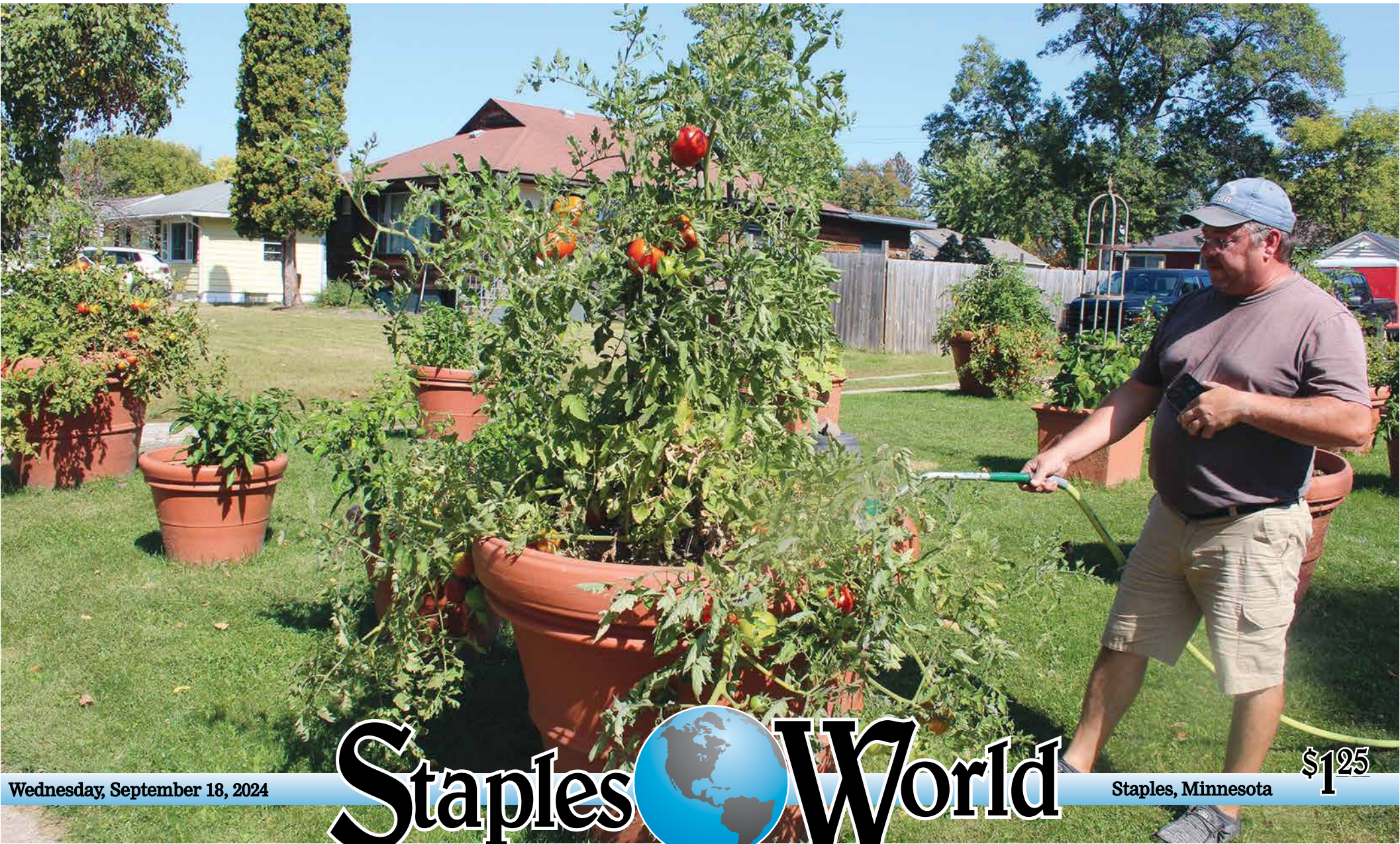


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Lincoln Ladies Aid maintains church since 1920
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Wednesday, September 18, 2024 Staples, Minnesota \$1.25

Fifth Street farmer Rob Brown maintains a number of large planters at his home on 5th St. NE in Staples, in which he grows a variety of vegetables, including beef steak tomatoes. He shares a lot of his produce with his daughter Abigail Brown, co-owner of The Witches Brew in Staples, which are used in some menu items. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

ConnectEffect is designed to build community

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A Hollywood producer/director is bringing an event to Staples to help foster conversations in the community. Riaz Patel will host ConnectEffect with three sessions in Staples and three in Brainerd. The Staples sessions are on Monday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at Sourcewell and Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 12 p.m. at Central Lakes College and again at 6 p.m. at Sourcewell.

“When we were developing ConnectEffect over seven years, the goal was always the same: how could we make connection as effortless, enjoyable and entertaining as possible,” said Patel. “It’s why 99 percent of attendees would recommend ConnectEffect to others.”

Patel said there should be no trepidation about attend-

ing, the event is designed to provide comfort and satisfaction.

“From the moment you arrive at the door, everything is seamlessly guided,” said Patel. “There’s nothing to stress or overthink - we handle everything. It’s as if all the awkwardness and exertion of initial ‘social interactions’ are outsourced to us.”

Kim Pilgrim, CLC META 5 Director, attended a ConnectEffect event at CLC in Brainerd in January, and came away with high praise. “It is a transformative experience,” said Pilgrim, “I highly recommend attending this event.”

As a producer, director, or development executive in Hollywood, Riaz’s projects have been nominated for all major awards: Emmy, Oscar, Golden Globe, Tony and NAACP Image Award.

With a background in

Psychology, Riaz’s projects create ‘perspective-shifting,’ transformative experiences and have been filmed in twenty-one countries and distributed worldwide by companies such as Discovery, AMC, A&E, NBC/Universal, Netflix, MTV, Hulu and others. He is represented by CAA - the largest entertainment agency in the world - and recent collaborators include Margot Robbie, Charlize Theron, Priyanka Chopra, Travis Scott and Halle Berry. Riaz recently received a special commendation from the City of Los Angeles for his transformative work .

After learning about Staples Motley Beyond Poverty’s SOS forum last year that talked about isolation and anxiety in the modern world, Patel said. “That is really the origin point of ConnectEffect. Even when there are spaces and times for people to meet, they are anxious and uncertain about approaching others. That’s why everything is guided - we do the heavy lifting of connecting while teaching them how to do it themselves.”

To register for this event, go to www.connecteffect-brainerd.net. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space permits.

ConnectEffect in Staples

Central Lakes College announced the return of ConnectEffect, an innovative and interactive experience designed to bridge social gaps and foster meaningful connections within the community.

Sessions are hosted by two-time Emmy-nominated television director/producer Riaz Patel.

Event Schedule

Monday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m. at Sourcewell
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 12 p.m. at CLC
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6 p.m. at Sourcewell

Register at www.connect-effectbrainerd.net. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space permits.



Dry beans get too wet

This wet summer was not optimal for dry beans in the area. At the CLC Field Day on Aug. 30, Jose Figueroa of North Dakota State University, above, said the dry bean breeding program ran into white mold and blight conditions. They planted the beans right before a heavy rain and weren’t sure if they would even germinate. Further heavy rains led to increased root

rot. He said the Staples area has become known for growing kidney beans, while the North Dakota soils do better with pinto and black beans. NDSU also has bean plots in southern Minnesota and in New Zealand, where there are no natural diseases for beans. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



R5DC receives \$2.5 million for clean energy

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) has been awarded \$2.5M in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), through the Local Government Energy Program’s Communities Sparking Investment in Transformative Energy (C-SITE) funding opportunity. The funds will provide inclusive clean energy financing to four projects in rural central Minnesota, including a school solar project and a tribal electric vehicle project and fill a financing gap for rural communities through lending options for the private sector.

“We’re excited about the ability this award gives us to regrant funds to communities that have worked through energy and environment plans with us and to offer lending to private sector companies to implement clean energy projects,” stated R5DC Executive Director Cheryal Hills. “This will transform rural clean energy financing in our region, providing customized capital solutions and technical assistance to empower communities, schools and businesses in their journey toward a sustainable, resilient future.”

Subrecipient organization See **ENERGY** on page 3a

Weather

2024

This Week’s Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 17	82	64	Cloudy
Sept. 18	81	58	Rain
Sept. 19	78	55	P. Sunny
Sept. 20	76	57	Showers
Sept. 21	70	56	Showers
Sept. 22	70	55	Showers
Sept. 23	71	53	Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 17	70°	45	Sunny
Sept. 18	76	49	M. Sunny
Sept. 19	84	55	M. Sunny
Sept. 20	78	52	Sunny
Sept. 21	77	58	M. Sunny
Sept. 22	70	56	Cloudy
Sept. 23	66	58	Showers

Average Temps:

H = 66° Low = 46°

A wet week ahead

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WCCO’s Staples area

Weatherwatcher

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Lincoln church, built in 1912, still going strong



Sharing gospel music

Cookie Opitz (left) and Maryjean Opitz, cousins from Little Falls, provided music at the annual service at the Lincoln Community Church in Cushing Sept. 10. In addition to leading the congregation in singing hymns, the duo sang some special numbers including, “Little Brown Church in the Vale.”

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At least once a year, you just might hear the sound of voices singing an old hymn or two at the Lincoln Community Church in Cushing. Built in 1912 by the men of the Lincoln community, the stately white church, complete with a steeple and bell tower, still stands today, nestled among a forest of mature trees. Although the men built the structure, the Lincoln Ladies Aid, organized in 1920, retired the mortgage

on the church and have maintained the beautiful building for over a century. Once a year, the ladies host an annual church service on the second Tuesday in September. They invite a guest pastor and musicians, and the pews are filled with people who join in the singing of hymns and listen to a sermon, just as the congregations did years ago. According to the church history books, services there were conducted by ministers of various denominations from 1912 - 1968. In 1992, the Lincoln Ladies Aid

repaired and redecorated the church and it was reinstated as an active church. It continues to be available for church services, weddings, anniversaries and other community events. Following the service this past Sept. 10, the Lincoln Ladies Aid offered refreshments in the fellowship hall, which was added to the existing structure in 1948. A number of archive photos and memorabilia were on display, which sparked conversations and memories. Judy Bentler, a third-generation member of the Lincoln Ladies Aid, said the church brings back many good memories for her. She recalled that her grandparents, Joseph and Verna Dubbels, attended there when it was a Lutheran Church. Her grandma played the piano for Sunday services (the same piano in the sanctuary today), and Judy shared how she looked forward to attending Bible school at the little country church every summer. Judy went on to share that her mother, Robertta, lived for 17 years in a nursing home due to Multiple Sclerosis. Every week, for 17 years, her friends in the Lincoln Ladies Aid sent her a bouquet of flowers. They’re a special group, Judy says, and one she is honored to be a part of. They meet once or twice a month, Bentler said of the Ladies Aid. In addition to holding their September service, one of their annual projects includes putting together Christmas boxes each December for people in the community. They also hold bake sales and other projects, with their proceeds going to help victims of fires, or families in need, as well as toward church maintenance. Recently, the Ladies Aid had to clean up the church after it was vandalized. At least two of the original windows had to be replaced, having been broken into with a rock. The ladies plan to put in security cameras to ensure this doesn’t happen again. The Lincoln Ladies Aid hopes the little white church in Cushing will continue to be a beacon of light in the community for decades to come. Be sure to mark your calendar for next year’s service...the second Tuesday in September.



The Lincoln Ladies Aid

Members of the Lincoln Ladies Aid, all of whom live in the Lincoln and Motley areas, are pictured following a service at the Lincoln Community Church Sept. 10. Pictured front row from left: Helen Bartle, Terri Sanoski, Judy Bentler, Gloria Stone, Jane Boedigheimer, Dawn Bell, Judy Belamy. Back row: Geri Weigle, Judy Thorsett, Cindy Zetah, Vonnie Willoughby. The Lincoln Ladies Aid has maintained the church since around 1920. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Longtime member

Helen Bartle, now in her 90s, has been a member of the Lincoln Ladies Aid Society for several years. The oldest member of the volunteer organization, Bartle helped welcome visitors to the annual service at the Lincoln Community Church Sept. 10.



Pastor Reigstad speaks about compassion

“Compassion” was the theme of the annual service held at Lincoln Community Church Sept. 10. Pastor Donald Reigstad, from the Lincoln Evangelical Free Church, was the guest speaker that day. He noted the Greek word for compassion

is ‘splanchnizomai’, which means to be moved so deeply by something that you feel it in the pit of your stomach. He went on to mention the compassion of Jesus... that he sees us for who we are and loves us.

Hendrickson receives cross-endorsement from the Independence Alliance Party of Minnesota



Hello neighbors, I’m Gregg Hendrickson, candidate for Minnesota House 5B. I’m a US Army Veteran, have a business degree with decades in business. I chose to run for this office because I feel strongly that every Minnesotan should not just be getting by, but also given the hope of getting ahead. I don’t feel that our representation from our area ascribes to the same vision for the future. His record is primarily centered upon voting “no” on measures that could help all of us in a rural setting in Minnesota, like free lunches for our children, the child tax credit, the farm bill and many others. Frankly, voting against the economic benefits of your district is stupid no matter what your ideology is. This is not the future I see Minnesotans embracing nor supporting. We are Minnesotans; we can do better!

I’m grateful for the cross-endorsement by the Independence Alliance Party of Minnesota (The party of Jesse Ventura) along with the Minnesota Democratic/Farmer/Labor Party. My beliefs fit both parties. As a resident of this district, I will work tirelessly to help every segment of our area to improve the lives and the hopes for all of us living here regardless of heritage, occupation, gender, age, social or economic status. When we work together as friends and neighbors, we can achieve great things that will improve all our futures. Thank you to the Independence Alliance of Minnesota for the endorsement of my campaign for House 5B.

Thank you!

Gregg Hendrickson, Candidate for MN House 5B

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Time for treats and visiting

Following the service at the Lincoln Community Church Sept. 10, those in attendance were invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments, served by the Lin-

coln Ladies Aid. In addition to the wide variety of treats offered, people enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors.

Motley area law enforcement

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) included the following: Sept. 9 - Motley Police received a complaint from BRICKS Travel Plaza in Motley, regarding an ex-employee trespassing on their property. Sept. 10 - The MCSO received a report of burglary at the 1200 block of 330th St., Motley. Sept. 6 - Morrison County deputies arrested Ashley Marie Vogel, 37, for driving after revocation. Sept. 6 - Morrison County deputies responded to a domestic complaint at the 200 block of Mill Pond St., Motley.

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Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police:

Aug. 26, Staples Police were advised of threats made on them. Police are aware that it's a reoccurring incident with the individuals.

Aug. 27, at 12:15 a.m., Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. on a traffic stop on Hwy 10, with detaining individuals involved, and having the vehicle towed. Arrested were Tuesday Weekley, 38, James Hatter, 45 and Curtis Phipps, 47.

Aug. 27, at 3 a.m., Staples Police responded to a report of a missing person on the 800 block of 4th St. NE. Upon arrival, police were advised that an intoxicated subject had left on foot, three or four hours ago and it was unknown where the subject had gone. Police located the subject, who was highly intoxicated and passed out. The subject was transported to the Lakewood Health System (LHS) by ambulance.

Aug. 27, Staples Police responded to Ernie's for a report of an assault. Police cited Roland Dorr, 48, for 5th degree assault.

Aug. 27, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle that had been hit and the violator left the scene without leaving information. Police are investigating.

Aug. 28, at 12:44 a.m., Staples Police attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle on Warner Rd NE, when the vehicle fled the police. The vehicle came to a stop at the intersection of Warner Rd NE and Hwy 64 near Motley. The juvenile driver was arrested for fleeing the police in a motor vehicle and other traffic offenses. The juvenile was transported to the Todd County Detention Center, to be held for court and the vehicle was towed from the scene. No injuries occurred or property damage occurred during the pursuit.

Aug. 28, Staples Police responded to a two vehicle accident on the 100 block of 4th St. NE. Gregory Stewart of Pondsford crossed the lane and struck a car driven by Ella Fisher of Foley. There was substantial damage to both vehicles.

Aug. 28, Staples Police responded to a criminal sexual conduct report at the Lakewood Hospital. Police are currently investigating the case.

Aug. 29, at 1:22 a.m., Staples Police responded to the LHS for a unwanted subject. LHS wanted the subject to remove his bus and animals from the parking lot. Subject complied and left the area.

Aug. 31, Staples Police received a report of a restraining order violation. After investigation, police arrested Stephan Nelson, 34, of Staples, for violating an HRO.

Aug. 31, at 3:01 a.m., Staples Police were requested to respond to assist the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with locating a criminal sexual conduct suspect at a residence west of the city limits of Staples. Police stood by during the arrest of the suspect, who was located at the residence.

Sept. 1, Staples Police were dispatched for a complaint who reported that an unknown male walked by his residence and threatened to stab him.

Sept. 4, Staples Police were dispatched to the Staples Elementary School for a report of an unknown male pulling a wagon, trying to hand out pies. The male was located south on 4th St. NE, who said he was trying to hand out Burger King

pies. Male stated the school advised him that he could not hand out food. Male cooperated with the officer and was walking home.

Sept. 5, Staples Police conducted a welfare check on a party who made suicidal comments. The party declined assistance or being suicidal.

Sept. 5, Staples Police found that the Love Motel has had no staff member present for over two weeks. State fire marshal will inspect and further follow-up on violations will be pending.

Sept. 6, Staples Police received a report from train station workers that a possible homeless person was sleeping in the train station. Police checked on the male party and he advised he would be leaving and did not want any assistance. Train workers just wanted the person checked on.

Sept. 7, Staples Police along with Wadena County Sheriffs Deputy responded to a suicidal subject at the 1000 block of Pleasant Ave. NE. Subject had cut wrist and was transported by family to the hospital for evaluation. Officers stood by while subject retrieved personal items from the residence.

Sept. 7, Staples Police were dispatched to Warner Rd. in Staples for a driver of a pickup truck driving recklessly on the south side of town. Reporting party followed the vehicle and got plate information. The juvenile driver flipped off the reporting party. Police contacted the juvenile's parents and advised them of the situation.

Sept. 7, Staples Police were requested to assist a homeless person at the train station. The person wanted a ride to Wadena but could not provide a location to be dropped off at. Wadena County Sheriffs office assisted the person.

Sept. 7, Staples Police were dispatched to the train depot to meet with a complainant who was looking for a place to stay for the night. Arrangements were later made for a hotel stay in Long Prairie. The complainant was later picked up by a friend and brought to Long Prairie. Todd County Human Services advised follow up would be made with the complainant.

Sept. 7, Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. in rural Staples with a 20 year old female who was being combative and needed to go to the ER.

Sept. 7, Staples Police were called to the alley behind 2nd Ave. NE to take a report of two teenagers who removed a manhole cover and left it wide open. Police moved the manhole cover back in place and observed traffic cones on each side of the manhole, as it is a hazard and in need of repair.

Sept. 7, Staples Police received a call for a child abuse/neglect. Police were advised the parent was not with the child and the child was possibly doing drugs. Police located the parent they were with the child. Child is on probation and a report will be sent.

Sept. 8, Staples Police were dispatched to Ray's Smoke Shop to take a report of a theft. Complainant stated a person picked up two hats from the rack, put one on his head and put the other back. While speaking with the complainant, the reported male walked into the business and stated he accidentally walked out with the hat.

75 Years Ago - 1949

• Sept. 22, 1949 - Thievery, robbery and pilfering have been holding the "spotlight" in Staples for the past week or more when two places were entered and a third place suffered the loss of clothing from a family wash line.

The first thievery reported was on the evening of Sept. 12, out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hunsinger when about \$25 worth of clothing was stolen from the clothes line during the night.

Wednesday night, thieves broke into the Staples high school, gaining entrance through the woodwork shop

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window, using prying tools to gain their entrance.

Evidently the culprits knew the "lay" of the school house, as they went directly to the office of Superintendent P. M. Atwood.

They removed the glass from the office door, and then used their tools to break and pry off the combination of the safe. After gaining entrance they stole about \$400 in cash. The thievery happened sometime between midnight and daylight.

The third robbery occurred at the home of Mrs. Charles Clabots when about \$60 in cash was taken from the dresser in her bedroom. Mrs. Clabots was away from home about an hour, and upon returning discovered her loss. The thieves just entered the house. Her pocket book had been ransacked, but otherwise there was nothing done to her home.

Staples police have been called in on all of three robberies and they have stated that the work is apparently that of novices at the art of thievery.

• Sept. 22, 1949 - Mrs. Harry Erbe of Staples was one of the winners on the Grand Slam program, originating from New York, on the program Thursday morning, Sept. 22.

No definite information is available, with the excep-

tion that she won a wrist watch and an electric blanket.

• Sept. 22, 1949 - Headline: Arthur Berg escapes possible death as tractor turns over: Calls for help heard by Wredes who rush to his assistance.

The story goes on to note that Berg was a prominent farmer living in Villard township just north and east of Staples. He'd been at the Melvin Haugen farm assisting with the bailing of hay. While enroute for home, he passed a potato field and waved at Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wrede, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wrede, and Fred and Christine Wrede who were picking potatoes in the field.

About a half hour later these six people heard cries for help coming from "up the road." They went to investigate and found Mr. Berg pinned under his overturned tractor. They immediately lifted the tractor from him, and Mr. Berg was brought to the Staples Municipal hospital, where his attending physician discovered a broken left wrist, a serious hip injury and other body bruises.

50 Years Ago - 1974

• Sept. 19, 1974 - A record turnout of 54 golfers competed in the annual Father-Son golf tournament held at the Terrace Golf Course in Staples.

Upsetting the defending champs, Dick and Kurt Wilson, were Todd and Lloyd Palmer, who carded an even par 144, with handicap, for the 18-hole tourney.

Runner-up honors went to Steve and Jim Randgaard who were three over par for the day. Third place went to Mark and Mike Matanich, while Tom and Russ Dahl tied for fourth, with Tyike and Don Kennedy.

• Sept. 19, 1974 - With the laying of the steps and a portion of the sidewalk completed, there was a possibility that the Staples Community Center would open to the public this week.

The center, which was made possible by a Federal grant and a bond vote by the voters of the City of Staples, will have facilities for a swimming pool, a community room, senior citizen's room, rooms for



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1987. Do you know who this person is 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.

state services, such as social security, etc., a youth room, Head Start room and other facilities.

Eric Lloyd, director, has moved his office to the center and the phone number is 894-2553.

• Sept. 19, 1974 - The Pioneer Girls program in Staples will get underway Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 3:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church.

The guides this year include Stella Anderson, Rose Mary Blessing, Patricia Brandt, Cheryl Capp, Mandi Crews, LaVonne Cunningham, Judy Droubie, Rose Edin, Helen Garland, Carol Heldman, Mary Jacobs, Judy Jenkins, Donna Miller, Joyce Moffet, Shirley Snyder, Judy Tollefson and Joey Walthall.

25 Years Ago - 1999

• Sept. 23, 1999 - The Staples Motley area Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club has reestablished their Yard of the Month distinction. This month's winners are Fred and Karen Huebner, who live near Staples, just off County Road 7.

• Sept. 23, 1999 - Guy R. Doud, who grew up in Staples, was the featured speaker on the nationally syndicated radio program "Focus on the Family" on Sept. 21 and 22. Doud is pastor of the New Hope Community Church in Nisswa.

Doud's message "With Love to Hurting Teens" will be divided in half and broadcast over two days. Dr. James Dobson, President of Focus on the Family, and his radio co-host, Mike Trout, will introduce Doud's speech and make closing comments each day.

In 1986, Doud was chosen from more than two and one half million teachers as the National Teacher of the Year for the United

States. A speech of his entitled "Molder of Dreams" was aired on Focus on the Family in 1989 and became the most popular broadcast in the nearly 20 year history of that organization.

• Sept. 23, 1999 - Although interest was apparently high, not a single bidder materialized for the auction of the tax forfeit property that includes the Cardinal Cafe in Staples.

"Col." Stan Sumey, more commonly known as Commissioner, was set to auction off the property Friday, with Todd County officials hoping for several bidders.

When the appointed hour of 10:30 a.m. rolled around, not a single written bid was on the table.

Sumey and County Attorney Gaylord Saetre had planned an arrangement where written bids were first submitted, with a \$5,000 check as a deposit check for the successful bidder.

• Sept. 23, 1999 - A beginner yoga session, taught by Rick Weber, will be held twice a week at Lakewood Health System in Staples Oct. 6 - 21.

Yoga is stretching, strengthening, balance, stress reduction, developing flexibility, improving posture and coordination. Yoga is exercise, not a religion.

10 Years Ago - 2014

• Sept. 18, 2014 - Staples Motley Homecoming candidates for 2014 are Emily Ladd, Breeze Bestland, Nikki Edin, Grace Wolhowe and Kaitlyn Spar, queen candidates; and Brady Becker, Joe Hess, Tyler Winkels, Jacob Swensrud and Colton Paskewitz, king candidates. The Homecoming Coronation will be held Sunday Sept. 21, at 7 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium.

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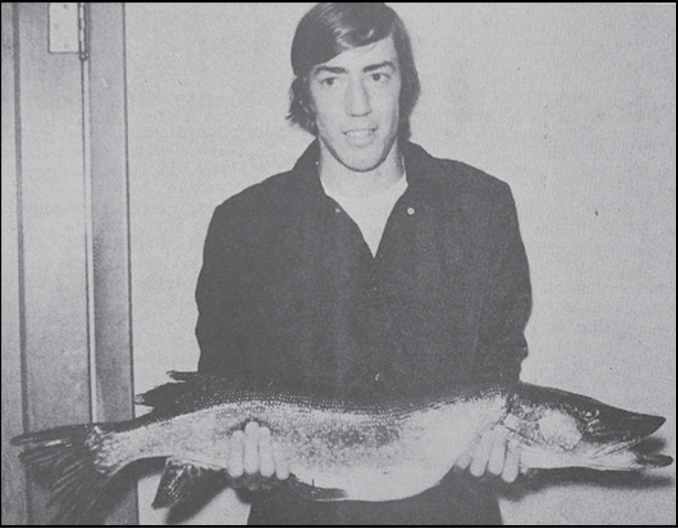
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City of Motley included in clean energy grant recipients

tions include Little Falls Schools, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Division of Resource Management, City of Motley and Sebekka Public Schools.

C-SITE is a new annual program from DOE's Office of State and Community Energy programs aimed at supporting tribal and local governments representing

small to medium-sized jurisdictions, energy communities and disadvantaged communities to implement clean energy projects that spark investments and community benefits. Learn more about the other DOE selectees here: <https://www.energy.gov/scep/local-government-energy-program>.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Sept. 5, 1974 edition of the Staples World featured Dick Bremer, pictured with a northern he caught in the Crow Wing River Aug. 28. The fish tipped the scales at 13 pounds and was 34 inches long. He caught it with the use of a red and white daredevil. Tom Sycks was his fishing partner. "The largest fish I ever caught," Bremer had shared with The World.

Mike Koppes of Staples recognized Dick Bremer, and noted that he graduated from Staples High School in 1974, and recalled that Bremer's dad was a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples at that time. Koppes is also a SHS alum, graduating in 1971. Ken Klose of Staples thought Bremer was Fran Sauer. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.



Digging for Potatoes at CLC Field Day on Aug. 30. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

A search for Minnesota grouse often leads to woodcock

If you hunt ruffed grouse, and find yourself in wooded cover near swamp, marsh, or seasonally wet meadow—low wooded ground, in other words—you will sooner or later encounter woodcock. The two birds' favored habitats often overlap, though their lifestyles differ greatly. Both are upland game birds. But unlike the year-round resident grouse, the woodcock is migratory. Woodcock become legal game on September 21, and can be hunted until November 4, by which time many may have left the state on their trek southward to wintering grounds. The more lengthy ruffed grouse season began September 14, and runs until January 1.

While they are frequently woodland neighbors, ruffed grouse and woodcock could hardly be more dissimilar. The chicken-like grouse does not in any way resemble the much smaller, snipe-like woodcock, whose family tree is that of the shorebirds. Their lifestyles differ as night differs from day. Literally. Woodcock are most active at night, and in the low-level light of dawn and dusk. This may be why they have disproportionately large eyes, which in principle are like a magnum-sized camera lens that a photographer might use to record an image in limited available light.

Not that a woodcock is lacking in vision or escape ability even in broad day-

light, as any experienced woodcock hunter who has often missed them knows. Grouse, on the other hand, are strictly daytime creatures. While a woodcock is actively probing soft ground for earthworms after dark with its long, pointed and jointed bill, a grouse will likely be hidden away roosting in a tree, awaiting daylight's return to go about its business feeding on berries, seeds, catkins, and soft green vegetation.

Grouse and woodcock differ significantly on the table, too. The flesh of a grouse's breast is white, something it has in common with domestic chickens or turkeys. This is because a grouse walks a lot and flies comparatively little, and its breast muscles—flight muscles—do not need the high-level blood enrichment for oxygen delivery that migratory birds need for long flights. The grouse is capable of explosive flight, one of its appeals to hunters. But its flights are typically not long, and only occasionally must a grouse take to the air.

A woodcock, on the other hand, may migrate 1,000 miles or more between where it is born and where it will spend the winter months. These migratory distances require long periods of sustained flight, and woodcock have a circulatory system that is highly efficient at delivering oxygen-rich blood to their breast muscles. Consequently, its breast meat appears dark red, much like its fellow migrants, the ducks.

As implied above, among the great differences between these two birds is their diet. This in turn can affect their appeal on the table. The familiar expression "you are what you eat" is as true of wildlife as it is

of humans. It's why a wood duck that has been eating acorns and aquatic tubers may taste milder or "better" than a merganser that has been eating snails and minnows—with apologies to lovers of escargot, or anchovies! Or, why a grouse that has been eating dogwood berries, clover, and fallen apples from an abandoned orchard might be more palatable to some than a woodcock that has been eating earthworms, grubs, and insects.

While most hunters of upland birds are likely to agree that the ruffed grouse is a delicacy on the table, woodcock tend to polarize those who dine on wild game. Some are fans, but others not so much. The woodcock's flavor is sometimes compared to liver, a domestic meat that also tends to divide us into opposing camps! My grandmother lived in our home for several years when I was young, and from time to time would prepare the simple dish of liver and onions. At such times it was unnecessary to ask what was on the stove, for the aroma would permeate most corners of the house, and perhaps also the adjacent neighborhood. My longtime hunting buddy is also a liver lover, which I am not, and we reached an understanding early that it would not be on hunting camp menus.

This comparison may be unfair to the woodcock. If one enjoys eating duck, they will probably find woodcock palatable, especially if they search out a recipe that contributes robust flavors to those of the bird, with ingredients like herbs, seasonings, wine, or gourmet vinegars. If this sounds like "damning with faint praise," it's an attempt to deal with the reality that we don't all

have the same tastes.

One of the special attractions of dining on wild game—whether mammal or bird—is their distinct flavors. More and more these days, chefs that are entrenched in the outdoor life, and even in the culinary mainstream, are creating and sharing recipes for just about any wild game you can imagine. So there is little excuse for letting a woodcock you've shot while hunting grouse go to waste, or needlessly disappoint you when you eat it!

Europeans have a long history of hunting woodcock, and their variety is considerably larger than ours. They have some traditional ways of preparing woodcock, one of which—as follows—might make even the most adventurous wild game epicure roll their eyes a bit.

The bird is plucked, roasted whole with insides and head intact. When done, the woodcock's innards are scooped out with a spoon, and—except for the gizzard—mashed up with crumbled bacon and red wine, and the jelly-like results spread on toast, topped with the roasted bird itself. The recipe's author assures us that a woodcock empties its digestive system when it is flushed and takes flight—something I have seen—so that no digestive products remain inside to offend the squeamish.

Personally, I'm not especially eager to test that theory, and will stick to American recipes!

Anyone wanting to learn more about our woodcock would do well to get their hands on two out-of-print books, if they can. They are *The Book of the American Woodcock*, by William G. Sheldon, and *Making Game*, by Guy De La Valdene.

Quote of the week

“Superstition is foolish, childish, primitive, and irrational - but how much does it cost you to knock on wood?”
— Judith Viorst

Community unites after fire

By Deb Brown, Saveyour.town

Memorial Day weekend of 2024 a block long building in Alpine, Texas burned to the ground. In a small town, that's just horrible. There was a cooperative art gallery, bakery and cafe, hair salon, antique shop, and jewelry store located in the historic structure. As you can imagine, the store owners were in shock. Some said they had no insurance, including the building owner (who also had a shop.)

When I was speaking in Alpine this month (July 2024) I met the director of Alpine Historical Society. They set up a bank account for donations for the businesses and their employees right away.

They said "The initial focus of this fund will be to assist the affected businesses in relocating and reestablishing operations quickly in nearby facilities and restore income for those affected. Funds will be directed to those businesses that secure new locations, ensuring they can resume serving our community without undue delay."

And they created a mural. Alpine Historical Society is acting in an Idea Friendly Way. Gathering their crowd around getting the businesses back to work. Building Connections by reaching out to everyone. And Taking Small Steps with a place for donations and building a mural.

You can stand around forever, wring your hands and say poor me. Or you can decide to get into action, be Idea Friendly, and do something. Take small steps.



Wenzel with House Speaker

Steve Wenzel, Political Science instructor at Central Lakes College, was an invited guest of U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-Louisiana, at a recent Roundtable Issues Discussion in Golden Valley. The attendees asked questions of the Speaker and engaged in an open discussion about issues facing Congress and the nation.

Wenzel said those attending the discussion were able to ask questions to the Speaker on the state of the nation's economy, national security, taxes and spending by the President and Congress.

The U.S. House Speaker second in line of succession to the presidency after the Vice President. (Submitted photo)

Quote of the week

“Nobody can be exactly like me. Even I have trouble doing it.” — Tallulah Bankhead

Grant expands Veterans cemetery in Little Falls

Representative Michelle Fischbach and U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith announced a grant from the Veterans Cemetery Grants Program (VCGP) for the expansion of the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls. The cemetery serves more than 59,000 veterans and their eligible family members and the \$1,368,100 grant will fund 1,080 columbarium vaults, update landscaping, and improve irrigation.

"This grant is going to mean so much to the thousands of veterans and their families who are laid to rest or paying respects to loved ones in Little Falls," said Rep. Fischbach. "We can never thank our veterans enough, but this is one small way to show our gratitude for the sacrifices so many have made for this nation."

"It's on all of us to remember fallen service members

and to honor their memories," said Sen. Klobuchar. "This federal grant will go towards upgrading the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls so families can continue to have a peaceful and dignified place to pay their respects."

"The servicemembers who make such enormous sacrifices for our country deserve our utmost respect," said Sen. Smith. "This grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs will make much-needed improvements to the final resting place for thousands of veterans from our state so they can rest with the honor they deserve."

Background: Part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the VCGP has provided more than \$1 billion to establish, expand, improve, and maintain 122 state, territorial and tribal Veterans cemeteries since its inception in 1978.

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Staples Farmers Market in full swing

Vendors at the Staples Farmer’s Market had a variety of items for sale Sept. 12, including vegetables, flowers, honey, baked and canned goods, and candles. Pictured above, Deborah Schreiner (right) purchases some carrots from Russell Kleinschmidt of Kleinschmidt Farms in Staples. Below, a customer stops by to check out the produce of Stone Hill

Farms, owned and operated by Nathan and Nikki Deyle of Browerville. The Farmer’s Market is held Thursdays from 2:30 - 5 p.m., at the parking lot of Lakewood Health System’s main campus in Staples. It is expected to be open for a few more weeks. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Mark Your Calendar

September 19

‘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>

September 20

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.

September 21

GOSPEL CONCERT Saturday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m., at Thomastown Covenant Church, 15940 251st Ave., rural Staples. Featuring acclaimed vocalist Amanda Ellison. Free will offering. Refreshments/fellowship to follow.

September 22

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

September 23

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

September 24

CARE MINISTRY FREE MEAL Tuesday, Sept. 24, 4:30 - 6 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. The free meals are held on a monthly basis to promote fellowship, connection and nourishment.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

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

‘GRIEF SHARE’ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church basement, through Dec. 17. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

Court report Sept. 11

Long Prairie Police Department

Joseling Marabi Castellon, Long Prairie. Drivers License-driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine. \$100. Fee \$85.

Jossi Imanol Ferreras, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Careless Driving. Fine \$100.

Anthony Alexander Foster-Berroa, St. Cloud. Careless Driving. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Dennis Lee Loven, Swanville. Operate motor vehicle after license suspension/revocation/cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Colin John Rosh, Alexandria. Wireless communication. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Darin Albert Schultz, Nicollet. Speed 40/30. Fee \$40. Fine \$85.

Jonathan, Jr. Ulloa, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fine \$85.

MN State Patrol

Kevin James Jacobs, Walker. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jessica Mary Collazo Lugo, Long Prairie. Speed 81/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. No proof of insurance. Fine \$200.

Ashton Moshe Dalton, Fairmount, ND. Speed 92/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. Hands free law. Fine \$50.

Carlos Daniel Duenas Galvan, Burnsville. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Charity Morisang Etpison, Little Falls. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Zachary Thomas Fehrman, Isanti. Hand free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Casey Rae Huro, Maple Lake. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Michael Jeffery Jagt, Fridley. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Steven Eltom Kazouh, Minneapolis. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Alexander Scott Keske, Coon Rapids. No proof MV Insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Julian Alexander Krinke, Hamel. Speed 96/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Timothy Robert Lambert, St. Cloud. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jamie Duane Leither, Kimball. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Paul Moise Limage, Sauk Centre. Speed 79/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Andjelo F. Luccean, Sauk Centre. Speed 79/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Terry Lee Nelson, Glenwood. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jose Francisco, Long Prairie. Speed 80/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. No MN drivers license. Fine \$100.

Gary Dean Prather, Clarissa. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

John Thomas Quick, Minneapolis. Speed 69/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Callie Amelia Schieicher, Alexandria. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

David John Schneiderhan, Alexandria. Speed 75/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kara Janel Sjol, Randall. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Michael Dean Solmonson, Alexandria. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Bradley Valerian Thelen, Long Prairie. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Kendall Marie Thomas, Burnsville. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Sarah Lynn Vadnais, Bismark, ND. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Cameron Brett Weaver, Touchet, WA. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Caden Allen Willows, West Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Noah Michel Wilson, Alexandria. Speed 96/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Connor Ryan Wood, Brandon. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Samal Zhussupova, Fargo, ND. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Joseph Grant Knosalla, Staples. Speed 55/30. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Staples Police Dept.

Brett Erick Nelson, Verndale. Vehicle registration-expired. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Randy Myrrel Trana, Staples. Taillights near lamps. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff’s Office

Brian Thomas Asfeld, Bertha. Speed 73/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Jordan Thomas Bartels, Alexandria. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kole Corey Deschaine, Eagle Bend. Driving without a valid license

for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Lisa Chere Ewertsen, Clarissa. Open Bottle law. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Nicholas Richard Lefler, Brownsville, TX. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County September 4, 2024.

Ian Daniel McMahon, Rio Rancho, NM. CRM Disorderly Conduct. Continued. Probation-Adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 1 yr.) Fine \$25. Fee totals \$25.

Toni Ann Kicher, Browerville. Intent to escape tax. Dismissed. Driving after suspension. Probation-Adult (unsupervised probation, 6 mo. Fine \$50. Fee \$125. Failure to register a motor vehicle. Dismissed. Expired license. Dismissed. No proof of insurance-driver(not owner). Dismissed.

Dairol Matos Ferreras, Long Prairie. Damage to property-1st degree-value reduced over \$1000. Continued for dismissal Probation-Adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo.) Fee totals \$1,000.

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Vehicles may only park on the even side of Streets and Avenues on even days of the calendar, and may only park on the odd side of Streets and Avenues on odd days of the calendar. This Ordinance is in effect from Oct. 1 to May 1 and from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m.

You must remember to park according to the calendar date as of midnight. Vehicles violating this Ordinance will be ticketed nightly, regardless of the weather. During snow removal periods, vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. This does not affect the downtown 2:00 a.m. - 6 a.m. zones.

FOR EXAMPLE: If you live at 450 7th Street NE and arrive home at 8:00 p.m. on Oct. 1, you must park your car on the even side of the Street or Avenue by midnight because that will be Oct. 2, an even day of the calendar.

For questions, call city hall or 800-794-5733.

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Pastor Zach Jones
Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples..... 218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship..... 10:05 a.m.

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

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

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

Trinity Lutheran
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class... 10:30 a.m.

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley..... 218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley..... 218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday..... 10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW
Vermda;e 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday 6:00 p.m

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service..... 10:00 a.m. (Dec - April)
Saturday 4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.

Wadena

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

Zanna Graves

Zanna Graves, 14, passed away August 28, 2024 at her home in Browerville.

Zanna Janore Graves was born September 14, 2009 to Jesse and Coral (Hall) Graves in St. Cloud. She attended Staples-Motley High School.

Zanna was a very artistic soul who expressed her creativity through her writing, drawing and painting or through the things she made while crocheting. She also enjoyed theater and acting in plays. She loved to bake and uniquely decorate her cakes. There couldn't be a day that went by without Zanna making someone laugh with her beautiful sense of humor. Children held a special place in Zanna's heart. She was a great babysitter, more than anything though, she was a super big sister, a thoughtful and helpful daughter, a loving granddaughter and a very special niece.

Zanna is survived by



her parents; three sisters, Lexa, Talia and Desdemona; grandparents, James (Jacqueline) Hall, Pam Dykstra and Nina Green; three aunts, Erin Nysse, Nicole Tatum and Amber Stokstad and one uncle, Hans Stokstad. She also left behind many other aunts, uncles and cousins who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandmother, Patricia Hall.

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Agnes Carry

Agnes M. Carry, 90, of Cushing, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on September 7, 2024 in Motley.

Agnes was born July 9, 1934, to Frank and Lila (Marsh) Kowalski. She grew up near Staples spending many days working on the family farm, which may be where she picked up her tenacious and resilient attitude toward life. She and her beloved husband, Ron, were married for 54 years. She spent much of her life caring for her family. As a homemaker, Agnes spent most days preparing meals, sewing and taking care of all daily events that define family life. She was famous for her potato salad and rhubarb cake. Those cooking talents were used preparing huge evening dinners where anyone who was at the house and willing to stay was invited to sit down together for mealtime. Home was where her heart was and she loved her family deeply, which can be seen in the thousands of pictures and keepsakes Agnes kept over the years.

There were many hours dedicated to making photo albums and compiling recipes for the next great meal. She was also an avid collector of almost everything pertaining to animals and



dolls. She loved tending her gardens, canning and making many delicious jelly varieties. Agnes passed on a legacy of the very definition of a hardworking, multi-tasking supermom.

Agnes is survived by her eight children, Rick Peterson, Ray (Marene) Peterson, Dale (Connie) Peterson, Paul (Dawn) Peterson, Peter Peterson, Wanda (Bruce) Kraemer, Mike (Julie) Carry, Scott (Ashley) Carry; 26 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and one brother, Frank (Shirley) Kowalski.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Lucille Etzler, Jeanette Etzler and Joan Bjerga; one daughter, Michelle Carry and one grandson, Jeremy Zemke.

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Jeffrey Hedberg

"Jeff put up a great fight, but ended up losing his battle to cancer, he was a strong competitor, but cancer was stronger."

Jeffrey Mark Hedberg, 62, of Staples, passed away at the Essentia - St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd on September 11, 2024.

In Jeff's honor, wear your Viking's gear Friday, October 11, at 11 a.m. to the gathering of Family and Friends to be held at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the gathering followed by a reception.

Jeff was born March 25, 1962 to Hartley and Alice (Olson) Hedberg in St. Paul. He married Suzanne (Bauske) Wyman on June 7, 1996.

Jeff enjoyed going to the lake, spending time with family and friends, was a huge Vikings fan and was good at shooting pool.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 28 years, Suzanne; mother; four children, Nick Hedberg, Sarah (Max) Oetting, Ron (Kandi



Kubu) Wyman and Melissa Wyman; one brother, Scott Hedberg and 10 grandchildren, Jaden, Shyla, Kaylee, Callie, Chelsey, Cassandra, Jazzlyn, Kameron, Xander and Tyler; parents-in-law, Lloyd and Gerri Bauske; one brother-in-law, Brian (Shelly) Bauske; one sister-in-law, Bonnie (Dale) Mielke and nieces and nephews.

Jeff is preceded in death by his father; one sister, Kim Bohlen and several aunts and uncles.

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Volleyball team goes through ups and downs

The Staples-Motley volleyball team lost their momentum in a 3-2 loss to Perham on Sept. 12, then went 2-2 in a tournament at Crosby-Ironton on Sept. 14, beating Crosby-Ironton and Verndale, but falling to Swanville and White Bear Lake.

Against Perham, Annie Schlosser reached 1,000 career set assists some time during a wild game that went to five sets. The Cardinals came out firing with Livi Lorber recording three kills and two ace blocks to help the team reach a 19-15 lead. They never trailed in the set and won 25-17.

The second set was closer until Izzy Becker took over the game. She started with an ace block to make the score 11-7, then added three kills and two ace serves to go up 18-10. Jade Storry made a diving save that wrapped over the net for a point and a 20-13 lead. Perham started coming back, but the Cardinal blockers slowed them down. Another kill by Becker and an ace serve by Schlosser kept them in front for a 25-23 win.

In the third set, the Cardinals kept battling but were not generating the same level of attack as the first two sets. Storry made another great play, diving to dig up a tip, then jumping up quickly to score a kill on the same play. But after that, the Cardinal service receiving had trouble getting it to the setter and they ended up with weak or spo-



Diving save

Jade Storry reaches a ball before it hits the floor. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

radic attacks. Perham took advantage with a couple of runs. Although the Cardinals tied it again at 25, they ended up losing 26-28.

The fourth set was a repeat of the third, with the Cardinal attack not as strong. In the fifth set, the Cardinals fell behind early and never had a chance, with their attack still not running at a high level.

Team results

Staples-Motley 2, Perham 3; 25-17, 25-23, 26-28, 25-27, 6-15

Miranda Schotzko: Blocks-5, Digs-1

Livi Lorber: Aces-1, Kills-19, Blocks-6, Digs-7

Annie Schlosser: Aces-2, Assists-41, Kills-4, Blocks-1, Digs-2

Jade Storry: Aces-2, Kills-5, Blocks-2, Digs-10

Lilly Tyrrell: Digs-9

Ellie Lange: Digs-10

Izzy Becker: Aces-3, Kills-15, Blocks-2, Digs-9

Hannah Cole: Kills-3, Blocks-4

Staples-Motley VB at Crosby-Ironton Tournament 2-2

Vs Crosby-Ironton W 2-0; 25-17; 25-11

Vs Swanville L 0-2; 24-26, 24-26

Vs Verndale W 2-0; 25-9; 25-21

Vs White Bear Lake L 0-2; 21-25, 18-25

Statistics (4 games):

Annie Schlosser: Assists-57, Kills-9, Blocks-5, Digs-20

Izzy Becker: Aces-7, Assists-5, Kills-14, Digs-54

Livi Lorber: Aces-4, Assists-3, Kills-25, Blocks-12, Digs-18

Ellie Lange: Aces-4, Assists-1, Digs-16

Miranda Schotzko: Assists-1, Kills-4, Blocks-10, Digs-5

Jade Storry: Aces-1, Kills-22, Blocks-1, Digs-54

Lilly Tyrrell: Assists-1, Kills-1, Digs-31

Hannah Cole: Blocks-2, Kills-2, Digs-2

Addie Potter: Kill-1, Block-1



On the attack

Livi Lorber goes up for a spike in the game against Perham.



Productive players

Izzy Becker, above, sends a spike over the net. She recorded 15 kills in the match. Right, the Cardinal crowd anticipates one of Annie Schlosser's sets. She had 41 in the five set match and went over 1,000 set assists for her career.



Playing as a team

Cardinal volleyball team celebrates a block by Hannah Cole (4, right).

Tennis team working through lineup changes

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team beat Wade-na-Deer Creek 6-1 on Sept. 10, but then were missing a couple of starters in a 6-1 loss to Perham on Sept. 12.

Against WDC, Mia Pesta and Charlie Noska got a big win at number three doubles, while Natalie Hanson and Sarah Kroll won a close match at number two doubles.

Against Perham, only

one player was at their normal position and that is where they got their one win, Ronnie Noska at number one singles. The doubles matches were all very close but the Cardinals ended up with losses.

Team results

Staples-Motley 6, Wade-na-Deer Creek 1

Singles: Ronnie Noska W 6-0, 6-1; Corinne Olson W 6-1, 6-2; Kaylee Perius W 7-6 (7-1), 6-3;

Andrea DiGiovanni W 6-4, 6-0

Doubles: Heidi Zimmerman/Madison Perius L 0-6, 0-6; Natalie Hanson/Sarah Kroll W 6-2, 6-4; Mia Pesta/Charlie Noska W 6-1, 6-3

Staples-Motley 1, Perham 6

Singles: R. Noska W 6-4, 6-2; Zimmerman L 1-6, 3-6; DiGiovanni L 0-6, 1-6; Kroll L 1-6, 2-6

Doubles: Olson/Hanson L 5-7, 3-6; K. Perius/C. Noska L 2-6, 4-6; Pesta/Lydia Roelofs L 4-6, 5-7



Junior varsity Cardinals in action

The Staples Cardinals junior varsity volleyball team took on the Perham Yellowjackets at a home game Sept. 12. Pictured on the court, from left, are Izzy Cole,

Jocelyn Lenk, Emersen Bettis, Chloe Trantina (white jersey), Addie Potter, Katelyn Schotzko, setter. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Football starts 3-0 to set up crucial clash on Friday

The Staples-Motley football team had their third clear win to start the season 3-0, beating Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 40-0 on Sept. 13.

This win sets up a battle of the unbeaten, as 3-0 Pilager comes to Staples-Motley on Friday, Sept. 20 for a game that likely will determine the top seed for the section playoffs. The game starts at 7 p.m.

Against Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, the Cardinals controlled the game and used their advantage to spread the ball around. Ten players gained rushing yards and seven players caught passes.

The team scored four rushing touchdowns and one passing TD. Colbe Tappe ran for two scores, while Ben Tyrrell and Luke Bjerga scored one each. The passing touchdown was from Eli Rutten to Benet Robinson.

The offensive line controlled the game. Jacob Becker led the way with five pancake blocks, followed by Steven Petrich with four and Dustin Converse, Riley Reese and Alex Schultz with three each.

On defense, the Cardinals spent a lot of time in the opposing backfield. Petrich recorded 1.5 tackles for

loss, with Schultz, Tappe and Sawyer Ferdon also getting one each. Seven other players assisted on tackles for loss and Ferdon also added a quarterback sack.

The defense created three turnovers. Turner Beachy and Ryan Neelan each caught an interception while Noah Larson recovered a fumble.

Team results

Staples-Motley 40, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 0

Rushing: Colbe Tappe 9 carries, 116 yards, 2 TD; Ben Tyrrell 7-76, 1 TD; Luke Bjerga 6-38, 1 TD; Conner Kuhns 3-37, Gavin Chenoweth 1-34, Alex Schultz 1-15, Eli Rutten 1-7, Turner

Beachy 1-5, Noah Larson 1-3, Ayden Hovland 1-2

Passing: Rutten 13-20, 148 yards 1, TD, 1 Int.

Receiving: Peyton Mithun 2-34, Benet Robinson 3-45, 1 TD; Peyton Mithun 2-34, Schultz 2-24, Beachy 2-19, Tappe 2-8, Kuhns 1-12, Tyrrell 1-6

Defense (solo tackles, assists): Bjerga 2-6, Tappe 4-1, Kuhns 0-3, Steven Petrich 1-3, Noah Larson 1-3, Dustin Converse 0-4, Jacob Becker 2-1, Riley Reese 0-3, Sawyer Ferdon 2-2, Mithun 1-4, Robinson 1-2, Schultz 2-1, Beachy 1-2, Chenoweth 2-3, Peyton Jares 1-0, Jacob Hansen 1-2, Tyrrell 0-1, Zach Tabatt 0-1, Adrian Gomez 1-3, Drake Dukowitz 1-2, Ryan Neelan 0-1, Josiah Critten 1-0



Cardinal volleyball fans

A number of fans came out to cheer for the Cardinal volleyball team Sept. 12, as they took on the Perham Yellowjackets. Pictured front row from left are Josh Winter, his mother, Janice Winter; and son/grandson, Emmit Winter. Josh's daughter Brooklyn Winter is a member of the Cardinal's C-squad team. In second row, far right, is Carmen Schimpp of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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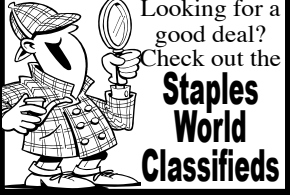
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Estate of
Bryan Arnie Wahl,
Decedent

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 September 30, 2024, at 10:14 am, an administrative non-appearance hearing will be held in this Court at 221 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Cheryl L. Grenz, whose address is 10738 102nd Ave. N., Maple Grove, MN, 55369 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 the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or 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: 8/23/2024

BY THE COURT
Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Court File No.
77-PR-24-788

In Re: Estate of
William Anthony
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Nietfeld, and
a/k/a Bill Nietfeld,
Decedent.

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 21, 2024 at 10:14 a.m., an administrative non-appearance hearing will be held in this Court at 221 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Deborah Lanier, of 7108 Rainwater Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615 and Robert Nietfeld, of 399 - 2nd Avenue North, Greenwald, MN 56335, to serve together as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's 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 Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 9/11/2024

BY THE COURT
Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

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CITY OF STAPLES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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Notice is hereby given that the Staples City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 122 6th St. NE to consider and possibly adopt assessments for non-payment of utility charges against property.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

Published 9-18-24.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples

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TODD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
2025 COUNTY FEE
SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Todd County, Minnesota (the "County"), will hold a public hearing of the Board beginning at 9:15 a.m., on October 1, 2024, to be held at the Todd County Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, to solicit public input in order to determine the 2025 County Fee Schedules for the County Departments including but not limited to: Administration, Attorney, Assessor, Auditor-Treasurer, Environmental Health, GIS/MIS, Health & Human Services, Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Recorder, Sheriff and Solid Waste (Transfer Station).

The proposed 2025 County Fee Schedule is available on the Todd County website at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/> and at the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, located at 215 1st Avenue South, Suite 201 Long Prairie, MN during regular business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing in-person or submit written testimony prior to the hearing date. Written testimony should be submitted to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 215 1st Avenue South, Suite 201 Long Prairie, MN 56347 or by email to clerk@co.todd.mn.us. Individuals requiring accommodations should contact the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office prior to the date of the public hearing by calling 320-732-4414.

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Shirley Jean Folin,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL PROBATE
OF WILL, FORMAL
APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE,
AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

A Petition has been filed in this Court for Formal Probate of Will and Formal Appointment of Nile Leroy Folin as Personal Representative, 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, in a FORMAL, UNSUPERVISED administration. The Petition represents that the Decedent died on December 23, 2021 in Longview, Texas leaving an interest in real property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last will and testament and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is given that the Petition will be heard in this Court on October 7, 2024 at 10:14 a.m. hearing at the Todd County Court Facility, 221 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, MN.

This will be an administrative non-appearance hearing.

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

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 5018.41 subdivision 5.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law.

Dated: 8/26/2024

BY THE COURT
Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

Kim Peterson
Court Administrator

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

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

Questions? Phone 320-732-4420 or Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Agenda

- Call to Order.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Planning Commission Members and process review.
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda.
- Approval of the August 15, 2024 and September 5, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. Establishment of
Article XII to the Todd
County Planning and
Zoning Ordinance - Regulation
on Cannabis Businesses

2. Todd County Ordinance
Amendment:
Section 5.05: Conditional
Use Permit

3. Ronald and Carla
Monson: Section 20, Wykeham
Township, Grace Lake

Site Address: 11696 Co Rd 82, Eagle Bend, MN 56446
PID: 28-0017000

Request for a CUP to install a 40 kW AC, ground based solar photovoltaic system designed to supply in excess of 120 percent (%) of the annual average consumption of the primary use in AF-1, AF-2 and NES shoreland Zoning.

Adjournment –
Next meeting:
November 7, 2024

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

Todd County Planning
Commission
Jim Pratt, Chair

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Dr. Emily
McGovern,
newest
oncologist
at
Lakewood
Health
System



Dr. Emily McGovern

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Emily McGovern, Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), as its newest oncology provider.

Originally from Fergus Falls, Dr. McGovern completed her undergraduate degree from Colorado College, and received her medical degree from Lincoln Memorial University – DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her residency at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital and is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Society of Hematology, and the National Rural Health Association.

As an oncology provider, Dr. McGovern cares for patients of all ages throughout their cancer journey, from diagnoses to treatment and follow-up care. She has special interests in breast cancer and solid tumors. “I am so excited to be a part of a group dedicated to offering top of the line care to our patients close to their own backyards. Cancer is hard enough without adding travel. I am so looking forward to the future of Lakewood’s Cancer Center and how we can help support this wonderful community.”

In her free time, Dr. McGovern loves to travel, exercise (including weights, running, cycling, yoga and swimming), thrifting, and spending time with her two dogs, Alvin and Otter.

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• SOURCE: 2011 Readership Survey by National Newspaper Association.

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES
CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The following precincts located in Cass County have elected to vote by mail ballot procedure in statewide elections as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 204B.45. All other precincts vote at their designated polling place on election day. Precincts that can vote at the Courthouse on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
Ansel Township	Bull Moose Township	Loon Lake Township	Slater Township
Backus	Byron Township	Meadow Brook Township	Smoky Hollow Township
Barclay Township	Chickamaw Beach	Moose Lake Township	Sucker Lakes Unorg.
Becker Township	Deerfield Township	Motley-part in Cass County only	Thunder Lake Township
Bena	Federal Dam	Ottertail Peninsula Township	Torrey Township
Beulah Township	Gould Township	Pine Lake Township	Wahkena Unorg.
Birch Lake Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Poplar Township	Walden Township
Blind Lake Township	Homebrook Township	Remer Township	Willow River Unorg.
Boy Lake Township	Inguadona Township	Rogers Point Unorg.	Wilson Township
Boy River	Lima Unorg.	Rogers Township	Winnie Portage Unorg.
Boy River Township	Longville	Salem Township	

The dates that ballots will be mailed for the foregoing mail ballot precincts are:

General Election	November 5, 2024	Ballot Mailing Dates:	September 25– October 22, 2024
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Each voter registered by October 15, 2024, by 5:00pm, for the November 5, 2024, General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically. Eligible voters not pre-registered by this date, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address, may apply for an absentee ballot. Voters may register and apply for an absentee ballot on-line by visiting mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us or the elections and voting pages of the Cass County website at casscountymn.gov. For paper applications or assistance, call 218-547-7260. Ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), delivered in person by the voter, or delivered by designated agent to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, PO Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to be counted. Normal business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours on election day are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. At least one assistive voting device will be available at the polling place; allowing for persons with disabilities to vote privately and independently. Officials are also available at these locations to complete the witness requirements for mail ballots. Instructions are included with each ballot. The back of the return envelope must be signed by the voter and witnessed by any the following:

- anyone registered to vote in Minnesota, including a spouse or relative,
- a notary public, or
- a person with the authority to administer oaths.

Prompt return of voted ballots is encouraged so that any omitted requirements can be corrected in advance of election day. Ballots are processed when received, and voters will be notified if there is a problem. Voters casting a mail ballot may also track their ballot on-line by visiting the website of the Minnesota Secretary of State at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us.

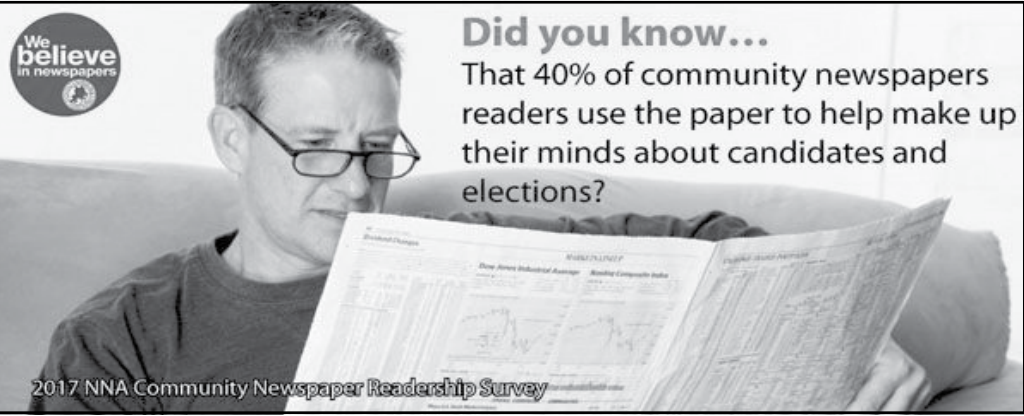
In addition to the normal business hours, extended hours for mail ballot voting (for in-person drop off, voter assist terminal access or absentee voting for non-registered voters) are:

General Election: until 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election; from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the election; from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday immediately before the election; and until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

The counting of mail ballots will be completed at the Cass County Courthouse after 8:00 p.m. on election day.

Additional information is available by contacting the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN, phone 218-547-7295.

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CASS COUNTY
NOTICE OF STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a State General Election will be held on November 5, 2024. The State General Election Ballot will include the offices of U.S. President and Vice President; U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative District 8; State Representative Districts 2B, 5A and 5B, 6A; County Commissioner Districts 2, 3 and 5; Soil and Water District Supervisor Districts 2, 3, and 4; Supreme Court Chief Justice, Associate Justices Seat 5 and 6; Minnesota Court of Appeals Judges Seats 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, and 14; Ninth Judicial District Judges Seats 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, and 24. One Constitutional Amendment Question will be on the ballot. Titled-Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund Renewal: Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to protect drinking water sources and the water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams, conserve wildlife habitat and natural areas, improve air quality, and expand access to parks and trails by extending the transfer of proceeds from the state-operated lottery to the environment and natural resources trust fund, and to dedicate the proceeds for these purposes? The ballot will also include local elections for the following contests within respective jurisdictions:

Township	Supervisor Seats	Clerk or Treasurer	Special Term (2 yr) Offices or *Questions	Township	Supervisor Seats	Clerk or Treasurer	Special Term (2 yr) Offices or *Questions	Township	Supervisor Seats	Clerk or Treasurer	Special Term (2 yr) Offices or *Questions
Ansel	Seat 3	Clerk	Treasurer	Inguadona	Seats 1 and 2	N/A		Remer	Seats 1 and 3	N/A	
Barclay	Seats 2 and 3	Treasurer		Kago	N/A	N/A		Salem	Seat 1	Treasurer	
Becker	Seat 2	Clerk	Seats 1 & 3	Leech Lake	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer		Shingobee	Seats 1 and 3	N/A	
Beulah	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer		Loon Lake	Seat 1	Clerk		Slater	Seat 3	Clerk	
Birch Lake	Seat 1	N/A	Seat 2	Maple	Seats 1 and 2	Clerk		Smoky Hollow	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer	
Blind Lake	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer		May	Seat 1	N/A		Sylvan	Seats 1, 2, and 4	N/A	
Boy Lake	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer	Seat 3 & Clerk	McKinley	Seat 2	Clerk		Thunder Lake	Seat 1	Treasurer	
Boy River	Seat 3	N/A		Meadow Brook	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer	Seat 3	Torrey	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer	
Bull Moose	Seat 2 & 3	Clerk		Moose Lake	Seats 2 and 3	Treasurer		Triple	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer	
Bungo	Seat 1	Clerk		*Other Tail Peninsula	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer	Seat 2	Turtle Lake	Seats 2 and 3	Treasurer	
Burns	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer		Pine Lake	Seats 1, 4, and 5	N/A	Seat 3	Wabedo	Seat 3	N/A	
Crooked Lake	Seats 2 and 4	N/A		Pine River	Seats 1 and 2	N/A		Walden	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer	
Deerfield	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer		Ponto Lake	Seat 2	Treasurer	Seat 1	Wilson	Seat 1	Clerk	
Fairview	Seat 2	N/A		Pyralis	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer		Woodrow	Seats 1, 4, and 5	Clerk	
Gould	Seats 1 and 3	N/A		Powers	Seats 1 and 3	N/A					
Hiram	Seats 1 and 2	N/A		Remer	Seat 3	N/A					
Homebrook	Seat 1	Clerk	Treasurer								
*Boy Lake: Appointment of Clerk & Treasurer											
*Other Tail Peninsula: Appointment of Clerk & Treasurer											

CITY OFFICES					CITY OFFICES					CITY OFFICES				
CITY	MAYOR	COUNCIL MEMBERS(S)	COUNCIL MEMBERS(S) Special Terms	BALLOT QUESTIONS	CITY	MAYOR	COUNCIL MEMBERS(S)	COUNCIL MEMBERS(S) Special Terms	BALLOT QUESTIONS	CITY	MAYOR	COUNCIL MEMBERS(S)	COUNCIL MEMBERS(S) Special Terms	BALLOT QUESTIONS
Backus	1	2			East Gull Lake	1	2			Motley	1	2		
Bena	1	2	1		Federal Dam	1	2	2		Pillager	1	2		
Boy River	1	2			Hackensack	1	2			Pine River	1	2		
Cass Lake	1	2	1		Lake Shore	1	2	1		Remer	1	2		
Chickamaug Beach	1	2			Longville	1	2			Walker	1	2		

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS	SCHOOL MEMBERS) Special Terms	BALLOT QUESTIONS	SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS	SCHOOL MEMBERS) Special Terms	BALLOT QUESTIONS	SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS	SCHOOL MEMBERS) Special Terms	BALLOT QUESTIONS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 113 Walker/Hackensack-Akeley	4			INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 181 Seward	4			INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2172 Sagaw-Motley	3		
No. 115 Cass Lake-Bena	4			No. 186 Pequot Lakes	4			No. 2174 Pine River-Backus	3	1	
No. 116 Pillager	3			No. 317 Deer River	3						
No. 118 Northeast Community	4			No. 820 Sebeka	3						

UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

1/At Large (Staples Area)1 Meadow Brook Township1 Moose Lake Township1 City of Motley1 Poplar Township

Must vote at their polling place on election day (absentee voting closed):

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS	PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS	PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS
Townships			Townships cont.			Cities		
Bungo	Town Hall	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Pine River	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Cass Lake	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Crooked Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Ponto Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	East Gull Lake	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Fairview	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Powers	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Hackensack	Hackensack Comm. Bldg.	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Hiram	Hackensack Comm.Bldg.	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Shingobee	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Lake Shore	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Kago	Longville Fire Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Sylvan	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Pillager	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Leech Lake	Town Hall	10 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Triple	Town Hall	10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Pine River	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Maple	Town Hall	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Turtle Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Remer	City Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
May	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Wabedo	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Walker	Walker Fire Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.
McKinley	Town Hall	10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Wilkinson	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.			
Pike Bay	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Woodrow	Town Hall	7 a.m.-8 p.m.			

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS											
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Backus	Blind Lake Township	Chickamaw Beach	Inguadona Township	Moose Lake Township	Rogers Point Unorg.	Thunder Lake Township	Winnie Portage Unorg.				
Barclay Township	Boy Lake Township	Deerfield Township	Lima Unorg.	Motley-Cass County only	Rogers Township	Torrey Township					
Becker Township	Boy River	Federal Dam	Longville	Offertail Peninsula Township	Salem Township	Wahkena Unorg.					
Bena	Boy River Township	Gould Township	Loon Lake Township	Pine Lake Township	Slater Township	Walden Township					
Beulah Township	Bull Moose Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Meadow Brook Township	Poplar Township	Smoky Hollow Township	Willow River Unorg.					

At which places all qualified electors residing in their respective townships or cities may cast their ballots. All pre-registered voters in mail ballot precincts will receive ballots by mail. The polling place on election day for mail ballot precincts is the office of the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer, Courthouse, Walker, Minnesota. Election day hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For sample ballots and more information, visit www.co.cass.mn.us, or call 218-547-7260.

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD AUGUST 6, 2024

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 6th day of August, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Byers and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of item 5.5 Emergency Declaration. Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for July 16th & 29th, 2024 as presented.

To approve Karl Pung to fill the open Temporary Senior Engineering Technician position at Grade 12 - Step 9 at \$39.94/hour with a start date to be determined.

Hire Daniel Steuck for the PT Deputy position start date TBD at a pay rate \$28.48 grade 10 step 1.

Hire Connie Spanswick for the FT Correctional Officer position start date TBD at a pay rate \$24.65 grade 6 step 4.

Hire Bryan Lashinski for the Road Sergeant position start date to be determined at a pay rate \$34.99 grade 11 step 6.

Hire Andrew Schultz for the PT Correctional Officer position start date TBD at a pay rate \$22.55 grade 6 step 1.

Accept the resignation of PT Correctional Officer Jacob Burdette effective 07/25/2024.

To hire Megan Bauer to fill the open Social Worker position. Grade 10, Step 1 at \$28.06/hr. Start date: TBD

To promote Anna Herke to fill the open Paraprofessional Case Aide position. Grade 5, Step 3 at \$22.25/hr. Start date: TBD

To accept the retirement of Tina Riedel, Veterans Administrative Assistant effective 09/03/2024.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie Lions Club at the address of 24257 Riverside Drive (Long Drive In), Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective August 24th, 2024.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Denny and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the July 2024 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 904235 through 904297 in the amount of \$347,616.01 (Manual) 979 through 988 in the amount of \$41,322.42 and (Regular) 242877 through 243058 in the amount of \$4,039,457.46 for a total of \$4,428,395.89.

On motion by Byers and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403340 through 403369 in the amount of \$55,295.86 and (Reg-

ular) 58210 through 58252 in the amount of \$112,932.08 for a total of \$168,227.94.

On motion by Denny and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 805577 through 805635 and (Regular) 712129 through 712246 for a total of \$60,807.42.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601366 through 601373 and (Regular) 517976 through 518004 for a total amount of \$88,011.43.

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

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the severe thunderstorm, with greater than 60 MPH winds and golf ball size hail, has impacted the population of Todd County and its cities; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Department of Emergency Management requests the Todd County Board of Commissioners to declare Todd County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the August 3 event of 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners declares Todd County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the severe storm event of August 3, 2024.

Rainbow Rider

Brenda Brittin provided an updated to the County Board regarding the operations at Rainbow Rider which Todd County is a member county for support of services to Todd County residents.

MIS

On motion by Noska and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve purchase of server through Now Micro in the amount of \$15,955.00.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the quote from RSA in the amount of \$13,128.48 for a multi-factor authentication solution.

Facilities

On motion by Byers and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the final payment of \$77,320.73 from ARPA funds. For a total project cost of \$1,545,214.87.

Solid Waste

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize final payment for \$11,478.23 with ARP funds, and release obligation on remaining \$423,409.93 ARP fund for reassignment to other projects.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Denny and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted

by unanimous vote: To approve FFY2025 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Grant Contract & Internal Controls Documentation.

On motion by Byers and seconded by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the hiring of a Social Worker in the Adult Services Unit.

On motion by Byers and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Opioid Settlement funding request to Better Days Treatment Center.

On motion by Noska and seconded by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Opioid Settlement funding request for Decisions Points Training.

On motion by Byers and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Opioid Settlement funding request for the Criminal Justice Mental Health Summit.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that final preparations are happening for the upcoming State Primary Election where all Todd County polling places will be open for voting on August 13, 2024. Candidate Filing for school districts, cities and some townships is currently open until 5:00 PM on August 13, 2024.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney provided an update regarding staffing and recruitment for an intern position and assistant attorney.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator is continuing plans regarding the Cannabis Moratorium and upcoming County Employee Picnic amongst other meetings.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended. Commissioner Denny attended the Emergency Service board meeting and new equipment received and PZ Cannabis hearing meeting.

Commissioner Neumann attended the SRWD, Finance, CPT, Personnel, CMCOA, Lauderhill Hearing meetings.

Commissioner Byers attended the Opioid and the Housing Summit meeting.

Commissioner Noska attended the normal meetings and reported on a new water testing grant opportunity.

Chair Becker recessed the meeting until August 20, 2024.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
BARR ENGINEERING	
COMPANY	\$5,734.00
CARGILL SALT	
DIVISION	2,186.36
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL	7,343.38
HILLYARD	5,211.97
KARNES/HOYT	14,800.00
KNIFE RIVER CORP.	7,346.54
LONG PRAIRIE OIL	
COMPANY	4,590.25
MCCC, MI33	20,797.89

PEMBERTON SORLIE RUFER & KERSHNER	6,262.20
PSST, LLC	2,784.94
THE TRADESMEN CONSTRUCTION INC	186,073.01
TWARDOWSKI EXCAVATING INC	10,791.00
VERIZON	6,173.13
WEX BANK-SINCLAIR	2,434.28
26 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	15,178.67
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Soccer season started

Staples-Motley Community Education has introduced a fall soccer program for kids to learn about the sport. The 49 students signed up will be divided into teams and play regular games each Saturday during the fall season. Pictured, the grade 3-6 league practices on their first day, with the help of coaches and parents. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Brownell runs 18:01, Cardinals speeding up

Audrey Brownell lowered her own school record to 18:01 to win the Moorhead Dragon Twilight on Sept. 13. She had run 18:09 on the same course last year to set the record for a 5,000 meter race.

The boys and girls both placed 11th in the large meet with teams from Minnesota and North Dakota.

Brownell started the race in the lead pack, but when one runner took off super fast, Brownell tracked her down and passed her after the first mile. After that, she increased her lead running on her own. The other girls also stepped up with their fastest times of the year. Leah Greenwaldt made a huge jump to become the team's fourth scorer in this race. Elise Trif made a jump from junior high and was the sixth runner for the team. Every runner on the girls team ran faster than they did at the same meet last year.

The boys runners also recorded their fastest times of the year. Logan Robben led the way in 17:33 and Gage Bjerga was close behind. Blaine Plattner and Andrew Dobson have been steady all year and Dillan Robben is starting to close the gap between the team's top runners.

Girls results
Moorhead 74, Sheyenne



Top trophy

Audrey Brownell stands at the top of the podium following the Moorhead Dragon Twilight meet. (Submitted photo)

104, Fargo Davies 117, Menahga 140, St. John's Prep 186, Wadena-Deer Creek 199, Riverside Christian 202, Hawley 223, Hillsboro/Central Valley 224, Devils Lake 249, Staples-Motley 274, Bertha-Hewitt 278, Central Cass 300, Carrington 325, Park Rapids 350, Shiloh Christian 418, Jamestown 447, Pelican Rapids 460

1. Audrey Brownell 18:01, 51. Naila Mikhaeil 21:42, 64. Alea Holst 22:03, 89. Leah Greenwaldt 23:04, 95. Suhaila Mikhaeil 23:12, 108. Elise Trif 24:09, 126. Madelyn Kist 25:54

Boys results
Fargo Davies 61, Moorhead

89, Hawley 137, Sheyenne 145, Park Rapids 187, Devils Lake 192, Bertha-Hewitt 204, Hillsboro/Central Valley 238, Wadena-Deer Creek 255, Pelican Rapids 257, Staples-Motley 261, Ottertail Central 293, Jamestown 322, St. John's Prep 323, Shiloh Christian 346, Northern Cass 407, Hatton/Northwood 458, Central Cass 521

33. Logan Robben 17:42, 44. Gage Bjerga 18:01, 67. Blaine Plattner 18:42, 72. Andrew Dobson 18:51, 77. Dillan Robben 19:06, 90. Ivan Lozano 19:37, 98. Garrett Bjerga 19:57, 187. Israel Ritter 22:55, 147. Avandre Brandt 24:55

Junior high (3,000 meters): 30. Reed Leach 12:47, 55. Alex Leach 14:00, 70. Jackson Odden 14:41, 86. Zane Leach 15:09, 138. Christopher Mikhaeil 29:27





Food at Field Day

Central Lakes College fed a large contingent at their annual Field Day on Aug. 30. Above, the noon lunch crowd filled the tables. Below, CLC President Hara Charlier, right, served the sweet corn to lunch guests. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



High tunnel production

CLC Field Day included a tour of the high tunnel vegetable production project. Tour guests were invited to pick tomatoes from the vines, cucumbers from the trellis above and carrots from the raised garden beds. Some of the tour guests sampled the produce right on site. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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