV and Radio, and Cozy Cafe once existed where part of their shop is now. Marv recalled the year they added on to the shop, purchasing land from Larry Huff.

Both Marv and Greg have strong ties to the community, as is evidenced by banners in the shop supporting the Staples-Motley Cardinals. Marv graduated from Staples High School in 1960, and Greg is a 1993 graduate of Staples-Motley.

Greg, who has his masters license, became sole owner of Giza's in 2020. Originally, Greg had plans to join the Coast Guard, but said he found out he'd have to "run a million miles a day and that wasn't happening." Instead, he attended North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, became a licensed HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) technician, and joined the family business. He's never regretted it.

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Staples City Council looks at cannabis growing moratorium

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council set a publc hearing on a proposed ordinance that would prevent residents from growing cannabis within the city limits.

The practice is already regulated by the state, but Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the League of Minnesota Cities has recommended a temporary ordinance that would limit growing into the year 2025.

This would not affect the THC ordinance that the city already has in place, which prevents the sale of marijuana based products within 500 feet of a school, church or day care facility.

In other news, the council

- Approved ARMER equipment grant program agreement with Todd County. This Department of Public Safety grant could potentially purchase two new radios for Staples Police.
- Approved low bid for street overlays to Ideal Construction.
- Held public hearing on plans to vacate the planned cul de sac on Spruce Drive and redrawing the Valley View subdivision plat to continue the street and add more lots. With no public input, the coucnil approved the proposal.
- Heard from Spruce Drive resident about lack of weed control on two of the lots.

Tami Brotherton, Janae Stern, on board at Motley City Hall



New staff at city hall

The City of Motley recently hired two new staff members, both in the administration department. Tami Brotherton (standing) is the new City Clerk/Treasurer; and Janae Stern is the Deputy Clerk/Office Manager for Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

If you stop by Motley City Hall, chances are you'll have the opportunity to meet two new employees, both of whom are on board with the city's administrative department.

Tami Brotherton has been hired as the City Clerk/Treasurer, taking over for Kari Jacobson, who resigned in May; and Janae Stern is the city's new Deputy Clerk/Office Manager. Stern is replacing Sarah Lenzen, who also recently resigned.

Both Brotherton and Stern are happy to be on board at Motley City Hall, and shared some information about themselves with the Staples World recently.

Tami Brotherton

Tami Brotherton has called Motley 'home' for nearly two decades. She and her husband, Bruce, have a blended family which includes three adult children, all of whom graduated from Staples-Motley. They also are blessed with six grandchildren.

Tami is familiar with, and has a heart for small towns. During her growing-up years, she lived in the Ramsey/Anoka area, and later attended high school in Hill City.

After graduating, Tami went on to study electrical design, which led her back to the Anoka area. She enjoyed working in this field, but later decided to go back to school to become a lab technician. While attending Alexandria Technical College, she lived in Eagle Bend, during which time she met Bruce. This August, they'll have been married 18 years. In addition to being Tami's husband, people in Motley know Bruce as the city's Public Works Supervisor, a position he has held for several years.

Along the way, Tami started her own business, TRB Sewing, which she operated for many years in Staples, later setting up shop in Motley. She grew up in the business, Tami said, going on to share that her parents had a sewing business when she was young.

She hadn't set out to become a city clerk, but the job presented itself to her, and she's excited for the challenge. Tami recalled taking accounting courses in high school and that she always enjoyed them. Yes, there will be a lot to learn in this new position, but 'learning' is something she loves to do.

In her 'free time,' Tami does a lot of reading, and enjoys cooking, gardening, and doing creative projects at her shop. She's also looking forward to meeting more Motley residents along the way. "It's great to be part of a community," Tami said of Motley.

Janae Stern

Janae Stern and her husband, Charlie, live on Crookneck Lake, not far from Motley. She loves living in this area, and has no desire to move back to her urban roots.

She grew up in the Twin Cities, Janae said, and prior to their move to the Lincoln Lakes area, they lived in Big Lake. They'd owned the lake place for years, but didn't move there full-time until their last child graduated from high school. "We have three kids," Janae shared, "And our dog, Titan...a Boxer."

She enjoys office work, Janae said, going on to share that she previously worked for Sherburne County as a Public Service Specialist - Veterans Services.

When she's not working, Janae enjoys crafts, spending time with family, and playing in the lake. Like Tami, Janae said she is looking forward to getting to know the Motley community.



Concerns voiced about long grass, weeds



During the public forum portion of the regular meeting June 10, the Motley City Council heard from Rosalie Hennen, a Motley resident who lives on Cleveland Ave. S., close to the former Motley School building. Hennen expressed concerns about the weeds in the playground, as well as the grass around the building and the football field that has not been mowed. She noted that there are a number of moles/gophers that have made their home there, and that the grounds need to be sprayed for mosquitoes. Mayor Pat O'Regan thanked her for sharing, but noted that she would need to get on the agenda of a future meeting in order for the council to take action on her request. In a subsequent conversation following the meeting, the mayor mentioned that this property is on the city's nuisance list. As of June 15, parts of the lawn had been mowed, in time for June Fest and the Motley Fair. The city had contacted the owner, Danny Druk, about the tall grass, and he hired someone to cut it. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Motley area law enforcement reports

Recent reports from the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included:

June 4 - Motley Police received a report of suspicious activity at 16 Hwy 10 S., Motley.

June 3 - Motley Police received a call from BRICKS Travel Center reporting a person who has been there all day and they want him removed.

May 31 - The Motley Police met with deputies from Cass and Crow Wing counties at the Motley Police Department, along with a subject in regard to complaints they'd received about him possibly making pipe bombs.

May 29 - Motley Police assisted state patrol on a crash at Hwy 10 and Main St., Motley.

June 1 - Morrison County deputies received a report of property damage and the theft of an ATV at Marble Drive in Cushing.

May 29 - The MCSO received a call regarding an unwanted subject at the 33000 block of Rolling Oaks Ln., Motley.

Todd County Sheriff's report

Recent reports from the Todd County Sheriff's Office included:

June 11, Clarissa: at approximately 11:15pm, the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. responded to a report of a single vehicle crash near the intersection of Cty Rd 22 and 205th Ave.It was reported the vehicle had driven into a culvert on 205th Ave. The juvenile driver was air lifted to St. Cloud with major, but non-life-threatening injuries. The passenger, identified as Cameron Pearson, was transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health for non-life-threatening injuries. It appeared seatbelts were not worn during the crash. Those assisting on scene were the Clarissa Fire Dept., Bertha Ambulance, Browerville Ambulance, Staples Ambulance and North Memorial Air Care.

June 11: at approximately 8:05 p.m, the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. responded to a medical at the address 11388 340th St, Eagle Bend. It was reported a male had his legs run over by a tractor. The male was airlifted to St. Cloud by Life Link for serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. Assisting on scene were the Eagle Bend Fire Dept. and the Bertha and North Memorial Ambulances.

June 11: The Todd County Sheriff's Office received a report of a motorcycle crash near the intersection of St Hwy 210 and Todd Cty Rd 23, Verndale. Upon the arrival of first responders it was learned that the male driver had gotten back on his motorcycle and left the scene. A short time later the male party was located by law enforcement in the city of Hewitt and had yet again crashed his motorcycle.

The male driver was identified as 63-year-old Ricky Grunwald of Hewitt. Grunwald was checked by medical professionals at the scene and denied medical attention. Grunwald was arrested by law enforcement at the scene for suspicion of DWI and was transported to the Todd County Jail.

The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted by the MN State Patrol, Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Hewitt Fire Dept., Bertha Ambulance Service and Premier Towing.

June 10: Water Rescue. at approximately 5:17 p.m. Todd County Sheriffs Office received a 911 call of a male party that had boat issues on the Long Prairie River, Section 35 of Moran Township, Browerville and had abandoned the boat near the river bank and in attempt to get back to the originating launch area. The male party became lost and was stranded in waste deep water. Todd County Sheriff's Dept. responded along with Browerville Fire Dept. and assisted by the Clarissa and Staples Fire Depts. The male party was located and brought back to shore by fire personal using a Jon Boat. The male party was cleared on scene by Staples Ambulance.

June 7: at approximately 7:38 p.m. Todd County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of a one vehicle rollover on Quiken Rd near the address of 31702, Browerville. It was reported that a male and female were trapped inside the overturned vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, Joseph Olsen, 44, apparently lost control around a corner and struck the passenger side of the vehicle against a tree. The impact caused severe disabling damage to the vehicle. Joseph Olson was freed by non-mechanical means and airlifted to St. Cloud with major but non-life-threatening injuries to the head/neck area. The passenger in the vehicle, Christina Olson, 45, was freed by mechanical means and was pronounced deceased at the scene by medical staff. Both individuals were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash, which remains under investigation. Drugs appear to be a factor in the crash. The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted by the Staples Fire Dept., Staples Ambulance Service, Scott's South Town Service, and North Memorial Air Care.

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Kayla Fiedler, MLT, Laboratory
Nominated by Courtney Murphy, Pharmacy Technician
"I was having a rough day with my 3-year-old while at an appointment for his 6-month-old brother on my day off from Lakewood. Kayla was on her lunch break when we went down to the grille for lunch. We got done eating and my son raced away from me, straight to Kayla's table and proceeded to play with his cars on her table. Instead of ignoring him or making me feel like I needed to go and get him right away, she played and talked with him and told me he was okay being there for as long as I needed to clean up our area. She showed so much kindness and compassion to my son. It also made me feel great knowing I work for an organization where my child is safe, and where no one would blink an eye to help."



Rachel Bybee, RN, OB/Hospital
Nominated by Abbey Harder
"Rachel was my nurse the day I delivered my beautiful baby boy. As this was our first baby, Rachel provided so much education and reassurance throughout my induction. I felt so confident in her care. She is incredibly efficient, and I just felt like she genuinely cared about me and wanted me to have the best experience. She cheered me on the entire time, and I could feel she was so invested in making sure both me and baby were safe. After he arrived, she took such good care of my baby. I happened to hear it was day five in a row for her of working and she was still going above and beyond. She's a remarkable nurse and for a stranger to care so much about me, it brings me to tears. It's really hard to put into words my gratitude to her."



Mary Ruckheim, LPN, Clinic
Nominated by Kelly Becker, CMA, Clinic
"Mary joined our south care team with Seth Witthun, NP, within the last two years. Mary goes above and beyond her duties as a nurse. When a patient was discharged from the hospital, Mary brought him his belongings, she calls to make sure he is making it to his appointments, and just recently I witnessed her calling just to check on him. She provides high quality care to not just this patient, but to all of her patients. She does it with compassion, integrity, and competence. She is always willing to lend a hand when needed and always comes to work with a positive attitude. I am very grateful to have her here at Lakewood with us.'"





Lauren Mast, LPN, Clinic
Dr. Kempf, Osteopathic & Regenerative Medicine
Nominated by Roger Houselog
"I was referred to Dr. Kempf for a follow-up at which time he concurred a previously ordered MRI and scheduled a return visit with him the next week. Showing no improvement in my condition and having my insurance company reject the MRI request, Dr. Kempf and Lauren drafted a letter stating his reasoning for the MRI and sent it to the insurance company. I received a call from radiology the next day saying the MRI had been approved. Thankfully there was a cancellation and I was able to get in the next day and the MRI showed an injury requiring physical therapy. Dr. Kempf called me with the results as soon as he received them. I met with the physical therapist who mentioned that Dr. Kempf had personally called to let her know the preliminary results of the MRI and encouraged PT right away. I was blown away that Dr. Kempf "took the bull by the horns" and got me the treatments needed."

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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1949

• June 23, 1949 - The Leader baseball team has been doing a splendid job since its organization several weeks ago, and at the present time stands at the top of the Northern Pine League with five wins and no losses.

• June 23, 1949 - Real Estate changes in Todd county during the last week took a decided slump, and according to the bulletin received from C. A. Dahlman, register of deeds, only 12 changes were listed in the whole county for the past week. None of the changes were listed in Staples or this immediate community, however.

• June 23, 1949 - Many improvements have been

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made in Motley. Frank Parker is building an addition on the east side of his home, adding another bedroom and enlarging the kitchen.

Ira Butler has dug the basement for his new home, which will be located just south of his former residence. He recently sold his home to William Trushenski of Grey Eagle, who will be Supt. of Schools in Motley this coming year.

William Pribbenow is having the interior of his home plastered and finished with his father, Otto Pribbenow and John Pribbenow doing the work. Melvin Haney is having an addition built on the west side of his home.

• June 23, 1949 - Mr. Elvin Bjornstad, internationally famous tenor of Oslo, Norway will give a sacred concert at the First English Lutheran Church, June 30, beginning at 8 p.m.

Mr. Bjornstad is the son of a Norwegian Pastor. He studied voice in Italy, and later sang in many operas, touring all over Europe.

He is very dramatic, using exaggerated gestures freely. He does this to make his songs live, and it grips you and rivets your attention on the message of the song in a remarkable way. Between songs he gives short talks which have a sound Christian appeal.

• June 23, 1949 - More than 150 people gathered to see the exhibit of the model planes made by youngsters of Staples during the past several weeks, which went into final competition at the high school auditorium June 19, under the supervision of Jay E. Willcox, instructor in charge of the boys.

The project was sponsored by the Staples Rotary club, which awarded cash prizes to the top model planes. Awards went to Billy Shelver, Charles Reicherderfer, Jr., Wayne Harkcom, Ronald Enkhaus and Don Schmidt.

50 Years Ago - 1974

• June 20, 1974 - Kelly Boldan, a member of the Motley FFA Chapter, won the District IV and the Region II Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Awards this year.

Boldan received the district award in April at the district banquet in Little Falls. The region award was received in May at the Minnesota State FFA Convention in St. Paul. His project in outdoor recreation has been his work at Wilderness Park Estates, Leader, where he has worked since July, 1973.

Kelly is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Boldan of Leader. Charles Funk is the FFA Advisor of Kelly's chapter at Motley high school.

• June 20, 1974 - Staples firemen were called to the Richard Johnson farm, about 5 miles south and west of Staples on the Bertha road, Saturday afternoon at about 5:15. Fire Chief Leo Fahnlander told The World that the barn was blazing fiercely when the firemen arrived, and was totally destroyed.

• June 20, 1974 - Persons who at one time attended the old Aldrich school - about 200 of them - took part in an all-school reunion Saturday afternoon and evening at the River Inn, Aldrich. Guests were present from California, Wisconsin, Washington, Iowa, North Dakota and Minnesota. Believed to have been the oldest person attending was Irene Anderson Bjork of Minneapolis, 83.

The old Aldrich school was constructed in 1916, and was closed in 1958. The original school in Aldrich was built in 1883. At the second school, there were approximately 100 students per year, with two to three teachers instructing them, in grades one through 10.

• June 20, 1974 - Vern Seipkes of the Staples Lions Club was the recipient of an Award of Appreciation plaque from Lions International at the District 5M convention in Rochester June 7-9.

Mr. Seipkes is the fourth Lion in the world to receive the 20-Club award and he is the only recipient in the United States.

• June 20, 1974 - A total of 65 students were included on the final honor roll for the 1973-74 year at Motley High school.

Heading the honor roll with a 4.00 (straight A) average for the school year were Gary Blake, Dennis Johnson and Stephie Gold.

25 Years Ago - 1999

• June 24, 1999 - A rather unique birth of twins took place 50 years ago this week in Staples.

Elizabeth Sather gave birth to twin sons Don and Douglass. Now, the birth of twins isn't too unique, even back in 1949. However, Donald Paul arrived on June 21 about 4:50 p.m. His brother, Douglass James, did not show up for two more days, finally coming into this world about 10:30 a.m. on June 23.

Other than "that poor lady!" what can a person say?

Except that Elizabeth and Ralph Sather ended up with two identical bundles of joy, perfect matching twins born two days apart.

"We're identical, but I'm the better looking, of course," brother Don said. A custodian at the Staples Motley High School, Don said he and Doug have been debating since they learned how to talk about which one looked better.

• June 24, 1999 - Staples' own Eric Neznik will perform with his band "Overtime" at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, the first act of the 17th annual WE Fest "Stars Shine in '99". Regarded as the midwest's best country music and camping festival, the WE Fest regularly attracts nearly 150,000 people over three days for a weekend of concerts featuring the top stars in country music - and the best on the horizon. Other band members in "Overtime" are Steve Statema, Bryan Blessing, Brad Neznik and Dan Parker.

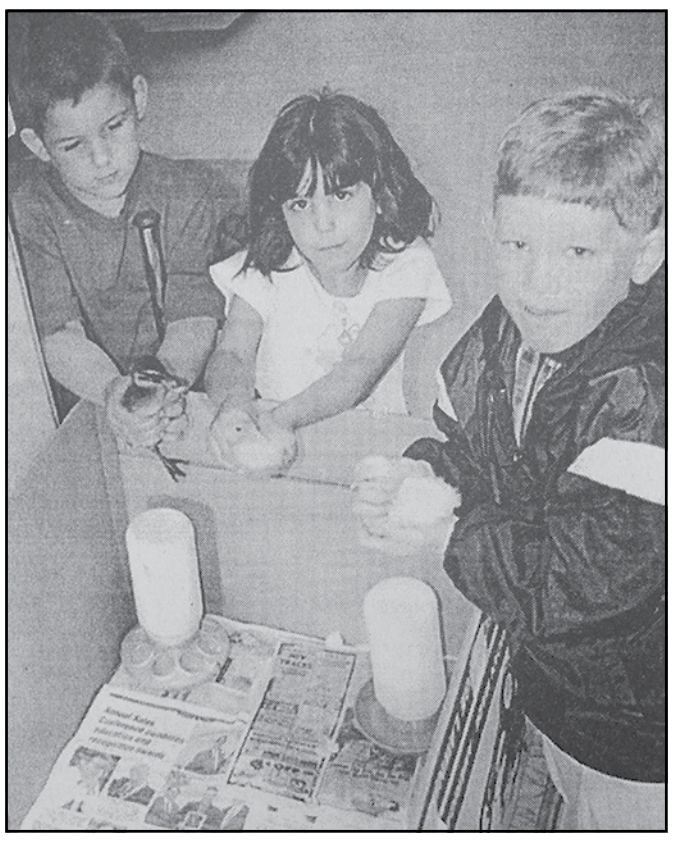
• June 24, 1999 - Matt Shaffer of the Staples Motley High School Speech Team spent the week of June 13 - 18 competing in the Desert Sun National Forensic League National Speech Tournament at Desert Vista High School in Candler, Ariz.

10 Years Ago - 2014

• June 19, 2014 - The Five Wings Arts Council (FWAC) recently recognized two Staples artists at the region wide Celebration of the Arts, held at Great River Arts in Little Falls. Each received the Community Arts Leadership Award.

Pam Collins was lauded for her leadership in the arts through her work as a visual artist and teacher, storyteller, as well as an active leader in Lamplighter Community Theatre.

Steve Hoemberg, vocal music teacher and choral director for Staples Motley Schools in both the middle school and high school, received the Community Arts Leadership award for his work at the school as well as his leadership as the director of the Staples Area Men's Chorus.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1999. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Feb. 5, 1987 edition of the Staples World featured the cast and crew of the Staples one-act play "Adaptation" who'd won second place at District and were heading to the Regional competition that week. Cast members, seated from left: Tammy Evans, Erik Reisetter, Keith Drake, John DesMarais. Back row, from left: Todd Denning, director; and crew members Karen Tadych, Derrick Gronewold, Lisa Carlson, Val Prindle.

Marlys Prindle of Staples correctly identified all, mentioning that Valerie Prindle is her daughter. Marlys mentioned that she got some help with some of the names from her son Jeffrey, who now lives in Pennsylvania.

Judy Wolak of Staples recognized all except Todd Denning and Keith Drake, whom she thought was Ron Cory. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Staples Police report

May 27, Staples Police witnessed a go-cart driving recklessly. Police spoke with parent and advised them.

May 27, Staples Police assisted with a hazard on the train tracks. A boat crossed and the boat trailer fell apart.

May 27, Staples Police responded to a report of a fight involving juveniles at the Lakewood Community Park. Also responding to assist was the Todd County Sheriff's Department and the Wadena County Sheriff's Department.

May 28, Staples Police received a report of an odor of marijuana coming from an apartment in an apartment building. Police advised the reporting party on the incident.

May 29, Staples Police were called to assisted a subject who wanted help getting out of room but didn't know where they were. Police located the subject at Lakewood Care Center. Staff was notified the subject was contacting law enforcement.

May 29, Staples Police responded to a damage to property report where someone entered an abandoned building on the 1100 block of 6th Street NE.

June 1, Staples Police responded to a physical domestic at 900 block of Michigan Ave NE. Police arrested Mathew Wolpert, 39, for 2nd Degree Assault and Domestic Assault.

June 1, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a domestic assualt on Highway 10 just east of Staples. TCSO arrived on scene and arrested the male driver for DWI.

June 1, at 10:37 p.m., Staples Police were called to Dower Lake Campground for a verbal domestic. The subjects involved were intoxicated and disturbing other campers. They agreed to not argue anymore and go to bed.

June 1, at 11:19 p.m., Staples Police were called a second time for a verbal domestic dispute at Dower Lake Campground. The subjects again were arguing and disturbing other campers. Police advised the subjects they were no longer welcome at the campground and they arranged a ride home.

June 2, Staples Police received a complaint about a fox that has been hanging around for the last couple of months.

June 2, Staples Police were called to Dower Lake Campground for a female who had left the campground because of an argument with a boyfriend and had nowhere to go. Police transported her to a hotel.

June 3, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop for a stop sign violation on the 1700 block of Airport Road.

June 3, Staples Police responded to a vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of Airport Roadb and 3rd Ave. NE. Drivers were not injured during the accident.

June 3, Staples Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash on the 300 block of 6th Street NE.

June 4, Staples Police assisted another agency with locating a school bus stop arm violation.

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June 5, at 2:13 a.m., Staples Police located a vehicle parked in the True Value parking lot, which was unoccupied. The vehicle's owner, was listed in a KOPS alert, as a suspect by the Wadena Police Department. The KOPS alert stated that if the suspect was located, there was probable cause to arrest the suspect. Police looked inside the vehicle, through the windows, and did not locate the suspect. Wadena Police Department was advised of the location of the vehicle and advised that it was empty and cold to the touch.

June 5, Staples Police responded to a traffic complaint of a erratic driver possible intoxicated. Police located the vehicle and placed Brodey Kropuenske, 25, under arrest for charges from Wadena Police Department regarding another case. Possible other charges pending.

June 6, Staples Police received a report of a possible theft that occurred at Lakewood Hospital. Party believes his license plate was taken. Police received photos from security systems that shows the license plates still on the vehicle when they left the hospital.

June 6, Staples Police received a report of a male sleeping a the Depot for the last two nights. Male party stated he is waiting for a ride and will be gone by 2:30. Officers checked the depot later and the male party had left.

June 7, Staples Police assisted Minnesota State Patrol with road hazards on Highway 10 E near the hospital. Staples Fire Department was able to remove the hazard from the roadway.

June 7, Staples Police responded to a domestic assault report at the 1000 block of Prairie Ave. NE. Assault occurred a few days ago. Report was made and will be sent to attorneys office for review of charges.

June 8, Staples Police witnessed an individual who had warrants out of Todd County and other agencies. Police tried to make contact with the individual, when they took off running in an alleyway heading west toward 4th Street NE. Police pursued the individual to the 300 block of 3rd Street NE where they were put in custody.

June 9, Staples Police responded to a loud music complaint on the 700 block of Dakota Ave. SW. Police spoke with the resident where the music was coming from, and advised them on the complaint.

June 9, Staples Police responded to a report of a noise complaint involving a golf cart being operated by juveniles on the 1000 block of 2nd Ave. NE. Police spoke with a parent and advised them of the complaint, due to the noise. The golf cart was parked and no further action was taken.

SWCD helps sealing unused wells

Wherever you live in Minnesota – Northwoods, farm country, small town, or big city you could have one or more wells on your property. A well may have been your home's main source before city water became available, or it was installed to serve secondary buildings and barns, or used to water lawns or gardens.

Every unused well that is not properly sealed poses a safety, health and environmental threat to your family and community.

If the well is permanently not in use and does have a Water Well Maintenance Permit, or the well poses a threat to health or safety, Minnesota Law requires that you must have the well-sealed. If your well appears to be filled or capped, but you learn it was improperly sealed, the landowner is responsible to have the well properly sealed by an MDA licensed well contractor.

The cost to seal a well can vary considerably. Access to the well, debris in the well, depth and diameter of the well are all factors that affect the cost of well sealing. Therefore, it is important to get several estimates to compare costs.

Your local Soil and Water Conservation District has funding assistance available to help with cost of sealing an unused well on your property. The funding can cover between 50% -75% of the cost to seal the well.

If you are thinking of sealing a well on your property, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District to learn more about funding opportunities to seal an unused well on your property before you start any work.



Quote of the week

"June is bustin' out all over, all over the meadow and the hill. Buds're bustin' outa bushes, and the rompin' river pushes, ev'ry little wheel that wheels beside a mill."
— Rodgers and Hammerstein
("South Pacific")

New ways of presenting arts, supporting artists

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Few communities of this size have the fortune of such a strong performing arts culture, both in local talent and bringing in high quality performers from around Minnesota. The arts here are off the charts for a small town.

The Staples Motley Area Arts Council has been a major driver in this culture. They have brought in hundreds of musicians and the people of the community have supported them by attending the concerts and events.

But the performing arts landscape is changing around the world and we may have to rethink the way the arts are presented locally as well.

The pandemic in 2020 accellerated the trend of lower participation in public events, both organizing and attending. Most of the exta attention is going to technology and social media. The problem with that is entertainers still haven't come up with a great way to monetize their online media.

The advantage we have always had in this community is we are able to make performances unique. Modern audiences may not be as interested in simply seeing a performer, they may want it to be more interactive, with audience participation. They may be more enticed if the performances include extras such as visual arts, food, history or other pieces of culture that aren't found at other events.

The Staples Motley Area Arts Council has been reimagining what role it can play in the community. They need ideas and volunteers. One thing they have been talking about is becoming a coordination center for all community arts and events.

That idea will be brought up at their visioning summit on Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at the Staples Community Center. Anyone interested in the arts should attend.

It makes sense for the arts council to take on a coordination role, since there are many diverse players in the local arts scene.

Our community choirs host the Real Men Sing and Her Voice, Her Song events that elevate choral music to heights never imagined in a small town. Communities around the country are copying the success of those programs.

Staples-Motley High School is probably one of the smallest schools to have a full orchestra, and that is just the beginning of the musical tradition at the school. Many of our local students have gone on to have careers in the music industry. We have seen incredible actors in our high school theatre productions, many of them go on to perform in bigger productions around the state.

We have many local musicians and bands, our church services are a joy to attend with high quality musicians leading us.

A total wildcard player is the Batcher Block Opera House, where Frosty's hosts live performances most nights and attracts musicians and artists from around the world who have heard about it and want to check it out. Some even get up and perform alongside local artists as opportunities arise. It is a crossroad for entertainers.

If the arts council can coordinate all those diverse players, help them play off one another and promote this community's performing arts culture, it could take it to another level, just like we have been doing all along.

Celebrating a successful year and looking forward

By Dr. Hara Charlier
Central Lakes College President

The academic year recently came to an exciting close at Central Lakes College. From captivating musical concerts and thought-provoking cultural events, to the unveiling of inspiring projects and the culmination of arduous final exams, the end-of-year atmosphere was electric with energy and accomplishment.

The talent of our students was on display in so many ways. The professional prowess of our students in specialized technical programs such as Welding and Heavy Equipment was evident as they interviewed with potential employers from across the state on our campuses. This direct interaction underscores our strong bonds with industry partners and our commitment to facilitating seamless transitions from academia to the workforce.

The CLC art gallery's Spring Showcase highlighted the impressive work of our Ceramics students, and our honors students completed their research and presented recommendations about how to improve college to our leadership team. Their insights and dedication are a testament to the caliber of talent that thrives within our special college.

As we bid farewell to another cohort of graduates during our commencement events, held with pride and pomp in May, we celebrated their academic achievements and their indelible mark on our campus community. Their success is a testament to our faculty and staff's dedication and the unwavering support of their family, friends and peers.

Emily Roberts, Brainerd Student Senate president, spoke at our recent commencement events.

"Perseverance is key. No two peoples' journeys look the same, but perseverance keeps us on track," she said. "I've been knocked down on this journey more times than I can count or even keep track of, but all you need to do to persevere is to get back up again. When life smacks you in the face, it's okay to sit down for a bit. We're human, and we need rest. There have been countless instances during my time at CLC where I only got back up with my friends' help."

In her commencement speech, Staples Student Senate President Bri Adams said, "I am filled with gratitude for the opportunities I have been given. I had the chance to learn about leadership, teamwork, and public service."

College is about finding your direction in life and your career. Ray Austin, CLC softball coach and BCC (now CLC) alumnus, said it best during his speech at the college's special commencement ceremony for his players.

"The classes and instructors (at BCC) gave me a sense of direction, and being on a team gave me a sense of belonging, even a family," he said. "If, at the end of their time here at CLC, my players have had anything close to the same experience I had and leave with a stronger sense of direction, belonging, and family, then I consider that more of a success than our wins on the field."

One of the things that makes CLC stand out above other two-year colleges is its vibrant student life presence. The recent conclusion of our Club Olympics, culminating in the exhilarating cardboard boat races, witnessed an overwhelming display of camaraderie and sportsmanship, with around 100 students participating and cheering on their classmates. Such events are a testament to the strong sense of belonging and community that permeates our campuses.

Looking ahead to the summer and fall semesters, we are excited to introduce new opportunities for our students to excel and innovate. The arrival of modules for our Meat Cutting and Butchery program ushers in a new era of hands-on learning, where students will gain invaluable skills in techniques such as meat cutting and packaging. Similarly, our Agricultural Crop Production and Management program promises to equip students with the knowledge and expertise to enhance crop yields and drive sustainable agricultural practices forward. We are also excited to introduce the new English Transfer Pathway.

We understand that financing a college education can be daunting, so we are committed to providing robust scholarship opportunities, such as the North Star Promise Scholarship and other initiatives through the CLC Foundation. These resources are designed to ensure that finances are never a barrier to outstanding education. We have terrific colleagues who are eager to work with you.

Prospective students eager to explore all that Central Lakes College offers should stop by any of our campuses. You can sign up for a tour on our website. We take pride in showcasing our state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant campus life, and we look forward to welcoming you into our community.

Anti-police sentiment has got to end

Paul Hassing, Commander of the Minnesota American Legion

The second clause of The American Legion preamble to its constitution reads; "To maintain Law and Order," a clause that is recited before all official meetings.

Minnesota cannot expect to conduct a civil society, build an economy and practice a vibrant democracy amid crime and indifference to crime. The anti-police sentiment flourishing through some parts of Minnesota has to stop. We are not a lawless society, and we need to have respect for all Minnesotans and obey the law.

It was a disgrace to see Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty use a State Patrol traffic stop for her own political purposes. Two troopers feared for their lives, and one had to fire his sidearm to protect the life of the other. Moriarty felt murder and manslaughter charges were in order despite national experts saying the contrary.

In other words, she set aside clear legal principles to score political points with an electorate she felt wanted to see law enforcement in prison despite the evidence. We were glad to hear Gov. Tim Walz was going to pull her off the case if she hadn't dropped the charges.

It is in this anti-police environment where criminals feel brazen enough to shoot the police officers who are on the streets fighting crime trying to keep the citizens of Minnesota safe. Our hearts and prayers go out to Minneapolis Police Officer Jamal Mitchell's family. This brave man was killed in an ambush shooting on May 30. Minnesota needs officers like Mitchell, who previously had gone into a burning building to save a life.

His killer had a lengthy criminal record, with two warrants out for his arrest. No doubt he should have been behind bars from his August 2022 arrest for illegal possession of a firearm. Instead, he was released without bond, then skipped his hearing. It goes without saying: Mitchell would be alive today.

The Minnesota American Legion calls on leaders in all parts of this state to stand behind law enforcement. They have dangerous jobs and have to make difficult decisions affecting the lives of citizens. They work in the public eye. Divisive political rhetoric only makes their work more difficult. It's time to stop the rhetoric.

Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara said it well: "People really, really want police protection. They just want good police officers. But then you have wealthier residents on the other side of town who are still screaming to get rid of us, even though the most that happens in their neighborhoods is change getting stolen out of their cars."

Quote of the week

"I attribute my success to this:
I never gave or took any excuse."
— Florence Nightingale

Rural areas struggle to close wage gap

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

Most of rural Minnesota is discussing ways to grow the labor force. Increasing the affordable housing stock and childcare capacity are two primary strategies being discussed at the legislature. One of the underlying issues that makes these two strategies difficult in rural areas is lower wages. These lower wages in rural Minnesota compared to metro areas of the state make the high costs of building more housing and providing high-quality childcare untenable.

A common comment we hear is that employers in rural areas should be paying higher wages, based on the belief that free markets should be able to solve this problem: if we pay people more, they will show up. This is a simplistic way to look at the problem and an unrealistic solution, however.

A gap in wages

There is definitely a gap in wages between the seven-county metro and rural areas. Between 2001 and 2022, the seven-county metro has had a consistent $250 to $500 higher average weekly wage compared to other areas of the Minnesota.

Is closing the wage gap realistic?

If the largest increases in average weekly wages are occurring in rural Minnesota, why doesn't the gap between these regions and the seven-county metro close? It's because a change in a smaller amount always yields a bigger percent change than the same change in a larger amount.

The 84 percent increase in weekly wages since 2001 in the seven-county metro is a change of $673. This is significantly more than Southwest, which had the largest percentage increase at 106 percent, but it only equaled a $503 increase.

So, what sort of an increase would it take for rural wages to close the gap? Let's use Northwest as an example. In 2001, the average weekly wage was $472. It grew to $948 by 2022—a 101 percent increase that equaled only $476. If Northwest were to close the wage gap between itself and the seven-county metro, it would have to go from $472 to $1,476. This would be a 213 percent change. And that's if the metro only grew it's wages by 84 percent.

Is this realistic? Can a rural region increase its wages by over 200 percent in twenty years? Probably not. And even if it did, it's likely the seven-county metro would experience similar wage increases, because the state's economy is very interconnected.

Wage statistics are complicated

This was a very simple way to compare wages across regions. And even though it shines a light on whether it's realistic for the gap in average wages to close across the state, it doesn't explain anything about the occupational and industrial diversity within each region. Metro regions typically have a larger proportion of their workforce in higher paying occupations and industries such as the financial sector, which drives the averages higher in the Twin Cities metro. Rural areas tend to have a larger percentage of their occupation and industrial employment in sectors that are more middle income. We will explore this more in future posts, but the key takeaway is that the phrase "employers need to increase wages" to solve some of these market failures is too simplistic and unrealistic.

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A trip to the Little Free Library

Four-year-old Ilias Liedl and his big sister Ireland, six, enjoyed a walk to the Little Free Library in Staples June 13, along with their dad, William Liedl, Principal at Sacred Heart Area School. The library, which contains a variety of books for all ages, is located on 4th St. NE, outside of Orth Insurance. The library is a project of the Staples Rotary club. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





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Mark Your Calendar

June 20

'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

June 21

Women's OPEN AA Recovery Meeting Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

June 23

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

June 24

Camp Firelight VBS will be held at Staples Seventh Day Adventist Church, Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28, 6 - 8 p.m. each day. For ages 5 - 12. The church is located at 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples. For more info., 218-296-1741.

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

June 25

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.

Wadena County Republicans Mtgs are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Wadena VFW at 7 p.m. If you wish to eat early you may order from the menu prior to meeting.

Staples-Motley School Board special meeting June 24

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a special meeting Monday, June 24, 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 Thursday prior to the board meeting (offices closed on Fridays).

The agenda includes but is not limited to:

-Approve the fundraiser request from the Student Council; Approve the fundraiser request from the Music Department

-Approve lane change requests from Heather Wiegand; Dawn Weite; Jennifer Pantzke; Caitlyn Hacker

-Accept the resignations of Janelle Thompson, Elementary Title I Paraprofessional; Brittany Mead-Giberson, MS/HS Paraprofessional; Tressa Cain, Elementary Teacher

-Approve the hire of Lisa Koenigs, MS REACH/Student Success Teacher effective 24/25 School year

-Approve the 2024-2025 MSBA Association Dues and Policy Service Renewal - $5,312.

-Approve the 2024-2025 MREA Membership renewal - $2,123.

-Approve the 2024-2025 TCCAP Prenatal to Five – Head Start MOU

-Approve the 2024-2027 Sports Medicine contract with Twin City Orthopedics

-Approve the 2024-2025 Teachers on Call contract

-Approve the review of MSBA policies with changes; approve the review of MSBA policies with no or minimal changes:

-2024-2025 Activities Handbook available for Board review. (No action at this time)

-Award the Dairy Bid

-Approve sealed bids for miscellaneous items

-Approve the Education Identity & Access Management Resolution identifying the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for Staples-Motley as Shane Tappe, with Trisha Larson as the Iowa Proxy for school year 2024-25.

-Closed Session for Superintendent Performance Review; Reconvene in Closed Session for Superintendent Performance Review; Reconvene in Open Session

-Approve the May Disbursements; Approve the May Receipts; Approve the FY 2023-2024 Revised Budget

-Cabinet Presentation - Teaching & Learning

-Approve the MOU for the 2024-2025 Superintendent Contract with Shane Tappe; Approve the MOU for the 2024-2025 Administrative Contract with Debbie Ferdon, MS/HS Principal; Approve the MOU for the 2024-2025 Administrative Contract with Ryan Koenigs, Elementary Principal.

Upcoming schedule:

FRIDAYS, June 7 through August 9: All school offices CLOSED to the public

Weds., June 19: Juneteenth, all school offices CLOSED

Mon., July 1: Friday, July 5: All school offices CLOSED to the public

Mon., July 22: Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m., District Office

Mon., August 5: Board Work Session; 6:00 p.m., District Office

Mon., August 19: Board Meeting; 6:00 p.m., District Office

Tues., Sept. 3: First day of the 2024/25 School Year.

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The following items will be sold at auction, located at 21628 Todd Cty. Rd. 20, Clarissa, MN 56440 From Browerville, MN, north approx. 4 miles on Cty. Rd. 21, then west on Cty. Rd. 20 approx. 2 miles --OR-- from Clarissa Bridge St. N. to Ct.y Rd. 20, east approx. 2 miles. Follow signs on:

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7' disc for parts
3 pt. 7' rock rake
10' John Deere disc on wheels
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3 pt. sprayer
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3 pt. 3-14s, nice, IH
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10" band, Craftsman
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Frost joins Staples Rotary

The Staples Rotary Club recently welcomed new member Colleen Frost, shown here wearing her new Rotary shirt. Colleen is the owner of the Batcher Block Opera House in Staples where she operates Frosty's Spirits & Social Club. She is working to refurbish the opera house and help promote Staples. For information about the business see www.iamrarepresents.com/frostys. She is pictured with newly updated road signs placed at each entrance to Staples to show that the club is active here. (Submitted photo)

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Obituaries

Lawrence Wilhelmson



Lawrence Daniel (Dan) Wilhelmson, 85, passed away peacefully May 7, 2024, surrounded by his loving family at his home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 19, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Lake Park, followed by a celebration of life at the home of Kristi Hanson and Dean Bresciani, 14752 Victory Lane, Lake Park, MN 56554.

Lawrence was born February 20, 1939 to Norman and Mildred Wilhelmson in Staples. Affectionately known as Dan, Lawrence lived a full life driven by his entrepreneurial spirit, deep faith and love for his family.

After graduating from Staples High School in 1947, Dan embarked on a journey leading him to various telecommunications industry roles, His career path began as a lineman climbing telephone poles before his honorable service in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, where he received commendations for his selfless dedication to his country.

Dan's professional journey culminated in a 28-year tenure with Northwestern Bell (later U.S. West). where he held several positions of increasing responsibility. His dedication and leadership skills were further honed when he transitioned to Consolidated Telephone Cooperative (CTC) as CEO and General Manager, guiding the company to new heights and earning industry recognition.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Dan's unwavering commitment to his Catholic faith was a cornerstone of his life. He served as the State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus, a testament to his deep-rooted values and dedication to his community. After retiring, Dan and his wife, Kathleen, resided in Dickinson, ND and later Palm Desert, where he enjoyed golfing and cherished gatherings with friends.

Dan is survived by four daughters, Kristi (Dean Bresciani), Karin (John Stoner), Cheri (Brad Qvale) and Jennifer; two grandsons, Blaine and Robert; one sister, Julieanne; three brothers, Tim, Michael and Patrick and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kathleen; parents and one sister, Marilee.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the NDSU Foundation for the L. Dan and Kathleen Wilhelmson Athletic Scholarship, a cause close to Dan's heart. For those who wish to donate, visit https://www.givetondsu.come/give to contribute to this meaningful scholarship fund. At Designation, scroll down to "Other," then enter "L. Dan and Kathleen Wilhelmson Athletic Scholarship."

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Nolan Bacon



Memorial services for Nolan Bacon will be held Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church. Nolan passed away Dec. 13, 2023.

Refreshments will be provided at the church following the service.

Following the service and refreshments, Nolan will be laid to rest at Esterdy Cemetery near Leader.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
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
Pastor Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class ...10:30 a.m.

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel .....10:00 a.m.

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class .....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.

St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday .....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Saturday .....4:00 p.m.

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
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218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses .....11-11:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday .....6:00 p.m

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.
Sunday Service .....10:00 a.m.

Wadena

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

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If you or anyone you know should suffer the miscarriage of a child, please know of the Lord's love and our support. My mother and sister each had two miscarriages, and I regularly learn from women the heartache and disproportionate guilt they carry from it. Did I do something wrong? Is God punishing me? Why would a good God allow such things to happen to such a beautiful and innocent child?

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Student Achievements

The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, has announced its 2024 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must achieve a 3.75 grade point average or higher. . Local students named include:

- Taylor Heldman, Staples
- Eli Horn, Pillager

The University of Minnesota Duluth has announced its Dean's List for Spring Semester 2024. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits. Local students named include:

- Cayden Kleffman, Pillager
- Tabetha Allen, Staples
- Samantha Schimpp, Staples

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls has announced its Dean's List for Spring Semester 2024. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5. Local students named include:

- Jessa Kimman, Pillager

Melissa Hammer, Aldrich, recently graduated from the University of Minnesota Crookston, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science.

Jordyn VanVickle, Pillager, has been named to the 2024 Spring Dean's List at South Dakota State University. To qualify, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Minnesota State Community and Technical College, has announced its list of graduates for the 2024 Spring Semester. Local graduates include:

- Jack Anderson, Pillager, Electrical Line Worker-Diploma
- Evan Allen, Staples, Heating, Ventilation, AC & Refrig-Diploma
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GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 21, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., June 22, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. 1.5 mi. north of Central Lakes College-Staples on Vogel Dr. Variety of sized clothing, shoes, home décor, exercise equipment, golf cart and free kittens. 26p

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Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's will dated December 19, 1995 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Jacqueline L. Midthun whose address is 500 Jewell Street, Mora, Minnesota 55051 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes Section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated: May 30, 2024

Heidi Rasmussen
Registrar

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PUBLIC NOTICES: **Your Right to Know**

Central Lakes College announces Spring Honors List

Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, has announced its 2024 Spring Semester Honors List. The President's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher while enrolled in at least 12 credits. The Dean's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.25 - 3.74.

The released honors list does not include students who have requested no release of information. Local students named includes:

Motley

Camden Anderson, Hank Bemlott, Riley Dabbs, Nevaeh Fratzke, Morgan Kanten, Josh Kossan, Natalie Kossan, **President's List**; Eli Carlson, Ethan Gephart, Owen Hageman, Caden Mrazek, Isaac Trout, Zachary Veen, **Dean's List**.

Pillager

Brandon Burgau, Wyatt Glas, Reagan Kilibarda, Taisha Linder, Ivy Matejcek, Autumn Peterson, Ally Rakauskas, Erin Stockeland, **President's List**; Kayli Dorn, Nathan Hughes, Ethan Kocur, Blake Piette, Rylee Rochel, **Dean's List**.

Staples

Lily Albertson, Miranda Anderson, Jordan Deering, Israel Ervasti, Emali Jimenez-Kloeckl, Dylan Menzel, Landon Mertens, Sabina Moe, Steven Petrich, Ashlyn Vogel, **President's List**; Brianna Adams, Connor Duff, Keegan Harvey, Samantha Ratajczak, Emma Romanowski, **Dean's List**.

Staples High School Class of '74 reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1974 will hold its 50th reunion Friday, Aug. 16, during Railroad Days, at Pine Grove Park in Staples. The event begins at 3 p.m. and the park closes at 9 p.m.

Bottled water and snacks will be provided; bring your own beverages. For more information, check the Facebook page: Staples Class of 1974 Reunion.





Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MAY 21, 2024

Public Comment

Roger Hendrickson provided information to the County Board regarding the County Ditch 42 system potential repayment terms and other items for study before making decisions on the proposed project.

Maurice Durheim provided his perspective of support for the proposed County Ditch 42 system project.

Greg Warner provided his concerns to withhold support to the County Board for the Ditch 42 project.

Delvin Durheim provided information regarding perceived negative impacts if the Ditch 42 project is not supported to move forward by the County Board.

Arlene Brinkman and Bill Nietfeld expressed concerns regarding the lack of benefit of this Ditch 42 project for their property that would be assessed if approved.

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 21st day of May, 2024 at 9 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Byers.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2024 as presented.

Approve the retirement of Mary Rae Haugen, Assistant WIC Nutritionist, effective May 31, 2024.

Approve the hiring of Mr. Nicholas Brown to fill the vacant Public Work Heavy Equipment Operator position at Grade 7, Step 1 ($23.56/hour).

To approve the hiring of Emily Olson, Solid Waste seasonal worker.

Approve the resignation of Eligibility Worker Jessica Miller effective May 29,2024.

To hire Kaitlin Welters as a full-time Deputy Auditor-Treasurer at Grade 8, Step 1 $24.97 per hour with a start date to be determined.

GAMBLING PERMIT – IVY'S LEGACY FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Ivy's Legacy Foundation through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Ivy's Legacy Foundation to hold a raffle event at The Shed in Kandota Township at the address 10098 County Road 11, Sauk Centre, MN on October 26, 2024.

GAMBLING PERMIT – HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Holy Family School through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Holy Family School to hold a raffle event at the Diamond Point Steakhouse & Lounge in Birchdale Township at the address 12867 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on September 7, 2024.
To approve a one day Dance License for Diamond Point at the address of 12867 Bayview Dr (fenced area on north side of building), Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective June 8th, 2024.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403215 through 403246 in the amount of $22,574.25 and (Regular) 58014 through 58066 in the amount of $187,134.11 for a total of $209,708.36.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 805345 through 805394 and (Regular) 711930 through 711988 for a total of $110,497.31.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601272 through 601301 and (Regular) 517844 through 517876 for a total amount of $163,915.29.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the waiver of rental fees for the Freedom and Heroes Veteran Fundraiser event at the Todd County Fairgrounds for May 31 - June 2, 2024.

Todd County Fair Board

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Todd County Fair Board additional access to the Todd County Fairgrounds for fair preparations the week of June 9-15, 2024 with waiving of the rental fees. Utilities reimbursement will be provided by the Todd Countv Fair Board for this additional timeframe.

Public Works

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2024 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on May 14th, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-614-022, said project for bridge construction project located on County State Aid Highway 14 over the Long Prairie River located just east of the City of Browerville, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bid was received:

Redstone Construction, LLC
Mora, Minnesota, $1,757,748.75

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said bridge construction project to Redstone Construction, LLC of Mora, Minnesota based on their low bid of $1,757,748.75.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

After presentation of the project parameters and County Board discussion, Chair Becker tabled the proposed County Ditch 42 Tile Repair Project due to the expected petition from a landowner for property to be removed from the benefitted acres roll.

Emergency Management

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To agree to the intent to support the Statewide Public Safety Radio Communications ARMER Equipment Grant and further approve for Todd County Emergency Management to move forward with preparations for this grant.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP to parcel 21-0007100 with the following condition: 1. Applicant abide by all other applicable Federal, State and local standards.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP to parcel 07-0025300 with the following conditions:

1. Outdoor storage of products shall be allowed, but shall be conducted in compliance with Section 9.01B of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance.

2. Existing structure shall be re-permitted as a Commercial structure.

3. There shall be no loading or unloading of materials within the road right of way.

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

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Amendment of Condition #1 of CUP2017-001 to read as follows: Establish and maintain a single row of vegetative screening on the south, west and north sides.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt the changes to Sections 5.03, 5.05, 5.06 as presented.

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

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A MISSISSIPPI RIVER-SARTELL WATERSHED 'ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN' PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorizes Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Mississippi River-Sartell Watershed #65, as delineated in the attached One Watershed, One Plan Boundary Map, have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Todd County welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Mississippi River-Sartell Watershed for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Todd County supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and anticipates entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Mississippi River-Sartell Watershed, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant.

Soil & Water

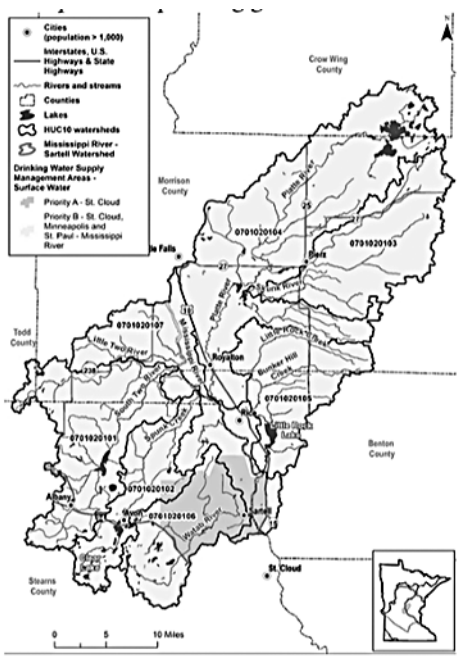
On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the hiring of a Soil Health Practitioner.

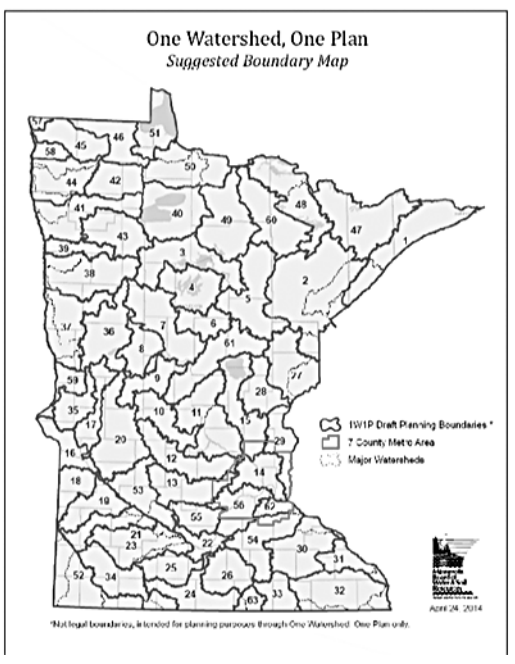
County Sheriff

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Hire Cole Yungbauer for the Investigator position start date TBD at a wage of $36.04 Grade 11, Step 7.

Solid Waste

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To award the bid of





$246,298.00 to North American Trailer for Walking Floor Trailers.

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To award the bid of $147,350.00 to Boyer Truck for Western Star model 47X.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the cost of refurbishing recycling bins by G&S Fabrication.

Administration

A special thank you to Kali Jo Covert for her efforts during a recent Amber Alert was expressed by the Todd County Board of Commissioners and the Todd County Sheriff's Department.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUPPORT FOR SEEKING FUNDING FROM SOURCEWELL FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDING

WHEREAS, Sourcewell is providing Community Impact Funding for Cities and Counties in Region Five, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County departments have identified projects that would provide improvements to the county's equipment needs and its facilities that conform to the parameters of this grant opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approves the Sourcewell Community Impact Funding application submitted by Todd County Administration and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Todd County Board of Commissioners fully supports Todd County in implementing the purchase of a tracked skid loader, five measuring lasers for assessing property and office furniture including office and conference room chairs and desks. The Todd County Board of Commissioners further supports the Todd County Administration in submitting a Community Impact Funding application to Sourcewell to request financial support for in the amount of $50,000.00 for these projects.
On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO THE TODD COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners has recognized a need for a strong, up-to-date personnel policy, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners and Policies Subcommittee have had an opportunity to review the policy revisions put forth in Article III, Section 3.04, of the Personnel Policy and find the implementation to be in the best interest of the sound administration of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy Article III, Section 3.04 and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of May 21, 2024, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that this Resolution replaces and supersedes all prior County Board actions, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof.

Closed Session

Chair Becker closed the session at 10:17 a.m. pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd 3 (c) 3 to develop or consider offers or counteroffers.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 10:37 a.m.

Commissioner Noska exited the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer provided notification that candidate filing opened this day for county, state, federal and judicial offices and will remain open until 5 p.m. on June 4, 2024.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney is working through the processes to fill open positions in the office.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator has been meeting with many to learn about Todd County and projects in progress including the HHS division.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Denny attended regular meetings and expressed thanks for the recent upkeep/cleaning of our roadways and ditches.

Commissioner Becker attended the public health, MTWCHB, dept head, SWCD, Rainbow Rider, Personnel, Friendly Rider, Long Prairie 1W1P, Facilities and AMC zoom meeting.

Commissioner Neumann attended the public health, dept head, Tri-Cap, SWCD, Solid Waste, Rainbow Rider, Personnel, Douglas Co P&Z, CMCOA, SRWD 1W1P, CPT and SRWD meetings.

Adjourn

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of May, 2024.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	$3,750.00
ARC ELECTRIC SERVICE	$9,045.32
BROWN'S SERVICE CENTER	$2,126.53
DAKOTA WHOLESALE TIRE	$2,160.00
FARM-RITE EQUIPMENT, INC	$44,475.93
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC	$2,500.00
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	$2,715.75
MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	$25,942.25
MJ LAWN CARE SERVICES	$2,300.00
NORTHSTAR PLUMBING, HEATING AND AIR LLC	$4,844.23
REDLINE POWERSPORTS & MARINE	$3,948.90
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	$57,000.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	$17,212.64
72 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$31,686.81
Total:	**$209,708.36**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
DHS - SWIFT	$42,264.98
FF&G LLP	$2,400.00
ITEN FUNERAL HOME - BROWERVILLE	$3,403.00
V#16675-COST EFF HEALTH INS	$2,022.76
LMC INVESTMENTS, LLC	$2,500.00
RURAL MN CEP INC	$15,907.46
103 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $,2000	$41,999.11
Total:	**$110,497.31**

VENDOR NAME	$ AMOUNT
#16704	$6,489.00
CENTRAL MN MENTAL HEALTH CTR	$3,000.00
# 6192	$2,561.80
#16095	$4,180.20
#17324	$5,355.72
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH	$20,244.00
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC	$2,495.70
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SRVS	$10,654.50
#16208	$2,770.20
PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY FOUNDATION INC	$5,070.25
STEP	$8,190.59
VALLEY LAKE BOYS HOME INC	$8,550.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC	$33,654.54
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA	$11,883.60
WEST CETNRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	$12,918.00
48 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	$25,897.19
Total:	**$163,915.29**

On a motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 21st, 2024 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on June 4, 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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Track and field honor rolls updated

Four Staples-Motley track and field athletes changed the top ten listings for the school's all-time records in six events this season. Audrey Brownell set school records in the 800 and 1,600 meter runs. Avandre Brandt moved up to a tie for second in the long jump and sixth in the high jump. Sawyer Ferdon is now second in the triple jump and Turner Beachy is sixth in the pole vault.

Below are the school's listings in the categories that were changed this year.

Boys track and field honor rolls

Pole Vault

Arden Beachy	14'9"	'89
Max Giza	14'6"	'18
Beau Pilgrim	14'6"	'06
Ryan Beachy	14'6"	'91
Tony Spandl	14'5"	'77
Matt Heier	14'0"	'98
Turner Beachy	14'0"	'24
Dennis Bacon	13'6"	'79
Chris Longbella	13'5"	'77
Jeff Marden	13'3"	'82
Brandon Sterriker	12'6"	'11
Bryan Reese	12'6"	'05

High Jump

Brian Huber	6'6"	'13
Hunter Miller	6'4"	'23
Bart Ludlow	6'4"	'86
Eric Huber	6'3"	'06
Wade Christenson	6'3'	'98
Matt Heier	6'2"	'99
Avandre Brandt	6'2"	'24
Cody Rivetts	6'1"	'14
Dan Lund	6'0"	'01
Bob Burton	6'0"	'00
Bernie Salthe	6'0"	'89
Bob Backberg	6'0"	'82

Long Jump

Brian Huber	23'.5"	'13
Evan Frisk	21'8.5"	'00
Avandre Brandt	21'8.5"	'24
Josh Smith	21'7.25"	'04
Rob Nelson	21'6"	'84
Mike Farber	21'3.75"	'60
Mark Phelps	21'3'	'82
Bob Weishalla	21'1'	'81
Mark Nelson	20'11.5"	'89
Dave Howard	20'10"	'85
Kevin Shequen	20'9.5'	'91

Triple Jump

Arden Beachy	45'8.5"	'89
Sawyer Ferdon	43'6.75"	'24
Adam Barnett	42'9"	'00
Evan Frisk	42'6.25"	'00
Brandon Larson	42'2"	'10
Bob Weishalla	41'10.25"	'82
Dave Howard	41'8.5"	'84
Joe Smith	41'4.25"	'03
Collin Beachy	41'3.5"	'89
Erik Kelly	40'7"	'96

Girls track and field honor rolls

800M Run

Audrey Brownell	2.16.16	'24
Dorene Trantina	2:18.1	'79
Stepanie Jares	2:19.89	'04
Courtney Robinson	2:20.10	'05
Amanda Hoffert	2:21.30	'99
Lisa Reichert	2:22.55	'11
Natasha Wenzel	2:22.90	'06
Hannah Landecker	2:23.8	'06
Britta Binek	2:23.9	'03
Lisa Detloff	2:24.50	'96

1600M Run

Audrey Brownell	5:02.23	'24
Naomi Landecker	5:15.92	'08
Deb Trantina	5:16.10*	'79
Brittany Brenny	5:17.16	'04
Hannah Landecker	5:19.05	'06
Dorene Trantina	5:20.30	'79
Amanda Hoffert	5:26.00	'98
Natasha Wenzel	5:26.10	'08
Kyanna Burton	5:26.95	'21
Courtney Robinson	5:27.29	'05



Noah Larson clears a hurdle at the state track meet, setting a personal best in the event. (State track and field photos by Bill Johnson, Picture Day Pro)



Avandre Brandt (2,center) races in the 200 meter dash at the state meet. Brandt moved to the 10th spot in the school's honor roll in this event.



Audrey Brownell approaches the finish line to win the state 800 meter title and set a new school record.



Kyanna Burton (11) races in a pack at the state 3,200 meter race, where she finished in fifth place. Burton remains in the number two spot in the schools honor roll in the 3,200 with last year's time of 11:16.



Hop, skip and jump further

Right, Sawyer Ferdon competes in the triple jump in the section meet. He improved his personal best in the event this year to land on second place in the school's all-time honor roll. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

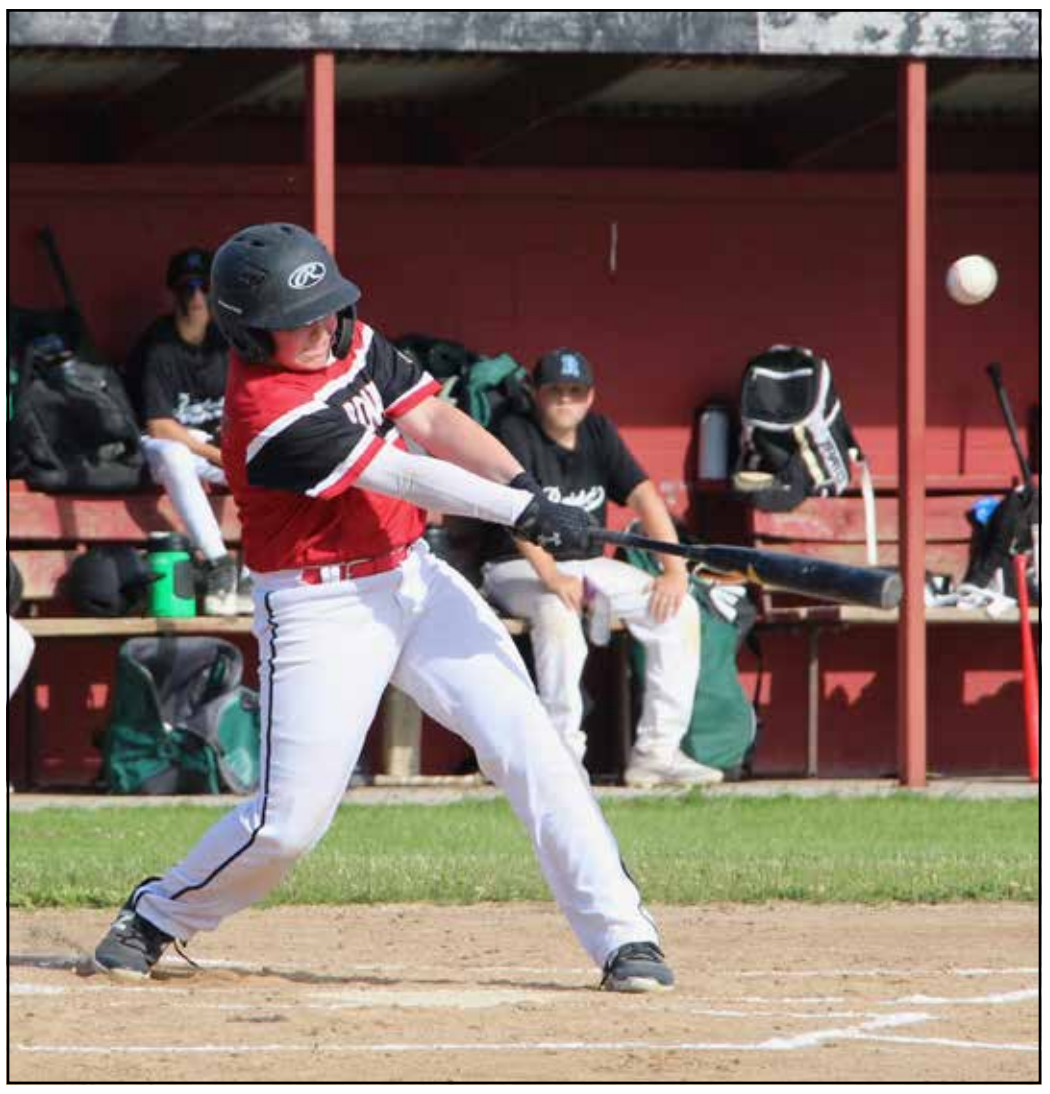


Pole vaulting decisions

Above left, Turner Beachy clears the bar in the state pole vault competition, held indoors due to weather conditions. Below left, Beachy consults with coach Marly Simmons. (Photos by Bill Johnson, Picture Day Pro)

















14U Baseball action

Staples-Motley 14U baseball team played in a game on June 12. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Deep playoff run ends for baseball team

The Staples-Motley baseball team was eliminated in the fourth round of the Section 6AA tournament, falling 8-4 to St. Cloud Cathedral on June 3. This is the farthest the Cardinals have advanced since 2010, when they reached the section finals. The team reached the third round in the playoffs last year.

The Cardinals finshed the season with a 14-9 record.



Peaceful waters

A pair of golfdish relax in the pond at the Living Legacy Gardens at Central Lakes College. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

New ATV trail proposed

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites public review and written comments on a proposal by St. Louis County and the Quad Cities ATV Club to obtain Grant-in-Aid (GIA) funding for an off-highway vehicle trail.

This trail is for all-terrain vehicles and off-highway motorcycles and connects the communities of Eveleth and Virginia to the U.S. Forest Service Big Aspen Trail system, Pfeiffer Lake area, and ultimately the Voyageur Country ATV system. GIA is a cost sharing program between the DNR, a local government sponsor and a local club. The program funds development and maintenance of OHV trails.

The proposed GIA project would add five segments of trail to the GIA program.

The DNR will accept written comments on the proposal until 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 15.

Comments may be submitted:

• Via email to joseph.majerus@state.mn.us opens in a new browser tab; please put "Quad Cities ATV" in the email subject line.

• Via mail to Joe Majerus, Area Supervisor, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 650 Hwy 169, Tower, MN 55790.

A map of the proposed GIA trail segments can be found at the DNR's OHV plans and proposals webpage. For more information, call Joe Majerus, area supervisor, at 218-300-7842.

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Giza's business has been going so long, they are replacing work done by great-grandfather

There's something special about working along side your dad. Greg noted how his dad and grandpa had worked together until Harold retired in 1985. Then, he and his dad joined forces for about 25 years until Marv's retirement.

When asked if they enjoyed being in business together Greg and Marv both laughed. Of course, like with any work relationship, there were days things weren't always rosy... but those were few and far between.

Plus, to be a part of a rich family business history is pretty rare these days. In the 2009 article by Tom Crawford, Greg had shared that, "It's neat to be on a site and have someone point out, 'Your great-grandfather put that work in.' There's still cast iron pipe in Staples stamped with 'John Giza' on it." Greg also recalled the first boiler unit he took out...it ended up being one his dad had put in years earlier.

Greg's wife, Lisa (a 1994 graduate of Staples Motley High School) has managed the front office at Giza's since 2020. "I jokingly say, 'Greg owns it, I run it,'" she said recently at the family shop. Others currently on staff include technicians Levi Hammett, Jarvis Deprez and Nathan Schimpp.

According to information at their website, www.callgiza.com, "Our skilled technicians use the latest tools and knowledge to repair, replace, and install quality plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and hot water heating products. We handle all jobs with the same professional, courtesy you deserve regardless of size...from the small but crucial "I lost my diamond earring down the drain" all the way to repiping an existing home."

Their stellar work has not gone unnoticed by their customers, many of whom have left positive comments at the business website. In 2014, Giza Plumbing and Heating received the 'Business of the Year' award from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation.

As would be expected, there've been many changes in the plumbing business in 90 years. Greg noted the changes in equipment and tools. In the past, a lot of cast iron was used for piping, and today, it's mainly plastic. This makes for easier, lighter work.

Greg also noted that when he first came on board in 1995, air conditioning was optional in a house sale. Not so today.

On the heating side of the business, Marv shared that it used to be all oil or wood furnaces. In recent years, there's been a switch to high efficiency furnaces, both gas and electric. Marv also recalled getting emergency 'night calls' at least three times a week back in the day.

Yes, there have been a lot of changes over the years at Giza Plumbing and Heating, but one thing has remained constant through four generations of ownership - serving the community with high-quality products and expert workmanship.

It's no wonder that the answer to many plumbing and heating questions today is still, 'Call Giza!'



Like father, like son

Four generations have worked at Giza Plumbing & Heating in Staples, which was established in 1934 by John Giza. They are believed to be one of only four plumbing businesses in Minnesota that have been owned by the same family for 90-plus years. Pictured above, from left, are current owner Greg Giza, and his father, Marvin (Marv) Giza, who was the owner before him. Marv's dad, Harold Giza, was the second generation owner. Although Marv technically retired in 2020, he still checks in at least once a week. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Remembering Dr. Bridget King

Two-legged and four-legged friends of beloved veterinarian, Dr. Bridget King, came to honor her at a 'Celebration of Life' event June 9, at Pine Grove Park in Staples. Dr. King, who ran the Homestead Vet Clinic in Aldrich since 1983, passed away suddenly May 13, 2024. She was 70.

The event also included an opportunity to learn more about PAWS (Pets Abandoned Wanting Support), a non-profit to help animals find good homes, which was founded by Bridget and some of her friends in 1998. A few of these rescued pets were in attendance at the park.

During the afternoon, people shared memories of Dr. King, which included her willingness to make house calls on occasion, and her intuitiveness about both animals and humans. An avid violinist, Bridget was also passionate about music, which was noted by some of her friends at the park. Pictured below left, James Lenk of Staples brought his 27-year-old bird, Harley D., to Dr. King's Celebration of Life event. Below right, Tamara Barnett of Minneapolis along with her rescue dog, Oliver Twist, came to pay their respects. Barnett, who provided music at several past PAWS fundraisers, shared that she'd had a phone conversation with Bridget just 45 minutes before she died. The caring vet had offered advice up until the end. Barnett, and so many others at the event, expressed their sadness that Bridget was gone and that they'd no longer be able to call her at Homestead Vet Clinic.

Several others left written messages on the Tribute Wall for Dr. King found at the Karvonen Funeral Home's website. Bridget's friend Lisa Winter wrote, "We shared this deep love for music and animals - two of the best blessings of life on this earth. We also shared a solid conviction that we will see the animals whom we have loved in heaven. So I think of the words of this hymn: 'All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing, 'alleluia, oh praise Him.'" I'm certain Bridget is part of this wonderful choir."

(Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)









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Lakewood is pleased to welcome the newest member of it's medical staff, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, Travis Johnson. As a podiatrist, Dr. Johnson provides comprehensive foot and ankle care for patients of all ages. He has a special interest in minimally invasive podiatric surgery, as well as the management of lower extremity diabetic complications. Dr. Johnson will be seeing patients at the Staples Clinic.

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