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Hidden gems at CLC Eric Heimark shows currant plants to a group during the CLC Ag and Energy Center Field Day on Aug. 25. Heimark said currants are "one of the best kept secrets" for land use in the area, because they are healthy with a high vitamin C content and thrive in the Staples area. He said they can be used for juices, jams, wine or other food additives. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Motley Police resign

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

As of Sept. 23, 2023, you won't be seeing Motley Police Chief Jason Borash behind the wheel of the department's squad car. You won't see Officer Cody Holtz, either.

The Motley City Council accepted both of their resignations Aug. 29, at a special meeting attended by the council, city employees, and 18 members of the public, many of whom were passionate during the half-hour meeting, expressing frustration at the high turnover in the police department, as well as the ongoing debate over wages.

Mayor Mike Schmidt read Chief Borash's letter of resignation, which stated he appreciated the opportunity for growth during his eight-year tenure with the city. He referred to the relationships he built during that time and said he'll take many positive memories with him to his next place of employment.

The mayor thanked Borash for his service, later stating he wished this situation would have worked out

very differently.

When asked by a woman in the public why Borash was leaving, Mayor Schmidt said she would have to discuss this with the chief.

Next, the mayor proceeded to reference the resignation letter from Officer Holtz, in which he said it had been a positive experience working with the Motley Police Department and that he wishes the city nothing but the best.

This past June, the council had accepted Holtz's resignation as a full-time officer, but had agreed to keep him on as a part-time officer until they could hire a new full-time officer.

That never happened, and now Holtz has officially resigned for good.

Now the council is tasked with hiring a new chief and another full-time officer. Oh, and most likely a new administrative/accounting assistant, as was learned in the budget workshop held the previous day, Aug. 28.

First on their list will be to hire an interim chief. Mayor Schmidt said this is integral at this point because as of Sept. 22, if the city doesn't have an interim

chief, the police department office will have to be vacated, and the city will have to utilize the services of the state and the county at that time.

Morrison County Chief Deputy Jason Worlie, who was in attendance at the meeting, reiterated what he'd told the council this past June...that Morrison County does not have officers assigned to Motley.

During the discussion about an interim chief, both council members Steve Johnson and Pat O'Regan mentioned they'd spoken with Al Yoder, a Morrison County Deputy (and former Motley Mayor), who expressed interest in helping the city out.

Mayor Schmidt said he thought that would be in the best interest of all. Council member Brenda Borash agreed, but said she thought they should pursue other

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New chancellor learns about CLC Ag Center

The new Chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, (Minnesota State) visited the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center Field Day at the Staples campus on Aug. 25, in his first month as chancellor.

Scott Olson said he has been to Central Lakes College before, but this is his first time seeing the work at the Ag and Energy Center.

He learned about dozens of experiments and partnerships in his short tour. He was most impressed by the technology used on the farm, when he got to drive GPS-guided tractors and witness irrigation pivots with each spigot controlled by cell phone commands.

"I had no idea that technology existed," said Olson.

Cory Detloff, Director of the Ag & Energy Center, told Olson that CLC has 2,100 acres in experiments going this summer. He said that the farm is entirely self-sustaining, with all expenses paid through farm profits.

A new experiment this



Meeting the chancellor

The new Minnesota State Chancellor, Scott Olson, center, chats with CLC President Hara Charlier and State Representative Mike Wiener. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

year is the fiber hemp plot, which the college is using to help determine how to fit a hemp crop into a corn and soybean rotation to improve soil health.

Ryan Galbreath of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) talked about the partnerships they have with CLC.

Their studies include cover crops and irrigation.

Galbreath said the benefit of having the partnership with CLC is that they have top notch systems to show to other farmers and ranchers in the area. NRCS recently signed another

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Staples Rotary Club builds two Little Free Library boxes

Two new Little Free Library book exchange boxes have been installed in Staples, thanks to the Staples Rotary Club. They join the movement to share books, bringing people together and creating communities of readers.

One Little Free Library is at 227 4th St. NE in front of the Orth Insurance Agency office. The second is on the Legacy Trail at the corner of Prairie Avenue and Airport Road. Both locations will be monitored by Rotary volunteers and restocked as needed with a variety of books for children, young adults and adults. Visitors are welcome to take a book and are encouraged to leave a book when they can to share with others.

These two book exchanges are the first in Staples to register on the Little Free Library website and to become part of the world map showing the locations of more than 150,000 volunteer-led libraries in all 50 states and 120 countries around the world. More than 300 million books have been shared through registered Little

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Staples Rotary installs 'Little Library'

Two new 'Little Libraries' have been put up in Staples, thanks to the Staples Rotary Club. One is located along 4th St. NE, and the other along the Legacy Trail. Both libraries were built by club member

Marv Rothstein. Pictured above, installing the Little Library along 4th St. NE near Orth Insurance are, from left, Rotarians Curt Wilson and Rothstein. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 6	76	52	Sunny
Sept. 7	81	55	Sunny
Sept. 8	83	58	Sunny
Sept. 9	83	56	Showers
Sept. 10	82	57	P. Cloudy
Sept. 11	79	57	P. Cloudy
Sept. 12	81	56	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 6	81°	60	M. Sunny
Sept. 7	84	64	Sunny
Sept. 8	85	68	M. Sunny
Sept. 9	75	59	Cloudy
Sept. 10	71	48	M. Sunny
Sept. 11	72	44	Sunny
Sept. 12	75	44	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 73° Low = 53°

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WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Randy Thiel

Motley City Council focuses on wages during budget workshop

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

The Motley City Council spent a good hour discussing employee wages during their budget workshop Aug. 28.

City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden provided five options for a wage increase, as requested by council member Nikki Bjerga. These included:

- Five percent base rate increase with a four percent COLA (Cost of Living Allowance)
- Seven percent base rate increase with a four percent COLA
- Ten percent base rate increase with a four percent COLA
- Fifteen percent base rate increase with a four percent COLA

At the meeting the council came up with the additional options of doing a four percent COLA, or a one-time step increase with a four percent COLA.

Members of the council expressed various opinions during the workshop. Council member Steve Johnson felt the city should go with the four percent COLA, but no pay increase. Johnson said that when he looks at things across the state, he believes this is fair.

Council member Brenda Borash said she has researched wages in other cities regarding various city positions, from clerk to public works. She proposed the five percent wage increase, along with the four percent COLA. Borash said that's what's needed to stay competitive with other cities and draw people to Motley.

Bjerga noted that the city had done a wage study last year which said Motley is on target with its wages. She said the council needs to ask who would pay for these increases? Are they adding a burden to city residents or lightening it?

Johnson wondered why the city was

throwing away the wage study that they paid good money for?

Borash said that the council has wasted a lot of the residents' money, going back so often to fill positions.

In addition to the notices received recently from the city's police chief and part-time officer, Odden said that the council should know that Sarah Lenzen, Administrative Assistant, is also planning to give her notice. Odden noted that Lenzen does not get benefits, since she works part-time. Odden said that there is plenty of work to be done in the administrative department, and she believe's Lenzen's position should be set at 32 hours per week, and be offered benefits.

Mayor Mike Schmidt noted that the council was on its fifth meeting about the same discussion. Since those five meetings they've lost three employees, he said. At some point, they needed to make decisions, the mayor said.

Two members of the public were in attendance at the workshop - Ron Kramer and Bernice Thomson.

After listening to the discussion about city employee wages, Kramer asked who would be paying for these increases. He said that many of the taxpayers are on fixed incomes.

Thomson had concerns about the police department. She wondered why she didn't see the squad car on city streets. She watches traffic go by, way too fast.

Mayor Schmidt commented that it would help to have a second officer.

The mayor also said that he encourages people to watch the YouTube videos of Motley City Council meetings, as there is a lot of misinformation out there.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 6 p.m., to decide on wages for all city departments.

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Audience participates at Motley Council mtg.

options. She'd reached out to a few people as well, regarding the interim position.

After a short discussion, the council approved pursuing an interim chief. City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden asked how the position should be posted, and it was determined it will be the city's normal pay rate for a police chief, which is \$27.11.

Mayor Schmidt said this pay rate would be open to negotiation, to which a man in the public responded, "We didn't negotiate with our last officers."

At this point discussion ensued regarding wages, with a few members of the public voicing their opinions about the need to raise the wages in the police department in order to attract new officers.

Council member Johnson said that Motley is a small town and cannot compete with big city salaries. He stated that Chief Borash makes over \$100,000, which was clarified by Mayor Schmidt that this number is for the total package with benefits, not just wages.

Kim Lewis of May Township said she didn't think there was a price you could put on safety. "I'd argue that one of our most important positions is in jeopardy yet again as of the last 30 days," Lewis said. She noted that there are people in Motley who own stores, who depend on the police for protection. "You were elected to keep this city safe," Lewis said, adding that Borash had been there a long time and it's not easy to find someone new. She hoped that the council could do whatever possible to have Chief Borash rescind his resignation.

Council member Nikki Bjerga asked Borash if his intention was to rescind?



Citizens wanting answers

A number of citizens were in attendance at the Motley City Council's special meeting Aug. 29, during which the resignations of Police Chief Jason Borash and Police Officer Cody Holtz were accepted. Those that spoke up voiced concerns about the turnover in the police department, safety issues due to limited police coverage, as well as frustrations that wages have not been raised to attract new officers. Front row, from left, are Police Chief Jason Borash, Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton, City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

The chief said that he's placed his resignation, and hasn't given any consideration to rescinding.

Bjerga also questioned why Chief Borash had taken the wage study off police business last year and had it moved to the administrative department. Mayor Schmidt said that the chief asked to have it removed so that salary increases could be evaluated for all city positions.

Another person asked if there was money in the budget to pay a higher wage to police officers? Mayor Schmidt said there was, noting the general fund.

Mayor Schmidt's frustration was evident throughout the meeting. He noted that the council has held six regular meetings and four special sessions this year, at which wages were discussed. "From January until now, here we sit, because we have not made decisions as a council," Schmidt said.

Frustration was evi-

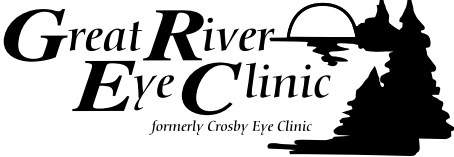
denced by council member Bjerga, too, as members of the public continued to speak out during the meeting, although there was not a public forum on the agenda.

Mayor Schmidt said that he was speaking for himself and not the whole council but that he was not afraid to hear what the public had to say, and felt they deserved to be heard.

When asked if the council was split, the mayor said it was safe to say that it was but went on to note that the previous night's budget meeting was solid and decisions had been made.

Council member Bjerga also referenced the budget workshop, adding that she thought the council had made a lot of headway.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 6 p.m., to decide on wages across the board. Mayor Schmidt asked that the council come prepared and ready to make decisions.



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Motley City Council discusses fire dept. wages

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

There will be some flexibility as to who can be on a hiring committee for positions with the City of Motley.

At their regular meeting Aug. 14, the council approved the Hiring Committee Policy, which was amended to say it 'may' consist of: all three department heads; two members of the council (one shall be the liaison of the department that's hiring and the other shall be a rotating member of the council), and a member of the public as approved by the city council.

In regard to the rotating member of the council, it was noted that preference will be given to those who haven't recently served on a hiring committee.

Clarification was also given regarding a member of the public on the hiring committee, which can consist of a city resident, a city business owner, a member of a city organization, a member of a neighboring department (such as the

chief of police of a neighboring city when hiring a police officer), or any other individual the city council deems fit to serve on that particular hiring committee.

The Hiring Committee Policy had originally used the word 'shall' consist of, which council member Bjerga was not comfortable with, as it left no room for unforeseen changes or circumstances within the council. The council agreed with Bjerga's concerns during the subsequent discussion, thus amending the motion to include the word 'may' instead of 'shall.'

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED the Motley Historical Society (MHS) having access to city hall on Fridays and Saturdays, in order to allow the public into the historical room located there.

- APPROVED a request from Fire Chief Brad Olson, that the fire department apply for a \$4,000 equipment grant.

- DISCUSSED the fire department's wages, currently at \$11 per call and

a pension benefit of \$3,000 per year that they are on the Relief Association upon retirement. Chief Olson had provided a list of wages from surrounding departments, per the request of council members Steve Johnson and Bjerga, who had attended the fire department's last regular meeting. Johnson said he was set to talk about a wage increase for the department, but after some discussion, the council decided to wait until September to make a decision on wage changes. Chief Olson suggested raising the pension benefit to \$4,500 for every year they've worked so they will have more at retirement.

- SET the Fall Cleanup Day for Saturday, Oct. 21, 7:45 - 10:45 a.m.

- LEARNED from Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton that they had to purchase a new pump for station five at the wastewater treatment facility. The cost was \$5,700. Brotherton also noted that the EV fast charger that went down June 22, is still down. There has been no response from ZEF Energy on repair time-

lines.

- APPROVED signing the Sourcewell-funded activities assumption of risks, release of liability and indemnity agreement. During the pre-vote discussion, it was noted that city employees have participated in Sourcewell-funded classes in the past.

- LEARNED from Odden that the city's website was sold, with the prices raised significantly. After some discussion, the council approved switching their website to Municipal Impact in 2024. The cost for the first year will be \$1,004, then \$605 a year going forward.

- LEARNED about an upcoming training opportunity at Sourcewell regarding the Open Meeting Law.

- SET budget workshop for Monday, Aug. 28, 6 p.m.

- ACCEPTED changes to the Personnel Manual.

- DISCUSSED the Code of Conduct Policy, during which time a few questions arose. Bjerga wondered if, in the past, members of the public needed to stand up, or use a microphone to address the council. Council member Johnson affirmed that members of the public would stand up and walk to the front of the room before speaking.

Bjerga also wondered what happens if a member of the public does not come to order, or refuses to leave when asked to do so. It was mentioned that if a disruptive person refuses to listen to the council chair, the situation would be directed to Police Chief Jason Borash.

- HEARD from Ron Kramer during the public forum asking why the city needed another police officer. He said he felt Motley was not a very big town and that one officer should be able to cover everything. He also felt that there should be a police presence on weekends. He stated that if you try to cross the highway (during the weekend) "you're taking your life in your hands."

- SET next regular meeting for Monday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m.

- HELD a closed meeting to conduct a performance evaluation for Police Chief Jason Borash.

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Staples Police report

Aug. 21, Staples Police responded to a report of a three vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 10 and 14th Street NE. Two parties were treated for minor injuries. Stanley Botteneau of Browerville pulled onto Hwy 10 from 14th St. NE, striking a car driven by Lavina Seipkes of Motley who was eastbound on Highway 10. Seipkes' vehicle was then struck from the north by a vehicle driven by Ida Frisk of Motley who was attempting to turn East onto Highway 10.

Aug. 21, Staples Police took a report of a dog bite that occurred in the city of Staples. The animal has been quarantined and will be reassessed in ten days.

Aug. 22, Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic dispute involving a juvenile on the 100 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. Also responding to assist was the Todd County Sheriff's Department and Todd County Child Protection.

Aug. 22, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of 4th St. NE for a report of two dog crates containing multiple puppies that didn't appear to be doing well in the heat. Police found the owner inside a business and advised them of the complaint. The owner said they only stopped for a couple of minutes, and they had watered the dogs before going into the store. The owner of the dogs left the store to take care of the puppies.

Aug. 22, Staples Police were dispatched to the a delayed report of an elderly male in a dark gold or green hatchback suspected of taking photos of children playing in their swimsuits at a townhome. Officers arrived on scene and searched the area after speaking with the complainant. Police were unable to locate the described person or vehicle.

Aug. 22, Staples Police responded to the intersection of 12th Street NW and Highway 10 for a report of an iPhone crash detection, with no response from the owner. Police, along with the Staples Fire Department, and Staples Ambulance checked the area, but did not locate a crash. The Wadena Police Department located the subject in Wadena and were advised by the phone's owner that their phone must have fallen off of the vehicle he had been in.

Aug. 23, Staples Police responded to the Timberlake Hotel for a report of a suspicious person. Police advised the suspect to stop the disturbance, and police were called to return again

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Literacy a goal of Rotary

Free Libraries, increasing book access for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

Rotarians Marv Rothstein and Kurt Wilson built the book exchange boxes. A third box was constructed and will soon be installed at 1000 4th St. NE. Trinity Lutheran Church will be the steward for that location.

"Establishing a Little Free Library in Staples seemed like a perfect way to celebrate our Rotary Club's Centennial, given our focus on literacy," said Brenda Halvorson, library steward. "I was thrilled when the club agreed to build and install two libraries. The more ways to get books into the hands of people, the better."

The Staples Rotary Club was chartered in 1923 and is commemorating the occasion with an event on Sept. 28 at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center.

Little Free Library is a worldwide, nonprofit organization based in St. Paul dedicated to expanding book access for all. For more information see www.littlefreelibrary.org.

The map to locate a Little Free Library can be found on the website. A mobile app is also available. No registration is necessary. Search by Near Me to find libraries based on your current location. Search by Location to search by any city, state/province or postal code.

when he did not cooperate. The party and his friend were removed due to their disruptive behavior.

Aug. 23, Staples Police were requested to assist Wadena County Sheriff's Office with a disturbance at a residence on the 10000 block of 255th Ave. It was reported a possibly intoxicated male with kids in the vehicle was driving by the residence and making harassing phone contract with the complainant. The subject was located at a residence in Staples and Brady Scheffler, 29, was arrested by a Wadena Deputy for DWI.

Aug. 24, Staples Police were called to the 900 block of Michigan Ave. NE for a subject having mental health issues and was feeling suicidal. The subject was given a ride to Lakewood Health System emergency room.

Aug. 25, Staples Police witnessed a vehicle travelling east on Highway 10 being driven by a male party who has a cancelled IPS driving status and multiple warrants throughout Minnesota. Police followed the vehicle out of town and performed a traffic stop near the intersection of Highway 10 and Timberlane Road. The officer positively identified the driver as Daniel Cheney, 42, and placed him under arrest. The suspect vehicle was inventoried and towed to Scott's Southtown tow yard. Cheney was turned over to a Todd County Sheriff's Office deputy to be transported to jail.

Aug. 26, Staples Police received a call of a male party getting into a residence and trying to get into a vehicle. The male party left and was located on 12th Street NE and Pleasant Ave. When Officers arrived, it was learned that he was from a group home and they are on scene. No charges were filed and the male party was taken back to his residence.

Aug. 27, Staples Police located an intoxicated female at the intersection of 8th St. NE and Prairie Ave. NE. They had been asked to leave a residence and now was requesting a ride to a residence. The subject was transported to a residence.

Aug. 27, Staples Police received a report of a female party sleeping in the laundry mat for the past two hours. Police checked on the party and could not get her to wake up. Police requested an ambulance to check her welfare. Ambulance arrived and was able to wake her up. After waking up enough, she declined any medical treatment and was going to finish her laundry and leave.

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• Sept. 2, 1948 - Peter Card of Staples, who deals in livestock, is the owner of a dwarf Hereford steer which he purchased from a farmer south of Staples some time ago.

The Hereford stands 32 inches in height and the weight of the animal is 255 pounds. The steer is about a year old.

Bovine midgets are an oddity in the animal world as stockbreeding, authori-

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ties say that chances for a dwarf is one in every 1 1/2 million births.

• Sept. 2, 1948 - Todd county's booth at the Minnesota state fair was awarded a blue ribbon by the judges the first of this week, according to information coming to Staples. The booth, in charge of Francis Pierce of Staples, featured "oats" in its display.

• Sept. 2, 1948 - Sacred Heart Catholic church in Staples dedicated its new electronic organ at special services and a High Mass Sunday morning, Sept. 26, at 10 o'clock.

Opening of the dedication service was the blessing of the organ by Rev. Fr. F. C. Falque, pastor of the church. Following this the choir of over 50 voices sang, "The Holy city," after which the regular High Mass service was observed.

The deep rich tones of the organ, the crescendos, and diminuendos, the phrasing and enunciation of the choir was almost perfect in every respect, according to people who attended the service. The service climaxed with the choir singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

• Sept. 2, 1948 - Lt. Lorraine Hankey, who had spent a 30 day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hankey and other relatives, left Wednesday of last week for Long Island, N.Y., where she is nursing in the St. Alban's Navy Hospital.

• Sept. 2, 1948 - Darrell Buttshaw, who has been employed at the City Bakery in Staples as an "extra man" during his high school days, has accepted a position in a bakery at Cedarberg, Wisc., and expects to leave for that place Sept. 5.

Darrell was graduated from the Staples high school with the class of 1948. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Buttshaw of Staples. Cedarberg is only about 17 miles from Milwaukee.

50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• Sept. 6, 1973 - A 100,000-square-foot shopping mall is planned for Staples, according to information released to The World this week by Clarence Cross of Fargo, development manager and store engineer for Super Valu Stores, Inc.

Super Valu Stores, working with Minneapolis developer, plans to build a super

market in conjunction with the shopping mall, Cross said. Included in the plans for the 15,000-square-foot supermarket are the following departments: grocery, meat, produce, dairy, frozen foods, bakery, delicatessen and general merchandise.

Cross said, "Other stores planned for the shopping center include a 20,000-square-foot farm store, a hardware store, a 15,000-square-foot drug store, a family clothing store, a laundromat, beauty salon, barber shop, restaurant, ice cream shop, plus other smaller specialty shops."

"Staples is one of the most potentially exciting cities in the three-state area I cover," Cross told The World. His territory includes Minnesota, and North and South Dakota.

Tentative plans call for start of construction in the spring of 1974, on a location in the northern portion of Staples, he said.

• Sept. 6, 1973 - The enrollment at the Motley Public school is up by 19 students Supt. R. G. Berg reported, as classes for the 1973-74 term got underway last week.

Enrollment figures show a total of 499 students attending classes in Motley, 241 in the elementary department and 258 in grades seven through 12.

• Sept. 6, 1973 - The 14-game win streak of the Pelican Rapids Vikings came to an abrupt halt last Friday evening as the Cardinals of Staples High school, under new coach, Myron Smith, rallied to a 12-8 victory on the home field.

25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• Sept. 3, 1998 - From Minneapolis to New Orleans is a long trip by car or plane, but it's even longer by bike.

Just ask Jerry, Rick or Jeremy Jasmer, all from the Aldrich area, who just completed the Mighty Mississippi Bike Adventure, a 1,600 mile, 19-day trip along the Mississippi River.

• Sept. 3, 1998 - A deepening farm commodity price crisis has politicians calling for action while prices for crops are continuing a downward spiral.

An all-farm products index decreased two points from July to August, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service, with a crops-only index down three points.

Prices received by farmers for corn decreased 22 cents from July to August (to \$1.80) while soybeans dropped 44 cents (to \$5.50).

Oats, which was a \$1.45 a bushel a year ago, dropped from \$1.03 to \$1.00 in the past month, according to the state report.

Two area elected officials are leading an effort by politicians to bring the crisis to the forefront of public discussion.

State Rep. Steve Wenzel of Little Falls last Thursday held a hearing in Sauk Centre by the House Agriculture Committee.

Meanwhile, Dallas Sams of Staples, chair of the Senate Ag Committee, has announced he will



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1993. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

visit Washington later this month to meet with the Secretary of Agriculture and with the Minnesota congressional delegation.

• Sept. 3, 1998 - New teachers this school year at Staples Motley include Deborah Beaver, high school life sciences; Lisa Kajer, occupational child care teacher; Ryan Beachy, middle school physical education; Sarah Penfield, Staples Elementary third grade; Jill Kneisl, Middle school art instructor; and Kermit Klefsaas, new assistant to the high school principal.

• Sept. 3, 1998 - Five of the six staff members who have worked in the Staples or Motley school system for the past 25 years were present Monday for opening day workshops. They are Gwynne Gildow, John Wolak, Tom Honek, Lowell

Bayerkohler and Pat Held. Larry Holmberg, custodian, was not present.

• Sept. 3, 1998 - Announcing the Opening of the Law Office of Jonathan Edin, 133 4th St. N, Staples (next to Beinhorn & Co.) For all your legal needs including the practice areas of Wills & Trusts, Real Estate, General Litigation.

10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• Sept. 5, 2013 - Todd County Dairy Princess Sarah Paskewitz, Browerville, was one of 12 finalists in the '2013 Princess Kay of the Milky Way' contest at the Minnesota State Fair. On Aug. 31, she sat for at least six hours in a walk-in, glass-walled refrigerator while artist Linda Christensen of Oceanside, Calif., sculpted her head out of a 90-pound block of butter.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Aug. 23, 1973 edition of the Staples World featured Fred Heier (center), the present owner of Heier's Grocery of Staples (along with his wife, Marie), which was observing its 50th anniversary of doing business in this community. Also pictured are the Heiers' sons Eugene (left) and Michael, who assist at the store.

Mike Blessing, Alan Judd, Frank Leidenfrost, Mike Koppes, Mary Theurer and Mary Sperley, all of Staples, correctly identified Eugene, Fred and Michael, each voicing memories of Heier's Grocery, located on the south side of Staples. Sperley, a retired teacher, said that was one of her stops on the way to school, and if she had enough lunch money she'd buy some candy at Heier's. Judd said this photo brought back good memories, sharing that he'd sold groceries for Mason Brothers for 15 years, and called on Fred and Marie Heier every week. Sometimes he'd pick up his four boys from school, and they'd stop at Heier's Grocery for some M&M's, which was always a treat. "It was fun to see Fred," Judd said. Kathy Odden and Rick Anderson, both of Staples, correctly identified Fred and his son, Mike. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.



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Filling the little library

Marv Rothstein places some books in the new library, which are available to anyone. People are also encouraged to share their gently-used books with the library. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





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‘Music in the Park’ ends on a high note

There was standing room only at the final ‘Music in the Park’ concert in Staples Aug. 20, featuring the classic country/rock duo Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen (lower photo, from right). Due to rain, the concert was moved to Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, where an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed music from their ‘hometown boy’ Neznik and his friend Franzen, who played together in the band October Son during the early 2000s.



In addition, concert-goers had the opportunity to purchase pizza by the slice, with all proceeds going to the Staples Host Lions Club. The pizzas were donated by Neznik, who owns Tower Pizza in Staples. Pictured in top photo are members of the Staples Host Lions and a couple of others who helped serve pizza for the event. From left are Dawn Adamietz, Lion Steve Sing, Chloe Badger, Lion Graeme Badger, Lion Rick Adamietz. The Music in the Park Series was funded by the Staples Host Lions, and organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with assistance from the City of Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Trappers Education Course offered Sept. 9

The 2023 Trappers Education Course will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Dewey’s Taxidermy, 63539 340th Street in Wadena.

Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1989 that has never purchased a trapper’s license and would like to, must take a Trappers Education Class. For questions and to register, contact Duane Schmitz at 218-631-4988. Pre-registration is required.

Mark Your Calendar

September 7

‘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://walk-withadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

September 8

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 11

STAPLES AREA RETIRED EDUCATORS (REAM) MEETING Monday, Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m. at the Staples City Hall. Mike Hajek will be the program.

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

September 12

LIVING LEGACY GARDENS, STAPLES, WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS Tuesdays, from 9 - 11 a.m. Located at 26505 Co. Rd. 2.

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

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

September 13

FALL FESTIVAL COMMUNITY EVENT AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH Wednesday, Sept. 13, 5 - 7 p.m., 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley. Supper, bounce house, hay rides, games, registration for AWANA and youth groups. Free.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Lucas Imrick, top photo, and Malachi Mumm, bottom photo, recently completed the “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” program at the Staples Library, receiving their certificates, free books and coordinated stuffed animal. Both are shown with Cathy Perish, Library Services Coordinator.



To sign up for the program, stop by the library and receive a free book bag and record book. The program is designed to increase awareness and the importance of early literacy as well as encouraging parents to embrace their role as their child’s first teacher. Reading is one of the most important goals parents can do to ensure their child’s success when they begin school. The goal is to help children enter school ready to learn. The program is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. The Staples Library is located at 122 6th St. NE. (Submitted photos)

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Lee Current, Lead X-Ray/CT Technologist;
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and
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Nominated by Laurie Johnson

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Quality Improvement Director

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Community picnic held

A community picnic was hosted by the Staples Hi-Rise Aug. 17 helping kick-off the festivities to Railroad Days. Community members were invited to a “Picnic on the Patio” for all to enjoy including root beer or orange Crush floats. Activities included games, touring the Hi-Rise residents’ gardens or sitting under the Lions tent visiting and enjoying the breeze. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Staples Area Church Directory

Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children’s Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.
Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.
Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Aldrich
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Cushing
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25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
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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
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Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.
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Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Motley
Motley Free Methodist
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.
St. John’s Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
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MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.
United Methodist
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Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Casino Assembly of God
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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
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Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
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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.
United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 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
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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.
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Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Seeds of Hope.....7:00 p.m.
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The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690
Sunday Service.....10 a.m.

Obituary

Randy Thiel

Randy J. Thiel, 73, of Baxter, passed away August 26, 2023, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with MS. Services were held August 31 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brainerd. Randy was born September 27, 1949, to Joyce and Eva (Judd) Thiel in Bertha. He was raised in Staples. After high school, he went to Bemidji State where he met the love of his life, Margaret Emerson. They moved to Harwood and raised four children. Randy worked for Philip Morris for 32 years. Eventually, he and Margaret moved to Baxter to enjoy retirement. Randy enjoyed gardening, flowers, reading and traveling. He liked watching the Twins and Vikings games. Above all, he truly loved spending time with his family. Left to cherish his memories are his wife of 51 years, Margaret; two sons, Jacob

(Cynthia) and Alex (Alisha); two daughters, Megan (Ryan) Johnson and Emily (Dustin) Baird; eight grandchildren, Quinn, Conrad, Graysin, Ellie, Ryden, Henry, Briggs, Jack; two sisters, Kitty Tepley and Deb Pritchett and one sister-in-law, Kathy Thiel. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Russ. Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter. w37C A00006B2023SP06

CLC Cultural Thursday Sept. 7

The 25th season of Cultural Thursdays kicks off September 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Chalberg Theatre, CLC’s Brainerd campus. The inaugural event will feature Jan Kurtz, the visionary founder of Cultural Thursdays. Kurtz will reflect on the program’s remarkable journey over the years, highlighting the transformative impact of language and cultural interactions on individuals and the community alike. Oscar and Michelle Gonzalez of Spirit Movement Dance will open the celebration and CLC Sociology instructor, Gary Payne, will be recognized for his previous 24 Cultural Thursday presentations. Located at Central Lakes College - Chalberg Theatre, 501 W College Drive, Brainerd, MN, 56401. Info: joseph.yow@clcmn.edu.

“It’s Embarrassing but Life-giving in How ‘A Little Child Will Lead Them’”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Would you think back on a time when a little child, in all of their innocent perspective, blurted out something so profound that our adult filters missed? On the 12th of the month, I have an addendum to one of my two prayer guides that causes me to stop and pause about three columns of observations that I have written down about the world, experiences and sayings of children. It is a part of the “thank you” prayer guide that I want to lift up to God. Here’s the embarrassing part. It’s no secret that I have 30 pounds that needs to go as soon as yesterday. In two completely separate times apart from each other, our two four-year-old granddaughters each asked about my large stomach. I am, once again, trying to change in allowing “little children” to lead me. This devotion has as its impetus Isaiah 11:6 (NIV, 2011) “The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the

calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.” The beginning of Isaiah 11 gives the rich imagery of how “a shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.” All of this is a rich word picture of how the Messiah (Jesus) will come from unseemingly (and unlikely) humble beginnings. Think of it again... Jesus came to this earth as a vulnerable miraculous fertilized egg through God’s Spirit in Mary’s womb. We can read about that in the Christmas stories in Matthew 1-2, Luke 2 and Galatians 4:4. Indeed, Jesus is THE Child that has come to lead us through His birth, life, death, burial and resurrection as all re-recorded in the Bible. May each of us receive His leading. Unlike earthly children who leave their innocent perspective as they grow up, Jesus always remains perfect in His perspective.

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Cardinals fall in two volleyball matches

The Staples-Motley volleyball team had two losses in their opening week of dual matches, falling to Verndale on Aug. 29 and to Foley Aug. 31.

Against Verndale, the Cardinals won the first set but fell in three straight after that. Livi Lorber and Miranda Schotzko each had six blocks in the game. Stefany Sullivan had three ace serves and 18 digs.

Against Foley, the Cardinals played a wild third set where both teams had multiple set points. The Cardinals played their best with the game on the line but it ended up in a loss. The point of the game came when Jade Storry made a diving save and Livi Lorber spiked it over with no set for a kill.

Staples-Motley got their middle attack going with Miranda Schotzko early

and Lorber late in the game. They had trouble setting up their outside attack but Ellie Moulton was effective spiking from different spots and led the team with nine kills.

Team results
Staples-Motley 1, Verndale 3; 25-16, 21-25, 18-25, 13-25
Steffany Sullivan: aces-3, digs-18
Ellie Moulton: assists-2, kills-12, blocks-1, digs-13
Izzy Olander: assists-4, kills-4, Blocks-2
Jade Storry: assists-1, kills-8, blocks-2, digs-9
Miranda Schotzko: assists-3, kills-5, blocks-6
Livi Lorber: aces-4, assists-3, kills-4, blocks-6, digs-4
Lilly Tyrrell: digs-8
Annie Schlosser: aces-1, assists-14, kills-3, blocks-2, digs-1
Staples-Motley 0, Foley 3; 19-25, 15-25, 30-32
Sullivan: Aces-2, Digs-11
Moulton: Aces-2, Kills-9, Blocks-1, Digs-9
Olander: Kills-2, Blocks-1
Storry: Assists-2, Kills-3,



Annie Schlosser

Blocks-2, Digs-6
Schotzko: Assists-1, Kills-3, Blocks-4
Lorber: Assists-3, Kills-8, Blocks-5, Digs-6
Tyrrell: Digs-8
Schotzko: Aces-1, Assists-12, Kills-2, Blocks-1, Digs-1



Steffany Sullivan



Izzy Olander and Miranda Schotzko

Football vs. Frazee

The Staples-Motley football team opened their season at home against Frazee on Sept. 1. Because of early newspaper deadlines for Labor Day, this newspaper was printed before the game was played.

Check staplesworld.com for results and recap of the game.

Rutten, Noska remain undefeated

The Staples-Motley tennis team ran their record to 6-0 with competitive wins over Moorhead and Detroit Lakes on Aug. 28 and Bemidji on Aug. 31.

So far this season, Lauren Rutten and Ronnie Noska have not been challenged as the top two singles players in the area. Even against these good teams, they only dropped a combined six games in twelve sets.

Against Moorhead, Kaylee Perius split the first two sets in her singles match and won the ten point tiebreaker. The doubles team of Maddison

Perius and Natalie Hanson did the same thing, winning 10-4 in the tiebreaker.

Against Bemidji, the Cardinals needed two third set tiebreakers to pull out the win. Kaylee Perius won a second set tiebreaker and also the super tiebreaker to win. The doubles team of Amy Rollins and Corinne Olson won their super tiebreaker for the deciding point in the match.

Team results
Staples-Motley 5, Moorhead 2
Singles: Lauren Rutten W 6-1, 6-0; Ronnie Noska W 6-1, 6-1; Jaida Holst W 6-2, 6-0; Kaylee Perius W 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, (10-1)
Doubles: Amy Rollins/Corinne Olson L 4-6, 6-4, (4-10); Kenzie Erickson/Heidi Zimmerman L 3-6, 3-6; Maddison Perius/Natalie Hanson W 5-7, 6-4, (10-4)
Staples-Motley 6, Detroit Lakes 1
Singles: Rutten W 6-0, 6-0; Noska W 6-0, 6-0; Holst W 6-1, 6-1; K. Perius W 6-0, 7-5
Doubles: Rollins/Olson W 6-3, 7-5; Erickson/Zimmerman L 6-4, 4-6, (10-12); M. Perius/Hanson W 6-2, 6-4
Staples-Motley 4, Bemidji 3
Singles: Rutten W 6-0, 6-1; Noska W 6-1, 6-2; Holst L 1-6, 4-6; K. Perius W 0-6, 7-6 (7-0), (11-9)
Doubles: Rollins/Olson W 7-5, 2-6, (10-6); Erickson/Zimmerman L 0-6, 2-6; M. Perius/Hanson L 6-7 (7-9), 4-6



Jade Storry



Suhaila Mikhaeil, Aleea Holst and Leah Greenwaldt

Top cross country runners start out fast

The top runners for the Staples-Motley cross country teams showed they are in great shape in the first race of the year, a home meet at The Vintage golf course in Staples. The top two girls runners and the top boys runner had excellent races, but the traditionally tough course on a hot day proved to be a challenge for much of the team.

In the girls race, Audrey Brownell and Kyanna Burton were well ahead of the rest of the field, finishing in first and second place. In the boys race, Issiah Tabatt

ran with some ranked runners and finished fifth.

Team results
Boys varsity (5,000 meters)
Fergus Falls 40, Bertha-Hewitt 40, Park Rapids 64, Staples-Motley 97, Detroit Lakes 132, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 181
5. Issiah Tabatt 17:42, 18. Logan Robben 19:02, 23. Dillan Robben 19:44, 26. Elijah Greenwaldt 20:10, 29. Gage Bjerga 20:45, 30. Gabriel Kroll 21:00, 32. Blaine Plattner 21:16
Junior varsity: 15. Ivan Lozano 21:57, 19. Odin Trif 23:45, 26. Israel Ritter 26:12
Jr. high (2,500 meters):

7. Garret Bjerga 9:52, 21. Reed Leach 10:52, 23. Jackson Odden 10:59, 26. Alex Leach 11:14, 54. Zane Leach 13:51
Girls varsity (5,000 meters)
Fergus Falls 37, Staples-Motley 53, Park Rapids 74, Crosby-Ironton 93, Detroit Lakes 118, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 121
1. Audrey Brownell 19:10, 2. Kyanna Burton 19:47, 10. Bella Hines 22:54, 25. Suhaila Mikhaeil 24:57, 27. Leah Greenwaldt 25:06, 28. Aleea Holst 25:21, 31. Naila Mikhaeil 26:08
Jr. high (2,500 meters): 14. Maddie Kist 12:34, 18. Lizzie Kroll 13:00, 19. Alexis Odden 13:12, 20. Elise Trif 13:24, 25. Mollie Larrimore 14:00



Ivan Lozano and Gabriel Kroll.



Audrey Brownell



Dillon Robben

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NOTICE
LEADER COMMUNITY
BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary
36-37pnc

TODD COUNTY
NOTICE TO THE
PUBLIC OF
PUBLIC HEARINGS
TODD COUNTY
ORDINANCE
REGULATING THE
USE OF CANNABIS
AND CANNABIS
DERIVED PRODUCTS
IN PUBLIC PLACES

Notice to the Public: on September 19, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota) the Todd County Board of Commissioners will hold a First Reading to solicit public input on the Todd County Ordinance Regulating the Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Places.

The Second Reading of the Todd County Ordinance Regulating the Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Places will be held on October 17, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota). The Todd County Ordinance Regulating the Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Places can be viewed online at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/>.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer Clerk to the County Board
37-38pnc

PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE
WADENA COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Hearing regarding the process for distributing Opioid settlement dollars and provide an opportunity to Wadena County citizens and municipalities to give comment relating to the same.

The meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 9:05 a.m.** at the Wadena County Courthouse, Lower Level Multi-purpose Room at 415 Jefferson St. S. Wadena, MN 56482.

Dated: August 23, 2023

Ryan Odden
County Coordinator
36-37pnc

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77-PR-23-682

In Re: Estate of:
Nicholas John Hopp,
Decedent.

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 02, 2023 at 10:30 AM, a hearing will be held in this Court at 221 1st Ave. S, Long Prairie, MN 56347, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated August 21, 2021, and for the

appointment of Corey Matthew Hopp, whose address is 46450 251st Avenue, Staples, Minnesota 56479 as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

This Hearing will be held:

X Via Zoom;

X If checked this will be an administrative hearing, and your appearance is not required. If there is an objection to this petition, you will be notified of another date and time.

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; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and 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: August 18, 2023

BY THE COURT
Daniel Benson
Judge

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CITY OF STAPLES Summary Financial Report			
The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Staples to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at Staples City Hall at 122 6th St NE. Questions about this report should be directed to the City Clerk at (218) 894-2550			
Revenue and Expenditures for General Operations (Governmental Funds)			
	Total 2021	Total 2022	% Increase or (Decrease)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,030,537	\$ 1,081,144	4.91%
Special Assessments	117,414	132,237	12.62%
Licenses and Permits	105,455	171,614	62.74%
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,541,853	1,628,828	5.64%
Charges for Services	302,819	419,827	38.64%
Fines and Forfeits	23,036	19,117	-17.01%
Investment Earnings	61,309	(25,488)	-141.57%
Miscellaneous	742,644	894,531	20.45%
Total Revenues	\$ 3,925,067	\$ 4,321,810	10.11%
Per Capita	1,308.36	1,440.60	10.11%
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	\$ 479,806	\$ 415,885	-13.32%
Public Safety	1,045,923	1,269,007	21.33%
Streets and Highways	424,768	672,718	58.37%
Economic Development	388,347	489,663	26.09%
Parks and Recreation	153,668	103,938	-32.36%
Airport	90,163	182,645	102.57%
Debt Service:			
Principal	652,000	1,003,000	53.83%
Interest and Other Charges	195,402	232,370	18.92%
Capital Outlay	447,489	647,604	44.72%
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,877,566	\$ 5,016,830	-22.71%
Per Capita	1,292.52	1,672.28	-22.71%
Total Long-term Indebtedness			
Per Capita	\$ 11,721,028	\$ 10,685,804	-8.83%
	3,060.10	3,561.93	16.40%
General Fund & Special Revenue Funds Unrestricted			
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,024,208	\$ 1,654,191	-18.28%
Per Capita	674.74	551.40	-18.28%

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORCLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 19, 2019

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$171,830.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Matthew Suomi and Charity Rud-Suomi, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 22, 2019 as Document Number A515250 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on January 11, 2023 as Document Number A534985 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15, Block 1, Odden Heights, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder, EXPECT the South 52 feet of Lots 8 and 15 previously conveyed by deed with Instrument No. 273649, and EXCEPT those parts of Lots 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15 previously conveyed to the State of Minnesota by deed with Instrument No. 266602;

AND That part of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block 1, Odden Heights, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Block 1;

thence Southerly on an azimuth of 00 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds along the East line thereof for 238.66 feet; thence Northwesterly on a non-tangential curve, concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 2436.48 feet, a delta angle of 09 degrees 10 minutes 43 seconds, and a chord azimuth of 50 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds for 390.32 feet to the west line of said Block 1; thence Northerly along said west line for 2.30 feet to the Northwest corner of said Block 1; thence Easterly along the North line thereof for 300.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Todd County, Minnesota.

Abstract property.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1010 8TH STREET NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$174,397.83

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Cardinal Financial Company

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Flagstar Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0113700

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1000922-1400318832-7

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office,

County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2024.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: August 23, 2023

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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Public notices are a community's window into the government. You look for those notices in your newspaper. From zoning regulations to local budgets, governments have used local newspapers to inform citizens of its actions as an essential part of your right to know.

Keep public notices in newspapers!

Todd County
Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
AUGUST 1, 2023

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 1st day of August, 2023 at 9 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2023 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT – NWT F PRAIRIE EDGE GOBBLETS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the NWT F Prairie Edge Gobbles to hold a raffle event at the Thunder Lodge in Long Prairie Township at the address 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN on December 30th, 2023.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402680 through 402696 in the amount of \$12,421.64 and (Regular) 57180 through 571220 in the amount of \$63,354.25 for a total of \$75,775.89.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 804317 through 804351 and (Regular) 710822 through 710870 for a total of \$46,377.50.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600991 through 600995 and (Regular) 517446 through 517459 for a total amount of \$50,654.62.

Todd County Historical Society

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve increase of annual appropriation to \$15,000 and update lease agreement, to include an addendum with new appropriation for 2024 forward.

Health & Human Services

Laura Vaughn from Northern

Pines Mental Health Center provided an overview of 2023 services supported for Todd County clients and introduced the new Northern Pines Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve FFY2024 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Grant Contract.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To eliminate a Registered Nurse position effective immediately.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To eliminate the Home Care Registered Nurse Team Lead position effective July 19, 2023.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services organizational structure from the Child Protection Unit to the Child Services Unit, adding a Child Services Manager and Child Services Supervisor and eliminating the Child Protection Team Lead position.

Commissioners

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve contract for a classification and compensation study to be completed by Gallagher for a total of \$68,775 with \$18,775 of this supported with ARPA Funds.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize Board Chair to sign purchase agreements for lots adjacent to Historic Courthouse, parcel 36-0042300 at \$145,000 and parcel 36-0042400 at \$175,000, subject to contingencies.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reminded that the County Special Primary Election will be held on August 8, 2023 with three polling locations open: Long Prairie City Hall, Long Prairie Township Hall and Reynolds Township Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will also be an election for Upsala School District No. 487 held on August 8, 2023 with one polling location open at the Upsala Recreation Building.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended the Finance, Facilities, Wellness, Personnel, Region V and West Central Regional Juvenile Center meetings.

Commissioner Denny attended the Emergency Service Board and other regular committees.

Commissioner Noska attended the Todd County HRA meeting and other regular committees.

Commissioner Neumann attended the SRWD, Policies, CPT, Personnel, Finance, Facilities, and CMCOA meetings.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reported on meetings attended including the Parks and Trails Board, toured a daycare pod location, and other regular committees. A public service announcement message will be posted and published regarding signs not being permitted within the road right-of-way. Due to the new cannabis laws taking affect August 1, 2023, information on how this impacts Todd County will be studied and prepared for a future board meeting to discuss.

Recess

Chair Neumann recessed the meeting until August 15, 2023.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME..... \$ AMOUNT
ARC ELECTRIC
SERVICE\$16,637.07
BROWERVILLE TRUCKWASH/
BIG BOYZ\$4,043.41
CENTRAL APPLICATORS
INC\$16,716.15
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES
LLC\$2,589.60
SHI CORP\$3,059.30
STOECKER REPAIR\$4,733.73
ZIEGLER INC\$5,567.35
51 PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000\$22,429.28
Total:\$75,775.89

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME..... \$ AMOUNT
DHS - SWIFT\$4,140.60
MORRISON CO PUBLIC
HEALTH SERV\$3,892.27
NEGOV\$4,808.48
PERISH/ALAN\$3,010.49
SHI CORP\$2,753.37
TODD COUNTY ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE\$2,225.00
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF\$2,821.89
77 PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000\$22,725.40
Total:\$46,377.50

VENDOR NAME..... \$ AMOUNT

GERARD TREATMENT
PROGRAMS\$5,670.90
GREATER MN FAMILY
SRVS INC\$5,256.90
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC\$2,363.98
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL
HLTH CTR INC\$14,687.50
PRAIRIE LAKES YOUTH
PROGRAMS\$10,500.00
WEST CENTRAL REG
JUVENILE CTR\$3,632.00
PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000\$8,543.34
Total:\$50,654.62

On a motion by Denny and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 1st, 2023 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on August 15th, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Randy Neumann,
County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file
Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
37pnc



Various teams participated in Draft Horse Field Demos and the Plow Down August 27 at the England Prairie Farm. Horse drawn equipment was used for the “Tater Dig and Pick.” (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Jim Hoemberg, Todd Hoemberg and Josh Hoemberg make homemade ice cream at the Hit 'n Miss Gasoline Engine display.



Crafters, exhibitor and flea market venues lined the hill under the oak tree branches.

2023
England
Prairie
Pioneer Days

The 44th Annual England Prairie Pioneer Days is in the books. Those visiting the farm had a variety of activities to participate in, plus food, music, fun, parades or could stroll the grounds visiting the museum and various building venues.



John Deere was the featured manufacturer at the 2023 Pioneer Days which included a tractor show.



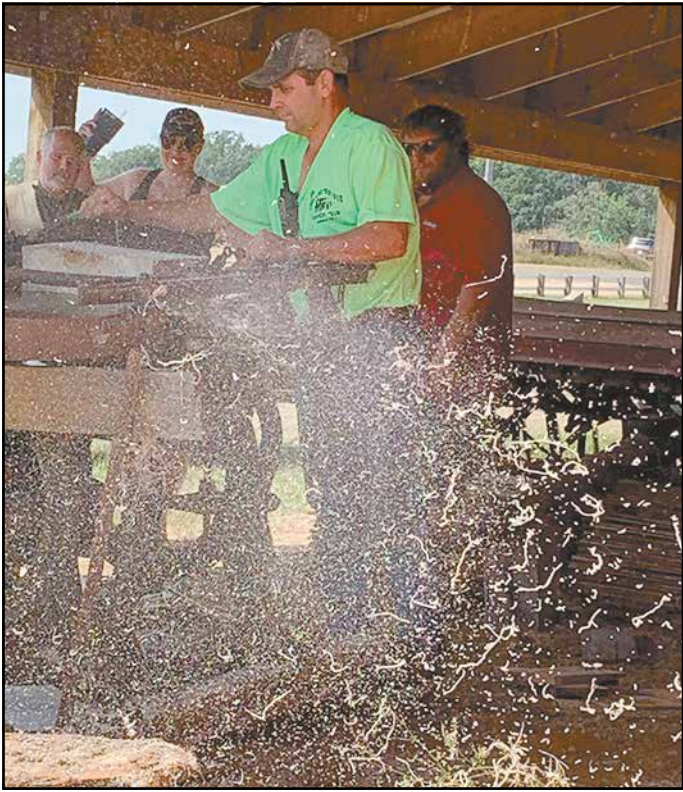
Veterans and military members were honored guests at England Prairie, some visiting the Military Museum on the grounds.



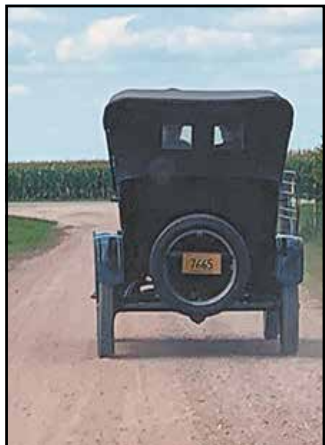
Shelly Benson and daughters, Candace and Sophia fed the goats at the Petting Zoo.



The old gas station and vehicle display provided a photographic background.



Bruce Brotherton demonstrating the shingle mill.



Coming and going in style.



Art Thew had help from son, Waylon, with the horse drawn people mover wagon.



Mary Reetz of Brainerd visits with Bob Johnson of Foley as he demonstrated plowing with Belgians Tye and Gus. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Connie Cronquist pulling the barrel train.



1923 McCormick Deering owned and operated by Josh Hoemberg.

Court report August 30

Long Prairie Police Department
Francis Javier Diaz, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Josua Espinosa Castro, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Junior lee Etpison, Long Prairie. Domestic Assault–Misdemeanor–Commits Acts to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death. Dismissed. Disorderly Conduct–offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Dismissed.
Karennny Eusebio Peralta, Long Prairie. Window Tint Too Dark. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Juan Orozco Ramierz, Long Prairie. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Duglas Salinas-Salinas, Long Prairie. Driver fails to stop for stop sign. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100.
Carlos Antonio Sosa Franco, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Gregory William Hegeholz, Chaska. Aquatic plant management–fail to have a permit. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Brian Earl Sarff, Bloomington. Watercraft–personal floatation of life-saving devices required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Zavier Allen Wold, Long Prairie. Fail to display valid ATV registration as required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Minnesota State Patrol
Allan Leonard Bell, St. Andrews, Manitoba. Speed 72/66. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jace Robert Minoletti, Staples. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Nicolas Vicente Sampson, Motley. Speed 91/65. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.
Geneva Leigh Whisonant, Winter Park, Flor. Speed 80/65. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Bobbi Jean Andres-paine, Plymouth. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Emerson Mauricio Baca Vargas, Ladson, S.C. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Sara Lynn Carrigan, Big Lake. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Patricia Marie Clementcihak, San Mateo, Calif. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Lara Michelle Even, Valley City, N. Dak. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Bruce Edward Grieves, Rosemount. Hands-Free Law–hold wireless communications device with one

or both hands. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Tarpeh Jayee Helena, Fargo, N. Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Anthony Terrance Kawlewski, South Saint Paul. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Ryan Thomas Larson, Staples. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Raul Lopez Gonzalez, Yauatepec Mor, Puerto Rico. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Kaesha Lee Marlow, Kerkhoven. Hands-Free Law–access video content/images/games/software applications. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Martha Elana Montanez Becerra, Long Prairie. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Wyatt Evan Puttonen, Sebeka. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Julio A. Santiago Gonzalez, Independence, Wis. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No insurance owner. Dismissed. No proof motor-vehicle insurance.
William Joseph Schultz, Newport Beach, Calif. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Harold James Stanislawski, Fergus Falls. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Van Ceu Thang, Alexandria. Speed 96/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.
Staples Police Department
Nelson Antonio Meija Martinez, Little Rock, Ark. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Todd County Sheriff's Office
Miguel David Diaz Fernandez, Eagle Bend. Careless driving. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Nancy Novakoske Hoogenhous, Swanville. Speed 64/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Kristal Rose Zenken, Garfield. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 15, 2023.
Bethany Ray Daigle, Duluth. Fourth Degree DWI–operate motor vehicle under influence of intoxicating substance. Continued. Fine \$400. Fee totals \$75. Local Confinement (90 days, stay 0 years, 0 months, 86 days for two years. Credit for time served: four days). Probation–Adult (supervised probation, two years).
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 21, 2023.
Chad Everett Blue, Browerville. Third degree driving while impaired.

Dismissed. Third degree driving while impaired–blood alcohol content greater than .08 within two hours. Sentenced. Fine \$400. Fee totals \$505. Local Confinement (364 Days, Stay 361 Days For four years. Credit for time served: three days).
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 22, 2023.
Khristian Campos Mangual, Long Prairie. Domestic assault–inflict/attempt harm. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct–fight. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct–offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Sentenced. Fine \$300. Fee Totals \$375. Local confinement (90 days, Stay 0 years, 0 months, 83 days for one year. Credit for time served: seven days). Probation–Adult (Supervised probation, one year).
Robert James Hartman, Verndale. Second degree DWI–operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. Second degree DWI–alcohol concentration .08 within two hours. Amended court decision. Sentenced. Local Confinement (365 days, stay 275 days for four years. Credit for time served: five days). Comment: Work release/STS if qualify per jail policy. Defendant to serve 30 days in jail and 60 days on Alcohol Sensitive Electronically Monitored House Arrest. Probation changed to four years per Aug. 1, 2023 legislative changes. Probation–Adult (Supervised probation, four years).
Jonathon Paul Lynk, Akeley. DUI three operate motor vehicle–alcohol concentration .08 within two hours. Sentenced. Local Confinement (365 days, stay 0 days, 0 months for four years. Credit for time served: two days). Comment: Can serve all or part of jail sentence on STS with credit against jail sentence as two for one. Complete and verify through probation. Work Release/STS as approved by Sheriff. Probation changed to four years per Aug. 1, 2023 legislative changes. Probation–Adult (Supervised probation, four years).
Molly Quinn Holman, Verndale. Third degree driving while impaired–blood alcohol content greater than .08 within two hours. Sentenced. Local Confinement (365 days, stay 0 years, 0 months, 350 Days for four years. Credit for time served: four days). Comment: balance of jail time can be served on Electronic Alcohol Sensitive House Arrest, STS and work release as approved by Sheriff. Probation changed to four years per Aug. 1, 2023 legislative changes.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 23, 2023.
Brandon Joseph Schmidt, Long Prairie. Theft–take/use/transfer movable property–no consent. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$135. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 years, 0 months, 78 days for one year. Credit for time served: 12 days). Probation–Adult (Probation to the court, one year).
risha Nicole Bierwerth, Long Prairie. Domestic assault–gross misdemeanor–subsequent violation. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct–offensive/abusive/noisy/obscene. Stay of adjudication. Continued. Probation–Adult (unsupervised monitoring without adjudication, one year). Fine \$50. Fee totals \$125.
Dennis Duane Bollin, Grey Eagle. Third degree DWI–operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. Third degree DWI–alcohol concentration .08 within two hours. Dismissed. DWI–operate motor vehicle–alcohol concentration .08 within two hours. Local Confinement (90 Days, stay 0 years, 0 months, 87 days for one year. Credit for time served: three days). Probation–Adult (Supervised probation, one year). Fine \$200. Fee totals \$300.
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Manuel Acevedo Ferrer, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.
Robert Castillo Tavarez, Long Prairie. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Driver fails to stop for stop sign. Fine \$50. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100.
Heizel Nachar Fuentes Concepcion, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Kelly Badger Ortiz, Loveland, Colo. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Abigail Rose Quistorff, Long Prairie. Engage in cellular phone or video call. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Juan Orozco Ramirez, Long Prairie. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Brian Earl Sarff, Bloomington. Watercraft–personal floatation or life-saving devices required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Minnesota State Patrol
Jada Lee Finken, Long Prairie. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Maxwell James Marshall, Lino Lakes. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Roger H. Alarie, Chatham, Ontario. Speed 107/70. Fine \$350. Fee totals \$575.
Chandra Christine Armstrong, Cambridge. Speed 74/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Hands-Free Law–access video content/images/games/software applications. Fine \$50. Weaving over lane lines. Fine \$50.
Lucy Magdalena Bartholomew, Fargo, N. Dak. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Bradley James Bernier, Forest Lake. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Allen Steven Bruder, Long Prairie. Seat belt required–driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Aneuri Caraballo Mejia, Long Prairie. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.
Sianna Jolae Garcia, Red Wing.

Speed 91/70. Fine \$70. Fee: \$155.
Jose Luis Gonzalez Castro, Long Prairie. Speed 77/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.
Jose Luis Gonzalez Ortiz, Long Prairie. Seat belt required–driver and passenger must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Mason Raine Horton, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
James Ford Lindahl, Shoreview. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Devin Burr Lockerby, Faribault. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Christopher James McDonald, Grand Forks, N. Dak. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Fred A. Neal, Fargo, N. Dak. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Steven James Osveld, Moorhead. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jeffrey Lee Rains, Tucson, Ariz. No Minnesota Registration. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Luis Mario Santana Acosta, St. Cloud. Speed 83/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100.
Julio A. Santiago Gonzalez, Independence, Wis. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No insurance owner. Dismissed. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Dismissed.
Brent Harold Sterriker, Long Prairie. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Amy Marie Turk, Fargo, N. Dak. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Nahun Durano Zamorano, Albany. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Todd County Sheriff's Office
Jordan Anthony Anco, New Richmond. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Miguel David Diaz Fernandez, Eagle Bend. Careless driving–operating any vehicle carelessly on street or highway. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Sheila Kay Klein, Browerville. Speed 73/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Redginald James Lambrecht, Long Prairie. Seat belt required–driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Francisco Gutierrez Martinez, Willmar. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Duty to drive with due care–speed greater than reasonable. Fine \$40.
Abdias Yariel Miranda Colon, unknown. Carry/possess pistol without a permit–public place–gross misdemeanor; second or subsequent–felony. Dismissed. Fleeing a peace officer by a means other than a motor vehicle. Dismissed. Drive without a valid driver's license. Dismissed. Drugs–possess over 1.4 grams marijuana in motor vehicle. Dismissed.
Donald Eugene Mudick, Jr., Motley. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Johan Manuel Polanco, Long Prairie. Open bottle law; possession; crime described (misdemeanor). Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Stefani Marie Pung, Freeport. Speed 60/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Justin Brady Scheffler, Staples. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40.
Travis Marvin Wolfe, Staples. Operate vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 10, 2023.
Dylan Scott Crandall, Brainerd. Carry/possess pistol without a permit–public place–gross misdemeanor; second or subsequent–

felony. Dismissed. DWI 4- Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol. Dismissed. DWI 4- Operate Motor Vehicle–Alcohol Concentration 0.08 within two hours. Convicted. Sentenced. Fine \$400. Fee Totals \$475. Local Confinement (90 Days, Stay 0 years, 0 months, 90 days for two years). Condition – Adult (Follow all state and federal criminal laws. Contact your probation officer as directed. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you change your address, employment, or telephone number. Cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property, and things as directed by your probation officer. Sign releases of information as directed. Complete Chemical Assessment, already completed. Provide copy of recommendations to probation agent. Sign releases in information. Follow any and all recommendations. Attend MADD Impact Panel, already completed. Provide a copy of certificate of completion to probation agent. No alcohol/controlled substance use with the exception of prescribed medications. No possession of alcohol or drugs with the exception of prescribed medications. Random testing to verify compliance Attend AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), attend classes at least once per week for six consecutive months and provide written confirmation (sign-in sheets or comparable documentation) to probation agent on a monthly basis. No Driving without valid Driver's License and Insurance, remain law-abiding, take medications in the prescribed dosage and frequency, complete booking, provide fingerprint and photograph pursuant to standards established by the MN BCA). Probation – Adult (Supervised probation, two years). Level of Sentence: Convicted of a Misdemeanor.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 14, 2023.
Kevin John Shimak, St. Joseph. Speed 65/55. Continued for dismissal. Condition–Adult (No same or similar); Probation–Adult (Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months).
Leslie Roy Midkiff, Bertha. Driving after cancellation–inimical to public safety. Continued for dismissal. Condition–Adult (No same or similar, remain law-abiding, follow all state and federal criminal laws, conditions, other, remain in contact with the Todd County Attorney's Office regarding progress in program through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety). Probation–Adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, one year).
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 15, 2023.
Roger H. Alarie, Chatham, Ontario. Speed 107/70. Convicted. Sentenced. Fine \$350. Fee totals \$575. Reckless driving; consciously disregarding a substantial or justifiable risk. Dismissed.0 days. Credit for time served: 60 days). Probation–Adult (supervised probation, two years). Domestic abuse no contact order–violate no contact order. Dismissed. Domestic Assault–bodily harm. Dismissed.
Justin Brent Lind, St. Cloud. Driving after cancellation–inimical to public safety. Stay of adjudication. Continued. Condition–Adult (no same or similar, obtain driver's license, enroll in driver's diversion program and get a valid license). \$0 fee totals. Head lamps. Dismissed.



Eating for sport

Tower Pizza held a pizza eating contest during Railroad Days on Aug. 19. The youth contest gave 12-18 year olds five minutes to try and eat a medium thin crust pizza. The adult competition, above, gave contestants ten minutes to eat a deep dish pizza. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Family support

During the pizza eating contest, John Tabatt leaned on his son Nick as he tried to finish his pizza.



Drawn in by the eating spectacle

Curious spectators moved up to get a closer view of the pizza eating contest at Tower Pizza.



Trying not to laugh

Tower Pizza owner Eric Neznik interviews one of the contestants during the youth pizza-eating contest.



Pizza smiles

Members of the crowd enjoyed getting the leftovers from the pizza eating contest.

Dupris awarded for work with Indigenous service members

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Frances (Eagletail) Dupris, an intelligence analyst, instructor and Director of the Advanced Training Course at the 319th Combat Training Squadron, has received the Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) Military Meritorious Service Award for the second time. Dupris is a Staples-Motley alumni.

The SAIGE Military Meritorious Service Award is presented to active-duty, National Guard, Reserve service members, and military veterans in government service who have made significant contributions in supporting their organization's government-to-government interaction with American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes. The award also honors those who promote greater understanding of the AI/AN culture and embody the qualities and core values of their respective military service or government agency.

In 2021, the Department of the Air Force Barrier Analysis Working Group added a new team, the Indigenous Nations Equality Team (INET), which was chartered to address barriers facing Airmen and Guardians of AI/AN heritage.

Dupris, a Rapid City, South Dakota native, is the senior enlisted co-lead, alongside Jacqueline Melcher, Col. Maureen Trujillo and INET champions Brig. Gen. Terrence Adams and Dennis D'Angelo.

Since the establishment of INET, the team has made significant strides in their lines of effort and collaborated in creating a video to celebrate INET's first anniversary. The accomplish-



Frances Dupris

ments and leadership of Dupris prompted the champion of INET to nominate her for the award. Dupris will be recognized at the SAIGE National Training Program in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"It's humbling for me to receive this recognition," Dupris said. "I'm thankful for the many INET members and leaders across the force who have supported INET and led Indigenous cultural events across the Department of the Air Force. Additionally, I'm grateful for the INET leaders who have taken the time to recognize my efforts in the advancement and support of our Airmen and Guardians. I'm honored to make my family, tribe, elders and community proud, and to continue to serve as a positive role model for the Indigenous community, Airmen, Guardians and the next generation, especially Indigenous children."

Dupris has a diverse background both personally and professionally. She balances her demanding career with a fulfilling family life as a wife and mother of four children. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

and is currently working towards a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership.

Dupris is an active member of SAIGE, a national non-profit organization representing American Indian and Alaska Native Federal, Tribal, State and local government employees. Through her involvement with SAIGE, Dupris has attended numerous training programs and has extensively networked within the organization.

"SAIGE hosts an outstanding Annual National Training Program, open to all, focused on professional development, leadership and topics related to the complex Federal Indian Trust Responsibility," Dupris said, referring to the legal obligation of the U.S. government to protect the rights and resources of American Indian tribes. "Integral to this, SAIGE provides specialized training sessions for veterans and youth. I highly recommend attendance at the training program to learn about the Indigenous or American Indian/Alaska Native communities."

In discussing the significance of the award, Dupris emphasized its role in recognizing contributions to the Indigenous community. She highlighted the award's alignment with Indigenous teachings of caring for each other and the earth, and with the warrior ethos.

Dupris's second receipt of the SAIGE Military Meritorious Service Award recognizes her continued dedication to service, her efforts in promoting diversity and inclusion within her sphere of influence and her role as a positive representative of AI/AN in government service.



Edible bean tour

Dan Kaiser of the University of Minnesota Extension, right, talks about edible bean experiments at CLC. His study on inputs and irrigation, combined with soil types and soil minerals, has helped update University of Minnesota guidelines

to give to farmers in Minnesota. CLC has around 1,000 bean plot experiments going this year. A large portion of the dry beans in the United States are grown within a 20 mile radius of Staples. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Kids love kale experiment

CLC's Tammy Rick, left, and Noah Boelter, right, show the 'Sota Grown kale

pod experiment to some interested children.



Field Day tour transportation

A wagonload of Field Day attendees gets ready to go to one of the tours.

Ag reporter

Dan Lemke of the Linder Farm Network spoke about what he is hearing about successes and concerns in the Minnesota ag world. He noted increased opportunities for value-added agriculture and energy opportunities with solar, wind and biofuels. He said farmers are concerned about regulatory issues and the dry weather this year. He said there is a lot of pressure to pass a new Farm Bill for crop insurance and trade funding.



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Ag Center impresses chancellor

three year agreement to partner with CLC.

"The partnerships have been phenomenal," said Galbreath. "Now other states are using the Minnesota model for their programs."

Noah Boelter, research analyst at CLC, talked about a few of the experiments on the farm, including the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) cover crop study, which is in its final year at CLC. Other experiments include edible bean trials, hazelnut trials to get a robust nut to grow in this area, high tunnel experiments and the 'Sota Grown kale pod experiment, which donated 2,500 pounds of produce to Lakewood Health System in the past year.

"This is an amazing event," said Chancellor Olson, "we are competing at a world class level."

Olson said he was impressed with how robust the Ag Center is.

"This will help me tell stories about what is going on in education, when I get back to the capitol," said Olson.

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