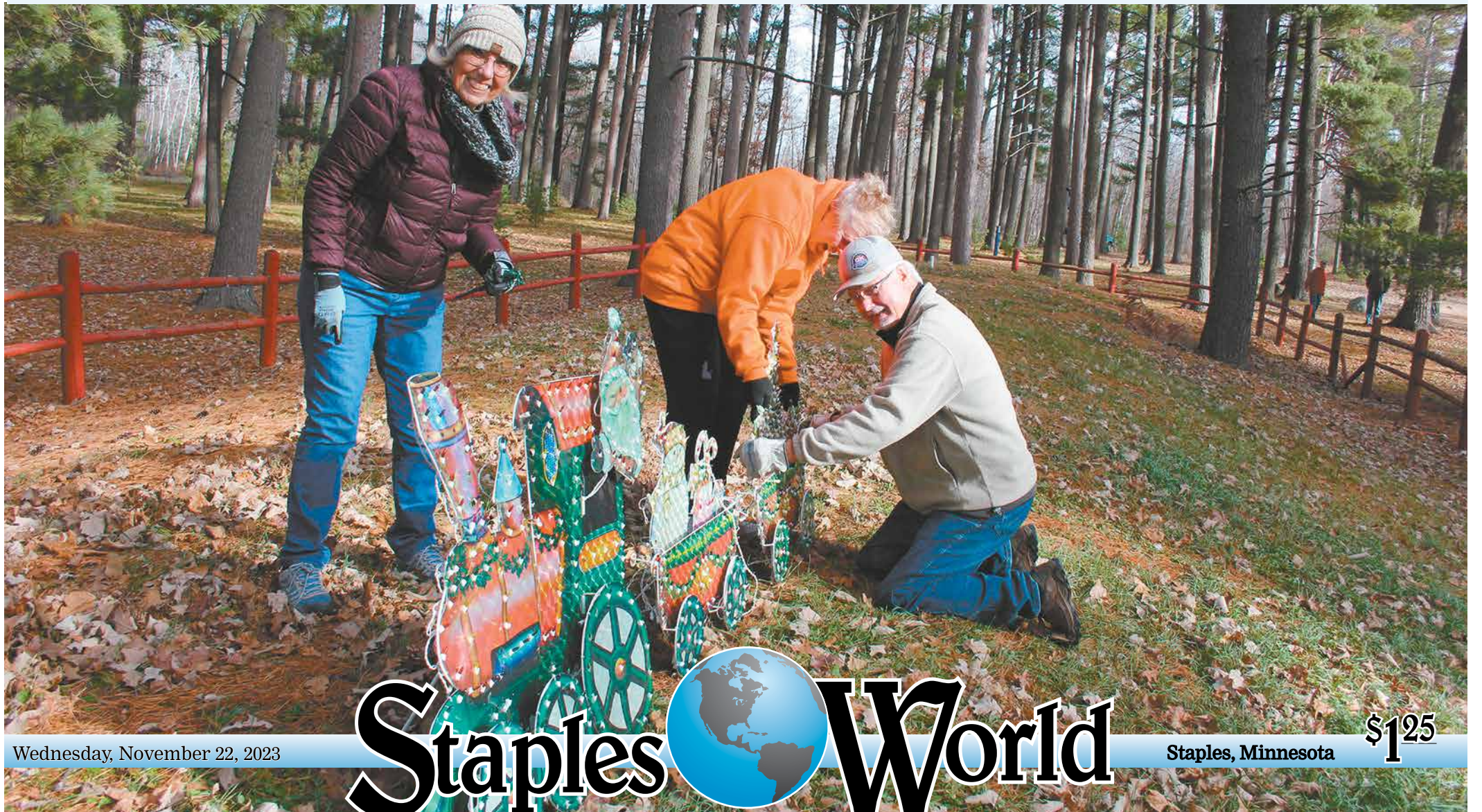


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‘North Pole Light Display’ at Pine Grove opens Nov. 24

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Fill your car with family and friends, and stop by Pine Grove Park in Staples for the annual ‘North Pole Light Display,’ which runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 5 - 8 p.m., beginning Thanksgiving weekend through New Year’s Eve.

The drive-thru event operates on a free-will basis. Expect to see over 100,000 holiday lights and animated displays throughout the park, thanks to the efforts of several community volunteers.

Staples Host Lions Bob Schafer and Kerry Lindgren are the co-chairs of this year’s event. Other organizations that have stepped up to the plate include the

Staples ‘93 Lions, The City of Staples, The Staples Rotary Club, Staples-Motley Middle/High School teacher Val Turner, along with about 60 students in the REACH program.

Many, many hours have been logged since they started setting up the display, Schafer said. “We started in October,” he added.

The ‘North Pole Light Display’ has been taking place for a few years now, except for a break during the Covid pandemic. “Last year was a re-launch,” Schafer said. He went on to note that the holiday event was started by Rob and Tricia Jasmer of Staples, who spearheaded the project the first couple of years. Recently, it’s been the Staples Host Lions that have

been in charge.

“We’d like to make this a destination,” Schafer said of the drive-thru light show at Pine Grove Park. He said they’ve been speaking with the Brainerd Sertoma club about their Wonderland drive-thru at the Arboretum which has become a tourist attraction. “They’ve given us advice as to how to make this sustainable,” Schafer said.

In addition to bringing tourists to town, the Lions hope an event like this will serve to build community.

Schafer said it was heartwarming to see how hard the REACH students worked helping set up lights at the park, as well as other community volunteers, including Mike Gold,

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North Pole display Community volunteers have been at work recently helping to decorate for the annual “North Pole Light Display” at Pine Grove Park in Staples. Above, from left, are Rayma Miller and Mary Kobliska, members of the Staples ‘93 Lions; and Dennis Miller, member of the Staples Host Lions. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples 10 p.m. warning siren to be discontinued

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The 10 p.m. curfew warning siren will no longer be sounded in Staples. The curfew is still in place, but youth under age 18 will have to rely on other time-keeping devices to know when the curfew starts.

Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz brought the subject to the Staples City Council at their Nov. 14 meeting. She presented information from the best practice guidebook of the Association of Emergency Management for Minnesota

(AEMM). The guide says outdoor warning sirens for non-emergencies are not recommended.

Birkholtz said she has talked to emergency management people about it.

“The consensus is that it can cause siren fatigue,” she said. “They only want people to hear the siren for emergencies and civil defense.”

The guide states “The essential warning message of outdoor warning sirens in Minnesota to those who hear them is: 1) get to shelter, and then 2) get information about the warning

using the many other warning tools available to the public.”

Council member Doug Case said that at one time, the sirens were sounded at noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. The first two had been discontinued years ago.

Birkholtz recommended turning off the 10 p.m. warning siren because of the best practice recommendation.

The council agreed and voted unanimously to end the practice. The monthly siren drills on the first Wednesday of every month will still be in place.



Weather

This Week’s Forecast
High Low Cond.

Nov. 22	49	19	M. Cloudy
Nov. 23	27	11	P. Cloudy
Nov. 24	28	18	Sunny
Nov. 25	35	22	M. Sunny
Nov. 26	32	17	M. Cloudy
Nov. 27	27	19	P. Cloudy
Nov. 28	32	18	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2022
High Low Cond.

Nov. 22	32	19	Sunny
Nov. 23	43°	22	M. Sunny
Nov. 24	37	26	Sunny
Nov. 25	41	26	Sunny
Nov. 26	43	33	M. Sunny
Nov. 27	33	22	M. Sunny
Nov. 28	35	27	M. Cloudy

Average Temps:
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Hanging a Shooting Star

Staples Host Lions Tom Danculovich (left) and Bob Schafer work to hang the ‘Shooting Star,’ one of the many decorations that are part of the upcoming “North Pole Light Display” at Pine Grove Park in Staples. Schafer is co-chairing this project with Lion Kerry Lindgren. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley fills empty seats

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

A number of empty seats were filled at the Motley City Council’s regular meeting Nov. 13, with the swearing-in of a new mayor and two new council members. In addition, the public was introduced to Motley’s new police chief and city clerk/treasurer.

Pat O’Regan was appointed as mayor, filling the vacancy left by Mike Schmidt, who resigned in September. Previously holding a council seat, O’Regan had served as acting mayor with Schmidt’s departure. His term as mayor will go through 2024.

It was noted that there had been no ‘letters of intent’ received for the mayoral position. O’Regan said he’d be willing to serve, if no one else was interested. A motion was made to appoint him as mayor, which O’Regan accepted.

Dennis Erickson and April Skeesick-Larson are the two new council members, both of whom will serve through 2024.

Erickson was appointed to fill the vacancy of Brenda Borash, who resigned this past September. His appointment had been approved at the council’s previous regular meeting, but he hadn’t been sworn in at that time, as the city did not yet have a clerk/treasurer in place.

Skeesick-Larson, who had submitted a ‘letter of interest,’ was appointed to



New Motley City Clerk

Kari Jacobson is now on board at Motley City Hall, as the city’s new Clerk/Treasurer. Jacobson, of Merrifield, was hired at a special meeting Oct. 17, with her first day on the job being Oct. 30. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

fill the council seat vacated with O’Regan’s appointment to mayor.

The two new city hires are Clerk/Treasurer Kari Jacobson and Police Chief Al Yoder.

Jacobson was hired at a special meeting Oct. 17, filling the position previously held by Darci Odden, who resigned in October. Yoder, who’d served as Interim Police Chief since the resignation of former chief Jason Borash this past September, was hired as chief at a special meeting Nov. 2.

“It feels good to see these seats filled,” council

member Steve Johnson said during the council forum, mentioning both the council table and the city positions of clerk/treasurer and police chief. Johnson went on to note the enthusiasm he was seeing from everyone, which was appreciated.

The Staples World reached out to speak with the new council members and city clerk/treasurer following the meeting, in order to introduce them to the public. Information they shared is included

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Council members give reasons for taking new positions at the City of Motley

below. An interview with Police Chief Al Yoder will take place at a later date.

Pat O'Regan

Mayor Pat O'Regan is no stranger to the Motley community. He and his wife moved to Motley in 1986 and have operated 'Pat's Place' antiques shop for many years. Since the 1990s, O'Regan has served on the city council in one form or another several times...both as mayor and as a council member. He's also been a longtime chair of Motley's planning and zoning commission.

He decided to get involved early on because he saw there was a need. When asked what he's enjoyed the most about serving on the council, O'Regan said, "feeling like we've accomplished something." There are always challenges, he went on, noting that there are not always "straight lines" to follow. He appreciates the opportunity to serve as mayor once again, and stated that the council will continue to "keep going forward."

Dennis Erickson

Council member Dennis Erickson has called Motley 'home' for the past 12 years.

He and his wife, Angie, now empty-nesters, are thrilled to be in a smaller community, having previously lived in Coon Rapids.

He'd been born in the Iron Range area, but his folks moved to the Twin Cities area when he was in fifth grade. He graduated from Anoka High School and later attended college in Hibbing. After subsequent years working in the metro area, Erickson was happy to land a job at AirBorn, Inc., in Little Falls where he worked as a mold maker.

Erickson retired this past June and said he was looking for ways to serve his community, noting that "times are so tough." His neighbor and council member Steve Johnson encouraged him to consider the city council. He's glad he did, Erickson said, adding that he's looking forward to having "a say" in what's going on.

In his free time, Erickson enjoys biking, kayaking, snowmobiling and trimming trees. He and Angie are enjoying living near the Crow Wing River and do not miss the traffic of the Twin Cities at all.

April Skeesick-Larson

Council member April

Skeesick-Larson was born and raised in Motley. Her husband, Duane, is also "a Motley-ite," she laughed. "I love it here."

She attended grade school in Motley and graduated from Staples-Motley High school in 2002. For 16 years, Skeesick-Larson worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant, but said she's blessed to not have to work, thus allowing her time to serve in other ways.

"The timing was right," Skeesick-Larson said of joining the city council. She's looking forward to working as a team with her fellow council members, and is excited to see the city strive toward moving in the right direction.

What does she do for fun? "I love baking...cheesecakes, cookies...especially during the holidays," April said. "The kitchen's my happy place," she laughed. In addition, she loves walking her dogs, Kiara and Millie, and has two cats, too. They're part of our family, she said.

Kari Jacobson

Kari Jacobson of Merifield is Motley's new city clerk/treasurer. A native of Kiester, a small town in southern Minnesota, Jacob-

son first fell in love with the lakes area when she attended Brainerd Technical Institute. "It took me 35 years to get back up here," she said.

Jacobson went on to earn degrees in accounting and business administration, graduating magna cum laude. She's since worked for the City of Kiester, City of Hermantown, City of Hayward, City of Breezy Point, as well as the City of Aitkin. "Every city job is challenging in its own way," Jacobson said, adding that she especially likes the finance aspect of her job.

She has a grown daughter, Mariah, who attended a private college out east on a bowling scholarship, and currently resides in Garner, Iowa, Jacobson shared. She loves being a mom, looks forward to being a grandma someday, and is living her dream of owning a home on a lake. This summer she enjoyed getting out on the 1988 pontoon boat she purchased, and loves doing yard work.

Jacobson said she's been enjoying getting to know the people of Motley these past few weeks. "My door is always open," she said.



Swearing-in ceremony

Motley City Clerk/Treasurer Kari Jacobson administered the Oath of Office to new Mayor Pat O'Regan (top) and council members Dennis Erickson (center) and April Skeesick-Larson (bottom photo). The swearing-in ceremony was held Nov. 13, at the Motley City Council's regular meeting. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Todd Cty Sheriff's report November 7-15

Nov. 15: Approx. 6:00 p.m. the Todd County Sheriff's Office assisted Minnesota State Patrol with a vehicle that had left the roadway and caught fire on U.S. 10 between Staples and Motley. Jamie Zolen, 48, was traveling home on U.S. 10 when her front passenger tire blew causing her to lose control and go off the road. Zolen came to a stop in a dry swampland area and the vehicle caught fire. Zolen was able to exit the vehicle and did not sustain any injuries; she was wearing her seatbelt. The vehicle

was a complete lost. Alcohol/drugs do not appear to be a factor. Staples Police, Staples Fire Dept. and Lakewood Health System ambulance assisted on the scene.

Nov. 11: Todd County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) received a report from an individual who had lost a hunting rifle on Norris Rd or Cty 7 in Turtle Creek or Fawn Lake Township. The individual was leaving the the Kobliska Wildlife Management Area when the rifle was lost. If you have information or located a

lost gun in the area, call the TCSO at 1-800-794-5733.

Nov. 11: At 6 a.m. TCSO received a call of a one vehicle accident on Cty Rd 11 and Cty 72 in Bartlett Township, Sect. 27. Gary Kittelson, 21, of Bertha, was southbound on Cty 11 when he swerved to miss a deer in the traffic lane and went off the roadway, causing the vehicle to roll. Kittelson received minor injuries and the vehicle was a total loss. Scott's Southtown assisted at the scene.

Nov. 7: Todd County deputies responded to a report

of a one vehicle crash on County 101. Allen Becker was driving home when he reported he fell asleep at the wheel causing his car to enter the ditch, jump an approach and crash into a telephone pole. Becker reported serious but non-life threatening injuries to his back. Becker was transported by Long Prairie Ambulance to Centra Care for evaluation. Alcohol/drugs do not appear to be a factor. Todd County was assisted by Long Prairie Ambulance and Fire Dept.

Motley area law enforcement report

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

Nov. 8 - 14

Nov. 13 - Motley Police received a report of theft at the 400 block of Morrison St. E., Motley.

Nov. 8 - Motley Police received a report of a two-vehicle accident on Highway 10 in Motley.

Nov. 14 - The MCSO received a report of theft of gas at the Holiday Station in Motley.

Nov. 13 - Morrison

County deputies arrested James Crawford, 65, following a traffic stop for speed at 320th St. and Azure Rd., Cushing.

Nov. 13 - The MCSO received a report of a missing speed sign at Cottonwood Rd., Cushing.

Nov. 12 - The MCSO received a report of a vehicle that went off the road and hit a sign, causing minor damage. The incident took place at Azalea Rd., Motley.

Nov. 10 - The MCSO received a report of a lost/missing hunter at the 2200 block of Ridge Rd., Motley.

Deputies responded to assist with looking for the hunter, who was found walking in the woods. The subject, who had a beer can in his pocket, was observed to be heavily intoxicated, unsteady on his feet, and had slow, slurred speech. His eyes were blood shot and watery.

Nov. 8 - A Morrison County deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at the 3400 block of 330th St., Motley, and arrested the driver, 46-year-old Michael John Alger, for an active felony warrant and multiple other charges.

Staples Police, electrical workers get new contracts

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved new contracts for police and electrical workers at their Nov. 14 meeting.

The council had been negotiating with the unions for those two groups, the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

The LELS agreement included six percent salary increase for 2024 and four percent for 2025, plus a four percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the increase puts the Staples Police Department close to the average of law enforcement pay in Minnesota.

"We're not near the highest, we are around the middle of the pack," said Nelsen.

Tim Gannon, a representative for LELS, said the pay increases were important to keep officers working in the city.

"I have never seen this type of environment for the recruitment and detainment of officers," said Gannon. "It is well worth the money spent, you have a real good group of officers working in the city."

Gannon, Nelsen and council member Mary Theurer all agreed that the negotiation process went well.

"I was very pleased with the tenor of our officers as they came in to negotiate with their new representative," said Theurer.

"The negotiations were very level headed and data-driven," said Nelsen.

Staples Police officer Ryan Walwick said "the meetings were productive, the members appreciate that."

Patrol officer wages start at \$28 per hour, will increase to \$30 per hour starting wage in 2025. Moving up one step each year, officers will

earn \$39 per hour by step seven. Sergeant wages start at \$31 per hour in 2024 and rise to \$33 in 2025, rising to \$42 by step 7.

The IBEW agreement had a 4.5 percent COLA increase. It included a two percent wage increase and added 10 year and 20 year step increases. The contract increased the clothing allowance to \$50 per year.

The electrical workforce wages depend on the duties being performed. Wages start around \$20 per hour for office work and custodial maintenance and go up to \$23 for meter person and \$22 for water wastewater operator and \$28 for lineman. They also have step wage increases that max out at \$29 per hour for office and custodial work, \$36 per hour for water/wastewater operator and \$40 for lineman.

They also added Junteenth as a holiday and changed Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day, following state holiday changes. Nelsen said they are still negotiating with the AFSCME union for other union contracts.

Water project funding

Public Works Director Scott Grabe told the council that the city was approved for an upcoming water infrastructure project but were denied funding for the sewer portion of the same project. The project is scheduled to fix up some of the water pipes on the south side of town that have seen water quality issues in recent years. A second portion is to replace water infrastructure near the high school.

Grabe said the sewer portion didn't get funded because they didn't have enough deficiencies in the targeted area, even though it is not functioning properly. He agreed when Theurer asked if the city is being penalized for taking good care of the infrastructure.

The funding will not be enough to do the entire proj-

ect, so Grabe said they will be looking for other funding sources or split it up into different projects or do it in different years.

He said the high school project needs to replace a water main near the school because the current one won't be big enough to support fire suppression for the entire school once the new addition is complete.

Grabe said the city was also denied funding for an electric project to expand the capacity of the city system.

"If we continue to grow as we have, it is going to become critical," said Grabe.

He said they will resubmit the application with a regional group.

Grabe said that Missouri River Energy, the company that supplies most of the city's electricity, is predicting rate increases for 2025, 26, as the company fills mandates to reduce fossil fuel systems.

Grabe told the council that they will partner with First International Bank to seal coat the alley by the bank at the same time they seal coat their parking lot at a cost of \$2,000 to the city for the alley portion of the project.

THC license

The council approved a THC license request for Two Rivers Liquor, the company that owns The Depot Liquor Store in Staples. Owner James Tyrrell made the request. THC products are from marijuana derivatives.

Nelsen said the license is temporary, because the state of Minnesota will take over all THC licensing in 2024.

In other news, the council approved decertifying the tax increment financing (TIF) district that was created for the Staples Square Apartments, as the time frame for the district has expired. That means the property will be paying full taxes to the city instead of a portion going to the development of the property.

The Staples Area Men's and Women's Choruses present:

A Community Christmas Concert Celebration

Join us for an evening of celebrating the season in music and song.

Saturday, December 9, 2023
7 p.m. - Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE - Staples

Advance tickets:
\$10 per person; \$25 max per family.

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Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept:

Nov. 6, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with two German shepherds that had killed approximately 70 chickens on the complainant's property outside of city limits, on Kansas Ave. SW.

Nov. 7, Staples Police responded to an overdose in the area of the 1400 block of 3rd St. NE. Ambulance transported patient to Lakewood Health System Hospital.

Nov. 8, Staples Police assisted MN State Patrol and the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with a driving complaint on Hwy 10. It was reported that a Ford Ranger pickup/topper, was traveling westbound in the eastbound lane. Officers located the suspect vehicle in the complaint, west of the city limits of Staples, near 255th Ave. Upon investigation, the driver, Dale Wells, 44, of Staples, was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI by the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept.

Nov. 8, Staples Police responded to a traffic accident, involving a vehicle southbound on 6th St. SE and made a left turn onto Dakota Ave. While

making the turn, the driver answered a cell phone call and ran into a parked vehicle on the side of the street. A passenger in the vehicle was transported by ambulance for minor injuries to LHS Hospital.

Nov. 8, Staples Police responded to the 600 block of Nebraska Ave. SW for a report of a dog attempting to fight the caller's dog. Officers were unable to locate the dog's owner, and took the dog to the vet clinic.

Nov. 10, Staples Police were asked to check a residence on the 100 block of 8th St NE for a runaway juvenile out of Cass County. Officers located the juvenile, drove them to Motley, remanded custody of the juvenile to Cass County Sheriff's Dept.

Nov. 10, Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 8th St. NE, for a report of a pregnant barefoot female, who had left a residence after an argument. Police located the individual at Casey's a short time later and spoke with them about the incident. The subject said they had a ride coming and didn't want to return to the residence. The subject was advised, along with the other individuals involved.

Court report Nov. 3

Long Prairie Police Department

Williams De Jesus Aquino Caba, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Samantha Kaye Freeman, Long Prairie. Speed greater than reasonable. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Adam James Gundry, South Range, Wis. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Olivia Nikol Harkias, Alexandria. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Jonathan Jacobo Maldonado, Long Prairie. Instruction permit violations. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Oscar Juarez Gallardo, Swanville. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance. Fine \$200.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Alexander Paul Frey, Clear Lake. Hunting-transportation of firearms-loaded firearm. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Robbi Lee Miller, Foley. ATV prohibitions on youthful operators/passengers- under 18- helmet required. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jordan James Wentland, Royaltown. Abandon trash or property in wetland management area; property unattended overnight. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Minnesota State Patrol

Landen Wesley Delano Converse, Motley. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Ian Sean Crandall, Wadena. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Vanessa Sanchez Mejia, Park Rapids. Speed 84/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100.

Melissa Ann Coyer, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30.

Bany M. Bakana, Spokane, Wash. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100.

Dennis Orin Christensen, Alexandria. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Bridger Boone Crandall, Gwinner, N.Dak. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Michael P. Custer, Polo, Ill. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Paul Dennah, Anoka. Speed 93/70. Fine \$140. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200.

John William Dryna, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Joshua James Feldewerd, Brownville. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Nina Smiley Flores, Waite Park. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Timothy Jonathan Gonzalez, Osakis. Speed 79/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Lindsey Ellen Haan, Carlos. Speed 67/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Mark Gilbert Hawkinson, Grand Rapids, Mont. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ava Irene Heitman, Moorhead. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Timothy Alan Langfield, Eden Prairie. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Luis Angel Lebron Del Valle, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Carlos Nicolas Mendez Nunez, Brownville. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Jazmin Meza, Marshall. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kay Aileen Prather, Clarissa. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Gary Allen Proell, Sauk Centre. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Kenneth Lee Rauscher, Coon Rapids. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Thomas Eugene Slack, Evansville. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Josh William Stockard, Deerwood. Speed 84/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Simone Sylvia Sullivan, Sauk Centre. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Kayden John Tabbatt, Clarissa. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Tires extending beyond fenders. Fine \$50.

Isaiah Edward Vazquez-Matze, New Brighton. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Heather April Wehlage, Plymouth. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Department

Christopher Ray Maeyaert, Moose Lake. Issue dishonored check. Felony charge dismissed. Misdemeanor charge dismissed.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Candida Madeline De La Cruz Torres, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Armando Miguel Gonzalez, Owatonna. Criminal sexual conduct—second degree—contact under 14—actor greater than 36 months older. Acquitted.

Robert Jiminez Jacinto, Browerville. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Gary Lee Robinson, Wadena. Theft-by-swindle. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Oct. 26, 2023.

Benedict Francis Butler, Browerville. Driving after cancellation. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Michael Leroy Uran, Moorhead. Drugs—second degree—possess 25 grams or more cocaine or methamphetamine. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$125. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections—Minnesota Correctional Facility, St. Cloud, 58 months, stay for five years. Local confinement 90 days. Credit for time served: six days. Supervised probation, five years. Driving after cancellation. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Oct. 30, 2023.

Eileen Ruth Zimmerman, Belgrade. School Bus—safety of school children, use of stop arm signal. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Oct. 31, 2023.

Rafael Francisco Jose Ramirez, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Speed 80/60. Fine \$40.

Jeffrey Jerome Kuhlman, Long Prairie. Public nuisance, annoying, injure, endanger safety. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Permitting public nuisance. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Kristie Katherine Kuhlmann, Long Prairie. Public nuisance, annoying, injure, endanger safety. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Permitting public nuisance. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Nov. 1, 2023.

Joy Catherine Kimber, Wahkon. Second degree DWI- operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$855. Local confinement 364 days. Stay 334 days for four years. Credit for time served: three days. Remaining 27 days to be served on alcohol sensitive electronic house arrest monitor. Supervised probation four years. Second degree

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• Nov. 18, 1948 - There is a little 10-month old lad, Michael Finn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Finn of northeast of Staples, who, although not old enough to boast about it, has six living great-grandparents, all of who are very active, and all of whom are especially proud of the fact that they have a great-grandson.

The two maternal great-grandmothers are Mrs. W. H. Poore and Mrs. William Christopher. The paternal great-grand-

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mothers are Mrs. William Hall and Mrs. Volney Farber. The paternal great-grandfathers are Volney Farber and William Christopher. Besides these great grandparents, the little lad has two grandmas, and two grandpas, who are Mr. and Mrs. Manley Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Finn.

• Nov. 18, 1948 - Miss Shirley I. Anderson, Macalester College student from Staples, will sing in the 200 voice Macalester College Choir when it begins its eight week series of coast to coast broadcasts over the Mutual Network on Jan. 8, 1949. The choir is under the direction of Prof. Hollis Johnson.

• Nov. 18, 1948 - A few of the stores in Staples have partially completed their holiday attire so far, and it is expected that right after Thanksgiving that all of the stores will be decked out in complete holiday decorations for the horde of Christmas shoppers who will be visiting the stores here for the next several weeks.

Scads of new merchandise has arrived at the stores, and merchants are going "all out" this year to make their places attractive, to have attractive displays of their merchandise, and to be of service to the people who will visit the stores.

There remains but 29 shopping days left for people to get their Christmas gifts, and a good place to do their shopping first, is in Staples.

50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• Nov. 22, 1973 - Qualified voters in the Motley School District No. 483 will be going to the polls Tuesday, Dec. 11, to decide if a \$1,100,000 bond issue should pass to build a new high school.

If approved, the high school would be constructed to the north of the present elementary building. It would include new facilities for vocational agriculture, industrial arts, a standard-sized gymnasium, and other classrooms to serve present-day needs.

• Nov. 22, 1973 - A total of 71 boys, grades seven through twelve, are out for the sport of wrestling at Staples High school and are receiving coaching under Don Dravis, Greg Leifermann, Norman Card and Myron Smith. Mark Bendson and Ron Kern are co-captains of the squad.

• Nov. 22, 1973 - The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Staples, recently welcomed their new pastor. He is Rev. L. Arnold Hustad, formerly of St. Paul.

Pastor Hustad and his wife, Linda, and their one-year-old daughter, Dawn, moved to Staples in October to assume the duties of the church in Staples.

• Nov. 22, 1973 - Staples Third graders tell 'what I'm thankful for'...

"I'm thankful for all the teachers in the Elementary school and Mr. Nelson most of all. I'm thankful for Jesus

who died on the cross for all. I'm thankful for Summer and winter too. I'm thankful for all the people in the world. I'm thankful for all the food." By, Jody Wilson.

"I am thankful for the world because it has so many beautiful things in it, and our father and mother because they take care of you and love you." By, Eugene Peet.

"I am most thankful for a father and a mother and a sister. I am thankful that I can read and write and I have clothes. I am thankful for a house to live in and the church and God." by, Jonathan Edin.

• Nov. 22, 1973 - "Sunflowers", the oil painting by Rose Edin of Staples, will appear on the August page of Northwestern Bell's 1974 Appointment Calendar. It was selected from more than 2,000 works submitted by 475 artists in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

• Nov. 22, 1973 - The Gores Company Real Estate Offers: New Listing - Neat, 2 bdrm., one story home with full basement and attached garage. Has oil forced air furnace. priced to sell at just \$6,000.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1984. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Nov. 15, 1973 edition of the Staples World featured three recently retired Staples businessmen who were honored by the Staples Chamber of Commerce for their years of service to the Staples community. From left, Harold Hillman, Charles M. Squires and Jacob Esterl are pictured receiving their plaques and gift certificates from Thomas Kurpius (right), president of the Staples Chamber.

According to the photo outline, Hillman retired June 1, after operating the Coast to Coast Store for the past 20 years. Squires, who had made Staples his home since 1938, operated

the Squires Moving Service for over 15 years. Esterl retired Nov. 1, after operating Jake's Standard Station in Staples since 1950.

Jack Wilson, chamber vice-president, said, "We must commend our three retirees on their devotion to our organization through their many years of business in Staples. In addition, these three men, their wives and their families have played active roles in the work of their church and other organizations of this city. We are also proud and happy that in each case, the Hillmans, the Squires' and the Esterls, all have decided to continue to make their home with us."

New Listing - Large 3 bdrm. home for just \$4,750. Excellent corner lot not far from shopping, clinic, school, etc. Could be good starter home or rental income property.

The Gores Company office is located at West Hwy. 10 in Staples. Gary M. Schimpp, Manager. Phone 894-1767.

25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• Nov. 19, 1998 - Effective Jan. 1, 1999, Jenkins Appliance in Staples will be no more.

After 33 years in the business, Lee and Judy Jenkins are selling the appliance dealership. Their building at 812 4th St. NE has been sold.

Their U-Haul business was turned over to Miller True Value in Staples Nov. 17. They are remaining as dealers for Cellular 2000, Direct TV satellite systems and Key Page Plus. Their North Fourth Laundry and Car Wash will not change.

• Nov. 19, 1998 - Minnesota bear hunters harvested approximately 4,100 black bears during the 1998 season, an increase of 28 percent from the 1997 season and the second highest harvest

ever (after 1995 when nearly 5,000 bears were taken by hunters).

• Nov. 19, 1998 - Staples Motley sophomore runner Jeff Brevier captured his second state running championship in less than two weeks with a first place on Saturday in the Minnesota Junior Olympics at the Valleywood Golf Course in Apple Valley.

Brevier beat out the second place runner, Chris Lundberg, by 12 seconds, winning in a time of 16 minutes, 54.9 seconds.

• Nov. 19, 1998 - "Books and Crooks," a three-act comedy, will be presented by Staples Motley High School Nov. 20 - 22, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Co-directors for the fall play are Becky Hasselberg and Connie Hoffer.

• Nov. 19, 1998 - A Philbrook resident, Barbara Shinabarger, reported a shot was fired through a window of her home Saturday morning as the firearms deer season resumed in that area.

Sheriff's deputies and DNR Officers Jeff Halver-

son and Rod Smith investigated the report and found a group of hunters about a half mile away. The hunters are believed to have fired the accidental shot and said they would pay for damages to the house.

10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• Nov. 21, 2013 - It's been 50 years since President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. The date was Nov. 22, 1963... and for anyone old enough to remember, it's a date that's as vivid as yesterday.

In light of this 50th anniversary of JFK's death, the Staples World hit the streets of Staples and Motley, interviewing several people about their recollections of that fateful day. Among those who shared memories were Mary Dravis, Ursula Schaefer, Ellen Nelson, Mary Sperley, Ethel Dezell, Barbara Fore, Carl Granby III, Bob Mayberry, Sheri Banning, Craig Nanik, Wally Thompson; and Table of Knowledge members Wendel Toedter, Orv Meyer, Lloyd Nelson, Andy Schmidt and Tom Kajer.

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Shopping local starts with Small Business Saturday

Submitted by North Central Small Business Development Center

In anticipation of Small Business Saturday, the North Central Small Business Development Center is proud to underscore the significance of this annual shopping event. This year, Small Business Saturday is on November 25.

Small Business Saturday is not just a day; it is a celebration of local entrepreneurship and a testament to the resilience and dedications of small businesses throughout Minnesota and beyond. As champions of economic growth and community development, the North Central SBDC recognizes the pivotal role those small businesses play in fostering a thriving and interconnected local economy.

North Central Minnesota boasts a diverse array of small businesses, from charming boutiques to innovative startups, each contributing to the unique character of our communities. “Small Business Saturday serves as a call for Minnesotans to support these enterprises, fostering a spirit of collaboration that strengthens the bonds between residents and the businesses that call this region home,” stated Katie Heppner, Regional Director of the North Central SBDC. “We encourage consumers to go beyond the transaction and engage with the heart of their communities. By choosing to shop local, you can not only discover unique products and services, but also invest in the dreams and aspirations of your neighbors.”

Small businesses play a significant role in Minnesota’s economy. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, there are 525,156 small busi-

nesses in Minnesota. Small Businesses employ 45.7% of Minnesotans with 1.3 million total employees statewide. Their reach also extends far beyond the state borders. 86.6% of Minnesota exporters are small businesses and exports by small firms reached \$5.1 billion in 2021.

“By buying local, we foster economic vitality, create jobs, and contribute to the vibrancy of our neighborhoods,” Heppner continued. To join the movement and make a difference in your community, the North Central SBDC invites you to:

- Shop Local: Discover the unique offerings of local businesses in the region.
- Spread the Word: Share your Small Business Saturday experiences on social media using #ShopSmall and #SmallBizSaturday
- Connect: Engage with your community and local chambers of commerce to learn more about the entrepreneurs shaping the local landscape.

The North Central SBDC provides no-cost, one-on-one business consulting and low-cost trainings to help entrepreneurs and small business owners start, grow and succeed. The North Central SBDC is hosted by Central Lakes College and works throughout an 11 county and two sovereign nation region. The geographic region served by the North Central SBDC includes: Aitkin, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Todd, and Wadena counties and the sovereign nations of the Leech Lake and Mille Lacs Bands of Ojibwe. To learn more about the North Central SBDC and to register for services visit www.clcmn.edu/small-business-development-center or contact Katie Heppner, Regional Director, at katherine.heppner@clcmn.edu.

Farmer’s per pound share of Thanksgiving turkey: 6¢

Submitted by Minnesota Farmers Union

The farmer’s share of the cost of the turkey that is the centerpiece of many Thanksgiving feasts is six cents per pound, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is the same as last year, reports the National Farmers Union (NFU), which tracks the farmer’s share of the food dollar for five items typically served during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The farmer’s share reflects how much family farmers earn compared to the amount consumers pay at the grocery store.

The farmer’s share dropped on three items commonly served, NFU reports. The farmer’s share of a five-pound bag of potatoes dropped from \$1.30 in 2022 to 64 cents in 2023, the farmer’s share of a 16-ounce

bag of frozen corn dropped from 44 cents to 41 cents and the farmer’s share of a 12-ounce box of stuffing dropped from 13 cents to 9 cents.

The farmer’s share of one item increased from 2022 to 2023. The farmer’s share of a boneless two-pound ham increased to \$1.32 in 2023 from \$1 in 2022.

“Over the last 70 plus years, farmers have consistently seen their share of every grocery dollar spent shrink,” said Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) Vice President Anne Schwagerl. “It’s critical that we continue to raise awareness of how corporate consolidation throughout the food value chain squeezes family farmers out of a fair wage for their labor.”

Multiple waves of mergers and acquisitions during the last several decades have resulted in agriculture

and food supply chains that are not only uncompetitive and fragile, but also underpay farmers. NFU’s Fairness for Farmers campaign is working to solve the monopoly crisis in food and agriculture through stronger antitrust enforcement and greater transparency. The goal of the Fairness for Farmers campaign is to increase the farmer’s share of the food dollar and bring fairness to farmers and consumers.

“As we prepare to enjoy our Thanksgiving meal, we extend our gratitude to the many people responsible for providing our food – from farmers and farmworkers to those who work throughout the supply chain to provide us with delicious, safe and nutritious food,” Schwagerl said. “Working together, we can make our supply chain fairer and more resilient in the years ahead.”

Small towns can boost local entrepreneurs

By Deb Brown
saveyour.town

Last year during entrepreneurship week, I saw lots of articles about what big cities can do to support entrepreneurship. Advice for small towns got left out. Again.

So I wrote this advice for Global Entrepreneurship Week for small town economic developers and chambers of commerce, whether you serve 5,000 or 500 in your local population.

1. Create small spaces for entrepreneurs

Divide big buildings into shared retail spaces, garage-sized shops, small storage rooms for makers, and super affordable coworking for offices. These smaller spaces help keep startup costs down so entrepreneurs can grow to their next step. Then if a next step doesn’t work out, it didn’t require big financing and failure doesn’t have to mean financial ruin.

2. Recognize your artists and artisans as entrepreneurs with real economic value.

Support their efforts to sell online and at regional

events. Create and support shared artist studios, workshops and galleries. Incorporate local artists into events and celebrations. Pay local artists and artisans for their work and creations.

3. Boost your food business ecosystem.

Find out about and support your growers, farmers, processors and markets. Expand the market for local foods by getting more local foods in front of more people. This includes your local residents and your visitors because both groups love to eat local.



Tasting snow flakes

A young person opens her mouth to catch falling snow flakes following the Cardinal Music Department’s concert in Staples Oct. 30. It was the first snow fall of the season. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Infant sleep safety practices

Submitted by Todd County Health and Human Services

Sleep-related infant deaths are preventable. Babies who sleep or nap in an unsafe environment are at risk of dying suddenly and unexpectedly during sleep. The best way to prevent this tragedy is to make sure that a baby’s sleeping environment and position are safe. Anyone who takes care of babies should know these facts to keep babies safe.

Remember the A-B-Cs of safe sleep:

- ALONE: Infants should always sleep or nap alone.
- BACK: Always put a baby on their back to sleep or nap.
- CRIB: Babies should al-

ways sleep or nap in their own safety-approved crib or play yard. Keep loose bedding, bumper pads, blankets, toys or pillows out of cribs to prevent sleep-related tragedies.

Never:

- Never put babies to sleep or nap with other people, pets, or stuffed animals. Babies who share a sleep surface with other people or objects are at increased risk of suffocating.
- Never put babies to sleep or nap on their stomachs. This can cause choking and make it harder for them to breathe.
- Never put babies to sleep on adult beds, sofas, recliners, armchairs, futons, and loveseats, or in car seats and

baby bouncers. They should sleep in their own safety-approved crib or play yard that has a firm mattress and a fitted sheet.

For more information:

- Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Crib Information Center (<http://cpsc.gov/en/safety-education/safetyeducation-centers/cribs/>)
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) (<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/sts/about/environment/Pages/default.aspx>)
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/cfh/progrm/m/infant-mortality/suids.cfm>)

American Rail magazine started by passengers assoc.

Rail Passengers Association, the leading advocacy organization for passengers in the United States, has announced plans to launch a captivating new magazine, “American Rail,” dedicated to exploring the rich possibilities of passenger rail travel in the United States with the dawn of the Passenger Rail Renaissance.

With its debut issue set to hit the stands this winter, the magazine promises to include in-depth features, important news, and engaging stories that celebrate the essence of American railroads while showcasing the opportunities now emerging thanks to historic

new investment in the U.S.

“American Rail” is a testament to the enduring spirit of rail travel, shining a light on the diverse passenger experiences available on the rails across the country, inspiring readers to continue supporting the revitalization of critical infrastructure, helping cities, towns, states, and tribes understand the new possibilities, and creating the excitement we need to inspire the next generation of passengers and riders.

Jim Mathews, President and CEO of Rail Passengers Association, expressed his excitement at the launch.

“With this magazine, we hope to convene a national conversation about the vital role that railroads play in connecting people, places, and ideas,” Mathews said. “It’s going to devote itself wholly to exploring, explaining, and celebrating the new Passenger Rail Renaissance made possible by the historic 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, while also holding all the important actors accountable for keeping the promises the BIL makes to passengers and the American people.”

Highlights of “American Rail” include:

- In-Depth Features: “Explore the hidden gems, his-

toric routes, and the unique destinations reached by rail through in-depth articles and expert analysis. With more robust support for passenger rail, your hometown could be the next stop on our list.”

Hometown Highlights: “We’ll show how passenger rail contributes to the economic well-being of communities large and small across the United States, and flag those places that are positioned to make the most of the coming new investments.”

- Stunning Visuals: “Immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery and architectural wonders that rail travel unveils, beautifully captured through vibrant photographs.”
- Passenger Stories: “Hear firsthand accounts from fellow passengers about their unforgettable rail journeys, inspiring readers to create their own memories.”
- Expert Opinions: “Stay informed with insights from industry experts, policymakers, and advocates, offering perspectives on the future of rail transportation in the United States.”

For more information about the magazine, please visit AmericanRailMagazine.com

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Quote of the week

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be.”

— Rosalynn Carter



Staples Lions Peace Poster contest at SHAS

The sixth grade class at Sacred Heart Area School recently participated in the Lions International Peace Poster contest coordinated by the Staples '93 Lions and the Motley Lions. All nine students participated in the contest, with this year's theme "Dare to Dream." Above, left to right: Oskar Doll, Piper Hanson, Brennen Sonenstahl, Ben Rutten, Lily Brichacek, Abiri Ziegler, Ben Stevens, Angie Paklonsky. Missing: Charlie Noska.



Winners announced

Winners of the Peace Poster contest were: Oskar Doll, first place; Charlie Noska, second place; Piper Hanson, third place, above with Mary Kobliska, left, Staples '93 Lions and Abbie Detloff, right, SHAS sixth grade teacher. The Motley Lions awarded \$50 for first place, \$30 second and \$15 third. Oskar's poster was entered into the district contest. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Oskar's poster

Mark Your Calendar

November 23

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

November 24

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.

November 25

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday, Nov. 25, 9 - 10:30 a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

November 27

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

November 28

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through Dec. 12. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTGS are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Wadena VFW at 7 p.m. If you wish to eat early you may order from the menu prior to meeting.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. - noon, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Facilitated by Dementia Community Action Network. No cost, no need to register. For info., call Cristina Rodriguez, 320-640-6724.

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

November

- **THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL** Nov. 23 - 24
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT** Dec. 14, 6 p.m.
- **HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT** Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
- **WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL** Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

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

Thank you for reading the Staples World



Speech winner and family

Madison Perius (third from left) posed with her family after the Veterans Day Program in Staples, at which she gave her winning 'Voice of Democracy' speech, "What are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?" Also pictured, from left, are her sister Kaylee; and parents Chris and Jill Perius. Madison is a freshmen at Staples-Motley High School. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Wreath Class

Tues., Nov. 28

arrive 2 - 7:00 p.m.

CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE, Staples Campus Assembly Rm.

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Student Achievements

LUKE BROWNELL, Sebeka, recently received the NDSU Presidential Honor Award at North Dakota State University. The award recognizes students who have a 3.8 - 3.979 high school grade point average or have scored a 29 - 31 on the ACT and have a 3.5 or higher high school grade point average. Brownell is a freshman at NDSU, majoring in natural resources management.

Obituaries

Kenneth Lingenfelter

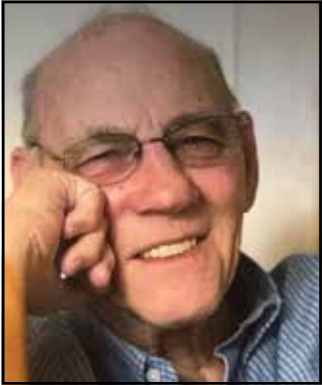
Kenny Lingenfelter, 83, of Staples, passed away November 10, 2023, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, December 3, at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples with a gathering of family and friends from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Kenneth was born June 12, 1940 to Cecil Wayne and Elaine (Grasser) Lingenfelter in Olivia. He grew up and attended school in Danube.

Kenny was employed by the City of Staples for many years as a municipal line-man. He was very involved as a youth leader, small Bible studies and church. In his free time he enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his three boys. Kenny was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by three sons, Jay Lingenfelter of Brainerd; Kirk (Carmen) Lingenfelter of Nisswa and Joel (Tomasena) Lingenfelter of Staples; 10 grandchildren, Deborah (Ross) Moerschell, Danielle Lingenfelter, Emma



Lingenfelter, Keaton Lingenfelter, Maddie Lingenfelter, Hudson Lingenfelter, Christian Lambert, Sienna (Mitchell) Reed, Ethan Lingenfelter and Abigail Lingenfelter; three great-grandchildren, Isaac, Xzavoyr and Aloisa; one sister, Carol Eibner; two sisters-in-law, Nancy Hogg and Nyla Lingenfelter and many nieces and nephews.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Jane and one brother, Wayne Jerome Lingenfelter.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

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Doris Dumpprope

Doris Mary Dumpprope, 88, of Motley, passed away November 19, 2023, at her home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 25 at 11 am at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Doris was born May 19, 1935, to Glenn and Eleanor (Fasching) Anderson in Frazee. She married LeRoy Dumpprope on February 1, 1961.

Left to cherish her memory are her beloved husband of 62 years, LeRoy; six children, Timothy (Linda Busch) Dumpprope, Larry (Jackie) Dumpprope, Lonny (Cathi) Dumpprope, Craig Dumpprope, Lorie Frandson and Glenda (Andrew Wiherski) Davis; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Joel (Cathie) Ander-



son and one sister, Glenda Kotula.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ronnie Anderson and Jeffrey Anderson; one son-in-law, Fred Frandson; one grandson, Shane Frandson and two brothers-in-law, Jerry Kotula and Bill Smith.

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Robert Lynch

Robert "Bob" Edward Lynch, Jr., 81, died peacefully at home with his family on November 16, 202, after a heroic two-year battle with ALS.

A celebration of life service will be held at Staples Assembly of God Church, Sat., November 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., with visitation at 10 a.m. Lunch provided.

Born and raised in Minneapolis, Bob graduated from De La Salle High School on Nicollet Island, where he was on the chess team and a member of the National Honor Society. He spent a year at St. Joseph's Seminary in New Hampshire before returning to Minnesota.

An avid outdoorsman, Bob took a job as a fire lookout for the forest service before joining a road construction crew for the Hennepin County Highway Department. In 1964, he married Jane Felix of Prior Lake. They moved to Lake Sarah in Greenfield and raised their four children, Sheila, Robert III, Patrick and Daniel Lynch.

Bob was promoted at the County and spent the remainder of his career as a documentation specialist/data analyst before taking early retirement in the 1990s.

He loved hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing and kayaking, enjoying the



natural world, hitting the road and camping whenever he could. The family moved to Maple Lake in 1993 and operated an apple orchard.

Bob and Jane eventually settled in Cushing MN on Thunder Lake, where he spent the last two decades of his life doting on grandchildren and enjoying a quiet life doing all the things he loved.

Survived by his wife Jane, sons Robert III (Kristine), Patrick (Wendy), and Daniel (Cory) Lynch; granddaughters Madeline Hodgkins, Lauren Lynch and grandson Grant Lynch.

Preceded in death by his father Robert, Sr., mother Magdalene and daughter Sheila Lynch.

The family requests donations that benefit research toward a cure for ALS in lieu of flowers.

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Sunday School11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages)9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service)11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (Kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade)
.....After school to 5:30 p.m.
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.....After school to 5:30 p.m.

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Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult)9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study7-8 p.m.

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430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship10:05 a.m.

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Church218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday8:30 a.m..
Sunday8:30 a.m.

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421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship9:30 am.
Sabbath School10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class ...10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
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Sunday School8:30 a.m.

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524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
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Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
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Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.

Genuine Thankfulness

Fr. Aaron Kuhn, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples, St. Michael Catholic Church, Motley

It is an act of humility to genuinely say thank you, because it requires looking outside ourselves and seeing something provided by another as a blessing to me. Thanksgiving is meant to be an intentional holiday of humility, as we say thank you first to God and then to those people in our life on earth who bless us with their love.

God does not need anything of creation in order to be happy, for God was already perfect before we were made. Everything created is here so that we might find happiness and share in God's goodness. If I exist, it is because God thought I am a blessing to be shared. So, everything I have is a gift from God and for that I should, in humility, say thank you. To love is to "willfully choose the good of the other for the

other's sake" (Thomas Aquinas). God wills your good. Thank you God for thinking me up and wanting my goodness.

Of all creatures, God made humans with the capacity to "image" and be "like" God (Genesis 1:27), which means that I, too, can love other human beings and willfully choose their good for their sake. Whenever someone wills my good, the proper response is humble gratitude. "I am thankful for what you've done for me. I appreciate you. What is something that I can do today to make your life better?" We have so many reasons to be thankful and so many reasons to bless others.

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Penfield’s work on MGA board is a continuation of his service to golf

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Rollie Penfield was honored by the Minnesota Golf Association (MGA) for his 21 years as a board member. Penfield has been involved in golf in one way or another throughout his life, as a participant, coach and official. He was on the board at the former Terrace Golf Course in Staples.

“I have been passionate about golf, I want to give back to the game that gave me so much,” he said.

As a member of the MGA board, Penfield said “You get to know a lot of people who are as avid as you about golf.”

He described the MGA as a driving force in making Minnesota one of the top golf states in the country.

“They do a lot of things,” he said.

The MGA hosts many tournaments every year, for all ages. They sponsor Player of the Year awards and give recognition to top golfers in all divisions.

They help out individual golf courses with training on how to keep up the grounds and greens. There is a caddie program to teach how to help other golfers.

They sponsor scholarships for players and youth programs to get the next generations interested in golf.

As a board member, Penfield helped oversee all of those endeavors.

Because of all the work that the MGA does, the state of Minnesota consistently ranks near the top of the country in golfer participation.



Service to Minnesota golf

Rollie Penfield with his plaque given to commemorate his 21 years as a director on the Minnesota Golf Association Board.

The MGA is a non-profit organization. At the end of his term on the board, Penfield received a letter from the MGA saying “volunteerism is the lifeblood of the organization.”

Penfield said his time on the board included overseeing several rule changes in the game. For example he said they adopted the new USGA rule that a player can ground their club in a hazard.

Minnesota has many of the best golf courses in the country. As a MGA member, Penfield took the opportunity to play on many of them. “It’s a great thing to be able to go play on the courses in the state,” he said.

Penfield also goes south to play golf in the winter. He said a recent back injury kept him out for a while, but he is now back on the course and playing more rounds.

Gorton swims 500 miles at Staples pool

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Before Dr. John Gorton turns 82 next week on Dec. 2, he accomplished a milestone of swimming 500 miles.

“It’s been a really good thing, it keeps me healthier and younger,” said Gorton, who worked as a dentist in Staples for 46 years.

He started swimming in 2006 at the Staples Community Center swimming pool. He said that for his first sessions, he would swim 10 to 12 lengths of the pool, reaching a total of 286 lengths in that first year.

He has now increased his routine. “I try for 50 lengths, three times a week,” said Gorton.

Keeping track of his workouts since 2006, he now has swum 35,000 lengths. With 70 lengths to a mile, that equals 500 miles. “I don’t like to blow my own horn, but it is an accomplishment,” said Gorton.

The swimming helps him stay healthy. He even swam as he was going through cancer treatments.

“It keeps my heart rate up, which my physician said is important,” said Gorton.



500 miles in the water

John Gorton at the Staples Community Center swimming pool. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley 2023 football statistics

Below are statistics leaders from the Staples-Motley 2023 football season.

Season record: 8-2

Scoring: Staples-Motley 336, opponents 154

Offense

Yards gained: 3,448; rushing 1,891, passing 1,557

Touchdowns: Elijah Claussen 9, Ben Tyrrell 8, Alex Schultz 7, Colbe Tappe 7, Blake Neelan 6, Eli Blue 3, Eli Rutten 2. One TD each: Peyton Mithun, Luke Bjerga, Andrew Salcido, Chase Blue, Ramiro Gallardo, Steven Petrich

Field goals: Schultz 1

Extra point kicks: Mithun 15, Schultz 2, Gallardo 1

Two point conversions: Claussen 3, Tyrrell 2, Schultz 2, Neelan 2, Mithun 2, E. Blue 1, Rutten 1

Rushing (carries, yards): Tyrrell 61-498, Neelan 75-443, Claussen 75-376, Tappe 44-175, E. Blue 18-141, C. Blue 8-70, Rutten 17-62, Turner Beachy 12-59, Conner Kuhns 4-20, Riley Reese 7-19, Gavin Chenoweth 1-14, Zach Tabatt 3-8, Schultz 2-5, Petrich 1-1, Mithun 2-1, Sal-

cido 2-1, Gallardo 2-1

Passing: Rutten 86-129, 1,266 yards, 14 TD, 6 int.; Claussen 16-27, 219 yards, 4 TD, 2 int.; Mithun 5-8, 53 yards, Evan Schultz 1-1, 19 yards

Receiving: A. Schultz 35-667, Neelan 17-244, Tappe 14-186, Mithun 13-153, Tyrrell 13-109, E. Blue 10-100, Josiah Critten 2-55, Beachy 2-26, Ryan Neelan 1-9, Kuhns 1-8

Pancakes (blocks that knock an opponent to the ground): Petrich 30, Claussen 30, Bjerga 25, Drake Dukowitz 23, Dustin Converse 18, Jacob Becker 15

Defense

Tackles (solo-assists): Bjerga 28-22, Claussen 27-18.5, B. Neelan 20-20, Tappe 30-10, A. Schultz 22-11, Sawyer Ferdon 15-16.5, Petrich 10-20, Dukowitz 11-14, Chenoweth 19-4.5, Beachy 10-10, Noah Larson 8-9.5, C. Blue 9-4.5, Salcido 5-8, Kuhns 9-3.5, Reese 6-6, Mithun 8-3.5, Becker 4-6.5, Rutten 2-8.5, E. Blue 7-3.5, Grant Bestland 4-3.5, Tyrrell 6-1, Benet Robinson 4-2.5, Critten 2-3.5, Gallardo 3-2.5, Converse 3-1

Tackles for loss: Claussen

14.5, B. Neelan 12, Bjerga 9, Petrich 7.5, D. Dukowitz 6.5, Sawyer Ferdon 5.5

Sacks: Claussen 3.5, Ferdon 2, Petrich 1, Dukowitz 1, Neelan 1, Bjerga 5

Interceptions: A. Schultz 3, Rutten 2, Bjerga 1, Claussen 1, Chenoweth 1, Beachy 1, Kuhns 1, Becker 1, Critten 1

Fumbles forced: Tappe 3, Claussen 2, Dukowitz 2, Ferdon 2, Austyn Pierce 2, Bjerga 1, A. Schultz 1, Beachy 1

Fumble recoveries: Tappe 3, Dukowitz 2, Bjerga 1, Claussen 1, B. Neelan 1, Beachy 1, Salcido 1, Kuhns 1, Mithun 1, Becker 1, Robinson 1, Adrian Caldwell 1, Tabatt 1

Safeties: Bjerga 1

Special teams

Punting: A. Schultz 22 punts, 34.5 yard average

Punt returns: Tappe 8-109, Tyrrell 2-14, A. Schultz 1-18

Kickoffs: Gallardo 20, 39 yard average; A. Schultz 15, 42 yard average; Mithun 18, 28 yard average

Kickoff returns: Tappe 11-304, 1 TD; Tyrrell 5-52, E. Blue 3-44, Beachy 3-24, Bestland 1-17, Kuhns 1-12



Winter sports starting practice

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team started practicing Nov. 13. Their first game is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Browerville. The first home game is Thursday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. against Wadena-Deer Creek. Boys basketball and wrestling started practice Nov. 20. The boys basketball season opens at home on Nov. 30, the second half of the double-header with the girls game played first. Wrestling has a quad meet scheduled for Friday, Dec. 1, at home at 4 p.m. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2023

Public Comment

Kerry Pipo shared concerns in regards to the review of CUP #C-20130910858 for property owned by Shannon Hinnenkamp. Concerns stated included the topics of privacy fencing and potential of toxic materials in relation to the location to neighboring properties.

Shannon Hinnenkamp provided information to the County Board regarding the concerns raised by Mr. Pipo and other data relating to the CUP #C-20130910858 that he is the owner of.

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 17th day of October, 2023 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present. Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for October 3rd, 2023 as presented. To accept the resignation of Brian Thorstad (Full Time Deputy) effective November 4, 2023.

To approve Richard Mettler to fill the open Social Worker position. Grade 10, Step 9 at 34.69/hr. Start date: October 30, 2023

To approve Briehana Martin to fill the open Child Services supervisor position. Grade 13, Step 1 at 32.62/hr. Start date: TBD

To appoint Rachel Middendorf as a part-time Deputy Auditor-Treasurer at Grade 8, Step 1 \$24.36 per hour with a start date of October 23, 2023.

GAMBLING PERMIT - TODD COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Todd County Council On Aging through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging to conduct an excluded bingo event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Rd, Clarissa, MN on November 12th, 2023 and on February 11th, 2024.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402808 through 402841 in the amount of \$112,386.71 and (Regular) 57397 through 57445 in the amount of \$74,130.97 for a total of \$186,517.68.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 804586 through 804651 and (Regular) 711107 through 711171 for a total of \$106,661.78.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601055 through 601071 and (Regular) 517527 through 517554 for a total amount of \$140,081.01.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the 2024 County Fee Schedule to be effective January 1, 2024 per the attached document.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition to clean sections of CD32 on parcel 24-0011600 - Turtle Creek Twp section 11.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition to clean a section of CD3 on parcel 17-0002301 - Little Sauk Twp section 3. Cannabis Ordinance 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Accept amendments to draft ordinance as presented. MIS

Facilities Committee

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Noska abstaining: Approve low bids from Chad Twardowski Excavating and Oberg Fencing for a total cost of \$23,533. Commissioners

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To amend proposed petition item # 14 to include the fol-

lowing: Benefitting landowners - and not Todd County as a whole - would be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred to complete the project above the \$1.4 million grant amount. Similarly, benefiting landowners - and not Todd County as a whole - would be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in preparation for the project if it is not completed for whatever reason. Require a majority (51%) of landowners signatures before Todd County signs on as petitioner.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Appoint the following five members to the Todd County Appeals Board: Commissioner Becker and Commissioner Noska; Todd County Public Health Advisory Committee members Rona Bleess and Jason Polovick; and Registered Sanitarian or board certified medical professional Doug Breitkreutz, REHS from Horizon Public Health.

Soil and Water

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approval of the 2024/2025 Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement and Work Plan as presented.

Planning & Zoning

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

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ADOPTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER - BRAINERD COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan includes a map and description of the soil classifications within the County and;

WHEREAS the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan identifies the areas within the County where surface water, groundwater, natural resources, and other related water quality problems are the most severe and;

WHEREAS the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan identifies high-priority erosion, sedimentation, and water quality problems in accordance with Board of Water Soil Resources (BWSR) rules and guidelines and;

WHEREAS the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan identifies high-priority erosion, sedimentation, and water quality improvement projects to maintain and improve the natural resources of the watershed in accordance with Board of Water Soil Resources (BWSR) rules and guidelines and;

WHEREAS the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Local Watershed Management Plan replaces the Todd County Water Plan for County purposes for the area of the county identified within the Plan. WHEREAS the County supports sending the final draft plan of the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to the BWSR Board for review and.

WHEREAS the BWSR Board will review and approve the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, Subdivision 14.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority with Becker, Denny and Noska for and Neumann against: To adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcels 22-0012900 and 22-0012700 with the following conditions.

1. Establishment of vegetative screening on the south and west sides of the proposed feedlot. Screening shall be maintained to provide screening from all public roads. Screening shall be established no later than June 1, 2024 and shall be maintained for the life of the feedlot.

2. Tree screening plan shall be submitted to the Soil and Water Conservation District and approved prior to planting of trees.

3. The facility owners must maintain registration every four years and remain compliant with the Todd County ordinance and MN 7020 rules.

4. Any future livestock lot or barn construction will be required to be reviewed for compliance by the Feedlot Program prior to construction or install.

5. The conditions of the CUP must be disclosed to any future landowners or real estate transaction.

6. All land application setbacks and MN 7020 rules pertaining to the storage and handling of manure must be followed.

7. Proposed feedlot shall meet all applicable well setbacks.

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

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP to parcel 10-4001600 for the expansion of the existing cemetery with the following conditions.

1. Applicant shall remain compliant with applicable local, state or federal regulations related to operation of the cemetery.

2. Maintain a list of individuals buried and exact location within the cemetery.

3. Cemetery plot must be completely fenced off with boundaries clearly identified prior to establishment of grave sites. All burial sites must remain inside of the fenced

area.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP to parcel 15-0001900 to establish a ground mounted solar PV array with the following conditions.

1. Applicant must obtain permitting and/or licensing from additional governmental agencies as necessary.

2. Submission of Interconnection Agreement with the electric service provider prior to issuance of a land use permit.

3. Construction of additional solar arrays shall require the review of the Planning Commission.

4. Written statement to be received from the owner or provider company containing the plan for legal disposal of the panels.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Becker, Denny, and Noska for and Neumann against: To adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the rezoning of parcels 17-0016800, 17-0016801, and 17-0019800 from RD - Shoreland to AF2 with the following conditions:

1. There will be from time to time, sights, sounds and smells associated with the operation of farming. Land owner shall abide by Section 9.11E of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance.

2. All future animal feedlots must abide by MN Rule 7020 and Todd County Ordinance Section 9.11.

3. Land owner must obtain permitting from other government agencies including but not limited to the Sauk River Watershed District.

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

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the recommendation of the Planning Commission and revoke CUP #C-20130910858 based on the following findings:

- Conditional Use Permit #C-20130910858 was issued on October 15th, 2013.

- Notice was issued on July 25th, 2023 that the conditions of the permit were not being met and that the site must come into compliance within 30 days from receipt of the notice.

- On September 1, 2023 an on-site visit was conducted with the property owner to discuss the letter and progress towards coming into compliance.

- Additional notice was sent on September 7, 2023 that the site had not achieved compliance and that the CUP would be reviewed during the October 5 Planning Commission Meeting.

- The CUP states that a 10' perimeter fence would be constructed around the site. This is backed up by the same statement in the CUP application submitted on August 8th, 2013. The fence as measured is less than 9' in height.

- Condition #1 states that the perimeter fence must meet a 25' setback from the southern property boundary. Approximately 57' along the western portion of the southern line is not meeting the 25' setback from the southern line.

- Condition #2 states that along the southern line, between the property boundary and the 25' offset fence, trees should be planted for screening of the fence and that the tree plan should be approved by Planning and Zoning. Trees for screening have never been planted nor is there evidence that a tree plan was ever presented to the Planning and Zoning Office.

- Condition #3 states that the applicant must notify Planning and Zoning when the MPCA Stormwater Permit is received and if it is ever revoked. A conversation with MPCA on 10/4/2023 revealed that MPCA Industrial Stormwater Permitting had expired on March 31, 2020.

Health & Human Services

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUPPORT FOR SEEKING FUNDING FROM MDH FOR MINNESOTA EXPANDING MODEL JAIL PRACTICES LEARNING COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, MDH is seeking applications from jails and community partners to actively participate in the Minnesota Expanding Model Jail Practices Learning Community, and; WHEREAS, MDH seeks to implement model jail practices and programs that support children of incarcerated parents and their families, and;

WHEREAS, Specific goals are to establish a statewide network of jails to enhance and scale model jail practices that strengthen families until these practices become standard statewide, for children and families to increase the quantity and quality of parent-child interactions during and after incarceration, and to improve the social, emotional, and mental wellbeing of children and youth with an incarcerated parent and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Expanding Jail Practices Learning Community is a priority model for jail practices focused on increasing parenting skill, creating family friendly environments, increasing jail staff knowledge and skills and expanding services to children and families, and; WHEREAS, Health & Human Services will collaborate with the jail to initiate and implement new services that are expected to have positive outcomes and costs savings in Todd County;

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners supports

Health & Human Services seeking funding from MDH for Minnesota Expanding Model Jail Practices Learning Community.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the HHS request to hire a temporary eligibility worker.

Administration

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Accept resignation of Chris Pelzer, County Coordinator with last date of employment as February 2, 2024, allowing for a transition period for recruitment of successor County Coordinator.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To move forward with Coordinator Recruit Timeline Option 2 as attached.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer provided a reminder that the 2nd half real estate tax payments for certain parcels were due on October 16th, 2023. It was also noted that absentee voting is open for the upcoming November 7, 2023 election and current absentee voting statistics were shared.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported that the office is managing the caseload during the interim time of being without one assistant attorney. County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended. Commissioner Denny attended the MN Rural Counties and Solid Waste meetings.

Commissioner Becker attended the Personnel, Dept Head, Facilities, Town meeting regarding Cannabis, SWCD and Rainbow Rider meetings. Commissioner Noska attended the TCDC meeting.

Commissioner Neumann attended the Facilities, Cannabis, Solid Waste and Rainbow Rider meetings. County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reported that application preparation for a recycling grant via Region V is being done and has attended continued childcare meetings.

Adjourn

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the meeting was adjourned for the month of October, 2023..

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME.....	AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	
.....	\$2,158.59
BUTTWELER'S DO AL.....	
.....	\$33,340.00
CENTRAL APPLICATORS INC.....	
.....	\$15,546.91
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC.....	
.....	\$30,817.92
IDEAL CONSTRUCTION LLC.....	
.....	\$15,497.64
JMD MANUFACTURING INC.....	
.....	\$4,578.04
KNOW INK.....	
.....	\$8,125.00
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC.....	
.....	\$2,695.05
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC.....	
.....	\$5,734.60
RTVISION INC.....	
.....	\$2,482.51
TRUENORTH STEEL INC.....	
.....	\$35,368.38
72 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$30,173.04
Total:	\$186,517.68

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME.....	AMOUNT
DHS - SWIFT.....	\$3,432.70
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC.....	\$5,540.13
V #14630 - COST EFF HEALTH INS	\$4,867.35
MCCC, M133	\$6,035.90
V #17087 - COST EFF HEALTH INS	\$2,452.16
QUALITY LOGO PRODUCTS	\$4,894.77
RURAL MN CEP INC \$13,327.27	
VIDA	\$2,065.40
V #16862 - COST EFF HEALTH INS	\$2,001.92
122 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	
\$62,044.18	
Total: \$106,661.78	
VENDOR NAME.....	AMOUNT
DHS - ANOKA METRO RTC - 412	
\$21,060.00	
DHS - MOOSE LAKE CODE 462	
\$2,179.61	
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM.....	\$5,939.60
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472.....	
.....	\$8,984.80
# 17324.....	\$4,860.00
GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS	\$2,896.18
# 17353	\$2,028.60
# 17302	\$3,325.50
LITTLE SAND GROUP	
HOME	\$9,979.20
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC.....	\$14,818.76
# 17183	\$2,388.60
PSJ ACQUISITION LLC. \$5,810.00	
STEP	\$7,255.44
VALLEY LAKE BOYS	
HOME INC	\$7,500.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC.. \$14,074.20	
WEST CENTRAL REG	
JUVENILE CTR.....	\$3,632.00
25 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	\$23,348.52
Total:	\$140,081.01

On a motion by Noska and second by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 17th, 2023 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on November 7th, 2023..

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Randy Neumann,
County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file
Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD IN DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-23-898

In Re: Estate Of Joyce Jeannine Brever, Deceased.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IIN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS.

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of December, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. a hearing will be held in the above-named Court at 221 First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on petition of Gerald Joseph Brever for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the above named decedent, and for the appointment of Gerald Joseph Brever whose address is 602 Dakota Avenue Southwest,

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-23-863

Estate of Otha O. Pribble, Jr. Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 11, 2023, at 10:15 a.m., an administrative non-appearance hearing will be held in this Court at 221 - 1st Ave. S., Ste. 100, Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Marriah R. Jelinek, whose address is PO Box 372, Eagle Bend, MN 56446 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or

Staples, Minnesota 56479, as personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. This is an administrative hearing and your appearance is not required.

That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: November 6, 2023

Daniel A. Benson,
Judge
Kim Peterson,
Court Administrator

Timothy R. Reuter
Attorney No. 0264684
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raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated: November 6, 2023

BY THE COURT

Daniel A. Benson
Judge of District Court
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Court Administrator

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.
NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.
Questions? Phone 320-732-4420 or email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us.
AGENDA
•Call to Order
•Pledge of Allegiance
•Introduction of Planning Commission Members and process review.
•The applicant is introduced
•Staff report
•Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request

- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda.
- Approval of the November 2, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes.
- 1. **Hwy 27 Salvage:** Section 07, Round Prairie Township
Site Address: 19622 US 71 So., Long Prairie, MN 56347. PID: 21-0008601
1. Request for Auto Salvage Yard in AF-1 and Commercial Zoning.
- 2. **Alvin Borntrreger:** Section 17, Iona Township
Site Address: 17916 300th St., Clarissa, MN 56440 PID: 13-0016902
1. Request for establishment of retail greenhouse in AF-1 Zoning.
- 3. **Mark Sieben:** Section 12, Burnhamville Township, Molly Creek
Site Address: 34198 County 104, Burtrum MN 56318. PID: 06-0017200, 06-0017300 and 06-0016301
1. Request for Expansion of existing feedlot from 552 animal units to 920 animal units in AF-1, AF-2 and Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.
- 4. **C and K Ready Mix:** Section 07, Villard Township
Site Address: 28994 US Hwy 10, Staples, MN 56479. PID: 25-0004300
1. Request to operate a year-round Ready-Mix Plant in Commercial Zoning.
- 5. **Chris Harren:** Section 11, Kandota Township
Site Address: 13900 US 71, Sauk Centre, MN 56378 PID: 14-0010600
1. Request to rezone the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of section 11 (40 acres) from R-10 to AF-2 Zoning.
- 6. **Dairy Ridge LLC:**

- Section 33, Long Prairie Township
Site Address: 21695 State Hwy 287, Long Prairie, MN 56347
PID: 18-0040700
1. Request to expand the existing feedlot in AF-1 Zoning:
a. Increase from 1695 head of dairy cows (2,373 AU) to 2,395 head of dairy cows (3,353 AU) over 1,000 lbs. (NPDES permit application).
b. Construct two 276' x 128' total confinement barns
c. Expand a current barn by 116' x 90'
d. Construct a 995' x 335' x 16' earthen LMSA and a 20,000 cf concrete LMSA.
e. Expand the feed storage area by 85,294 sq. ft.
7. **Proposed Amendment to Todd County Planning & Zoning Ordinance:**
1. Section 9.20: Solar Energy Systems
8. Proposed Amendment to Todd County Planning & Zoning Ordinance:
1. Section 9.08: Sewage Treatment Standards

Adjournment.
Next Meeting:
December 7, 2023

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Todd County Planning Commission
Jim Pratt, Chair
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage.

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 12, 2015
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$91,121.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Jose G. Garcia Montanez, a single man
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Central Minnesota Credit Union
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 12, 2015 as Document Number 494587; as modified of record by document recorded on December 29, 2021 as Document Number A529700 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on June 21, 2023 as Document Number A536833 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 5 and 6, except West 100 feet thereof, Block 3, Locke's Addition to the Village of Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 620 4TH AVE SE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$92,202.03
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Central Minnesota Credit Union
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0085000
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1011283-0001100379-2
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 04, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their

personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on July 5, 2024.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: November 08, 2023

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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SHAS Community Veterans Day program
Sacred Heart Area School, Staples, held their Community Veterans Day program Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. Fourth grade students lined the stage sharing songs and poems followed by the audience joining in singing "God Bless America."



Posting and retiring of the Colors
Sixth grade students posted the Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem by all.



Salute to veterans
SHAS first graders salute veterans as part of their "Thank You Soldiers" song. Students also recited the "Go Veterans" poem. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



'Voice of Democracy' winners
Four Staples-Motley High School freshmen received awards recently from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and its Ladies Auxiliary, in conjunction with their national essay contest, 'Voice of Democracy.' From left are Thomas Johnson, second place; Madison Perius, first place; Ronnie Noska (winner of the VFW quilt); and Bella Hines, third place.
Erik Johnson, SMHS teacher, said he does this contest each year with his ninth grade American History Class, a national contest they've entered since 2014. He went on to share that the 'Voice of Democracy' program is a national patriotic audio-essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary. Locally, the contest was open to students in grades 9 - 12 in Wadena-Deer Creek, Verndale, Bertha-Hewitt, Sebe-ka and Staples-Motley schools. Entrants wrote, and then recorded for judging, a three - five minute essay on the theme "What are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?" All entrants remained anonymous to the judges and the audio-essays were judged on theme interpretation and development as well as on oral delivery. First, second and third place prizes were awarded at each school; with the first, second and third places prizes of \$150, \$125 and \$100 respectively, along with an award certificate for each winner. (Submitted photo)



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Upcoming wrestling season

By Garrett Bjerga

Since the fall sports came to a close winter sports are beginning, especially wrestling. Last season the cardinal wrestling team lost in the section semifinals to Long Prairie and didn't make it to state as a team. The team did send three individuals to state and ended up with a third and second place. This year's team is basically the same team just with one lost senior. The team has grown and improved over the summer and everyone will be better than last year. Our section's team competition is a little weaker with section champs Royalton graduating five of their top wrestlers and Long Prairie was moved to a different section. Our best competition will be against Holdingford who has a tough team with many state entrants last year and most likely more this year. Our wrestlers are also hoping to make it to state individually and some even setting goals higher and hoping to place or win state this year. It will be fun to see what happens over the season and hopefully we will have tons of success.

Where I'm from

By Kyanna Burton

I am from scary movies, from Netflix, and shocked faces. I am from a wide house, cold, windy, with too many doors. I am from the weedy swamp, and the thorny rose. I am from family Halloween parties and unique costumes, from Mommy, from Daddy and Tootie. I am from the late night exploring and bingeing horror movies. From the boogie man and Bloody Mary. I am from Minnesota, dirt cake, Halloween candy. From my grandma's ghost stories where she sees goblins, and the man in the closet. I am from the old shed where the old memories stay.

Why you should join basketball

By Clara Maros

When you walk into the gym it's a lovely sound of hearing basketballs on the court and going through hoops. You should consider joining basketball because you get great exercise when you run up and down the court. If you love and crave physical activity this is the sport for you. You should join basketball because you could make a ton of new friends while you play on the court and beside it. Basketball can help you in other ways too, basketball helps with your teamwork and leadership skills. If you don't end up liking it at least you know you tried it. Join basketball. Hope to see you on the court! Join Staples-Motley basketball.

Artwork by 5th - 12th graders in Ms. Kniesl and Mrs. Decker's art classes



Jocelyn Vogt



Riley Reese



Summer Anderson



Peyton Mikel



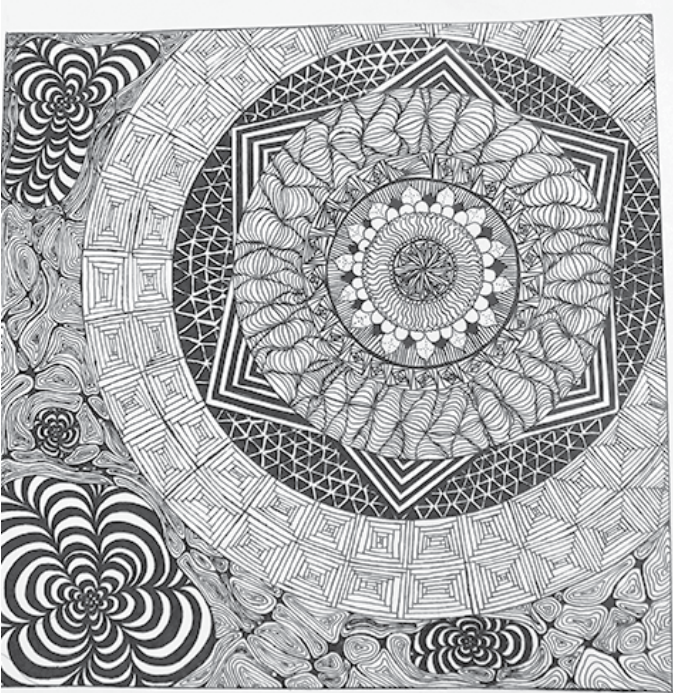
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Ethan Alexander



Katelyn Erickson



Lexi Opelia

Where I'm from

By Kaitlyn Maitland

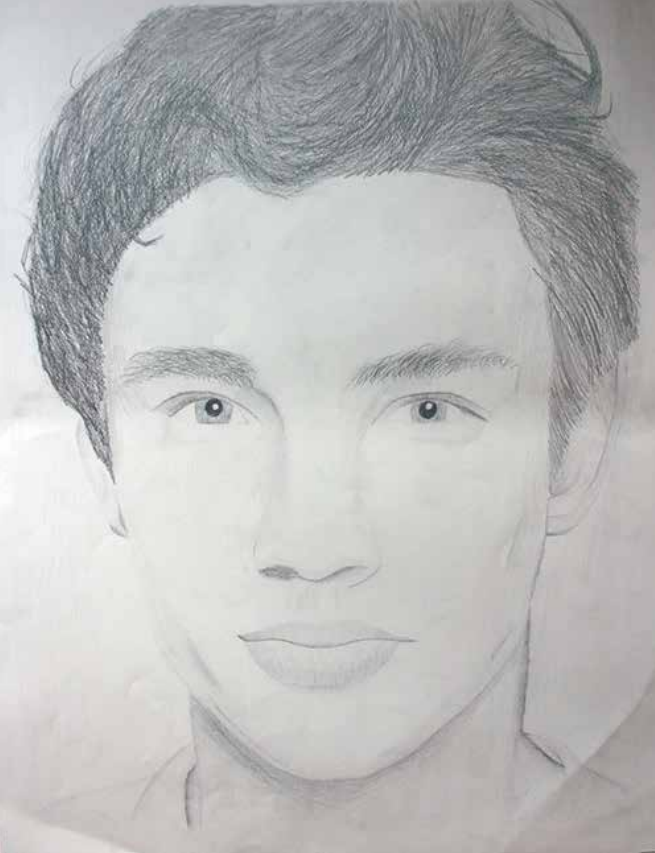
I am from Maybelline and hair brushes. I am from the dirt road. I am from the pasture and the green grass. I am from Christmas, and forgiving, from Nelly, from Trinity and Chris. I am from watching movies and golf. From the Easter Bunny and Tooth Fairy. I am from St. Cloud, banana bread. From Myles, older brother, And being cherished.

Where I'm from

By Arabella Moore I am from bathroom squabbles, from juice, and heavy blankets on a warm bed in a cold room. I am from the cabin-looking house in a hill in the middle of nowhere. I am from the tall trees, and the changing of leaves. I am from birthday celebrations, and warm brown eyes, from brothers, from David and Samantha. I am from the family brunches and movie nights on the deck. From I love you's and apologies. I am from white sands, from home cooked meals and family dinners after long days. From the scooter chase and a broken arm because of a slide, and the road rash because of a bike race. I am from my parents' door frame and bittersweet past memories.

Where I'm from

By Zachary McIlravy I am from moonbeams, from Starbucks, and steam. I am from the house in the woods. I am from the trees surrounding my house, and the bugs swarming about. I am from family Christmas parties, and IVF, from Shela, from Curt and Alex. I am from the times we ate together and loved each other. From Gertrude and "use your manners in the house". I am from Motley, spaghetti, and meatloaf. I am from countless scrapbooks that keep memories alive.



Israel Ritter

Poems written by high school students in Miss Simek's "My Life" writing class

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Veterans honored at Lakewood’s Care Center

A Veterans Day Program was held at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples Nov. 9, with members of the Motley American Legion providing the Color Guard. Resident veterans each received certificates, and each military branch was acknowledged during the playing of the Armed Forces Medley. Veterans pictured above at the table, clockwise from left, are Marion Beller, U.S. Army; Ronald Anderson, U.S. Air Force; George Newton, U.S. Airtrooper; and U.S. Army veteran Ed Spilman, assisted by Melinda Fox, Activities Coordinator at the care center. Right, Veteran Anderson (escorted by care center employee Susan Horstmann) salutes Alan Marshall, Commander of the Motley American Legion, and U.S. Air Force veteran who was guest speaker at the program. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Family celebrates Veterans Day

United States Army Veteran Bruce Schommer (right) was recognized during the Veterans Day Program held at the Lakewood Health Center Care Center in Staples Nov. 9. He’s pictured with family members after the program, at which time dessert was served. From left are his grandson Olson Sparby, son-in-law Keith Sparby, wife, Sherry Schommer holding grandson Maverick Sparby; and son-in-law Jeff Kloss, also an Army Veteran. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Stopping by to visit a fellow veteran

Members of the Motley American Legion stopped by the room of Clyde Japke, following their Veterans Day Program at the Lakewood Health System Care Center Nov. 9. Japke, a veteran of the U.S. Marines, is receiving treatment at the care center following a deer hunting-related accident. Pictured with Japke are, from left, American Legion members Frank Mudgett, Alan Marshall and Kevin Parrish. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Squirrels a nuisance to lights display

Steve Benson, Curt Wilson, Marv Rothstein, Don Flaten, Tom Honek, Dennis Miller, Chad Miller, Rick Adamietz, Mayor Ron Murray, Rayma Miller, Mary Kobliska, Diane Danculovich; and Kerry, Becky and Megan Lindgren. “We’ve had some real heroes,” he said. They’re also grateful to the City of Staples, which invested more than \$10,000 in electrical infrastructure at the park. There’ve been some hiccups along the way, including the discovery that squirrels had damaged many of their lights. However, they were able to salvage about 90 percent of them, and they should be good to go by the time the drive-thru officially opens. Pine Grove Park is located on Pine Grove Road, or one mile south of Staples on Highway 210.



Lions on the move

Staples Host Lions Don Flaten (left) and Tom Honek were at work at Pine Grove Park in Staples Nov. 16, helping hang lights and set up decorations for the upcoming “North Pole Light Display” drive through event. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Decorating the Pine Grove pavilion

Area service groups are working to have the pavilion at Pine Grove Park in Staples decorated for the “North Pole Light Display” drive-through which officially opens Dec. 1. Pictured, from left, are Diane Danculovich, with the Staples ’93 Lions; and Chad Miller, with the Staples Host Lions. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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