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Note: this week's newspaper was printed on May 22, due to early deadlines.
Staples-Motley graduation and Memorial Day will be featured next week.



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First graders showcase musical skills

First graders at Staples-Motley Elementary School sang and played instruments at their Spring Concert May 22. Above, students add accompaniment to the song “Do Re Mi” from the musical, “The Sound of Music.” (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Brunell charged for ransacking golf course

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Jacob Brunell, 19, of Menahga, was arrested in connection with a break-in, destruction and theft at The Vintage Golf Course in Staples on May 2.

His first appearance in court was May 9, after which he was released on cash bail of \$2,000.

Brunell is charged with four counts of burglary, one count of criminal damage to property and one count of felony theft.

The burglary and felony theft charges have a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and/or up to \$20,000 fine. The other counts have sentences of five years in prison and/or \$10,000 fine.

When employees at The Vintage came to the clubhouse on the morning of May 2, they found a blanket and blouse on the ground outside, and the clubhouse-

had been broken into.

The description from the Wadena County Sheriff's Office was “The officer observed the business to be in complete disarray and ransacked from the burglary.”

Food, clothing, a television and alcohol cans had been knocked to the floor.

An entire merchandise wall, containing racks of clothing, was missing. Bottles of alcohol and frozen foods had been removed from kitchen freezers. Cases of beer and seltzer were missing.

Wadena County Deputies found several tools that had been left by the burglars. A latex glove and LED light were found. Dried blood was on the inside of the north-west door and window blind.

An automated teller machine (ATM) was missing, along with a safe with cash in it.

At the outdoor golf cart

pavillion, gasoline had been spilled throughout the floor. Golf carts had seven batteries removed and stacked in a pile. A leaf blower and tool box were missing.

A wrench was found alongside a beer can that was partially filled with gasoline.

Deputies estimated \$25,499 worth of items were taken and/or damaged, not including the cost to replace the ATM machine.

While investigating the burglary, deputies learned of a report of two cases of beer that were located at the intersection of County Road 23 and Highway 64 in Cass County. As deputies drove to the intersection, they spotted multiple items on the shoulder and in the ditches.

Near the beer cases, deputies found black electrical cable, black athletic shorts, a used pregnancy test and an empty energy drink can.

Along the roadside in the community of Oylen they found notes, receipts and checks from The Vintage.

They also found miscellaneous garbage and prescription labels on the roadside.

Police looked at security cameras from homes near the golf course that showed vehicles moving past at 1 a.m. and 2:39 a.m.

The clubhouse security system showed a male enter the building at 1:20 a.m. He then walked through the building and started piling items near the east door. Items included the ATM, liquor bottles and items of clothing. After a while, the video went off when wires to the security system were cut.

Golf course personnel did not recognize the person in the video. Wadena County posted the videos online and received seven tips, all of them reporting that it appeared to be Jacob Brunell.

One person stated that Brunell had been talking about his new truck. Deputies checked with area car dealerships and found that Brunell had purchased a new truck with a \$2,000 down payment in cash on May 3, one day after the

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Participation rising for Staples-Motley activities, success follows

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Children and adults are increasing their participation in Staples-Motley activities and in Staples-Motley Community Education programming.

Activities Director Josh Lee told the Staples-Motley School Board that sports, music, speech, trap shooting and FFA numbers are increasing at the school, with five out of every six students participating in at least one activity.

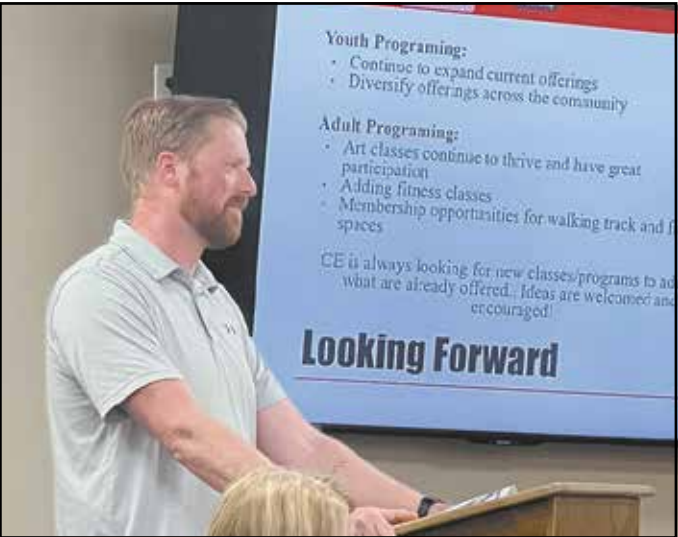
Lee told the board that 83 percent of students participated in something, up from 81 percent last year.

The school board also noted that the numbers increases is happening at a time of declining enrollment.

“Our kids are doing things and as a whole we are seeing that trend continue to grow, at a time when other schools are seeing decreases,” said Lee.

Not only numbers, but many of the programs have been bringing positive attention to the school.

“We had a super successful fall” noted Lee, adding that winning is not the main



Increasing activities

Josh Lee speaks to the school board at their May 20 meeting. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

goal of the sports programs, although it is a part of what they work towards.

Lee said the main goal of the activities department is “to provide valuable lessons for many practical situations.”

“The coaches do a phenomenal job,” said Lee, in teaching skills like teamwork, sportsmanship, the

rewards of hard work, self discipline, self confidence and skills for competitive scenarios.

In this last year of the Mid State Conference, the Cardinals had five team champions and three runners-up.

“Staples-Motley has a his-

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Outbreak of school bus stop-arm violations

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Towards the end of a relatively quiet school year, the Staples-Motley Bus Service has reported a large number of stop-arm violations with their school buses this spring.

At the May 20 Staples-Motley School Board meeting, Superintendent Shane Tappe said they have been averaging one violation a week.

“It’s important to recognize how important safety is,” said Tappe.

He said the school will push for a more robust public service campaign to remind drivers to stop for school buses.

“It is a gross misdemeanor if kids feet are on the ground,” said Tappe.

The Staples-Motley buses are equipped with cameras that show the approaching cars and indicate exactly when drivers turn on their flashing warning lights and



Florida music tour

Staples-Motley music teachers Kristina Haataja and Cade Bestland talk to the school board about plans for a music department trip in spring of 2025. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

when the stop-arm is raised.

“Our drivers are doing an exceptional job, but this is happening way too often.” said Tappe.

Staples-Motley Transportation Director Norby Klimek said that it has gotten so bad that he has instructed drivers to keep kids on the bus until all cars are stopped.

“We can’t trust them

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Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
May 29	71	54	Sunny
May 30	76	55	M. Sunny
May 31	72	56	Cloudy
June 1	69	52	M. Sunny
June 2	68	49	P. Sunny
June 3	73	56	P. Sunny
June 4	74	54	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
May 29	82°	55	M. Sunny
May 30	87	62	P. Cloudy
May 31	90	61	Sunny
June 1	88	62	Sunny
June 2	87	65	Sunny
June 3	85	64	P. Sunny
June 4	91	65	Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 73° Low = 51°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Community meal enjoyed at St. Michaels in Motley

Attendees also enjoy seeing the new ‘Narthex Addition’



Final CARE Ministry meal for the year

A number of people enjoyed a spaghetti supper at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley May 21, sponsored by CARE Minstry. Offered monthly from September - May, the free meals are held to promote fellowship, connection and nourishment.

In lower photo, Erica Ray (left) serves salad to Elizabeth Sero of Staples. Others in the serving line included Matt Olander (center) and Betty Lorber. The servers, all members at St. Michael's Church, also helped prepare the meal. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Central Lakes College students awarded national American Sign Language 2nd place honors

Vicki Johnson-Sherbrooke, Aitkin, and Lauren Elson, Breezy Point, who are enrolled in the ASL/Deaf Studies Certificate track at Central Lakes College, have earned 2nd place honors in the national ASL Honor Society Literature competition.

Through their participation in the prestigious annual national literature competition, proudly sponsored by the American Sign Language Honor Society (ASLHS), students are challenged to immerse themselves in the realm of storytelling and the captivating artistry of ASL.

This esteemed competition pays homage to the visionary ASL storyteller Eric ‘Malz’ Malzkuhn, who played a pivotal role as one of the early pioneers of ASL storytelling. It serves as a platform to celebrate the meaningful integration of classroom learning with the wider community, allowing participants to showcase their creativity and linguistic skills.

This year's theme was Number Stories. Number stories (or numeral storytelling) is the art of telling a story (or sometimes a poem) using manual ASL numbers in order, to tell a story in sign language. An ASL storyteller tells a story based on the handshapes of ASL signs from the handshape 1 to 10 or further.

Participating in the ASL Literature competitions holds significant value beyond the prizes awarded.



Lauren Elson



Vicki Johnson-Sherbrooke

The experience positively impacts applications for the ASL scholarships, allowing students to showcase their dedication and passion.

CLC ASL instructor, Tanya Hoting Mrazek states, “These students competed with ASL students from all over the nation. Johnson-Sherbrooke competed in the ‘native’ category with an original number story entitled ‘Banana Thief’ and Elson competed in the ‘novice’ category with her original story entitled ‘Dirty Diaper.’

The literature contest is open to students regularly enrolled in middle school, high school, and post-secondary language courses. Students at any level of ASL instruction are welcome to submit entries in one category.

The mission of the ASLHS is to encourage and recognize high academic achievement in American Sign Language studies for middle schools, high schools, Deaf schools, and

college/university students. Deaf and hearing student participants serve as steadfast advocates of the Deaf community, encourage Deaf and hearing people to come together in unity throughout the world, and demonstrate commitment in scholarship, community service, and personal excellence.

Established in 2006, the American Sign Language Honor Society (ASLHS) has made significant contributions to the field of ASL education. Their primary objective is to foster and acknowledge exceptional academic achievement in ASL studies among high school and college/university students. Similar to honor societies for other languages, ASLHS aims to enhance the learning experience for ASL learners.

Winning number story videos for Johnson-Sherbrooke and Elson can be seen on the ASL Honor Society Facebook page, or via Youtube.com.



New addition completed

Visitors at St. Michael's Church in Motley May 21 were able to see the church's newly constructed ‘Narthex Addition.’ Fundraising for this and other updates have been in the works for a few years, with construction of this new addition beginning last summer. The outside stone front matches the stone of the former outside wall, which can still be seen upon entrance from the narthex to the sanctuary. In addition to the spacious gathering space, elevators were installed as part of the building project, providing accessibility for all. Becker Construction was the contractor.



Motley area law enforcement

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

May 15 - 21

May 21 - Motley Police and Morrison County deputies responded to a call regarding an unwanted subject at the 400 block of Pine Ave S., Motley.

May 21 - The MCSO paged out the Motley Fire Dept. to a house fire in Cass County, at the 6000 block of 57th Ave. SW, Pine River.

May 19 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of a suicidal subject in Cushing.

May 19 - A Morrison County deputy

responded to a call from Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway regarding an ATV that was stuck on the side of the railroad track north of Azure Road in Motley. Upon his arrival, the deputy found where the subjects were stuck, and now were gone. Having not located the subjects, the deputy cleared the scene and updated BNSF Railway.

May 18 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of illegal burning at the 500 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley. The deputy found the subject to be in compliance with state rules (burning within a ring and only burning wood and wood shavings) and cleared the scene.

Zoe Weber is newest family medicine provider at Lakewood

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Zoe Weber, physician assistant (PA-C), to its team of family medicine providers.

Originally from Crystal Lake, Ill., Weber received her undergraduate degree from the University of Wis-



Zoe Weber, P.A-C

consin – Stevens Point, and completed her Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at the University of Dubuque. She is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

As a family medicine provider, Weber has interests in weight loss and obesity medicine, and lifestyle medicine. “I chose to provide care at Lakewood based on their patient-centered

model and passion for providing high-quality, compassionate care. I'm looking forward to implementing these values into my own practice, as well as educating patients on the importance of preventative health to help avoid many of the chronic illnesses prevalent in our current society. I'm excited to start practicing, so I can be a part of the excellent care Lakewood provides and start serving our community.”

Weber and her husband have one daughter, and they love spending time together exploring new places, spending time outdoors, and visiting family and friends. In her free time, Weber enjoys reading, baking and being outside.

As of May 20, Weber is seeing patients at Lakewood's Staples clinic. To schedule an appointment, call 218-894-1515 or schedule online at lakewood-healthsystem.com.

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Activities expansion includes adding girls wrestling in 2023

tory of success in the Mid State, we think that will be continued when we move to the Heart of Lakes Conference next year,” said Lee.

The jump in participation included expanding the wrestling program by adding girls wrestling. Basketball and all the spring sports also saw increases in numbers. Lee said 60 girls played softball this spring. “We haven’t seen those numbers in a long time,” he said.

One of the reasons for the increase in participation is that coaches and varsity participants are getting involved in the youth levels, to help younger students get inspired.

“They are getting players involved and making those connections,” said Lee.

The increase in activities is also coinciding with academic success.

Lee said the school had a grading period right before spring sports started and for the first time that he can remember, no students were academically ineligible.

“Every athlete ended the third quarter with passing grades,” said Lee.

Community Education As Community Educa-

toin Director, Lee said programming and numbers are also increasing there.

While a majority of Community Education is youth based, with summer sports, gardening and summer enrichment activities, Lee said they are doing more with adult programming also, such as the art for adults classes.

Lee said last year, Community Education offered 35,000 hours of programming for people, with enrollment of participants reaching 900 people signing up for 1,500 spots in activities.

He said the future of Community Education is to offer more recreational activities. He said they plan to offer soccer this fall.

“It will be another opportunity for kids to have a different experience,” said Lee.

The new addition at the school, The Nest, will give Community Education an opportunity to host many more events such as fitness classes.

“We are willing to do most things that people want,” said Lee, “we are always looking for people and programs.”

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police included:

May 13, at 8:30 a.m., Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with a report of an intoxicated subject having a hard time walking on Cty Rd 2. Police located the subject, who appeared to be having medical issues. Police stayed on scene until a deputy arrived to transport the subject closer to his residence.

May 13, Staples Police received a report of a subject squatting at the Staples Depot. Police attempted to assist the subject, but he wouldn't cooperate. The subject was advised if he wasn't out of the depot the following day, he would be trespassing.

May 13, at 3:12 p.m., Staples Police assisted Todd County with a report of a subject walking in the middle of Todd Line Rd, yelling at cars to run him over. Police were unable to locate the subject.

May 12, Staples Police received a report of a missing mountain bike. Complainant described the mountain bike as a men's 29" (blue) Genesis.

May 14, at around 1:09 a.m., Staples Police located a subject lying on the ground,

outside of Ernie's market. The subject was identified by police as a missing person, from Little Falls. The subject was assisted in getting a ride back to their residence by Staples Police and Morrison County Sheriff's Dept.

May 14, Staples Police assisted Todd County and Staples Fire Dept. with multiple grass fires in the ditch of Hwy 210. Police assisted with traffic control.

May 15, Staples Police received a report of a package delivered to a residence on the 1700 block of 8th St NE was stolen after 10 a.m.

May 16, Staples Police responded to Staples Express for a party who had pumped gas and stated afterwards that their debit card wasn't working. The party was found to have done this scam in other towns around the area. Raeane Crocker, 29, was cited for theft of gas.

May 16, Staples Police were called to the 900 block of Michigan Ave. for a welfare concern on a subject making suicidal threats while talking with the crisis line. Police spoke with the subject, who was going through relationship problems and made the comments to get a reaction.

Todd County Sheriff's report

May 19: Around 10 p.m. a Todd County deputy observed a male party that was wanted for felony Department of Corrections and Stearns County Warrants. When the deputy made contact with the male party identified as David Allen Johnson, he fled on foot.

The deputy pursued Johnson on foot to the area of his residence nearby.

Local law-enforcement agencies responded and assisted in setting up a perimeter within the area. Law enforcement received information that Johnson was hiding at his residence and conducted a search.

During the search, law enforcement could hear an individual snoring in the upstairs attic area of the residence. Johnson was located hiding there, taken into custody and transported to the Todd County Detention Center.

“With the teamwork and efforts by the local agencies, law enforcement was able to safely apprehend a wanted and dangerous subject,” said Sheriff Mike Allen.

The Todd County Sheriff's Office was assisted by

Long Prairie Police Department, Morrison County Sheriff's Office, Stearns County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit and Minnesota State Patrol.

May 4: In the evening hours, multiple law enforcement agencies conducted a warrant check for a wanted individual located in rural Morrison County. The suspect was identified as Andrew Hellmers. Hellmers was wanted for 2nd Degree Assault and Domestic Assault Warrants, stemming from an incident where Hellmers had pointed a firearm at a Todd County Deputy. Hellmers was confirmed to be inside the residence. He eventually exited the residence and surrendered to law enforcement. Hellmers was placed under arrest and transported to the Todd County Detention Center.

The Todd County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, Staples Police Department, west Central Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, Minnesota State Patrol and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• June 2, 1949 - Named as winners of the Ivan V. Sarff Post of the American Legion Citizenship winners from the 1949 graduating class of Staples high school were Miss Elizabeth Shelver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shelver; and Wallace Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson of rural Staples.

Miss Shelver plans to attend Carleton College this fall, and Mr. Anderson will attend Macalester College. Miss Shelver is co-valedictorian of the senior class and Mr. Anderson is the salutatorian.

• June 2, 1949 - Mrs. Jennie Smith, 83 years of age, and an old pioneer of

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the Oylen community, had the misfortune of falling down the stairs May 25, and breaking her hip.

Mrs. Smith was unable to move, and lay on the floor for several hours before being found by her granddaughter.

Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dahlvang, were called, and they in turn called a doctor who ordered her to be taken to the Wadena hospital, where she still remains, but her condition is very poor.

• June 2, 1949 - Ne-Gah-No-Sa, a full blood Chippewa Indian from Red Lake Indian reservation in the northern part of Minnesota, passed through Staples at noon May 31, enroute to St. Paul, and the state capitol building to carry greetings and an invitation to Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl to be the guest speaker at their Fourth of July celebration on the reservation.

A delegation of the people met him about a mile west of Staples and escorted him into town, where he was a guest of members of the Staples Civic and Commerce Association at a dinner in the Railroad



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1974. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

Room at the Coffee Shop.

The entire trip of over 400 miles is being made by this Indian runner on foot, carrying the messages to the governor from the Chiefs of the Reservation, and also from mayors, and civic groups of the towns he passes through enroute to his destination. He expects to reach St. Paul Sunday, June 5.

Wonder what his name means in the English language? Well, - "One Who Walks Ahead" is his tribal tital. He usually goes by the name of Alvin Omen. He is a well educated young man, a high school graduate, and also a graduate of the vocational school at Flandreau, S.D.

Ne-Gah-No-Sa stated that the reception given him by the people of Staples was most outstanding, and one which he would long remember, and which he would tell his tribal chiefs about upon his return to his home.

• June 2, 1949 - There was quite a bit of excitement Friday noon when Walter Weise, who was planting corn at some distance from home, decided he would save time by unhitching the horses and let them feed along the fields while he walked across the field to

his home for dinner.

William Pundt, who had seen the horses feed there, soon noticed that they had disappeared and went to investigate.

It was found that the team had either decided to go to the farm home or in search of water and had fallen into the ditch, and were sinking in the mud.

Aid was quickly summoned and Walter succeeded in keeping the horses heads up while other neighbors brought tractors and equipment and soon pulled them to safety.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• May 30, 1974 - Remodeling for the new Staples Off-Sale Liquor store is in progress at the former Curt's 76 site. The new business is owned by Ron Peterson and Lambert Klose, and will feature a sales room 25 x 50, with warehouse space of 20 x 25 feet. Featured in the new store will be imported and domestic wines, liqueurs, whiskeys and beers, with a tentative opening date set for July 1. Lambert Klose will operate the business.

• May 30, 1974 - Sophomore Jeff Cizek won the praise of his teammates by pitching six innings of shut-out ball and leading the Cardinals of Coach Jerry Riewer to an opening round victory in the District 24 Baseball tournament with a 7-5 triumph over the little Falls Flyers May 23, at Brainerd.

• May 30, 1974 - One hundred and twenty-two seniors will receive diplomas at the 70th annual Commencement Exercises of Staples High school, which will be held at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the Staples Auditorium.

Walter G. Larson, Director of Career Planning and Placement at St. Cloud State College and a former faculty member at Staples High school, will be the commencement speaker. He will use as his theme, "The Choice is Yours."

Led by the class valedictorian, Jeanne Hesse, and the class co-salutatorians, Susette Jay and Phillip Lindamann, the 1974 graduating class of Staples High school will march to the stage of the Staples Auditorium to the music of "Fanfare and Processional" played by the Concert Band, directed by Larry Correll.

The invocation will be delivered by the Rev. Eugene Floistad, pastor of Faith

Lutheran Church, followed by Stan Carlson directing the A Cappella Choir as they sing, "I'll Be on the Road Again." William Uhrich, Principal, will make the presentation of diplomas to the 122 graduates.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• June 3, 1999 - Dr. David Freeman is the recipient of the Staples Motley Education Association OLE (Outstanding Layperson Education) award for 1999. Dr. Freeman has volunteered his time with numerous educational activities, including working with the elementary reading mentorship program and as working as a presenter and speaker with the school nurse on health education issues.

• June 3, 1999 - Mark Carlson, 1999 Staples Motley High School graduate and the school's only three time state wrestling champion, has been selected as a Wrestling U.S.A. Magazine High School All-American. Carlson will be attending Augsburg College in Minneapolis this fall.

• June 3, 1999 - Soon after he began teaching some 31 years ago, John Wolak realized that college had not taught him everything he needed to know to teach.

"I learned right away, that it's not enough to dispense subject matter," he said. He learned that kids need a lot more from teachers, and that teachers have to do more than impart the basic knowledge." "We have to love them, encourage them, and uplift them continually," the 1999 Staples Motley School District Teacher of the Year said.

Wolak began teaching in the old Staples School District in 1973, after five years at North St. Paul, with elementary vocal music as his prime assignment in his new job. That continued until 1978, when he began both the elementary string (orchestra) program and high school bell choir. Since then, he has built a school orchestra program that rivals any of the other 38 high school orchestras in Minnesota.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• May 29, 2014 - Remodeling of the main Staples campus of Central Lakes College for \$4.234 million was approved by the Minnesota Legislature in a bonding bill signed by Governor Mark Dayton on May 20.

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Suspect indicates second person involved in break-in, burglary

break-in.

On May 7, Menahga Police learned about the location of Brunell and accompanied Wadena County deputies to a farm site near Menahga.

The officers observed four people in the driveway, Brunell, his parents and the son of the property owner who had returned from college on May 7.

Brunell had been spray painting his truck with a different color. In the truck, in plain view, was a golf bag and numerous golf shirts.

In a shed on the property, deputies found drinks and

snacks consistent with the items taken from The Vine-tage.

While at the farm site, officers observed a trail in a field where a tractor had dragged a heavy item to a wooded area. There deputies found pieces of the ATM, which had been broken into. They also found cutting wheels and Sawzall blades that could have created the cut marks on the ATM.

After being brought to the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Brunell agreed to speak to officers after being advised of his Miranda rights.

When asked if he knew why he was there, Brunell responded "Yes because I was involved with the thing at the golf course."

Brunell told officers he had been intoxicated on "a couple of substances" and did not know what golf course, county or town he had been in.

He said he went there with a person named Wren, who he had met at a party that night at a farm property somewhere between Wadena and Staples. He said he found the party through an online app.

He admitted that most

of the items that they took were at the farm property that had been searched.

Brunell denied taking the cash, safe and ATM machine, although the security video showed him bringing the safe to the pile of items to load onto his vehicle. He claimed that the cash he used to purchase his new truck was money from his job, not from the burglary.

The other person or people involved have not yet been charged.

Ideas to enhance summer learning

From University of Minnesota Extension

Keeping kids engaged and learning over the summer can help prevent learning loss over the extended break from school.

Lisa Von Drasek, curator of the Kerlan Collection of Children’s Literature, and Lesa Clarkson, professor in the College of Education and Human Development, answer questions about different strategies to keep kids engaged in reading and math over the break.

Q: How much time should kids spend reading or practicing math?

Von Drasek: There is no set time for summer reading. The most important thing is making time in our busy schedules. We are building literacy skills by reading, writing, listening and speaking. Families need to model taking time to read every day and everything counts: listening to audiobooks, reciting nursery rhymes or poetry, singing, rapping, reading aloud sports knowledge and news of the day, looking up facts about the planets, selecting and making recipes, telling elephant jokes, etc.

Clarkson: Consider consistency and the quality of the time, rather than the amount of time. We often put away formal math lessons all summer and begin thinking about refreshing those skills in August, just before school starts. Summer is a great time to see math come to life — replace formal instruction with math that makes a difference. Practicing basic skills is often thought of as dull and boring but keep reading to learn about a more interesting strategy to sharpen basic skills. Summer is the ideal time for families to engage in recognizing patterns in the world around them and demonstrate how they use mathematics in their daily lives.

Q: How can families make reading and math fun?

Von Drasek: Think about what is fun about reading for us. Is it finding out about things we didn’t know? Look for the series “Scientists in the Field” and learn about how actual scientists are saving animal species or adding to our knowledge of insects like in “The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe.” Do we want to time travel? How about a big historical novel like Adam Gidwitz’s “Max in the House of Spies.” Or try a new series — I am loving Lisa Yee and Dan Santat’s “The Misfits.” Does your family have a silly streak? How about “Laugh-out-loud Jokes for Kids: the Big Book of Knock-knock Jokes.” Have we been watching “Top Chef Junior?” I have been looking forward to trying the recipes in “Priya’s Kitchen Adventures Cookbook for Kids: With Recipes That You (yes, You!) Can Make.”

Clarkson: One way to remain en-

gaged in mathematical thinking and problem solving is to play games. Several card games encourage strategic thinking and cards can also be used to build fact fluency. Fact fluency is knowing that 2+3 = 5 and 7 x 3 =21. Games and puzzles can be fun ways to build skills and strategies, too. When using puzzles or games, start with “easy” levels so your children first build confidence. Increasing the difficulty level helps them learn to persist when doing difficult things. Another way to make math fun is to actually use it and include the family in those experiences. Make a budget for a trip. Include everyone in the kitchen when doubling or halving a recipe. Roll foam number cubes or dice to make more interesting fact fluency problems.

Q: What materials are useful to keep kids learning over the summer?

Von Drasek: A library card! Your local public youth librarians are geniuses in matching the right book with the right kid. Engaging, free and low-cost activities are also available at the library and community centers like parks and recreational centers. My favorite place near my home is The Raptor Center on the University of Minnesota campus where we can visit with Bubo, the great horned owl. Families could even prepare for a visit by reading “Greta the Great Horned Owl: A True Story of Rescue and Rehabilitation.” If you are looking for a comprehensive list of new titles, I highly recommend Bank Street College of Education’s Best Books of the Year. This list includes more than 600 titles sorted by age group and topics. Don’t forget to finish the summer at the Minnesota State Fair visiting the Alphabet Forest and Math on a Stick.

Clarkson: Families don’t need special materials for summer math activities. We are surrounded by opportunities to explore mathematical concepts — we just need to help each other recognize them. For early learners, a trip on the elevator can provide the opportunity to have them recognize and count the numbers on the buttons. Asking a child to place three red apples in a bag is an ideal one-to-one correspondence lesson. For eight to twelve-year-olds, fact fluency is an essential skill we don’t want them to lose.

Families can practice arithmetic facts with a regular deck of playing cards. Sums is an easy-to-play card game that is usually played in pairs. Older children can play this same game with multiplication facts. Take this to the pre-algebra level by using spades and clubs as positive numbers and hearts and diamonds as negative numbers. Face cards can be left out or be assigned a number like 11 (jacks), 12 (queens) and 13 (kings).

Q: What are the benefits of incorporating reading and math over summer break?

Von Drasek: Summer reading is a crucial step in beating the summer slide. Research from the Children’s Literacy Initiative suggests students who do not read during the summer months can fall two years behind by fifth grade. It is important to provide access to reading materials for each individual. School teachers, school librarians and public librarians can provide recommendations directly and from comprehensive reading lists sorted by grade level. Beware of a short list of recommendations that promote stale “classics.” Don’t forget your local, independent bookstores are staffed by experts in high-interest reading.

Clarkson: We often think summer reading and math literacy take a back seat or are given no thought at all, but summer is a good “no pressure” time to help children and young adults see math in their everyday lives and the world around them. Playing board games and working on jigsaw puzzles or print and electronic games like sudoku and Number Sums helps children develop strategic thinking and cultivate tenacity.

Q: What resources does the U of M have for keeping kids engaged this summer?

Von Drasek: I am an advocate of real-life experiences as part of the reading adventure. Taking a road trip this summer? Let’s read and make maps. U of M campuses across the state are abundant in experiential learning. University of Minnesota Extension can help a family start a garden, strengthening not only reading but science and math skills. I recommend Writing Boxes: The Reading/Writing Connection in Libraries for literacy-related writing activities. The recommended titles can all be found at Minnesota public libraries and the book can be downloaded for free. Ebooks Minnesota is a free service provided by Minitex, a program of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and University Libraries, that covers a wide variety of subjects for readers of all ages.

Clarkson: Science, technology, engineering and math experiences are available at the U of M throughout the year, including summer experiences from the College of Science and Engineering, Bell Museum and Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. During the school year, middle and high school students are encouraged to participate in Prepare2Nspire. This community program provides tiered tutoring and mentoring to increase mathematics proficiency and confidence among students who need it the most.

Springtime grouse are more often heard than seen

It’s fascinating how different can be the manner in which different wildlife species go about doing the very same things.

Spring is courtship, mating, and nesting time, both for the migratory birds that have returned from points south, as well as our year-round residents. One of the most conspicuous in courtship is the wild turkey, a reintroduced game bird that has since established a range over most of the forested portions of the state.

A d u l t males go t h r o u g h elaborate, s h o w y d i s p l a y routines to claim territory and attract females, with an erect posture, tail feathers fanned out broadly, and body feathers puffed up almost as if the bird was inflated, looking like anything but the streamlined bird of other seasons. So intent are displaying males on making an impression, that it’s not uncommon to see them—posed Thanksgiving-figurine-like—smack in the middle of a road.

Some other birds are quite the opposite, secretive, and it’s rare for their mating routines to be witnessed. Recently my wife and I were on one of our daily bike rides, rolling past a brushy woodlot that is a mixture of birch, aspen, alders in a marshy corner, and scattered willows in grassy openings. The sounds of a light breeze rustling new leaves, and the low hum of bike tires on smooth pavement, was joined by a faint, low “whump,” followed by another, then more at an accelerating pace, until all seemed to blend together. A sound and cadence not unlike an old single-cylinder tractor engine starting up in the distance.

“Hear that?” I asked. “It’s a male grouse, drumming. He’s making that sound by beating his wings. He does it to claim a territory, and attract a hen.” To the unfamiliar—my wife included—this almost mechanical sound is unlikely to conjure up images of a bird in the throes of courtship. Unlike, too, because of the principle of physics that’s demonstrated in the act. The male grouse beats its wings back and forth so rapidly that they create a momentary vacuum. The booming, or drumming sound, is made when air rushes in to fill that vacuum.

Some have compared this vacuum-generated “boom” to lightning generating thunder, as an electric charge generates intense heat, causing the surrounding air to rapidly expand, then contract, resulting in the peal of thunder we hear. On a much smaller scale, perhaps when you pulled apart the tightly-fitting sections of a two-piece fishing rod, you heard a loud “pop.” That’s because the sudden separation of the two sections created a momentary vacuum in the space within the rod’s ferrule. Sometimes that vacuum is even strong enough to make it difficult to separate them.

Because the stage on which a male grouse performs this ritual is often a log—a tree that has fallen to the forest floor—it was once thought that the sound might be made by the bird actually beating its wings against it. Drumming on the log, as it were. But direct observation, as well as high-speed photography, have proven that not to be the case.

I most often hear this sound in spring when I’m trout fishing, when I’m likely to be in, or very near, a woodland through which the stream flows. It’s a welcome sound, not just because I appreciate wildlife for its own sake, but because I’m also a grouse hunter. The drumming tells me that there is at least the prospect of a conjugal union between that drummer and a receptive hen grouse, which potentially could produce a brood of 10 to 12 chicks in June.

Depending on the vagaries of weather, food availability, disease, and predation, about half—perhaps less, perhaps more—of this brood could be alive when the hunting season opens in mid-September. Only about half of these fall survivors will make it through the coming winter and reach their first breeding season. Hunting is secondary to predation as a cause of grouse mortality, the chief vectors of which are hawks and owls—owls especially. It’s a dangerous world for a creature that is not near the upper end of the woodland food chain.

If the sound made by a drumming male grouse has a surprising explanation, the drumming log itself can offer surprises, too. It’s true that a fallen tree is a very common site, and you’ll readily recognize a drumming log by an area on its surface that has been worn smooth and free of bark. This bare spot is where grouse—perhaps generation upon generation—have taken up positions on the very same log to perform their drumming routine. Short, fibrous grouse droppings nearby may confirm it.

But a grouse drumming site is not always a log. The first requisite is that it offer elevation above the surrounding forest floor. This makes the drummer visible to receptive female grouse, to competing males for whom he is making a territorial statement, and also in order to perceive approaching danger. A stump, a boulder, a prominent earthen hump in the terrain, all could serve the purpose. A novel drumming log I was once shown was an old, rusty length of corrugated steel road culvert, which was used regularly by drumming males.

As we move into June, and approach the time for ruffed grouse eggs to begin hatching, it’s critical that there be little if any unseasonably cold, wet weather during the chicks’ early development. This combination can be deadly for young grouse. Similarly important is an abundance of protein-rich insects to fuel their early growth. These hopes, if met, will give us reason for optimism that the drumming we’ve heard this spring will not have been in vain.



Mike Rahn

Help young families organize so they can move to your town

By Deb Brown
Saveyour.town

People are moving to small hometowns, bringing their work and young families with them. Do you know who they are?

These 30 to 44-year-olds arrive with college degrees, years of experience in the workplace and large professional networks. Often, they are families with young children, boosting rural school enrollments. Sometimes, they pick a small community they’ve never

lived in before, representing a recruiting opportunity.

Younger families today are choosing where they want to live first and finding their work second. Frequently, they find it online or start their own businesses. Young people age 30-44 move to rural communities for three reasons: a slower pace of life, safety and security and the low cost of housing.

So, if you focus on creating jobs to help recruit new residents, you’re missing the key motivators.

How do you find those people who want to start a business and move to your area?

Look at sites like Kickstarter, Fiverr, Etsy and you’ll likely find entrepreneurs already in your area.

Join online communities or forums related to entrepreneurship, work from home or the industry gaps you’re looking for entrepreneurs to fill.

Use social media platforms like LinkedIn, Facebook, Threads, Instagram or TikTok to network with

and find entrepreneurs, join groups, and participate in discussions.

Attend local or virtual events, workshops or conferences related to entrepreneurship or your industry. You can meet other business owners, exchange ideas and learn from experts.

Consider visiting a co-working space or a business incubator in your area. You can find other entrepreneurs, hear their stories, see what resources they’re being exposed to, and attend their events.

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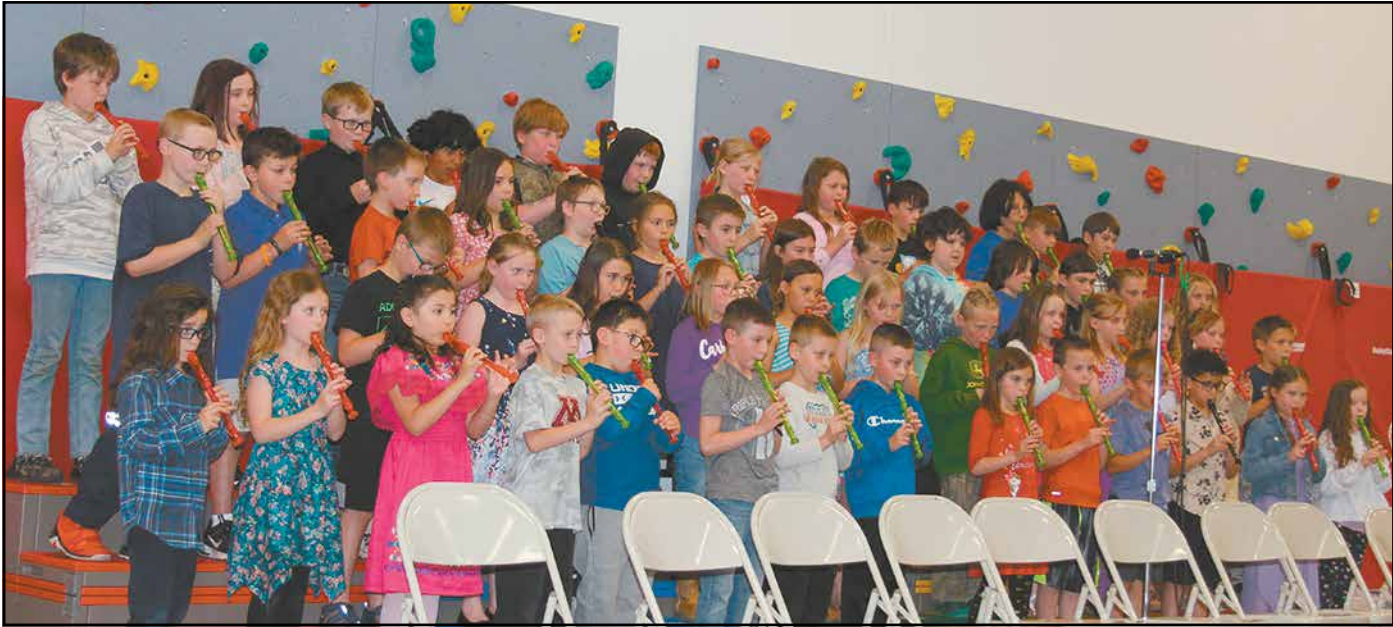
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Quote of the week

“In a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.”

— Abraham Lincoln



Bringing “The Tale of Peter Rabbit” to life

Third graders at Staples-Motley Elementary School showcased their recorder skills at the Spring Concert May 22, performing a number of songs from “The Tale of Peter Rabbit.” The story was based on the beloved clas-

sic by Beatrix Potter, adapted by SMES music teacher Brandy Lyon. SMES Principal Allen Berg provided narra-tion between each of the 10 songs. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Cardinal Orchestra performs

The Cardinal Orchestra, under the direction of Kristina Haataja, performed a few songs at the recent Commencement Concert at Centennial Auditorium in

Staples, including highlights from ‘Mama Mia,’ ‘Only Time’ and ‘Molly on the Shore.’ (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Talkin’ tractors at Staples-Motley Elementary School

Staples-Motley FFA members hosted an Agriculture Appreciation and Farm Safety day at Staples-Motley Ele-mentary School May 16. Pictured above, from left, Cory

Watland and Kenzie Erickson speak to fourth graders about tractors. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



‘Agriculture and Farm Safety Day’ at elementary school

Kaylee Pratt, center, FFA Advisor and Ag and Re-sources teacher at Staples-Motley High School, spoke with students at Staples-Motley Elementary School about the variety of animals often found at farms in Minnesota. Above, fourth grade students have the opportunity to

pet some sheep, as well as Pratt’s herder dog named Boomer. Other farm animals visiting the school that day included donkeys and rabbits. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Congregate meal at the community center June 19

Senior Nutrition Program
218-894-2556
Congregate dine-in lunch followed by penny bingo will be offered at the Senior Dining Site, Staples Community Center senior’s room on Weds., June 19 at 11 a.m.
Lunch may be reserved through the nutrition site by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. **Those wishing to attend should order the meal by 10 a.m. Friday, June 14.**
June 19 menu at the dining site: Sloppy Joes, baked beans, potato wedges, bun, 1% milk.
Penny bingo will be played following the meal.
The Senior Dining Site

is located at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples.
Meals On Wheels Drivers Needed
The Senior Nutrition Site Meals On Wheels needs volunteer drivers to provide weekday delivery of meals. Scheduling usually averages five+ hours per month.
If interested, call LuAnn in Staples at 218-894-2556 for information or to sign up.
Meals are offered at a nominal fee on a weekday basis through LSS Meals. For menu information or to order meals from the Staples site, call by 10 a.m. Friday for the following week.

Mark Your Calendar

May 31
WOMEN’S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

June 2
CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

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Student Achievements

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ALEXA VANALST, Staples, has been named to the Winter President’s List at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, N.H. To qualify, students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.700 for the reporting term.

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Obituaries

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DeAnn Senger

DeAnn Gay Senger, 83, of Staples, passed away May 20, 2024, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at the Lincoln Evangelical Free Church in Cushing. A luncheon will follow the service.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.



DeAnn was born October 25, 1940, to Harold and Flodys (Taylor) Farber in Staples. She enjoyed dancing, playing cards and spending time with her grandchildren.

DeAnn will be remembered by six sons, Donald (Michelle) Solga, David (Kathy) Solga, Duane (Claudia) Solga, John (Angie) Niemi, Craig (Christy) Niemi and Ronald (Mary Ashley) Wheelock; two daughters, Debra Stevens and Cindy (Dave) Marsh; 25 grandchildren; 33

great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Gary Farber and two sisters, Karen Gess and Rhonda Van Norman.

DeAnn is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Senger; one brother, Gerald; one son-in-law, Mitch Stevens and one sister-in-law, Judy Farber.

Arranements are by the Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

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Robert Koland

Robert John Koland, 73, of Motley, died May 7, 2024 at the Lakewood Hospital, Staples with his wife, Maria and family at his side. Cancer and heart disease took his life too soon.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7 at the Halvorson-Taylor Life Events Center in Brainerd. Visitation will be held from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 7 at the Halvorson-Taylor Life Events Center in Brainerd.



Burial will take place in the Wildwood Cemetery in Pillager at a later date.

Robert “Bob” Koland was born October 11, 1950, to Arthur and Nancy (Reed) Koland in Mora. Bob lived in Sandstone. In 1958 the family relocated to the Brainerd/Pillager area. Bob attended Pillager Schools from third grade until he graduated from Pillager High School with the Class of 1968. Bob was very active and enjoyed playing many sports. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army on October 1968. Bob served his country in the Vietnam War earning an honorable discharge. He began trucking in 1972 as an owner/operator. His travels included hauling over the road, hauling grain and logs. Bob was united in marriage to the love of his life, Maria Alice O’Bannon on September 15, 1979, in Brainerd. He was a knowledgeable mechanic, repairing his own trucks as well as helping many others repair their cars, trucks and semis. His mechanical abilities later led him to purchase Motley Auto Repair

in January 2010, retiring in 2021 after he received a cancer diagnosis. In 1995, Bob, with the help of his family, built a home west of Motley, which included a large shop for his semis and a garage for his wife. He will forever be remembered by his family and many friends for his great sense of humor, his life stories, his smile and always wearing his trademark, the old military hat. Bob was a long-time member of the American Legion and Life Member of the VFW.

Bob is survived by his wife of 43 years, Maria (O’Bannon) Koland of Motley; one brother, James Koland; three sisters, Kitty Peterson, Linda Haider and Tone (Tim) O’Bannon; many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Dennis Koland; one sister-in-law, Sylvia Koland and one brother-in-law, Bob Peterson.

Caring for Robert and his family is the Halvorson-Taylor Funeral Home in Brainerd.

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“Big Battles”

Pastor Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

When David went into the Promised Land, it was not an empty space. There were cities and armies that had been developed for generations. God sent them into the land of giants. Peoples with impressive genetics. Stronger, larger soldiers could wield stronger, larger weapons. In 1 Chronicles the spears are described as “like a weaver’s beam.” One does not usually equate a seamstress with a warrior. The weaver’s beam had to be strong enough to hold the weight of an entire rug or curtain. Ever tried to lift a roll of carpeting? Weaver’s beams were impressive wooden structures. At the end of the spear was a spear head, weighing up to sixteen pounds! That is four pounds heavier than a bowling ball. Ever tried throwing a bowling ball?

The Hebrews faced big battles against big people. We face big battles against big obstacles. What are your big battles today? Do they seem insurmountable? Are your circumstances intimidating?

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Birdies fly as Cardinal goflers shine

The Staples-Motley golf team racked up a slew of birdies in winning the Eagle's Invite at Eagles Landing Golf Club at Fort Ripley on May 22.

Grant Bestland recorded an incredible eight birdies in 18 holes, but had one double bogey and a couple of bogeys to finish two under par.

Carter White shot six birdies and ended up four under par to win the medalist position. Jackson White had 13 pars and one birdie, finishing his round with no double bogeys. Keller Anderson shot two birdies, but also had two double bogeys to set his score back. Peyton Mithun had seven pars on the back nine at the course.

The Cardinals team score of 293 was their lowest of the season, but more importantly they finished ahead of section rival Pequot Lakes. Four of the top boys teams in the state will meet at the Section 6AA meet starting Monday, June 3, at Blackberry Ridge Golf Course in Sartell, with a second day of high level matchups on Tuesday, June 4. The favorites are Staples-Motley, Pequot Lakes, Albany and St. Cloud Cathedral.

Team results
Eagle's Invite at Eagles Landing Golf Club, Fort Ripley



Carter White

Staples-Motley 293, Pequot Lakes 297, Little Falls 313, Pierz 325, Melrose 327, Zimmerman 337, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 337, Foley 341, Milaca 346, Sauk Centre 347, Pine River-Backus

350, Wadena-Deer Creek 359
1. Carter White 68, 2. Brant Bestland 70, 7. Jackson White 75, 17. Peyton Mithun 80, 20. Keller Anderson 81, 36. Thomas Johnson 86



Jackson White

Girls golf team powering up

The Staples-Motley girls golf team had a full lineup for the second time this season, welcoming Walker Johnson back from an injury.

The team was rained out on May 21, but made up the meet on a short course at Detroit Lakes on May 23.

Playing mostly par three and four holes, Mallory Uselman shot two birdies and finished 12 above par with a 76. Katelyn Schotzko had a birdie two on the 170 yard par 3 fifth hole. Johnson had one par on a par 4 hole and one on a par 3 hole.

Team results
Detroit Lakes 294, Moorhead 309, Bemidji 339, Grand Rapids 349, Staples-Motley 375, Wadena-Deer Creek inc.
5. Mallory Uselman 57, 25. Katelyn Schotzko 92, 27. Walker Johnson 97, 31. Molly Hoemberg 110, 32. Brooklyn Winter 119



Macy Mithun



Corinne Olson



Maddie Kist and Suhaila Mikhaeil

Sub-section track brings out big performances

The Staples-Motley track and field team advanced multiple athletes and relay teams to the section meet, competing in the sub-section meet on May 23 at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle.

In the boys meet, Avandre Brandt won three events, the 200, high jump and long jump. Other boys winners were Logan Robben in the 800, Noah Larson in the 110 meter hurdles and Sawyer Ferdon in the triple jump.

In the girls meet, Audrey Brownell won the 800 and 1,600, lowering her school record in the 1,600 to 5:02.23. Kyanna Burton was first in the 3,200 and second in the 1,600. Cami Anderson was second in the shot put with a personal best throw of 33 feet, 3 inches.

The top six places advance to the section meet, plus the next four top placers from the two sub-sections. Cardinals in who are advancing by time/distance are noted in the results with an (a).



Annie Schlosser

Girls results

Section 6A-Subsection 22

100 - 4. Sophia Luna 13.69, 7. Corinne Olson 13.77 (a), 28. Tamara Strelti 15.23
200 - 16. Kana Reese 31.07, 23. Martina Lopez Matarredon 32.26, 24. Kylee Chenoweth 32.79
400 - 14. Olson 1:09, 19. Brooke Bendson 1:15, 21. Leah Greenwaldt 1:17
800 - 1. Audrey Brownell 2:21, 13. Naila Mikhaeil 2:40, 23. Maddie Kist 3:09
1,600 - 1. Brownell 5:02, 2. Kyanna Burton 5:24, 13. Suhaila Mikhaeil 6:15
3,200 - 1. Burton 11:57, 7. Aleea Holst 13:02 (a)
100 hurdles - 9. Bailey Weiland 19.31, 11. Abby Brichacek 19:90, 300 hurdles 12. Brichacek 57.36
4x100 - 10. Reese, Charolette Wunderlich, Strelti, Matarredona 59.61
4x200 - 6. Chenoweth, Greenwaldt, Reese, Luna 2:01
4x400 - 9. N. Mikhaeil, Luna, Olson, S. Mikhaeil 4x800 - 7. N. Mikhaeil, Kist, S. Mikhaeil, Holst 11:18
Shot put - 2. Camden Anderson 33'3.25", 15. Weiland 26'5.5", 17. Josie Jennissen 25'7"
Discus - 7. Annie Schlosser 86'10", 11. Weiland 81'8", 24. Jennissen 61'11"
High jump - 11. Avery Japke 4'5", 23. Dalma Kovacs 4'0"
Pole vault - 3. Strelti 7'6", 4. Wunderlich 7'0", 7. Greenwaldt 6'0"
Long jump - 10. Wunderlich 14'2.25", 21. Paula Rauwerda 12'1.25", 22. Francesca Malagone 12'1"
Triple jump - 9. Ronnie Noska 30'0.5", 21. Brichacek 25'1"

Boys results

Section 6A-Subsection 22

100 - 7. Massimo Pili 12.14 (a), 11. Jesus Galardo 12.58
200 - 1. Avandre Brandt 23.29, 8. Pili 24.84 (a),



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Jerel Nelsen
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Staples, Minnesota

Freshwater Education District

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April 24, 2024
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Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson at 5 p.m.

Board Present: L. Anderson- Staples-Motley; C. Funk- Sebeka; C. Wolf- Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; S. Veronen- Verndale; R. VanDenheuvel- Bertha-Hewitt; R. Thalmann- Henning. Board Absent: J. Hillmer- Browerville; B. Tumberg- Wadena-Deer Creek; K. Howard- Menahga. Superintendents Present: L. Westrum- Wadena-Deer Creek; S. Vedbraaten- Browerville. FED: E. Weber; Ex. Dir.: J. Wothe, SpEd Dir.; J. Anderson, Finance Mang.; S. Thiel, Admin. Assist. Others in Attendance: J. Osberg, C. Cook, P. Peterson, Nicole Schmidt.

Agenda

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Veronen to approve the agenda as modified with adding presentation of School Comfort Dog. VOTE- U/C

Presentations - Jena Osberg, Academies Site Mang. presented on the current fundraising for the School Comfort Dog through Interquest Cares. The funds will be used for the purchase of the dog, supplies, insurance, grooming, and vet services of the dog.

Corry Cook, DHH; Paula Peterson, OT, and N. Schmidt, Visually Impaired presented their ACP Project of Life Skills activities that FED Staff can check out to use in their classroom.

Old Business

MOTIONED BY Funk, seconded by Thalmann to approve the 1/25/2024 FED Board Minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded by VanDenheuvel to acknowledge receipt and review of the 2/2024, 3/2024 and 4/2024, Supt. Advisory minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

New Business

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded by Funk to approve the F Y 24 Qtr: 3 (1/1/24 - 3/31/24) Voucher Claims totaling \$1,884,000.28 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Wolf to approve the 1/2024 and 2/2024 Mileage Claims as presented. VOTE-U/C

The following resolution is hereby **MOVED** BY Funk, seconded by VanDenheuvel:

To recognize that the Board of FED #6004, gratefully accepts the following as identified:

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Eagle, MN ~ \$1,000. Academy Comfort Dog: Wadena Lions Club, Wadena, MN ~ \$500; Hewitt Lions Club, Hewitt, MN ~ \$500; Wadena Rotary, Wadena, MN ~\$500; Sourcewell, Staples, MN ~ \$2,000; New York Mills Lions Club, New York Mills, MN ~ \$500; Kenneth & Kim Nelson, Ottertail, MN ~ \$1,500; Ottertail Lions Club, Ottertail, MN ~\$500; Staples Rotary Club, Staples, MN ~ \$100; Deer Creek Lions, Deer Creek, MN ~ \$500; Alicia Wahlin, Aldrich, M ~ \$20; Jena Osberg, Wadena, MN ~ \$100; Spring Fling: Anderson Homes, Sebeka, MN ~ \$100; Community First Bank, Menahga, MN ~ \$150; Riverside Fergus Falls Lions Club, Fergus Falls, MN ~ \$50; Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative, Wadena, MN ~ \$50; Wadena VFW, Wadena, MN ~ \$200; Wadena, Lions Club, Wadena, MN ~ \$100.

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None AYE: Funk, Wolf, Veronen, VanDenheuvel, Thalmann, Anderson. NAY: None ABSENT: Howard, Hillmer and Tumberg.

WHEREUPON said Resolutions were declared duly adopted.

The following resolution is hereby **MOVED** BY Thalmann, seconded by Anderson; WHEREAS, Ivan Lorentz is a TIER 2 teacher in Education District No. 6004.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Education District No. 6004, that the teaching contract of Ivan Lorentz, a TIER 2 Teacher in Education District No. 6004 is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the non-renewal of his contract as provided by law.

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None AYE: Veronen, VanDenheuvel, Anderson, Funk, Wolf. NAY: None ABSENT: Howard, Hillmer, and Tumberg. WHEREUPON said Resolutions were declared duly adopted.

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the SR/ECFE Service Agrm. between FED #6004 & SM #2170 for the 24/25 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded by Anderson to approve the 24/25 SY Consolidated Telephone Company Contract as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Funk to approve the 24/25 SY Dark Fiber and Ethernet Transport Contract with Arvig as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Wolf, seconded by Thalmann to approve the 24/25 SY WCTA Contract for Internet Bandwidth & Dark Fiber Lease as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded by VanDenheuvel to adopt the 24/25 Academies SY Calendar of 181 Teacher Days/170 Student Days as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Funk to accept the response from Stellher Human Services for \$189,054.54 for Mental Health Services for the 24/25 SY. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded by Anderson to adopt the FED ALC SY Calendar of 181 Teacher Days/170 Student Days as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk, seconded by Thalmann to approve the Interim Technology Service Agreement between FED #6004 and Verndale ISD #818 from 2/20/24 – 5/30/24, as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded by Wolf to approve the Para Educator/RVR Driver Agreement for the period of 7/1/23 – 6/30/25. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Thalmann to approve FY24 Revision III Budget and the 24R3 Assessment Manual. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded by Anderson to approve changes of adding position "Behavior Life Social Skills" to Policy 400.13L. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk, seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve removing Policy 400.14L - Policy Employee Salary Chart. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Thalmann to approve updates to Policy 400.11L. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded by Thalmann to approve the termination of the Tech Helpdesk Service Agrmt. between FED #6004 & NYM School District #553, effective 12/31/23, as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Anderson to approve the Agrmt. between MN Infinitect & FED #6004 for the 24/25 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded by Veronen to approve the 24/25 Academies Student Handbook as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk, seconded by Anderson to approve the Interquest Canines Agrmt. for the 24/25 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded by Wolf to approve the following personnel items:

•Extension of Voluntary Leave of Absence of T. Brown, School Psychologist for the 24/25 SY.

•Advertise and Hire a PT MARSS Specialist for the 24/25 SY; DAPE Teacher for .4 FTE for the 24/25 SY; SpEd Teachers for the 24/25 SY; ECSE Para for the remainder of the 23/24 SY.

•Resignation of K. Bauck, ECSE Para, effective

3/21/24; A. Truax, ECSE Teacher, effective the end of the 23/24 SY; T. Burton, ECSE Para effective the end of the 23/24 SY; A. Quistorff, SLPA effective the end of the 23/24 SY; I. Nesland, ECSE Para effective the end of the 23/24 SY; H. Moore, WALC Para, effective 2/16/24;

•Voluntary Reduction in Hrs. and Change in the title for J. Storry, 3rd Party IEP Billing/Payroll Clerk III, working 1,922.5 hours, to 3rd Party Billing, working 1,786.5 hours, effective 3/7/24.

•Hiring of J. Lass, SLPA for the 24/25 SY for 181 Days; M. Jorgenson, ECSE Teacher for the 24/25 SY for 181 Days at MA/8; J. Skoien, Long-Term Teacher Substitute, effective the 24/25 SY.

•Reassignment of T. Miller MARSS Specialist from 1.0 FTE/260 Days to .7 FTE MARSS Specialist/.3 FTE Prog. Assist. for 208 Days, effective 7/1/24; J. Line, Prog. Assist. from .89 FTE/161 Days to .7 FTE Prog. Assist/.3 MARSS Specialist for 230 Days, effective 7/1/24.

•Advertise and Hire a Summer School Teacher at the SALC for 6/2024 - (4 hrs. per day / 4 days per week).

•Approve the FY 25/26 ABE Cord. Contract; FY25 Assist. Director of SpEd Contract. VOTE- U/C

Department Reports

J. Anderson gave an update that he presented at the following Institutional Members Board Meetings; Verndale, Sebeka and Bertha-Hewitt; Reviewed the following FY24 Qtr. 3 Finance Reports: Fund Balance, Cash Report, OPEB Reserve & Facility Reserve.

J. Wothe updated the Board on the following: SpEd Paraprofessional Qualification – Paras need to be Highly Qualified; Academies current enrollment of 43 of the 46 spots are filled; Comfort Dog; State Sped Monitoring Update; Coordinated Early Intervening Services; and upcoming training opportunities.

E. Weber reviewed the following items with the Board: MN DNR Commissioner approved of the FED School Forest; Annual review of FED Foundation; FED Board Personnel meeting minutes; facility updates of WALC lighting upgrades, Summer School Offerings; Royalton and Little Falls joined TS; SR Consulting will be offered in Menahga; Received positive feedback on M. Kaluza as Carl Perkins Coordinator.

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded by VanDenheuvel to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. VOTE-U/C.

*Pre-approved Publication
Summary*

Public Notices

**NOTICE
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COUNTY OF TODD
STATE OF
MINNESOTA
BID FOR
DITCH MOWING**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Villard, Todd County, MN is now accepting quotes for ditch mowing. The ditch mowing will take place once before July 1, 2024, and once before August 31, 2024. Any other time will be as needed and instructed by the Town Board.

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

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Quote to mow on township roads per time

Quote Amount:

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Senior singers highlighted at Commencement Concert

Staples-Motley High School Music Director Cade Bestland conducts the Cardinal Choir in singing 'Homeward Bound,' a piece arranged by choir member Adam (AJ) Nienow. Nienow, a senior, shared with the audience that he'd performed this song as a duet with his sister Torii when she graduated a few years back, and he always hoped to sing it when he graduated from Staples-Motley. Bestland said he'd agree to it, as long as it was performed by the entire choir, and Nienow set out with arranging the song for four-part choral harmonies. During

the choir's performance of the piece May 17, Nienow directed the first part of the song, then joined his fellow senior classmates in singing, as Bestland returned to the podium as the director. The senior choir members, from left, included Gabriel Ritter, Brooke Hansen, Lauren Rutten, Emali Jimenez-Kloeckl, Zachary McIlravy, Brendan Macheel, and AJ Nienow, who was named the MVP for choir at the Commencement Concert. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Music awards given

Several Staples-Motley music students received letters and other awards at the Commencement Concert May 17. Above: Violinist Emali Jimenez-Kloeckl (left) receives a certificate from orchestra director Kristina Haataja. She was also named MVP for orchestra. Below, Haataja presents percussionist Keller Anderson with his letter. Anderson was also awarded the MVP award for his work in band. Both Anderson and Jimenez-Kloeckl are seniors at SMHS. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 16, 2024

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners recognized the first quarter service award milestones and thanked these employees for their dedication to Todd County.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 16th day of April, 2024 at 9 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of item 5.4 SafeAssure Service Agreement.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2024 as presented.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) at the address of 16268 County 50 (parking lot & street area), Long Prairie, MN in Little Sauk Township effective July 13, 2024.

To approve a one day Dance License for the American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) at the address of 16268 County 50 (parking lot & street area), Long Prairie, MN in Little Sauk Township effective July 13, 2024.

GAMBLING PERMIT - NWTF STRUTTIN BLACKBEARDS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the NWTF Struttin Blackbeards through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the NWTF Struttin Blackbeards to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on June 16, 2024.

To accept the resignation of Mariah Brisenio, PT Dispatcher effective Feb. 13, 2024.

Hire Haili Foote for PT Correctional Officer start date TBD at pay rate of \$22.55 Grade 6 TBP 1.

Approve the resignation of Eligibility Worker Ashley Gray, effective April 12, 2024.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403151 through 403180 in the amount of \$20,278.88 and (Regular) 57915 through 57962 in the amount of \$58,773.31 for a total of \$79,052.19.

On motion by Noska and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 805217 through 805283 and (Regular) 711812 through 711866 for a total of \$100,365.64.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601236 through 601265 and (Regular) 517788 through 517819 for a total amount of \$209,879.96.

On motion by Neumann and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the SafeAssure agreement with Public Works funding \$8,000 and Safety funding \$4,051.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

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

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK, APRIL 21-27, 2024

WHEREAS, surviving a crime can have myriad lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social, and financial issues, and;

WHEREAS, each of us has a moral responsibility to actively participate in the healing of others, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support but also access to critical services and, above all, hope, and;

WHEREAS, victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, colleagues, neighbors, and family members are capable of providing victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support, and;

WHEREAS, we must listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice, and;

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week encourages all people to ask themselves the question, "How would you help a victim of crime?"; and;

WHEREAS, Hands of Hope Resource Center is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services, and hope for crime survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2024, as

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK reaffirming Todd County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

Options, Services, and Hope for Crime Survivors.

Public Works

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2024 PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on April 9, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 77-24-03, said project for pavement markings located on various highways in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received: Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC of Edina, Minn., \$180,715.38

Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC of Eau Claire, Minn., \$185,471.06

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC of Edina, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$180,715.38.

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2024 GRAVEL SURFACING PROJECTS

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on April 9th, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 24-82 and CP 24-84, said projects for gravel surfacing located on County Road 82 & County Road 84, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received: Braaten Aggregate, Inc. of Bertha, Minn., \$217,422

Sanders Construction, Inc. of Randall, Minn., \$316,624

Central Specialties, Inc. of Alexandria, Minn., \$339,492

Knife River Corporation of Sauk

Rapids, Minn., \$492,900

Mark Sand & Gravel of Fergus Falls, Minn., \$588,340

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Braaten Aggregate, Inc. of Bertha, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$217,422.

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2024 DUST CONTROL PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on April 9, 2024 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 77-24-08, said project for dust control located on various highways in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received: Knife River Corporation of Sauk Rapids, Minn., \$150,412.54

All States Pavement Recycling & Stabilization of Rogers, Minn., \$167,332.78

Northern Salt, Inc. of Saint Paul, Minn., \$167,987.15

EnviroTech Services of Greeley, Colo., \$168,267.60

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Knife River Corporation of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$150,412.54.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

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

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT COUNTY DITCH 33 - DITCH MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, Nathan Middendorf is requesting to maintain approximately 2900 feet of Lateral #7 on CD33 that is located on Denise Middendorf's parcels 20-0022600 & 20-0022800. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch, or moved to an approved upland site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Nathan Middendorf to clean approximately 2900 feet of ditch on Lateral #7 on CD33, located on Denise Middendorf's parcels 20-0022600 & 20-0022800, Reynolds Twp section 20. This maintenance will be done at Nathan Middendorf's own expense.

Solid Waste

On motion by Byers and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve purchase of S62 Bobcat with grapple attachment for the amount of \$37,667.21 from Farm Rite Equipment.

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

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PLMSWA GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Todd County is a member of the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority (PLMSWA). As a 14% owner, most of Todd County's municipal solid waste (MSW) is diverted from landfilling by processing at PLMSWA's Perham Resource Recovery Facility in Perham, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Currently, Todd County's ash generated from resource recovery is disposed of in an ash monofill. PLMSWA has investigated the feasibility of cleaning the ash for use in road construction. Our consultant has concluded that the ash can be safely incorporated,

resulting in equal or stronger roads than without ash.

WHEREAS, PLMSWA is currently applying for a Case Specific Beneficial Use Determination (CSBUD) from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The concept of recycling material instead of landfilling lives in harmony with Minnesota's waste management hierarchy to create circular and sustainable solutions.

WHEREAS, PLMSWA is applying for an MPCA Statewide Recycling Market Development Grant. Grant funding would be used for pilot road construction projects; materials testing; and efforts to advance this recycling market on a statewide basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Todd County supports PLMSWA's grant application to build an ash recycling market in our region; promote ash recycling across Minnesota and; continue to reduce our dependence on landfilling.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve changing one Social Worker Position to Para-professional Case Aide.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the correction to Board Action 20240305-11 to correct grade and pay to Grade 6, Step 2 at \$22.89/hr.

On motion by Denny and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Formally accept the donation and allow HHS to expend the funds on expenses related to children in foster care.

Closed Session

Chair Becker closed the session at 9:32 a.m. pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd 3 (b) to discuss pending litigation regarding the status of settlement negotiations between the Todd County Attorney and counsel for Circle R Ranch regarding its youth camp licensure; and the potential litigation arising from the recent Dairy Ridge CUP denial.

On motion by Byers and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 11:44 a.m. The closed session gave direction and information to our County Attorney to move forward with pending litigation with Circle R and Dairy Ridge files.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer attended the Annual Township meeting. Will also be attending MACO directors conference and election conference in the next couple weeks. Reminded that the Osakis LID Public Hearing is set for this evening. An online public auction has been organized to auction county properties including the houses near the courthouse. Sauk River Watershed Manager position aid and application period currently open.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney is looking forward to interviews for his office position and looks forward to the Osakis LID Public Hearing.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator has been meeting with many to learn about Todd County and projects in progress including TWCC, conducting interviews for the office position and assisting with preparation of the Osakis LID Public Hearing.

County Commissioners' Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Denny attended regular meetings, Annual Township meeting, open house for GRRL site in Eagle Bend.

Commissioner Becker attended the Annual Township meeting, Friendly Rider, TWCC, Personnel, Dept Head, SWCD, TCDC, and Rainbow Rider meetings.

Commissioner Noska attended numerous meetings including the Annual Township meeting and TCDC.

Commissioner Neumann attended the Extension, Annual Township Meeting, Personnel, Dept Head,

SWCD and SRWD-JD2 meetings. Commissioner Byers attended the Wellness, TCDC, Annual Township Meeting and Facilities.

Recess

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

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	\$7,905.10
BARR ENGINEERING COMPANY.	\$8,682.50

FORUM COMMUNICATIONS

PRINTING	\$7,426.78
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC	\$2,120.40

LONG PRAIRIE

LEADER	\$16,560.00
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY	\$5,922.24
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	\$2,247.85
SHI CORP	\$5,021.00
70 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$23,166.32
Total:	\$79,052.19

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
V #16382 - COST EFF	
HEALTH INS	\$3,582.67
CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$2,371.33
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$7,382.61
CITY OF STAPLES	\$4,792.93
RURAL MN CEP INC	\$13,197.35
SHI CORP	\$4,445.96
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE DATA	
RTC - 412	\$4,068.67

X10 INVESTMENTS, LLC

114 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$58,474.12
Total:	\$100,365.64

VENDOR NAME \$AMOUNT

#16704	\$6,784.90
CARLSON/BARBARA J	\$3,600.00
#16192	\$2,150.58
#16095	\$3,905.07

DHS - ANOKA METRO

RTC - 412	\$61,074.00
DHS - MOOSE LAKE	
RTC - 462	\$2,038.99
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER	
PROG - 462	\$5,556.40
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472	\$10,831.50
#17324	\$5,725.08

HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH

	\$20,918.80
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS	\$4,995.23
#16208	\$2,862.54
STEP	\$7,179.95

VALLEY LAKE BOYS

HOME INC	\$8,835.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC	\$25,486.51
WCMCA - PLUS KIDS INC	\$2,099.86

WEST CETNRAL REG

JUVENILE CTR	\$6,459.00
45 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$29,376.55
Total:	\$209,879.96

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Barbara Becker,
County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD APRIL 16, 2024

Call to Order

The Joint Special Board Meeting of the Douglas County and Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Osakis School Auditorium in the City of Osakis, MN on

the 16th day of April, 2024 at 6 p.m. The Douglas County Special Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Rapp.

The Todd County Special Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Douglas County Commissioner Englund. According to the public sign-in sheets, there were 197 persons in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Vice Chairperson Rapp adopted the agenda as presented.

Chairperson Becker adopted the agenda as presented.

Petitioners Presentation

Mike Helwig and Bruce Magnus, representing the Osakis Lake Association provided a presentation to the County Boards and Public outlining the process for forming a Lake Improvement District and potential projects and budget for discussion.

Agency and Staff Comments

The opportunity was provided for County Staff and Agencies to present comments for discussion.

The DNR Advisory Report on the Formation of the Osakis Lake Improvement District in Douglas and Todd Counties was read into record for public acknowledgement.

Public Hearing

Vice Chairperson Rapp approved the opening of the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Chairperson Becker approved the opening of the public hearing portion of the meeting and read the rules of the public comment period proceedings into record.

The following persons provided public comment for the boards' consideration:

- Howard Swenstad
- Mary Pohlmann
- Bob Brillhart
- Mike Maza
- Chuck Raudt
- Lori Persson
- Ed Hunter
- Chub Hensley
- Rochelle Moon
- Paul Hartmann
- John Kruschuk
- Brian Levin
- Joe Wehlund
- Bruce Rindahl
- Grant Shoenberg
- Pat Kramer
- Mark Schmidtbauer
- Justin Dahlheimer
- Joe Johnson
- Gene Jensen
- Tom Block
- Joe Drexler

The written public comments were also read into record that were received from:

- Al Lemke
- Morris Mesenbring
- Tom VanVoorhis
- Brian and Charlotte Bovee

Vice Chairperson Rapp approved the closing of the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Chairperson Becker approved the closing of the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Review of Next Step Procedures

Chairperson Becker provided a summary of requirements that the county boards will need to perform regarding this Lake Improvement District petition request according to statute.

Adjourn

Vice Chairperson Rapp adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Chairperson Becker adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

On a motion by Byers and second by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the Special Joint County Board meeting held April 16, 2024 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on May 7, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Barbara Becker, County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Baseball team hits slump

The Staples-Motley baseball team had three losses in their final week of the regular season, petering out with a multi-city doubleheader after starting the season 12-4.

The Cardinals lost 5-2 against Spectrum on May 22, then played a rainout makeup with Royalton on May 23, falling 2-1 in a close game. That same day, they played a second game at Pierz, where they lost any steam they had left and fell

10-1.

The Cardinals have time to regroup before the section playoffs start Tuesday, May 28, with the possibility of a home game that day because seedings had not been announced by the time this newspaper went to press.

The Cardinals lost to Spectrum on May 22. They took a 1-0 lead when Hayden Rutherford hit a double over the center fielder and Cooper Tappe knocked him

in with a single. Griffin Bettis pitched a strong six innings, but the Cardinals gave up two runs on bloop hits and grounders that leaked through the infield. They gave up another two runs due to errors.

“We just made a few too many mistakes, otherwise we are right in the game,” said Coach Shane Tappe.

Alex Schultz also hit a deep double in the game.



Hayden Rutherford at first base, above, and pitching, left.



Elijah Kossan



Griffin Bettis



Jack Carlson



Ben Tyrrell



Playoff loss

The Staples-Motley girls softball team lost their playoff opener 18-2 at Kimball on May 20. Pictured, some photos from an earlier game this year. Above, Izzy Olander advances a runner with a bunt.



Katie Kossan



Liv Lorber

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Summer meals to be served at elementary school

to stop any more,” said Klimek.

Summer food program

The board learned that the summer food program will be started the first week of June, offering breakfasts and lunches to students.

With construction at the high school this year, all meals will be hosted at Staples-Motley Elementary. The meals will be on-site only, they will not have grab and go meals this summer.

Also displaced because of construction is the summer weight training. Tappe said they will be moving that program to Central Lakes College, which has made space available for the weights.

“They’ve made this situation very easy for us to navigate,” Tappe said about CLC.

Music tour

Music teachers Kirstina Haataja and Cade Bestland told the board that the music department has chosen Orlando, Fla., as their destination for a music department tour in March of 2025. The one week trip would cost around \$1,500 per student, and they had several fundraisers lined up to help students raise money for the trip. One of the highlights of the tour would be to work with a professional studio to make a recording that the students can bring home with them.

In other news, the board

- Approved resignations of Catherine Cyr, special education; Rebecca Gonzalez, junior high volleyball; Gerald Freese, CTE; and Miranda Anderson, receptionist.
- Approved employment

agreements for Julie Polak, human resources; Leroy Peterson, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Wade Vangsness, Food Service Director; Cynthia Denning, School Nurse; Norbert Klimek, Transportation Director; Joe Brandsma, Technology Director; Ellen Hill, Business Manager; Joshua Lee, Activities Director/Community Education Director; and Kari Sarych, Dean of Students.

- Approved contract with Northern Pines Mental Health Center
- Approved contract with Interquest Detection Canines.
- Approved leave of absence request from Kandi Bartylla.
- Approved FMLA request from Jennifer Sapp.
- Approved assignment of Kim Prestridge as EBD teacher.
- Approved non-renewal of Christine Mayer, para-professional.
- Approved school nutrition program joint agreement with Central Lakes Adventure School.
- Approved Minnesota State High School League membership
- Approved sponsorship for the Toss County Community Concern for Youth program for \$5,421
- Approved contracts for Jeff Sterriker, CTE; Jocelyn Anderson ABS teacher; and Tina Mitts, FACS/child development.
- Approved communications contract with Staci Headley
- Approved non renewal of contract for Christopher Jennissen, Tier 1 teacher
- Approved retirement of Jim Jackson, teacher, who will continue to coach.



Spring Concert finale

The fourth graders at Staples-Motley Elementary School closed out the music department’s Spring Concert May 22. They sang four songs from Disney movies, including “We Don’t Talk About Bruno” from “Encanto.”

During their set, students also played a few percussion instruments and ukuleles. The concert was directed by SMES music teacher Brandy Lyon, with accompaniment by Kim Prestridge. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Performing some tunes from Disney movies

For their portion of the Spring Concert at Staples-Motley Elementary School, second graders performed four songs featured in Disney films, including

“You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” from the movie, “Toy Story.” (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Singing their hearts out

Kindergartners at Staples-Motley Elementary School sang four songs about animals at their Spring Concert May 22, including “Hop! Moo! Oh, Happy Springtime Day!” The students were directed by Brandy Lyon, SMES music teacher; and accompanied by Kim Prestridge. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Soulful singers at the Spring Concert

First graders at Staples-Motley Elementary School got the audience grooving with their soulful rendition of the Curtis Mayfield classic, “It’s All Right.” The first

graders sang four songs as part of the Spring Concert at SMES, directed by music teacher Brandy Lyon. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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