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Grass fire season Staples and Motley firefighters worked on a grass fire south of Staples on May 1. Grass fires tend to pop up between the time of the snow melt and when grass fields turn green. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

School board ranks operations, prepares for levy renewal

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board ranked the performance of the school system from the board perspective and talked about asking voters to renew the school's operating levy that allows the school's career and technical education (CTE) classes to operate at a higher level. The operating levy only can go towards educational expenses, not towards building expenses.

Ranking the school

The board looked over the school's Continuous Improvement Plan and were asked to rank where the school was, from the perspective of the board, on the commitments of student experience, climate and culture, value, and operations. They also ranked how the school was doing on the priorities of relationships, integrity, respect, pride, excellence and communication.

The evaluation scale asked if the school was in the beginning stages of their goals, developing, applying or if they had made enough progress for the category to be sustaining.

Board members applied their votes with stickers to a chart on the wall. Almost all of the votes were either "developing" or "applying", with few in the category of "sustaining" and none in "beginning".

After the voting, the board members discussed what stood out to them in the rankings.

Superintendent Shane Tappe, who also took part in the voting, said "I feel we have grown with community relationships, connections with organizations and community members."

Tappe also had some areas where the school needs to focus on improving. "Our actions need to align with what we say," he said.

Board member Bryan Winkels pointed to communication as important. "We have improved, but have more room to improve," he said. Winkels also thought that if communication improves, that would help improve the respect category.

Board member Jeremy Reeck said he has been on the school board for three years and is still creating relationships in the school system. He said that category is at a good level but is something they will have to continue to work on. He thought the communiction category was in good shape. "Everyting I have wanted to know about, I have gotten," he said.

Board member Kyle Reese said that the culture and climate of the school has greatly increased since the high school/middle school implemented the dean of students position.

"It holds having students accountable. Having someone available has drastically improved the culture," said Reese. He said that when the climate and culture improves, that causes the school's value to go up and the student experience goes up.

Board member Lisa Anderson said she feels all the board's decisions start with integrity. She felt that respect, pride and excellence are areas that the school does well. She said communication needs some work and gave an example of new coaches who are still at the beginning of their tenure. She said one area to work on is how to overcome the lack of support in the community.

Anderson said the elementary school culture has changed drastically because of first year principal Allan Berg bringing a positive attitude to the school.

Board member Ryan Wright said he sees the school doing a lot of work on climate, culture and value.

Wright said he sees a need for improvement in the categories of pride and excellence, based on his conversations with students.

"We have students who don't feel support. It is based off of the adults they are around," said Wright. "I don't believe we have a kid

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Staples-Motley Speech knows the meaning of success

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

They are one of the premiere speech teams in the State of Minnesota, Josh Lee, Activities Director at Staples-Motley High School, said of the Cardinals during a special program held at Centennial Auditorium May 3.

It was a time to celebrate the seven team members who'd received medals at the state speech competition this past April, as well as hear the speeches of the three who'd won the state championship in their categories. In addition to these individuals, the Cardinal team placed fourth at the state tournament...and prior to that, were team champions at both the subsection and section tournaments.

There is a lot to be proud of, Lee said, mentioning the speakers and their coaches. He also noted the hours of time put into each speech... from finding or writing the piece, to practicing it over and over. "These contestants work hard," Lee said, adding that the speech season goes from November - March each year. Lee also credited the dedication of the coaches, who devote hours each week to the team members...helping them find material, listening to their speeches, critiquing and offering suggestions.

Since 1975, the Cardinal speakers have won multiple awards...both as a team and individually. This year alone, they've collected dozens of ribbons and medals at tournaments, with the team taking home the championship plaque at both subsection and section tournaments. The Cards had 10 speakers qualify for the state tournament this past April, with seven bringing home medals, including three gold and one silver.

Reflecting on the past season, Head Coach Heather Sams said, "This has been a great team," noting their numerous successes as a whole. They were hoping to place in the top three at state, but settled for fourth place. "We missed it (third place) by three points," Sams said of the SM team.

She came on as head coach late into the season, Sams said, explaining that the former person in that role had to back out at the

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
May 10	81	57	M. Cloudy
May 11	71	58	Showers
May 12	75	55	Showers
May 13	64	47	Showers
May 14	68	48	Cloudy
May 15	75	52	Sunny
May 16	75	47	Sunny

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
May 10	71°	50	Sunny
May 11	65	60	Rain
May 12	61	56	Rain
May 13	70	55	Sunny
May 14	66	54	Sunny
May 15	68	45	Sunny
May 16	65	52	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 67° Low = 45°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Obituaries

Carol Hulett
Robert Lenk



SM State Speech team recognized

Members of the Staples-Motley Speech Team were recognized at Centennial Auditorium May 3, following their success at the Minnesota State Speech Competition April 28-29, in Apple Valley. The team captured fourth place at state, with seven members receiving individual medals.

Pictured, from left, are Micah Larson, senior, state champion in Creative Expression; Laken Hines, sophomore, sixth in Humorous Interpretation; Caden Mrazek and Luke Bates, seniors, state champions in Duo; Olivia Opheim, sophomore, seventh in Informative Speaking; Walker Johnson, freshman, second in Extemporaneous Reading; and Keegan Harvey, senior, fifth in Creative Expression. Three other team members qualified for state but did not make it to the final round. They were Cy Johnson, senior, who placed ninth in Dramatic Interpretation; Grace Allen, senior, Poetry; and Maddock Harvey, seventh grade, Storytelling. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Claire Grunewald loves being a mom, times five

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter



At home with 'Mom'

The Grunewald siblings posed with their mom, Claire, at their family home in Staples. The children, from left, are Harrison, 10; Maggie, 11; Thomas, one month; Hannah, one year; and Charlotte, seven. The Grunewalds moved to Staples about four years ago from Fargo, N.D., after Claire was hired at Lakewood Health System as a physical therapist. "We wanted to raise our kids in a smaller community," Claire said of she and her husband, Tyler, who works at Central Lakes College in Staples.

Being a mother is one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs she's ever had, Claire Grunewald of Staples shared recently.

"There are little blessings every day," she said, adding that sometimes it's a one-on-one conversation, and other times it's something fun she's experiencing with all five of her kiddos at once.

Claire and her husband, Tyler, have five children... Maggie, 11; Harrison, 10; Charlotte, seven; Hannah, one; and Thomas, born a month ago on April 5. "She's also 'mom' to Lola," Tyler laughs, as their three-year-old rescue terrier-mix bounds into the living room.

Yep, she's a really great mom, the young Grunewald siblings tell this reporter.

Maggie says she loves her mom's cooking; Charlotte notes that her mom always reads to her and watches when she does cartwheels.

Harrison points out that their mom is the one who takes care of Lola, even those times she got sick in the car. Little Hannah perks up at the mention of the family pooch, exclaiming, "Woh-wa!" to which big sister Maggie interprets, "You like to help mom bring Lola out every morning, don't you?"

Claire laughs, clearly enjoying the conversation of her brood. Having grown up in a family of six siblings (she hails from Barnesville), she's used to, and loves, the banter and energy of children at home.

They weren't planning on any specific number of kids...it just happened, Claire said. After she and Tyler had their third child, they thought they were done, but then decided to have one more. Not long after that, baby Thomas came along. "And that's it," both Claire and Tyler said. Charlotte proceeded to ask if they could have just one more...please? "Nope, that's it," both mom and dad answered. Five is perfect.

Yes, there is more to juggle in their schedules, but in some ways, the load has lessened with each new arrival. The older children are very helpful with the younger ones, Claire says, noting that she's able to rest for awhile during the day, thanks to Maggie, Harrison and Charlotte. "Those three kids are big helpers," she says.

When she thinks about what it takes to be a good mom, Claire says she's grateful to have a good support system. "We've got great family friends...and of course my husband is wonderful," she says, adding that Tyler does all the household laundry. "He's a better folder than I am," she laughs. And, there are those times when he'll tell her to go take a nap when she's especially tired. "It's a team effort," Claire says of parenting.

But, with Mother's Day around the corner, the focus shifts back to Claire.

She is a terrific mother, Tyler says of his wife. "She's patient and loving, always giving the kids the benefit of the doubt. She's reliable...always makes the right choices for the kids."

Claire says she learned a lot about being a mother from her own mom, Gail. "She always put people first," Claire said, adding that's something she aspires to as well.

Hearing about Gail reminded the Grunewald children about some funny "Grandma stories," including the time she accidently used poison ivy as toilet paper during a camping trip. When reminded that they were asked to share funny stories about "Mom," Maggie got the conversation back on track, recalling how her mother had attempted to introduce healthier food choices at home. One time, she snuck carrots into a hot-dish, which nobody liked, even the cook, apparently. "I had to throw it out," Claire laughed.

Most of the time, she's a really good cook, the Grunewald children agree. And, bedtime is always special because their mom sings a lullaby to each of them as she tucks them in at night. "She made one up," Maggie said, going on to share a few lines of the song they've all memorized over time. "Lullaby and good night; Time to sleep little Maggie (or Harrison, Charlotte, Hannah, Thomas); Close your eyes, get some sleep...I love you very much..."

Yes, they love their special lullaby and the special person who sings it to them. No doubt they will join children of all ages this May 14, in saying, "Happy Mother's Day!"



Part of the family

The Grunewalds' dog, Lola, didn't want to be left out of the recent 'Mother's Day' photo shoot at the family's home in Staples. Pictured, from left, are three of the five siblings Hannah, Charlotte and Maggie; and their dad, Tyler. Lola considers herself the Grunewalds' sixth child. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Motorcycle crash south of Motley

A Little Falls man was injured in a motorcycle accident the evening of May 4, about six miles south of Motley, in Scandia Valley Township.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, a motorcycle, driven by Joseph Sumner, 22, of Little Falls, was traveling west on 320th Street approaching 20th Avenue.

Sumner stated his foot caught the road causing him to lose control in the curves and run off the roadway. He was ejected off the motorcycle and was subsequently transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health System's Hospital in Staples. His injuries were unknown.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Scandia Valley Fire and Rescue and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.

Motley police

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

May 1 - Motley police received a call from Holiday Station in Motley, reporting a theft of cigarettes.

May 1 - Motley police received reports of gas drive-offs at Holiday Station in Motley, in the amounts of $48.31, $32.14, $30.60, $30.71. These occurred on April 21, 22 and 24.

April 28 - Motley police, Morrison County, and state patrol responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Hwy 10 and Aztec Road in Motley. Law enforcement provided medical care until the ambulance arrived.

April 27 - The MPD received a report of a large tractor pulling a large digging implement that had driven through Motley and accidently damaged several signs in the center median.

April 30 - The MCSO paged out the Motley Fire Department for a swamp fire at the 28000 block of Todd Line Rd., Staples.

April 27 - Morrison County deputies issued a citation to Cassandra Benson, 23, for speeding and failing to stop for an emergency vehicle.

April 26 - The MCSO received a report of a possible theft at the 34000 block of Hwy 10, Motley.

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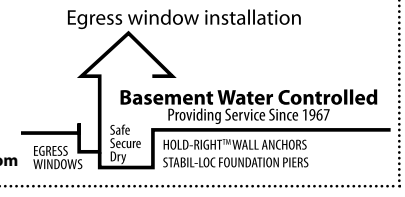
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Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1978. 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.

75 Years Ago - 1948

• May 6, 1948 - "The Hidden Enemy" a mystery play in three acts is the play which is being presented by the 1948 senior class of Staple high school at the Staples auditorium May 12, with the first curtain at eight o'clock sharp. The play is under the direction of Miss Mary Forsan, head of the dramatics for the school.

• May 6, 1948 - Proposals for consolidating the country schools in Morrison county were discussed April 19, when the nine members of the County School Survey

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Committee met at Motley school with the members of the school board of Consolidated District No. 27.

E. L. Morey of Motley, chairman of the county survey committee, explained the work that the committee has done, and asked the Motley board to express its recommendations and opinions regarding the proposed reorganizing.

The Motley board assured the survey committee that the local district is willing and anxious to accept other nearby districts that logically fall within reasonable transportation distance, and that the district has, or will provide, the necessary facilities of the students within that area.

Mr. Morey explained that the committee of nine has held 27 meetings with people in rural school districts in the county...As a result of its studies, the committee has come to the conclusion that the one-room country school must go. Operative costs are high; the schools are inefficient; most of the buildings are in poor condition; teachers are scarce; and educational opportunities are unequal.

• May 6, 1948 - Writing on "Liberty, our Great American Heritage" in the Americanism Essay contest, sponsored by the Motley American Legion Auxiliary, Alvin Rigg's essay was judged the outstanding one. Wilma Cruse and Gordon Bjelde tied for second place. Under the supervision of Mr. Phelps, over 50 of his English students entered essays in the contest. The local unit awarded prizes to the winners, $3 for first and $2 for second.

50 Years Ago - 1973

• May 10, 1973 - The annual Spring Concert of the Staples Elementary school will be held May 14, in the school gym. The concert will feature the fifth and sixth grade bands, composed of students from the Staples Elementary, Sacred Heart and Lincoln Model Nongraded schools, directed by Mark Evans; and the elementary chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Hegre.

Some of the featured soloists with the chorus will be Jackie Brooks, Scott Brunell, Paul Drake, Dean Blanchard, Robin Lewis and David Marsh. Square dancing, clowns and candy men will add to the evening's festivities.

A local singing group will also perform a few selections at this program. This group consists of Audrey Finn, June Longbella, Jo Bergsrud, Virginia Hegre, Pat Baustian, Donna Miller, Joanne DesMarais and Edie Quance. Their accompanist is Marion Stone.

• May 10, 1973 - Light Purple, dark purple and pink decorated the Staples Auditorium last Saturday evening as the juniors hosted the seniors for the annual prom, using the theme, "Purple Haze Over a New Horizon." Many members of the two classes and their dates were in attendance. The climax of the evening's program was the grand march, with Mark Evans serving as master of ceremonies. His date was Sharon Greenwood.

• May 10, 1973 - Dr. Alvin R. Riggs will be the speaker for the Motley High school commencement May 25, R.B. Berg, superintendent, announced today.

Riggs is a 1949 graduate of Motley High school and is presently on sabbatical leave from McGill University, Montreal, where he is an Associate Professor of History.

• May 10, 1973 - Rick Carreno, former "Hell's Angel" and now a youth evangelist for the Billy Graham Association , will be at the Wadena Memorial Auditorium for a four night crusade May 10-13 sponsored by Mid-State Youth for Christ.

The crusade begins each night at 8 p.m. with the "New Relationship Singers," a musical group from Verndale also participating in the program.

• May 10, 1973 - Evangelistic services are underway this week at the Alliance Church in Staples. Nathan B. Penland, Asheville, N.C., is the guest speaker. The services are scheduled at 7:45 p.m. each evening through Friday and then at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. The public is invited to attend, Pastor Gene Eslinger announced.

25 Years Ago - 1998

• May 7, 1998 - Three Staples Motley seniors have been chosen as the valedictorian and salutatorians of the 1998 graduating class.

Heidi Swenson, daughter of Bob and Sharon Swenson of Staples is the class valedictorian. Co-salutatorians for the class of 1998 are Inga Storbakken, daughter of Ron and Sue Storbakken; and Nicolle Shaffer, daughter of Robert and Kathleen Shaffer.

• May 7, 1998 - The Cardinal boys completely dominated their own Cardinal Invitational track meet April 30, claiming 436 points to second place New York Mills' 244. Cardinals finished first in 13 events, including all four relays.

• May 7, 1998 - The staples Motley Cardinals last week split a double header with Crosby-Ironton and defeated Bertha-Hewitt in diamond action.

Coach Doug Shequen's Cards split their Mid-State Conference twin bill with C-I Tuesday, winning the first game 12-7 before losing the second game 14-8.

The Cards claimed a 10-8 win April 28 over the Bertha-Hewitt Bears, getting 10 runs on 10 hits and making four errors.

Big hitters for the Cards included Chad Hoffman, Jesse Jennissen, Tom Bergs, Kelly Rutten, Tyler Martin and Joey Huebsch. Winning pitchers included Ben Mosack and Tom Bergs.

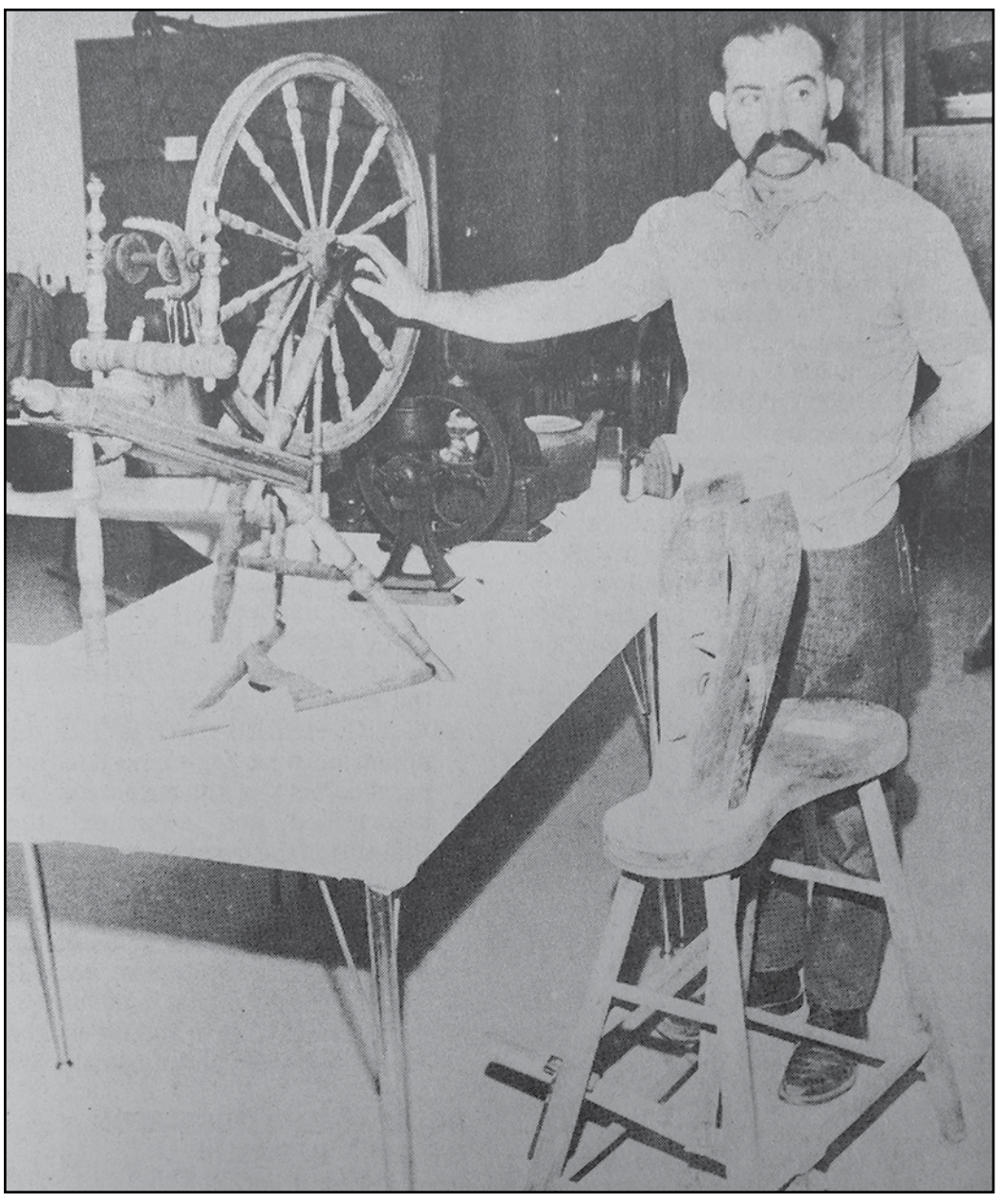
• May 7, 1998 - Motley-Staples Middle School Students of the Week included Megan Klose, Adam Greig and Tim Thorsett.

• May 7, 1998 - Mr. Ed's Restaurant in Motley advertises, 'For Mother, With Love,' a Sunday Dinner for $6.25 - Ham, Turkey, Chicken with all the trimmings, with dessert. Also - Fishermen... Stop in for a hearty meal before going out or after coming in. Tasty meals.

10 Years Ago - 2013

• May 9, 2013 - Staples-Motley High School has announced Claire Uhlman as the valedictorian and Jordan Wick as salutatorian for the Class of 2013.

• May 9, 2013 - 'V-E Day, 1945, meant life for Kopka's family...Staples man remembers Nazi Germany,' was a front page headline. Henry Kopka of Staples, who was born in Prussia in 1935, taught the class 'Nazi Germany' years ago at Staples High School, teaching from first-hand experience. He and his family survived Nazi Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1952.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 3, 1973 edition of the Staples World featured Peter Card Jr., president of the Staples Historical Society, posing with an old fashioned spinning wheel from his collection. On the floor by Card is another antique piece of equipment which was used for the making or repairing of horse harnesses. The historical exhibits were part of the Rotary Art Show in Staples, which drew hundreds of persons from throughout Central Minnesota that weekend.

Marlene Reeck of Staples said she recognized her "big brother Pete," going on to mention how much he loved antiques and history. Rick and Kathy Odden of Staples correctly identified Pete as well. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

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Levy renewal will keep school tax burden the same

problem, as much as an adult problem in society."

Board member Chandler Trout said the school's excellence is showing in some of the arenas that the public can see. He gave examples of the school wrestling team, speech team and the school musical. "There is the iceberg below, that really matters to excellence," said Trout. "We are focusing on things we struggle with, we don't always focus on things we are doing well."

Trout said the climate and culture has been affected by the failed referendums in recent years. "That speaks a lot to our climate and it is a big part of the pride as well," he said.

Operating levy

The board discussed how to present their next operating levy, which they are planning to ask voters to approve in November.

The operating levy failed in 2022 after two building referendums failed in earlier years. Some of the board members wondered if the public was aware that they are two very different referendums. The building referendum can only be spent on building materials, while the operating levy can only be spent on educational materials and staffing.

Reeck said the school should show that they have added welding and machining classes because of this levy.

Superintendent Tappe said "As a district, we have shown how important CTE is. We have added two instructors in welding and machining, we talk about FFA building trades."

He said "Without it, we wouldn't have a CNC mill, welding booths, welding stations, or equipment in wood shop and teachers to be able to teach these courses."

He pointed out that the operating levy came about after a public process where the community identified the biggest needs in the school.

"We are using the dollars to pay for things our community values, including technology and CTE," said Tappe.

Tappe said the class numbers in the CTE programs have been very high. "We have FACS, nursing, we have a ton of support from Lakewood Health System. We have a college in town and we are bulding that partnership."

He also said they have the financial records to show that every dollar from the levy has been spent on what the community had asked for.

If the operating levy does not pass, Tappe said they would be forced to cut teachers and cut classes in different areas of the school, not just the shop classes. He said they would still have some of the CTE classes but the funding would have to come out of the regular operating budget, which will affect other departments and classes.

Winkels suggested doing a public process to see if the public still supports the same priorities. "We want to make sure we are hearing what the public thinks about that," said Winkels.

He also said that it would be helpful to hear from people who were opposed to the last operating levy.

Tax impact

Even though the operating levy is a renewal that will not raise school district taxes above the current level, the board was concerned that the public would see it as a tax increase.

Reese said communication about the levy is crucial. "We need to make that extremely clear, this will not change taxes," he said.

All of the board members were on board with asking voters to renew the same levy, but Winkels pointed out that with costs going up, the same levy won't be sufficient to keep the programs up to the same level.

The board discussed adding a second or third question to the levy, to ask if voters would approve another operating levy in addition to the renewal. If approved by voters, that second question would raise school taxes in the district.

Trout thought the public would support a renewal levy, but didn't think they would vote for an increased levy. "We're dreaming if we think we will get more money," he said.

Reeck asked if they should be focusing on voters who were against the previous referendum. Anderson also thought there could be a group of voters who might change their minds if given more information about the levy.

Winkels said the board should focus on the students and the programs, and communicate to the public why it is important not just to the school but the entire community.

"If they don't support it, we didn't do a good job on communication, or we have a huge community problem," said Winkels.





Local contributions make Ruby's Pantry go

Erich Heppner
Ruby's Pantry, Staples distribution coordinator

The people of this area are incredibly generous. While they're undoubtedly charitable with their financial giving, their willingness to give of their time has impressed me the most. I believe that time is a person's most valuable resource and how they spend it shows what they value. Clearly, in the Staples area, there are plenty of folks who value one another. I see this firsthand each month when we host Ruby's Pantry at Central Lakes College. This drive-thru food distribution relies on at least thirty volunteers for it to flow smoothly and every month, when I ask for helpers, I get my thirty. They come from all corners of our community. Some come from Staples United Methodist, which serves as our fiscal host, some come in groups from our local business community and of course, we have our fair share of CLC students who roll up their sleeves for a good cause. Regardless of where they come from, they all have the same servant's heart and are eager to share their time to ensure their neighbors are fed. While some might say they have lost faith in their fellow man, they clearly have not been to Staples.

Ruby's Pantry is a food distribution event on the first Tuesday of each month at the CLC-Staples Campus. There're no income requirements, it's open and available to everyone that eats. The start time varies with the seasons, but arriving at 5 p.m. is usually a safe bet. Attendees can purchase food shares at $25 per share. A food share is typically worth about $100-$150 worth of groceries. We receive the food from the Ruby's Pantry warehouse, and all onsite people are volunteers from our community. Ninety percent of all money collected goes back to Ruby's Pantry to help pay for their operational costs and ten percent goes to Staples United Methodist Church. They reinvest these dollars into the community helping sponsor free activities like the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals that the Staples Chamber of Commerce and Timbers Restaurant organize. To learn more about our distribution and receive reminders, follow us on Facebook @RubysPantryStaplesMN or read this fine newspaper.

As folks attend our distribution, they often share their story with us. One of the things we hear a lot is how Ruby's allows them to stretch their grocery budget through an easy and dignified experience. They tell us about their struggles to make ends meet even though they hold down multiple jobs. We hear from our seniors who, on their fixed incomes, cannot afford their monthly expenses and are in danger of going hungry without low-cost food options. Without fail, the most common theme we hear is how grateful they are for this service and for the volunteers who give their time so generously.

Finally, a breakthrough on captive deer farms

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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If at first you don't succeed … try, try again. That may be the most obvious and often-used expression of persistence and hope you will encounter. Happily, there is some truth in it. Even when the task is as politically-charged as managing our state's captive deer farms. These farms have frequently been linked to the spread to wild deer of the fatal nervous system-destroying chronic wasting disease (CWD).

After years of lobbying by groups like the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA), and the Minnesota affiliate of the Izaak Walton League of America—and steadfast efforts through multiple legislative sessions by sportsman-friendly state lawmakers—a moratorium on new captive deer farms within the state is part of an environment and natural resources bill that is expected to head to Governor Tim Walz's desk for signature soon.

The swing to Democratic control of the Minnesota Senate in the 2022 election may have played a key role in the success of this 2023 legislation. With the GOP in control during the last session, an agreement had been reached—supported by a handful of GOP senators—to impose just such a moratorium. However, in an 11th hour, behind-closed-doors maneuver, most of those senators were persuaded to back out of their commitment, and that deer farm moratorium effort failed.

Also included in the new agreement is a restriction on the transfer of deer from areas with known CWD infections to captive deer farms in Minnesota, and strengthening of fencing requirements, though the latter is not as aggressive as some would like.

For the unfamiliar, deer—and elk, too—are raised on such farms to provide controlled "hunts," for meat, for urine for scent products, and for breeding purposes. Both deer and elk can transmit CWD through direct or indirect contact, via bodily secretions, between infected and healthy animals. CWD was first detected in wild deer in Southeast Minnesota's Olmsted County in 2010. Perhaps not coincidentally, this region of Minnesota has historically had the highest concentration of captive deer and elk farms.

As late as 2019, that region was the only area where wild deer were found to be infected. Sadly, that picture has changed. CWD-infected wild deer have since been found in at least eight Minnesota counties, ranging as far north as the Bemidji area in Beltrami County. Transfer of infected deer has been implicated.

Perhaps as important as any part of the agreement reached by Minnesota Senate and House negotiators, oversight of captive deer farms will become the responsibility of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), replacing the State Board of Animal Health (SBAH) in that capacity. It will be up to the DNR to monitor and enforce such rules as fencing requirements, disposal of infected captive animals, and rules pertaining to transfer of animals from one captive farm to another.

While it was in charge, the SBAH was frequently accused of being lax in enforcing rules, especially those concerning the fencing of deer captive farms, which were intended to prevent contact between captive and wild deer. SBAH's main oversight duties have historically been related to domestic livestock on farms and ranches, not wild species, and some doubted their enthusiasm for policing of captive deer and elk farms.

There is an element of "be careful what you wish for" in the transfer of deer farm oversight from the SBAH to the DNR. Some fear that the genie is already out of the bottle, as it were, with wild deer in at least eight counties now known to have been infected. They fear that CWD could follow the pattern of such aquatic invasive species as zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil, the control of which is not currently a success story. If this proves true, the DNR could be given a black eye for an outcome for which it bears little responsibility.

As is so often the case with law and rulemaking—whether federal, state, or local—some items on the wish list don't make it. For some reason—a bargaining chip can be the only explanation—the State Board of Animal Health will retain oversight of captive elk farms in Minnesota. There are fewer of these than captive deer farms. But captive elk are just as capable of spreading CWD to wild deer.

Another wish list item that fell by the wayside was that of requiring double fencing of captive deer farms, to prevent through-the-fence contact between captive and wild deer. Merely touching noses or exchanging saliva through the wires of a fence can spread CWD from an infected captive deer to a healthy wild deer. Double fencing is more expensive, and deer and elk farmers have resisted it for that reason.

While this moratorium remains in effect—permanently, many hope—the owner of a captive deer farm can sell or transfer ownership of his or her facility to a family member; but only once, as the language now reads.

All in all, this agreement is a positive one. Hopefully it is not too little, too late. Not only is a healthy whitetail deer herd central to one of Minnesota's most cherished outdoor traditions, but it's an important economic engine in its own right, through the sporting goods and tourism spending it generates.

Invasive species a concern during fishing season

From the University of Minnesota

Minnesota's Fishing Opener is on May 13 this year and the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) is a top concern for many as anglers and boaters return to the lakes.

Nick Phelps, Ph.D., with the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the University of Minnesota, answers questions about the steps you can take to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species and what researchers are currently doing to protect Minnesota's lakes, rivers, streams and ponds.

Q: What are aquatic invasive species and why are they a problem?

Aquatic invasive species are plants, animals and harmful microbes that were introduced from outside an ecosystem by humans, became established and spread. They can cause negative impacts to the local ecosystem, economy and human health. Problematic invaders have re-engineered our ecosystems, caused massive economic impacts and changed the way we use and enjoy our lakes, rivers and wetlands. While not all change is bad, there are very few examples where AIS introductions have been helpful.

Q: What aquatic invasive species are in Minnesota?

In Minnesota, there are invasive fish, such as common carp and invasive bigheaded carps; invasive plants such as Eurasian watermilfoil and starry stonewort; invasive invertebrates such as zebra mussels and spiny water flea; and invasive microbes. Unfortunately, the list of AIS already in Minnesota is long and there are many more on the doorstep. However, it is important to remember that only about seven percent of Minnesota's lakes are on the DNR's infested waters list and less than three percent of Minnesota's lakes are infested with zebra mussels. This is not a lost cause — there is still a lot to protect. And there have been some big wins.

Q: What steps can I take to help stop the spread?

"Clean-Drain-Dispose" isn't only best practice for prevention, it is also the law in Minnesota. The research shows that doing these few simple steps when your boat or equipment leaves a waterbody — infested or not — can make a major difference. If possible, it is also a good idea to dry your boat and equipment for several days in between visiting lakes to be sure no viable AIS can be spread. In addition, I'd suggest joining the hundreds of community scientists in Minnesota who are part of our AIS Detectors program. This is a great opportunity to get actively involved and make a difference in your community.

Q: What do you anticipate will be the biggest challenges related to AIS this year?

Despite numerous scientific discoveries and dedicated efforts leading to success stories, the narrative around aquatic invasive species can often sound overwhelming, inevitable or hopeless. It is easy to fall into despair when we consider the sustained effort it takes to keep our state's waterways healthy. Our biggest challenge right now is addressing these assumptions so we can collectively move forward. There is no reason to accept yesterday's consequences as tomorrow's new normal, nor should we leave our problems for the next generation. For example, we know that local AIS prevention can slow the spread of AIS and we are closer than ever to developing innovative control strategies for established populations of AIS. We need to build on our positive momentum, inspire action with others and proactively work together to solve our AIS problems.

Q: What is the University of Minnesota doing about AIS?

The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) located at the University of Minnesota is a one-of-a-kind program and a national leader in advancing solutions to our AIS problems. Every day we are pushing the bounds of our scientific understanding to fill key knowledge gaps and develop tools that can be used by natural resource managers, practitioners, policymakers and the public. From the state capital to the end of the dock, solutions are within reach.

Birds migrate across Minnesota

From University of Minnesota Extension

World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated annually on the second Saturday in May and October to raise awareness of migratory birds and their habitats. This year's first observance is May 13.

Avian Ecologist Steve Kolbe with the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) at the University of Minnesota Duluth answers questions about migratory bird populations in Minnesota, their migration routes and patterns, and the condition of their habitats.

Q. What species of migratory birds are commonly found in Minnesota and where?

Kolbe: Minnesota contains varied habitats — from grasslands in the west and bottomland deciduous forests in the southeast to boreal forests in the north. The combination of these habitats in a single state means that Minnesota is an extremely biodiverse state during migration (and the summer breeding season). Additionally, the harsh winter conditions we experience in Minnesota mean the majority of birds migrate away from the state each fall. Combine these two factors and we see massive numbers of birds of a wide range of species leaving and returning to the state each year. It's the end of the migratory journey for a wide range of species that spend the summer in the state. Many southern states see species such as warblers only during spring and fall migration, but in Minnesota we get to enjoy them all summer long.

One of the first signs of spring is the huge flocks of geese and waterfowl that arrive as soon as open water is available. Eagles and hawks migrate back in large numbers throughout March and April. These birds are soon accompanied by the arrival of short-distance migrants such as American Robins, Red-winged Blackbirds and Eastern Bluebirds that have spent the winter in the southern United States. After the weather warms and leaves start to appear on trees, long-distance migrants — species that have spent the winter in Central or South America — such as orioles, tanagers, grosbeaks, and warblers begin to arrive and prepare for the breeding season. Birdwatchers are able to see well over 100 species of birds in a morning during this peak spring migration season along migratory corridors such as the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers and Lake Superior.

In the fall, this pattern is reversed. Long-distance migrants leave as early as August, and short-distance migrants trickle south throughout September and early October. Eagle and hawk numbers peak in October as the weather starts to turn, and finally the small number of hardy migratory species, such as finches, that spend the winter in Minnesota arrive in November and December.

Q. How and what changes in habitats impact migratory birds and their migratory behavior?

Quality habitat that provides food and shelter is critical for birds during migration and for breeding activities. In terms of migration, the majority of birds are relatively flexible and use any available stopover habitat that they can find.

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Quote of the week

"It's a little horse, but a big heart."
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Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

May

- **Final Concert, Choir/Band Orchestra (Grades 5 - 8)** May 12, 7 p.m.
- **Commencement Concert, Choir/Band/Orchestra (Grades 9 - 12)** May 19, 7 p.m.
- **Baccalaureate** May 21, 7 p.m., Church of Christ, Staples
- **Cords and Awards Ceremony for Seniors** May 24, 1:30 p.m.
- **Last Day of School** May 26
- **Graduation** May 26, 7:30 p.m.
- **Memorial Day** May 29, Offices closed

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

Mark Your Calendar

May 11

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

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Group Dancing Thursday, May 11, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. John Bittner, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

May 12

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.

May 15

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

May 16

'GriefShare' Grief Support Group is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through May 30. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

Experience Strength And Hope AA group Mtgs In Staples are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

May 17

Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Open to the public. To attend via Zoom, contact Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. include;

April 24, Staples Police responded to the 1400 block of 8th St. NE on report of neighbors arguing outside. Officers arrived on scene, spoke with the parties involved and advised them to stay on their own properties.

April 25, Staples Police received a driving complaint of a vehicle driving reckless and at high speed in and around the high school parking lot. Police spoke to the driver about his conduct, and warned him for having too many passengers in his vehicle with a provisional license.

April 25, Staples Police received a report of a scam that involved the scammer emailing the complainant saying that they were being billed for a computer service. The complainant disputed the charge with the information provided in the email asking for a bank account number and to download information on his computer. The scammer made it look like a large sum of money was deposited into the complainant's account by mistake and asked the complainant to get gift cards and give them the money back, so they wouldn't lose their job from this mistake. The complainant caught onto the scammer before any money was transferred out of his account. Police advised the complainant on further steps to take and to delete programs that the scammer had the complainant install onto his computer.

April 26, Staples Police assisted TCSO with a stalled vehicle at the intersection of 4th St. NE and 2nd Ave. NE. The vehicle was initially unoccupied. A female came out of a nearby business, got into the car and was uncooperative with the deputy. The vehicle was impeding traffic and blocking the driving lane. Police identified the driver as Kayla Clark of Staples. Clark continued to be rude, uncooperative,thus her vehicle was towed for obstructing the roadway.

April 28, at 11:45 p.m., Staples Police, along with the Todd County Sheriff's Dept, responded to a report of possible gun shots near the 600 block of Long Prairie Road SW. Law enforcement patrolled in area, and were unable to locate any suspicious activity.

April 29, at 1:05 a.m., Staples Police received multiple reports of what was believed to be gunshots on the southwest side of the city. Fireworks were observed by police. Police are currently investigating the incident.

April 30, Staples Police received a call of an unattended fire in the ditch on Warner Rd east of Staples. Upon arrival officers found it to be a fire in the nearby swamp. The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating the incident.



Fidgety Fairy Tales in Staples

Performers for the Fidgety Fairy Tales play talk about mental health during a performance on May 1. The play is a production from the Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health.

Below, Stacy Underhill, Harrison Underhill, and Genevieve Underhill work on making puppets based on the play. The event was held by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty and was sponsored by Sourcewell and Lakewood Health System. (Submitted photos)



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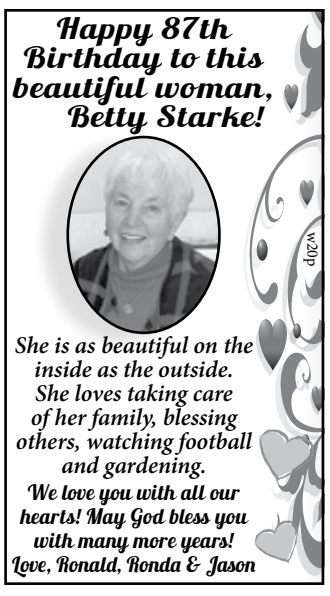
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Obituaries

Carol Hulett



Carol B. (Schroeder) Hulett, 95, of Leader passed away May 4, 2023, at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

Services were held May 8 at the Motley Free Methodist Church.

Carol was born September 28, 1927, to Edward and Marie (Matthews) Schroeder in Staples. She married Eugene Hulett on February 12, 1947. Carol enjoyed gardening and canning, crocheting, reading and puzzles. Carol enjoyed cross-county skiing until she was in her 80's. She loved feeding the many different birds, but had a running battle with the squirrels and black bears. She was a member of the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club, which helps with the upkeep of the Poplar Cemetery, taking part in the programs held there for many years. She was a good sewer making many quilts and giving them to family and friends. She loved being a mother and especially being a grandma. Carol always had a smile for everyone she met and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Carol is survived by two daughters, Linda (Tom) Michalson and Loreli (Harley) Alexander; one son, Larry (Jean) Hulett; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eugene; one son, Lance and three brothers, Bud Schroeder, Norm Schroeder and Bill Schroeder.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

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Robert Lenk



Robert James Lenk, 68, of Browerville, passed away May 7, 2023, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Monday, May 15 at 11 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home in Staples. Visitation will be held Sunday, May 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Robert was born September 9, 1954 to Joseph and Christine (Etzler) Lenk in Staples.

Robert married Gayle Lee on November 24, 1979 and together they had two sons. Robert worked as a tool and die maker for McKechnie in Staples for 44 years. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, traveling, camping, motorcycle trips, farming, deer hunting and tinkering on projects. He was an avid tractor and gun collector. Robert ,was smart designing and building their family home. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 43 years, Gayle; two sons, Michael and Matthew (Lianna); two grandchildren, Lilianna and Tobias; one brother, Jerry Lenk; two sisters, Adeline Jasken and Linda Barke; one brother-in-law, Douglas (JoAnn) Lee; two nephews, Bernard Jasken and Nathan Thiesse and one niece, Tiffany (John) Lynn.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Doris and Eldon Lee; one infant sister, Barbara; one brother-in-law, David Lee and one nephew, Quinten Thiesse.

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

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

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
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Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

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204 5th St. NE, Staples..... 218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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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 Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Aldrich

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19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

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YouTube Channel .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class .....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
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Saturday .....4:00 p.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
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Bible Study ..... 10:30 a.m.
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The Lord is Always Present

Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples; Bethany Lutheran, Cushing

In her book, "An Altar in the World", Barbara Brown Taylor talks about the story of Jacob, who wrestles with a figure as he is fleeing from his brother. When Jacob awakes, he says, "Surely the Lord is in the place, and I did not know it!" Then Jacob makes an altar to commemorate it. After sharing that story, Taylor expresses her understanding that the Lord is always present in our world, if only our eyes will be open to sense His presence.

Taylor then writes "If there is a switch to flip, I have never found it. As with Jacob, most of my visions of the Divine have happened while I was busy doing something else. I did nothing to make them happen. They happened to me the same way a thunderstorm happens to me, or a bad cold or the sudden awareness that I am desperately in love. I play no apparent part in their happening."

"My only part is to decide how I will respond. There is plenty I can do to make them go away or explain them away. Or I can stop what I am doing long enough to see where I am and how awesome this place is."

We are now finally entering a time, a season, when new life is popping out all over the place. The grass is starting to green up. Buds and soon leaves will be filling up the branches of our trees. Many of us will soon be out raking our lawns and hoeing our gardens as we celebrate Spring. May the Holy Spirit open our eyes to really see the loving presence of the season as the Creator is at work in our midst.

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Friend of Old Wadena award

Darlys Hamberg, chairperson of the Old Wadena Society, presented the group's 'Friend of Old Wadena' award posthumously to Sally Ireland Robertson. Sally's husband, Jamie Robertson, accepted the award, a walnut plaque and a Northwest Fur Trading Company wool blanket. The presentation was at the OWS annual meeting held April 16 at the Staples Northern Pacific depot. Deanna Malone, superintendent of the Wadena County Parks system, gave a program on the history of the Crow Wing River parks system, which stretches from Shell River to Staples. Malone also outlined plans for restoration of the Old Wadena Park following last year's tornado damage that tore through the wooded area and flattened an almost new pavilion. The pavilion is set to be rebuilt this year in time for the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua event planned for August 12-13. (Submitted photo)

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Track and field teams make progress

The Staples-Motley boys track and field team placed first and the girls were third at the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Invitational on May 4.

"There were many great performances and improvements coming together in this meet," said Coach Bruce Fuhrman.

One of the standouts for the boys team was Remington Converse running a personal best in the 200 meter dash and he anchored the 4x100 relay to a fast time.

"The pole vault boys, Turner Beachy, Connor Kuhns, and Ryan Neelan continue to show great promise," said Fuhrman.

Noah Larson had personal records in both of the hurdle events, the discus, and an "astonishing" evening in the high jump, said Fuhrman. It was the first time he has competed in this event and he kept clearing height after height, narrowly missing at 5'8".

Logan Robben ran the open 800 for the first time this season to finish with a 2:10. "We can expect a few seconds off this race next time," said Fuhrman.

On the girls team, Fuhrman pointed to Isabel Cole getting her steps and footing to begin excelling in the triple jump. "She is a great competitor in this event and wants to improve every time she jumps," he said.

The 4x800 girls cut 17 seconds from their last performance, but are still 15 seconds away from the school record of 9:35. "It was pretty amazing when running with no real competition in this race," said Fuhrman. "This is one of their attainable goals by season finish."

Aften Robinson ran a fast open 800 to place first.

Issiah Tabatt and Bella Hines doubled in the mile and two mile for the first time. "It was a bit strenuous in our second hot day of spring and they did great," said Fuhrman.

The 400 meter runners, Noah Greenwaldt, Audrey Brownell, and Ashley Robben, stood out in the meet, said Fuhrman. "The competitive list of athletes all want to run this in hopes of making it into the finale event, the 4x400 relay," he said.

Other up and coming groups to look for include "our young and new throwers, plus the distance runners," said Fuhrman. Drake Dukowitz set personal bests in the shot put and discus.

"It was a great evening for us," said Fuhrman, "this meet answered some questions for the True Team meet lineup on May 9. It was a pretty great team effort on both sides."

Girls results

Holdingford 170, Osakis 153, Staples-Motley 108, Royalton 81, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 73, Browerville 51, Upsala/Swanville 40

100 - 7. Corinne Olson 14.19, 24. Kana Reese 15.58

200 - 14. Olson 29.42, 18. Isabel Cole 30.44

400 - 1. Audrey Brownell 1:01, 2. Ashley Robben 1:03, 16. Abby Brichacek 1:14, 21. Leah Greenwaldt 1:21

800 - 1. Aften Robinson 2:28

1,600 - 3. Bella Hines 5:52, 5. Sophie Schlosser 6:03, 9. Addisyn Cichos 6:57

1,600 - 1. Kyanna Burton 11:32, 2. Hines 12:48

100 hurdles - 8. Jayce Kobliska 19:09, 11. Bailey Weiland 19:84, 13. Brichacek 21.87

300 hurdles - 4. Kobliska 53.26, 7. Avery Japke 56.79

4x100 - 4. (Reese, Cole, Olson, Ronnie Noska) 58.77

4x200 - 5. (Japke, Annie Schlosser, Reese, Noska) 2:07

4x400 - 4. (Cole, Brichacek, S. Schlosser, Robben) 4:39

4x800 - 1. (Robinson, Robben, Burton, Brownell) 9:50

Shot put - 5. Camden Anderson 29'5", 15. Weiland 25'0"

Discus - 8. Weiland 69'7", 12. A. Schlosser 63'3", 20. Noska 57'2", 23. Anderson 55'7"

High jump - 9. S. Schlosser 4'4, 12. Japke 4'0"

Pole vault - 4. Jorja Kobliska 6'0", 5. Japke 5'6"

Long jump - 14. Anderson 11'9", 16. Weiland 11'1"

Triple jump - 5. Cole 29'6", 9. Noska 27'0", 16. Brichacek 24'0"

Boys results

Staples-Motley 151.5, Osakis 146, Holdingford 145, Browerville 77, Royalton 64.5, Upsala/Swanville 53, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 45

100 - 1. Remington Converse 11.15, 3. Austin Weite 11.44, 9. Elijah Blue 12.46, 11. Dakota Henangir 12.67, 21. Ryan Neelan 13.82, 25. Tyler Plattner 15.50

200 - 1. Converse 22.50, 3. Weite 23.46, 11. Hennigar 25.97, 15. Ivan Lozano 27.01, 23 R. Neelan 28.62

400 - 2. Noah Greenwaldt 55.24, 8. Blake Neelan 58.09, 9. Ramiro Gallardo 58.31, 10. Benet Robinson 58.43, 11. Sawyer Ferdon 59.22, 13. Blue 1:01

800 - 3. Logan Robben 2:11, 11. Israel Ritter 2:33, 12. Maddock Harvey 2:44

1,600 - 2. Issiah Tabatt 4:57, 14. Odin Trif 5:46, 16. Blaine Plattner 6:07

3,200 - 1. Tabatt 11:05, 3. Dillan Robben 11:52

110 hurdles - 4. Noah Larson 17.82, 8. Gavin Chenoweth 20.35

300 hurdles - 4. Larson 46.20, 10. Turner Beachy 49.55, 11. Ramiro Gallardo 53.03, 14. Gavin Chenoweth 53.52

4x100 - 1. (Weite, Avandre Brandt, Hunter Miller, Converse) 44.84

4x200 - 3. Josiah Critten, Robinson, B. Neelan, Conner Kuhns) 1:40

4x400 - 3. (Ferdon, Greenwaldt, L. Robben, Neelan) 3:50

4x800 - 5. (B. Plattner, Trif, D. Robben, Lozano) 10:00

Shot put 3. Drake Dukowitz 38'2", 4. Steven Petrich 37'2", 24. B. Neelan 29'6", 25. Dustin Converse 28'8"

Discus - 8. Petrich 93'9", 11. Dukowitz 90'1", 15. Ferdon 80'10", 24. Larson 69'4"

High jump - 5. Avandre Brandt 5'8", 8. Miller 5'6", 12. Larson 5'6", 17. Hennagir 5'0", 18. B. Plattner 4'9:, 18. Kuhns 4'9"

Pole vault - 1. Beachy 11'0", 7. Kuhns 8'0", 8. R. Neelan 7'6"

Long jump - 8. Critten 17'5", 11. Robinson 17'1", 15. L. Robben 16'7", 21. Lozano 14'9", 24. Alexander Helstrom 14'2"

Triple jump - 3. Brandt 38'7", 5. Greenwaldt 38'1", 7. Ferdon 36'7", 12. Beachy 34'9", 20. Chenoweth 32'6", 21. Helstrom 30'5"





Track action

Left, Noah Greenwaldt in the triple jump; above, Ashley Robben runs a relay; below, Benet Robinson, Elijah Blue, Sawyer Ferdon and Ramiro Garrado race in the 400.



Kruchten signs to play tennis at College of St. Benedict

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley tennis player Georgia Kruchten signed a letter of intent to continue her athletic career at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph.

A signing ceremony was held on April 20 at Staples-Motley High School, with teammates, friends and family attending.

Staples-Motley Activities Director Josh Lee told the crowd "Signing to play at the next level is a huge accomplishment, with all the hours she put in to get her to this point."

Lee said when he first came to the school, one of his first events was a girls tennis match. "There was excitement for what was coming," said Lee, as it was a young team with prospects of doing big things. "Georgia was a key piece of that."

That prediction came to fruition last fall, when the Cardinal team advanced to the state tennis tournament. Winning the section tournament came down to Kruchten's singles match, where she was down a set and came back to tie it. She was down 5-6 in the third set before coming back to win in a tiebreaker.

"That was the most exciting match I have seen," said Lee, "She sent the team on to state."

Kruchten decided to continue playing tennis in college after she met with St. Benedict Tennis Coach Jack Bowe and found out that he also coached her high school tennis coach, Justin Edin at St John's, the partner school of St. Benedict. "Coach Bowe also was at our State Tennis tournament this fall and was able to watch Staples-Motley play," said Kruchten. "They have an amazing team of girls and I look forward to starting the fall with these great players."

Tennis coach Nikki Paskewitz said Kruchten set "a good example for the team of how to work hard."

After playing doubles most of her high school career, Paskewitz said it was impressive how she took on singles this year.

"Her work ethic and coachability, along with her mental toughness, those are the skills that college teams look for in their players," said Paskewitz.

College search

Before deciding on St. Benedict, Kruchten had been looking to attend a large university and was looking out of state.

"I was actually pretty against the idea of a small private school, until my aunt Jenny introduced me to the College of Saint Benedict," said Kruchten. "I ended up touring it in the early fall and fell in love with the atmosphere."

She found that St. Benedict is known for having 97 percent of graduates employed or in graduate school within one year of graduation.

"This gives me confidence for my future," said Kruchten. "The connections that I will create, I have been told, will give me a lifetime of amazing people to draw from and rely upon and I look forward to being able to offer that back in the future."

Kruchten had been looking at pre-law majors, but recently changed her plans.

"I want to be in a career that provides one on one help for those working towards a successful life. I have decided to major in biology with plans of being a future occupational therapist," she said.

She feels that this college is a good place to meet her goals.

"All I want to do is help others in need, and I know that by going to Saint Benedict's I will find success in whatever I pursue," said Kruchten. "St. Ben's will offer me academic opportunities that will be exciting and challenging. I look forward to meeting people from around the world as well as learning from first class professors at one of the country's top liberal art colleges."



Family support

Family attending Georgia Kruchten's signing event, from left, Judy Jenkins, Lisa Jenkins, Darin Olson, Georgia, and Lee Jenkins.



Softball action

The Staples-Motley softball team won at Pelican Rapids 7-6 on May 1, but lost against Detroit Lakes on May 2. Pictured, Emilya Case throws a batter out. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Teammates, friends celebrate college signing

Among the classmates, teammates and friends attending Georgia Kruchten's college signing, from left, Nikki Paskewitz, Cy Johnson, Justin Edin, Lana Schwab, Tindra Gustavsson Osterlund, Lana Guilbaut, Zach McIlravy, Isabel Cole, Ava Birkholtz, Topanga Braith, Lauren Rutten, Corrine Olson, Amy Rollins, Kenzie Erickson, Ronnie Noska, Mia Pesta, Eli Blue, Josiah Critten, Madison Perius, Jacque Doll, Amy Rutten, Griffen Judd, Eli Rutten, Caden Mrazek, Luke Bates, Skyler Self. (Submitted photos)

Golfers competitive in meets

The Staples-Motley golf teams had some early May meets.

On May 1, the girls team played the Section 6AA preview, where Mallory Uselman placed sixth with a score of 96. Walker Johnson was 14th with 103 and Katelyn Schotzko was 51st with 134.

The Cardinals did not have a team score with only three varsity golfers. Four players are needed for a team score.

The girls also played in a big school meet at Alexandria on May 6. Uselman again shot 96 and placed 33rd. Johnson was 52nd with 113 and Schotzko shot 129 to place 61st.

The boys team played in the Mid Minnesota meet at The Preserve on May 2, placing second as a team.

Carter White, Peyton Mithun, Grant Bestland and Jackson White were all in the top ten individually

Team results

Mid Minnesota meet

Pequot Lakes 323, Staples-Motley 344, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 375, Wadena-Deer Creek 384, Pine River-Backus 394

3. Carter White 80
5. Peyton Mithun 84
8. Grant Bestland 90
8. Jackson White 90
16. Keller Anderson 95
21. Thomas Johnson 101

Cards win two, lose two

The Staples-Motley baseball team lost both games in a doubleheader against Detroit Lakes, 14-4 on May 2.

The Cardinals came back to play two close games against Pequot Lakes on May 5, winning both games by a score of 3-2.

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COUNTY OF TODD
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number: 77-CV-23-310
Case Type: Contract

AMENDED CIVIL SUMMONS

Magnifi Financial Credit Union, Plaintiff
vs
Matthew Rahn and Tamara Rahn, a/k/a Tamara D. Rahn, John Doe, Mary Roe and each other person unknown claiming any right or interest in any part of the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants

This Summons is directed to (name of Defendants): Matthew Rahn and Tamara Rahn a/k/a Tamara D. Rahn; and John Doe, Mary Roe and each other person unknown claiming any possessory right or interest in any part of the real estate described in the complaint herein.

1. **You are being sued.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The *Complaint* is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that start a lawsuit and affect your legal rights, even if nothing has been filed with the court and even if there is no court file number on this *Summons*.

2. **You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the person/business who is suing you within 21 days to protect your rights.** Your reply is called an *Answer*. Getting your reply to the Plaintiff is called service. You must serve a copy of your *Answer or Answer and Counterclaim* (Answer) within 21 days from the date you received the *Summons* and *Complaint*.

ANSWER: You can find the *Answer* form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/forms under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the *Answer* form.

3. **You must respond to each claim.** The *Answer* is your written response to the Plaintiff's *Complaint*. In your *Answer* you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the *Complaint*. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the *Complaint*, you must say that in your *Answer*.

4. SERVICE: **You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the Plaintiff.** If you do not serve a written *Answer* within 21 days, you may lose this case by default.

You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their *Complaint*. If you agree with the claims, stated in the *Complaint*, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for what the Plaintiff asked for in the *Complaint*.

To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your *Answer* on the person who signed this Summons in person or by mail at this address: Mark F. Uphus, Attorney at Law, 310 Main Street East - PO Box 158, Melrose, Minnesota 56352.

5. Carefully read the Instructions (CIV301) for the *Answer* for your next steps.

6. **Legal Assistance.** You may wish to get legal help from an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and would like legal help:

• Visit www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota county.

• Court Administration may have information about places where you can get legal assistance.

NOTE: Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still serve a written *Answer* to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

7. **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an ADR process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still serve your written *Answer*, even if you expect to use ADR.

8. **This lawsuit may affect or bring into question title to real property** located in Todd County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter in Section 26, Township 127 North, Range 35 West of the 5th P.M., Todd County, Minnesota, lying Northeast of the Township Road together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto.

The object of this action includes, among other things: foreclosure of a mortgage and other security interests against the above described property and fixtures, improvements, and any unaffixed manufactured housing unit located on the described property; to obtain judgment that Plaintiff's mortgage, security and other interests and claims against said property have priority over any claim or interest of any herein named Defendants and any other person; and obtain and docket, as may be appropriate, a deficiency money judgment against the herein named Defendants.

Dated: April 26, 2023

/s/ Mark F. Uphus
Mark F. Uphus, Minn. Atty. Reg. # 141136
310 Main Street E
PO Box 158
Melrose, MN 56352
Telephone: 320/256-7491
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PUBLIC NOTICE
DOUGLAS COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Douglas County (DCHRA) is considering the submission of an application for Housing Preservation Grant Funds from the USDA Rural Development offices. The funds will be used to rehabilitate very low/low-income owner-occupied homes in Douglas, Pope, and Todd Counties.

The "Statement of Activities" for this program is available for review at the DCHRA offices M-Th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The offices are closed every workday from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. for lunch. The DCHRA offices are located at 1224 N. Nokomis in Alexandria, MN.

Input and comments regarding this application will be accepted from the general public through Saturday, May 27, 2023. Comments may be mailed to the Douglas County HRA at P.O. Box 965, Attn: Janelle Bennett, Alexandria, MN 56308.

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NOTICE
MONT ROSE CEMETERY BOARD

The Mont Rose Cemetery Board will meet on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Countryside Restaurant, Motley, MN.

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VERIZON WIRELESS ANTENNAS

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas 148.7 feet on a 160-foot water tower at the approx. vicinity of 520 4th Street NE, Staples, Todd County, MN, 56479. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Lisa Skeens, l.skeens@trileaf.com, 1821 Walden Office Square, Schaumburg, IL 60173, (630) 227-0202.

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NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL OR ERADICATE NOXIOUS WEEDS

Notice is hereby given this 10th day of May, 2023, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 1 (2009), that all persons in Todd County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate noxious weeds on land they occupy or are required to maintain (Landowners are required to control noxious weeds on lands enrolled in an FSA program. Please contact FSA for control requirements). Control or eradication may be done by any lawful method, but the method(s) may need to be repeated to prevent spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice, Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 2 (2009), will be issued. Failure to comply with an individual notice may mean the inspector having jurisdiction may hire the work done. If the work is hired done, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. You may obtain the Noxious Weed List from your County Agricultural Inspector (CAI) or your Local Weed Inspectors (LWI). LWIs include the township supervisors, city mayors or their appointed assistants. More information regarding the MN Noxious Weed Law and a list of CAIs can be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Web Site: **https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list**. The noxious weeds that need to be: Eradicated: Black swallow-wort, Brown knapweed, Common teasel, Cutleaf teasel, Dalmatian toadflax, Diffuse knapweed, Giant hogweed, Grecian foxglove, Japanese honeysuckle, Japanese hops, Johnsongrass, Pale swallow-wort, Palmer amaranth, Red hailstone/goldencreeper, Tree of heaven and Yellow starthistle. Controlled: Bohemian knotweed, Canada thistle, Common barberry, Common tansy, Giant knotweed, Japanese knotweed, Leafy spurge, Meadow knapweed, Narrowleaf bittercress, Non-native phragmites, Plumeless thistle, Poison hemlock, Purple loosestrife, Round leaf bittersweet, Spotted knapweed, and Wild parsnip. Restricted Noxious Weeds: Amur honeysuckle, Amur silvergrass, Bell's honeysuckle, Black locust, Common or European buckthorn, Crown vetch, European alder, Garlic mustard, Glossy buckthorn (all cultivars), Japanese barberry cultivars, Lesser celandine, Morrow's honeysuckle, Multiflora rose, Porcelain berry, Saltcedar, Siberian peashrub, Tatarian honeysuckle, Wild carrot/Queen Anne's lace and Winged burning bush (and all cultivars). Specially Regulated Plants: Amur corktree, Amur maple, Callery pear, Norway maple, Poison ivy and Tatarian maple. We appreciate your help in controlling and eradicating Noxious Weeds in Todd County. Nancy Uhlenkamp, Todd County Ditch and Ag Inspector, Located at Public Works, 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347. 320-533-4651, **nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us**.

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NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
COUNTY DITCH 42

Notice is given by means of this legal newspaper that an Informational Meeting will be held Monday, May 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Commissioner's Board Room on the third level of the Historic Courthouse located at 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN 56347. This Informational Meeting is regarding the failing tile line between Center Lake and Felix Lake and the condition of the open ditch, etc. All interested landowners are welcome and encouraged to attend this Informational Meeting. County Commissioners Becker, Denny, Erickson, Noska, and Neumann, County Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, and Ditch Attorney Kale Van Bruggen will be present. If any additional information is needed before this meeting, please contact Nancy Uhlenkamp County Ditch Inspector located at Public Works, 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347, phone 320-533-4651, email: **nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us**.

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ATTENTION
TODD COUNTY
LANDOWNERS:
NOXIOUS WEED AND BRUSH SPRAYING

Legal Notice is hereby given that there will be Noxious Weed and Brush Spraying of County Road Right of Ways. The spraying will begin sometime after June 1, 2023. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Todd County Ditch and Ag Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, Located at Public Works, 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347, 320-533-4651, **nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us**.

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #17
Mar. 20, 2023, 6 p.m.
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Winkels with Anderson, Reese, Winkels, Trout, Reeck and Wright present. Also attending: Supt. Tappe, Principals Berg and Ferdon, Williams representing ICS, some staff, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson and Recording Secretary Walz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson to remove item V. 10 and add items #15, 16, 17 and 18. MC

Motion by Wright, seconded by Trout to adopt the agenda. **MC**

Recognize the Public

Winkels recognized the public in attendance.

School/Community Forum

- none

Consent Agenda

Approved Minutes from the Feb. 27 Board Meeting and March 10 Special Board Meeting

Approve the hire of:

a. Eric Semler, District Wide Bus Driver

b. Raymond Borg, Elementary Custodian

c. Emily Berscheit, Elementary Paraprofessional

Approve the Teachers on Call Agreement

Approve the spring coaches list

Approve the fundraiser request from Student Council

Approve the agreement for Cooperation of Spanish Classroom Instructional Services

Other

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**

~~Donations and In-Kind Contributions~~

~~Approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of _____, and In-Kind Contributions in the amount of _____.~~

Finance Items

Financial Report provided by Supt. Tappe.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Reeck, to authorize payment of the vouchers. **MC**

Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson to approve the following changes **effective 4/3/2023:**

a. Official Depository Signers: REMOVE Chuck Herdegen and ADD Ellen Hill

b. Officials to Invest Funds: REMOVE Chuck Herdegen and ADD Ellen Hill

c. Officials to make Electronic Investment Transfers: REMOVE Chuck Herdegen and ADD Ellen Hill.

d. Signature Approvals: REMOVE Chuck Herdegen and ADD Ellen Hill to execute agreements and/or financial documents as necessary on behalf of the district. **MC**

Facilities

Facilities Update - ICS representative Williams

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Reese, to approve and accept lump sum base bid at $490,245 from Mavo Systems, Inc., for summer 2023 Asbestos Abatement work. **MC**

Motion by Trout, seconded by Winkels, to approve and accept add alternate #1 for summer 2024 Asbestos Abatement work in the amount of $165,450. **MC**

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson, to approve and accept IEA's fee associated with onsite air monitoring, project management and report completion in the estimated range of $62,000 - $71,000 for 2023 and $53,000 - $61,000 for 2024. **MC**

Policy

(Policy committee minutes 3-17-23)

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to approve the review of policies with minimal or no changes: #203.6 - Consent Agenda; #206 - Public Participation at Board Meetings; #211; Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee or Student; #306 - Administrator Code of Ethics; #531 - Pledge of Allegiance; #705 - Investments. **MC**

Other

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve sealed bids for miscellaneous items. **MC**

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels, to approve the transition to the Heart of the Lakes Conference in the Fall of 2024. **MC**

Reports

School Board

FED - none

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Other

Principal Berg shared about kindergarten enrollment night, a potential level 3 program for the elementary school, and the 5,000+ positive interactions since rolling out The Cardinal Way! Principal Ferdon shared about registration for 9-12 and the music trip.

Activities Director Lee shared about the middle school play, the exciting end to winter sports at the Xcel Center for wrestling, receiving the MSHSL grant and the community ed. brochure.

Superintendent Tappe introduced the new Business Manager Ellie Hill with 20+ years of experience in education business management, the MEAT grant the district applied for in partnership with CLC's Meat Cutting program, the Stop Arm Camera grant the transportation department received to put cameras on all regular route stop arms, and the partnership with the city as the district approaches the building project this summer

SMEA didn't have much to share

Other discussion surrounded the purchase agreement option for the Motley building, no action was taken, and a counter offer was to be determined by Supt. Tappe.

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. **MC**

--Approved minutes submitted by Loren Walz, Recording Secretary, Staples-Motley School District

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School Board
Special Meeting #18
April 3, 2023,
6:00 p.m. -
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

Call to Order by Chair Winkels.

The meeting was called to order with Anderson, Reese, Winkels, Trout, Reeck and Wright present. Also attending: Supt. Tappe, Principals Berg and Ferdon, Business Manager Hill, some staff, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson and Recording Secretary Walz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright to adopt the agenda. **MC**

Recognize the public

Winkels recognized the public in attendance.

Continuous Improvement Plan

Review Schedule - the board discussed how frequently the plan should be reviewed and/or revised, with feedback to come in the future.

Board Communication - board members reviewed MSBA's board governance model and their role in strategic planning like the Continuous Improvement Plan.

Contract

Motion by Trout, seconded by Winkels to approve the 2023-2024 agreement with Sacred Heart Area School. **MC**

Staff

Motion by Wright, seconded by Reeck to approve the addition of a setting 3 EBD Teacher beginning 2023-2024 school year. MC

Facilities

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels to approve the resolution accepting the commercial purchase agreement from Daniel Patrick Druk, Isabella Lucia Druk or assigns for the Motley building. Members Anderson, Reeck, Winkels, Reese, Trout and Wright voted in favor, none opposed. **MC**

Adjournment

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. **MC**

--Approved minutes submitted by Loren Walz, Recording Secretary, Staples-Motley School District

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Duo Interpretation
Caden Mrazek and Luke Bates, 1st place

Extemporaneous Reading
Walker Johnson, 2nd place

Humorous Interpretation
Laken Hines, 6th place

Informative Speaking
Olivia Opheim, 7th place

Dramatic Interpretation
Cyril Johnson

Poetry Reading
Grace Allen

Storytelling
Maddock Harvey















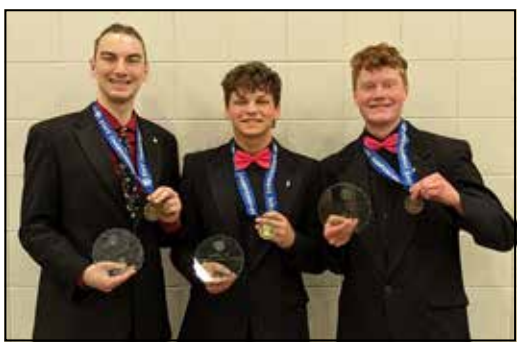


















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Dollars for Scholars recipients

A total of 204 scholarships were given out to 47 Staples-Motley seniors (and one non-traditional student) at the 2023 Dollars for Scholars (DFS) Awards Night May 3, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. The scholarships totaled $115,524. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



The National Anthem played

Above: Geoffry DeCamp, Staples-Motley High School freshman, played the National Anthem at the start of the SM Dollars for Scholars (DFS) awards ceremony May 3, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Also pictured are members of the Motley American Legion Post #124, posting the colors; and Master of Ceremonies Bryan Winkels, DFS Board Member. DeCamp also performed a variety of piano music prior to the start of the program. Below: Students, parents and others stood at attention while the National Anthem was played. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Harold Griffiths Scholarship winners

Harold Griffiths Scholarship winners, from left, Topanga Braith, Landen Mertens and Rafael Caudillo. In background, from left, are Dollars for Scholars (DFS) Board Members Bobbe Anderson and Mary Kobliska. These scholarships were among 84 given to Staples-Motley High School seniors at the DFS Recognition Night May 3, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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How to prepare for tick season

University of Minnesota Extension

As the weather finally warms up, Minnesotans are eager to get out and enjoy our state's beautiful outdoors. But unfortunately, we're not the only ones who venture out when the temperature rises; summer means tick season in Minnesota. Many ticks can carry bacteria, viruses and parasites that can harm humans, including those that cause Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.

Jon Oliver with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health answers questions about the outlook for this year's tick season in Minnesota, types of ticks and where they are most prevalent, and what people should do to avoid ticks and if they find one on themselves.

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

Prof. Oliver: It is always a good bet that there will be plenty of deer ticks in Minnesota in the spring and summer. Last year, despite drier than normal summer weather, the state saw fairly typical numbers of immature ticks. This year, those ticks will have grown to be adults or nymphs. Based on last year's number, I expect we will have a fairly average year for deer ticks and that means there will be plenty of them around. A cold April may limit the number of adult ticks active in the early spring but those ticks will come out as soon as the weather warms up, especially as daytime temperatures exceed 60 degrees.

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

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

Q: Where are ticks most prevalent?

Prof. Oliver: Deer ticks require a refuge with a high humidity level, such as the forest leaf layer, so they are most often found in forested areas. Deer ticks are spreading and becoming more common. They are now found in every forested county in the state. Even in prairie areas, deer carry deer ticks to patches of forested habitat, so people should be vigilant for ticks after visiting any forested area in Minnesota. Adult deer ticks are active in the spring (April through June) and the fall (September through November) when temperatures are above freezing and there is no snow. Immature nymphs are considered more of a disease risk because they are smaller and harder to notice, so they often remain attached and feed for longer. They are mostly active in May through July in Minnesota.

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

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

If you find a tick biting you:

Use tweezers to grab the tick by its mouthparts where they enter your skin.

Pull the tick straight off. Avoid crushing its body.

After a tick bite, be mindful of your body's health. If you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms, visit your doctor about the tick bite.

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

Prof. Oliver: With the goal of enhancing human health and reducing human exposure to tick-borne diseases, my research focuses on the interactions of ticks and the bacteria they carry, as well as the distribution of ticks on the landscape of the Upper Midwest. New pathogens are discovered relatively often in Minnesota's deer ticks, and our lab is working to find out how and where new diseases arise.

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

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Speech coaches have high expectations

end of January. "It was a week before our home tournament," Sams said. Thanks to other dedicated coaches and an experienced team, things carried on smoothly and the Cardinal team showed strong at competitions.

She and her husband, Brian Sams, have helped coach the Cardinal Speech Team since 2013, serving as head coaches for the past several years. Although they'd planned on stepping back this year to more of an assistant coach role, Heather said she's happy to have been able to steer the ship once again. She's grateful to have had other dedicated coaches on board as well, including her husband, Brian, Tammy Johnson, Kip Hines and Renee Kroll.

Brian Sams was the coach to all three gold medalists this year. He noted that he'd coached Caden Mrazek since he joined the speech team in seventh grade. "It's pretty cool," Brian said, noting that Mrazek, who competed in Humor that year, made it to state and placed eighth in the final round. Mrazek proceeded to qualify for state in subsequent years, medaling five times.

Sams had praise for each of the gold medalists he'd coached, noting the hard work, talent and commitment of Mrazek, Bates and Larson.

The admiration is mutual, as was evidenced by the praise for 'Coach Brian' expressed by the three gold medalists recently.

"I have to credit Brian Sams," Bates said of the gold medals he and Duo partner Mrazek won two years in a row. "He motivates the entire speech team," Bates said.

Mrazek agreed, adding that to have won gold at state once was pretty amazing, but then to do it again the next year, is "fantastic." Brian was their coach both times.

Larson, who took home the gold medal in Creative Expression, said it wouldn't have happened without the coaching of Brian Sams. "It was a tough process," Larson said, reflecting on the six years he'd been a part of the team. Like the winning duo, he'd put in a lot of extra hours working with Sams this year to perfect his timing, as well as his written material.

All three gold medalists also gave credit to their older siblings who pushed them to join speech. Caden mentioned his sister Samantha; Luke, his brother, Andrew; and Micah said he'd probably have never joined speech if it hadn't been for his sister Delaney. "We can't forget our parents, either," Mrazek said, noting their support throughout the season.

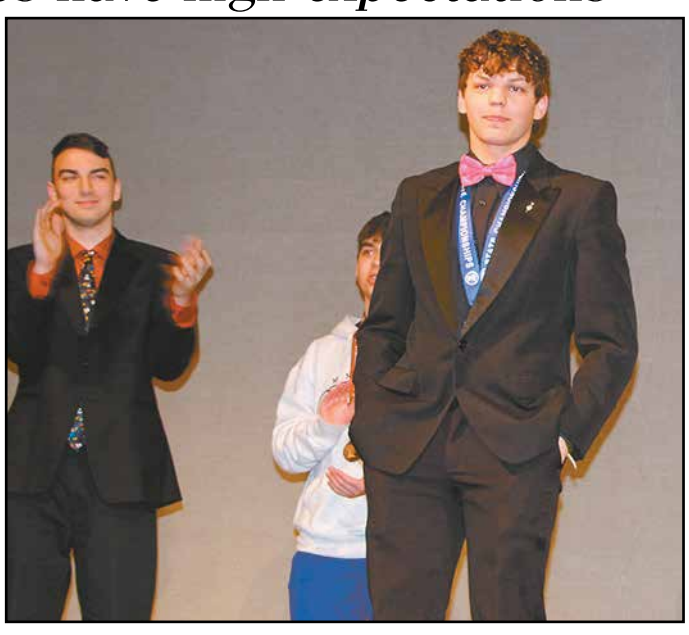
When asked why he thinks the Cardinal Speech team is so strong, Brian Sams noted that the coaches have a very high level of expectation for the speakers. "We expect them to work hard, to excel, to not accept mediocre performances," he said. When students work with him, they can expect constructive criticism.

There is a lot of innate talent on the team, but it takes more than that to make it to state. "We're a winning team," Brian Sams said, adding that they all (coaches and students) adhere to the expectation that 'success breeds success.'

Although she likes to see the speakers win, Heather Sams said it's also important that the kids she coaches "blossom as people, and gain confidence." That is a very fulfilling part of her job as a coach.

Heather Sams also noted the strong bonds of friendship that are experienced on the speech team. They're a great group of students, she says of the team. She's also grateful for such a supportive team of coaches. In addition to their wanting the kids to succeed and win medals, the coaches care about them as people. Heather said she realized this year that all of the coaches share a similar Christian faith, and she suggested they meet once a week (usually via Zoom) to pray for each member on the team. They've been amazed at the specific answers to prayer they've witnessed this season.

They're losing 10 seniors this year, which is tough, Heather Sams said. However, there's a lot of young talent on board and they plan to do more recruiting next season. With great coaches willing to step up to the plate again next season, and the strong work ethic that's in place among the Cardinal speakers, chances are Staples-Motley will continue to experience success.



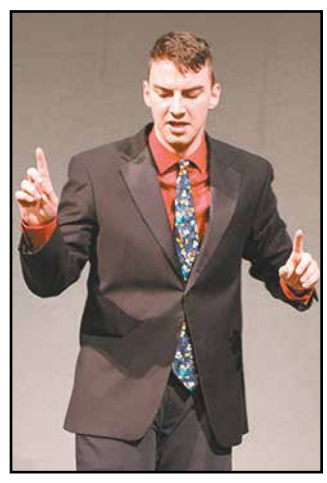
Five time state medalist

Caden Mrazek, right, a member of the Cardinal Speech team, is a five-time State Speech medalist, with three medals being gold. He was recognized for his achievements May 4, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Activities Director Josh Lee noted that there are only two other people in Minnesota that have received five state speech medals. He went on to note that Mrazek very well could have won a sixth medal (and been the only one to do so), but there was no state competition in 2020, due to COVID. "We'll never know," Lee said. Pictured in background are Micah Larson, left, a gold medalist at the recent state speech competition in Creative Expression; and Laken Hines, who placed sixth at state in Humorous Interpretation. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Sharing their State Champion speeches

Staples-Motley Speech Team State Champions performed their gold-medal speeches at Centennial Auditorium in Staples May 3, to an enthusiastic audience of fellow students, relatives and members of the public. Pictured above, from left, are Luke Bates and Caden Mrazek, performing an excerpt from "Young Frankenstein," which took first place at state in the Duo category. At right, Micah Larson performs the speech he wrote, "Sports Atheist," which placed first at state in the Creative Expression category. Activities Director Josh Lee noted that Larson's speech will be published and available to other speakers in the future. All three boys are seniors at Staples-Motley High School. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley American Legion celebrates 100 year anniversary

Open House May 13, at Motley City Hall

The Motley American Legion will celebrate its 100th anniversary Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Motley City Hall. Coffee, cake and ice cream will be served at the open house, and all are welcome.

The Motley Legion was formed a few years after the American Legion was officially formed in 1919. According to information at their website, "The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States."

The Motley Legion was issued a temporary certificate on Sept. 3, 1921, and on May 14, 1923, the post was issued a permanent charter. Since its inception, the Motley American Legion has had 38 commanders, from H. A. Hill to its current Commander Alan Marshall.

Currently, the Motley American Legion has 95 members who have served during the following conflicts: WWII, two; Korea, ten; Vietnam era, 66; Persian Gulf, five; Panama, two; Lebanon/Grenada, one; Gulf War TERR, two; other, seven.

The Motley American Legion shared that, "We currently have 20 members of our Color/Honor Guard. We lead several parades in the area, as well as honoring our fallen comrades at funerals. We have over 100 pavers in our Veterans Park, many local veterans as well as many who have moved away. We donate to a number of veterans organizations, as well as giving scholarships annually to local high school graduates. We support our local food shelf, give assistance to local veterans and community members in need.



Posting the colors

The Motley American Legion Post #124 provided the Presentation of the Colors at the Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars event May 3, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Pictured, from left, are veterans Ron Unger, Frank Vaseca, Commander Alan Marshall, Huck Holst. The Motley American Legion will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Motley City Hall. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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