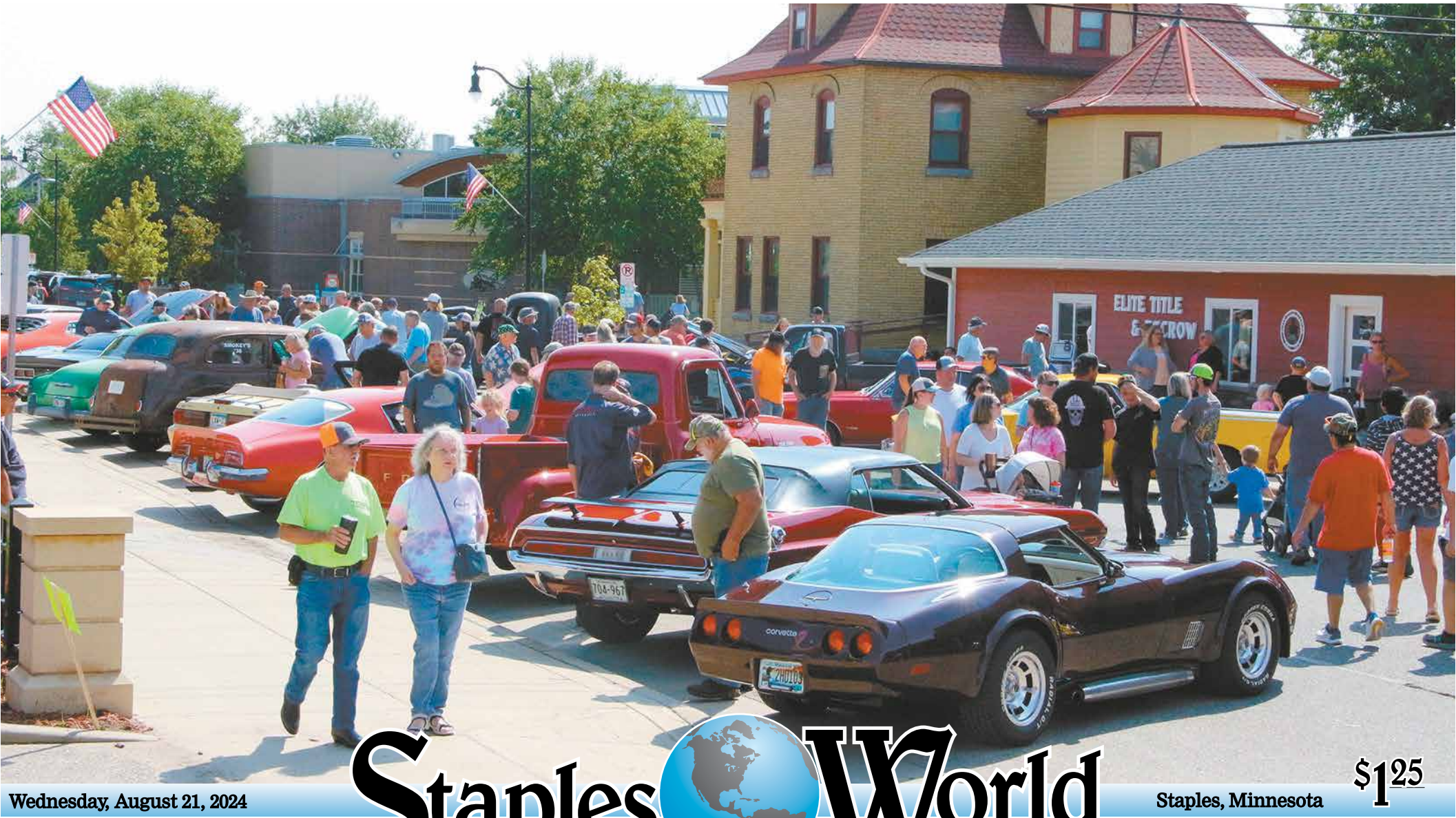


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CLC Field Day Aug. 30

The community is invited to the Central Lakes College Ag & Energy Research Center's annual Field Day from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30 at the Ag & Energy Center, 26505 County Road 2, Staples. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

This event is an opportunity to experience a variety of agricultural demonstrations, meet with industry professionals, and learn about the latest innovations in the field.

Event highlights:

- Morning tours (9 - 11:45 a.m.): Choose from sessions focusing on topics like Precision Irrigation, Edible Beans Research, Local Foods, Drone Spraying Applications and more.
- Afternoon events (12 - 3 p.m.): Enjoy a free lunch, explore the Living Legacy Gardens, and indulge in the ice cream social while experiencing the traditional Scandinavian violin music performed by Skäl Klubben.

There will also be demonstrations, including drone flights, tractor ride and drives, and grazing tips from the NRCS Grazing Trailer. This is a day filled with hands-on learning and networking opportunities.

For more information, contact Tyler Grunewald at 218-894-5141.

Seven people in two car crash

On Aug. 13, just after 8 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of a motor vehicle crash with injuries in Section 24 of Thomastown Township.

A 2018 Nissan Rogue, driven by an 88 year old male of rural Staples was driving on McGivern Drive when it collided head-on with a 2007 Toyota Camry, driven by a 17 year old female of Staples.

The Nissan Rogue had two occupants while the Camry had a total of five juvenile occupants, with no serious injuries reported.

The crash remains under investigation by the Wadena County Sheriff's Office. Assisting on scene was the Staples Police Department, Todd County Sheriff's Office, Staples Fire Department, Lakewood Ambulance and Scott's Southtown Towing.

Classic cars downtown The Railroad Days Car Show brought a large crowd downtown to check out the classic vehicles. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

New rural residency program for obstetrics coming to Lakewood

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Lakewood Health System has been selected as a location for the first obstetrics and gynecology Rural Track Program in the country, in which medical students from the University of Minnesota will learn the family practice style of obstetrics at Lakewood.

On Aug. 14, U.S. Senator Tina Smith came to Staples to learn more about the obstetrics (OB) program and celebrate the federal grant that is leading to this new partnership.

The federal Health Resources and Services Administration developed this grant in 2019. Lakewood applied and was accepted this year. The grant will be \$750,000 spread out over three years. The program will be scheduled to fully start in 2028.

Sen. Smith Outreach Director Sarah Sandgren said that when they started talking to the U of M about the OB grant program, Staples was the first place mentioned, as in "We want this program there," said Sandgren.

Lakewood Doctor Alex Harsha, a family medicine specialist, said "The 'U' has done amazing things to make this happen."

Even though Lakewood is approved for the program, it won't start until 2028 and they have some work to do in the meantime, including earning accreditation for the program and updating their systems to fit the program protocols.

The proposed OB rural

residency program starts with students training at one of the urban hospitals, where they will see the wide spectrum of pregnancies that occur there, then will transfer to Lakewood to see the differences of a rural OB department.

Lakewood CEO Lisa Bjerga said that once the program is installed with the help of the grant, it will become self-sustaining financially.

Obstetrics family practice

Bjerga told Smith that more than 500 babies are born at Lakewood every year, including 522 births in 2023.

Sen. Smith was amazed at that number of births and asked why so many people come to Staples for obstetrics, which is the branch of medicine that deals with pregnancy and childbirth.

Lakewood Chief Medical Officer Christine Albrecht said that Lakewood takes a different approach than many other health care systems in that one physician follows each patient throughout their entire pregnancy, plus through childbirth and follow up visits.

That level of one on one personal care is not the norm in the modern medical world, said Bjerga, adding that Lakewood's obstetrics program follows a family practice model.

"It is a great model to have, word of mouth spreads how personal that

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Senator comes to Staples

U.S. Senator Tina Smith, right, next to Lakewood District Board Chair Mary Theurer and System Board Chair Curt McClravy. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



U of M medical director

Dr. Alex Harsha, center, and Dr. Adrienne Moen, right, explain the Lakewood Health System OB department to Dr. Shailey Prasad, Executive Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility, left.



Mysterious paraders

Staples-Motley students dressed up in their spooky costumes for the Railroad Days Parade to promote their production of The Addams Family.



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Weather

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2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 21	76	63	M. Sunny
Aug. 22	74	64	Showers
Aug. 23	81	64	P. Cloudy
Aug. 24	85	67	M. Sunny
Aug. 25	87	64	M. Sunny
Aug. 26	84	59	Sunny
Aug. 27	80	57	Sunny

Last Year, 2023

High Low Cond.

Aug. 21	78°	56	Cloudy
Aug. 22	97	70	M. Sunny
Aug. 23	84	66	Cloudy
Aug. 24	88	70	M. Sunny
Aug. 25	80	68	Sunny
Aug. 26	71	57	M. Cloudy
Aug. 27	75	53	Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 76° Low = 55°

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Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

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Mary Dravis

Marjorie Porter

Everett Sowers

Seven file for three S-M School Board seats

Local election filing ended Aug. 13, with seven people filing for three Staples-Motley School Board seats. Both the Motley and Staples City Council only had incumbents file, with no challengers.

School Board

The Staples-Motley School Board election will have seven people running for three available seats. Candidates are Justin Thorne, Jeremy Reeck, Tonia Judd, Sherry Miller Frisk, Kevin Trierweiler, Levi Anderson and Mary Freeman.

Reeck is currently on the school board. Two current board members did not refile for their seats, Bryan Winkels and Lisa Anderson.

Motley

The Motley City Council has four incumbents filing for the four open seats, with no other challengers. Mayor Pat O'Regan refiled, as did council members Dennis Erickson, Steve Johnson and April Skeesick-Larson.

Staples

For the Staples City Council, all of the current office holders who are up for election filed for their same seats, with no other challengers. Mayor Ron Murray, along with council members John Jewison, Mary Theurer and Doug Case all filed to run again.



Riding the barrel train

A horse drawn barrel train ride was part of England Prairie Pioneer Days in 2023. (Staples World archive photo)

England Prairie Pioneer Days in its 45th year

The England Prairie farmstead located near Verndale will be hosting their Pioneer Days event Aug. 23, 24 and 25. Pioneer Days celebrates looking back at life when settlers came to the area.

Enjoy watching working draft horses, threshing, a saw mill and a large display of hit and miss gasoline engines. Have a ride around the grounds in a horse drawn wagon. On Sunday, participate in the "tater dig and pick" and bring home fresh dug potatoes.

Barns and buildings are set on the grounds where guests can visit a blacksmith, print shop, shingle mill, depot, old gas station and log chapel as well as the Pioneer Museum and the Military Museum.

This year the event will feature Ford/Fordson and anything handmade. A tractor show/display is held on the grounds as well as a parade.

The main draw for Saturday will be the Antique Tractor pull featuring 50 years and older tractors starting at 11 a.m. (For tractor pull information contact M. Matthews, 218-639-4511).

The modern era offers a full menu of food in the spacious pole shed kitchen and dining area as well as fry bread, sandwiches and pop under the shelter.

Kids' games are offered throughout the weekend (free grounds admission for kids 17 and under) including bounce house, barrel train ride, bird house building, kiddie coin hunt, petting barn and a playground.

Friday, Aug. 23

Gates open at 4 p.m. at no charge; 7 p.m. dinner (BBQ pork ribs or roast beef, mashed or baked potato, vegetable, roll, dessert, beverage; there is a fee); 6-8 p.m. music by "Nowthen Ramblers"

Saturday, Aug. 24

Gates open at 7:30 a.m. (buy your button when entering the grounds); 7:30-11 a.m. Thresher's Breakfast (Phyllis' famous pancakes or French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage links, beverage); 8:30 a.m. flag raising with the Boy Scouts; 11 a.m. Antique Tractor show; 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Kitchen open lunch; 1:30 p.m. Parade - all may join; Wadena Amateur Radio Club; beer garden

Sunday, Aug. 25

Gates open at 7:30 a.m.; 7:30-11 a.m., Thresher's Breakfast; 8:30 a.m., flag raising with the Boy Scouts; 9 a.m. worship service at the Log Chapel; 10 a.m. draft horses field demos; 10 a.m. Plow Down; 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Kitchen open; 1 p.m. Parade, everyone may join in; 2-4 p.m. bingo; 4 p.m. raffle prize drawings; 5 p.m. gates close for the season.

Flea marketers/swap meet exhibitors and crafters will be on the grounds.

For information visit www.England-prairie.org. The grounds are located at 14229 Cty. Rd. 1, Wadena; from Staples, Hwy. 10 to Verndale, then 1 mile south and west on Cty. Rd. 23, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 1; from Wadena, 4 miles south on Hwy. 71 and 2.5 mi. east on Cty. Rd. 1



Searching for the medallion, and a cure

The Robben family of Staples were out searching for the medallion Aug. 15, a tradition during Railroad Days that includes an opportunity to win \$500. Pictured above, at the Staples World where they stopped to talk over the clues are, from left, Kathy Robben, her daughter Ashley Robben, and Staples World editor Mark Anderson.

In lower photo are Ashley and her brother, Dillan Robben, heading home after learning the medallion had been recently found just across the street from the World, near the Staples Post Office. Despite not finding the medallion, the Robbens were happy to be in their hometown for a few days before traveling to Maryland for continued treatments for Ashley, who has been battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) since October 2023. Since that time, she has spent months at hospitals, and received chemotherapy and numerous medications, as well as a bone marrow transplant donated by her younger brother, Dillan. After learning the leukemia had returned, Ashley has been referred to a medical facility in Bethesda, Maryland to be part of a study. While at the Staples World, they shared they are grateful for the support they've received from their hometown during this medical journey. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley area law enforcement reports

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

August 7 - 13

Aug. 13 - Motley Police issued a citation to Makayla Stringer, 23, for not having a MN license.

Aug. 9 - 12 - Motley Police issued speeding citations to Ashon Cook, 27; Abel Zhukovskiy, 29; Nola Tennesen 20.

Aug. 9 - Motley Police issued a citation to Barbara Rucks, 56, for failure to stop for a pedestrian crossing on the crosswalk. Rucks also received a verbal warning for speeding.

Aug. 11 - The MCSO received a call from Cass Cty regarding a one-vehicle roll over at 581 Hwy 210, Motley. The Motley Fire Dept. was dispatched.

Aug. 9 - A Morrison County deputy assisted MN State Patrol on a driving complaint. The caller stated that the vehicle was driving erratically, all over the road. Contact was made with the driver who had an instructor's permit and was learning to drive.

Aug. 9 - The MCSO received a report of a suspicious vehicle at the 33000 block of Rolling Oaks Ln., Motley. The reporting party didn't have any specific reason as to why he thought the vehicle was suspicious, only that it is in "rough shape" and seems out of place.

Aug. 8 - The MCSO received a call regarding a trailer that had been left on the roadway at the 3200 block of Ridge Rd., Motley. Upon the deputy's arrival, he found the trailer and a bunch of metal that had been left on the roadway. All items were towed to Collins Brothers.



Election judges in Motley

Election judges in Motley reported a total of 30 people came out to vote at the Motley City Hall Precinct. Two other absentee ballots were counted as well, for a total of 32. Pictured, from left, are Sherry Frisk, Chris Rosvold and Ken Swecker. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Deer poaching complaint in Morrison County

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on Aug. 14, their office received a deer poaching complaint and several reports of street signs, mailboxes and electrical boxes that were shot in the townships of Platte and Pulaski, in the Harding area north of Pierz.

Morrison County deputies, along with a MN DNR officer, responded to the area and observed a deceased deer with a 12-gauge shotgun wound. The suspect(s) appeared to have shot the deer from the roadway. Additionally, several mailboxes, street signs and two separate electrical boxes were shot. Spent casings were located in multiple locations within Platte and Pulaski Townships. The only detail available about the suspect vehicle is that it was an older truck and notably loud.

According to Sheriff Shawn Larsen, these incidents are believed to be related and happened sometime during the early morning hours on Aug. 13, between 12:30 a.m. - 1 a.m. and again on Aug. 14, at approximately 4 a.m. If you have information regarding this incident or the vehicle in question, you are asked to contact the Morrison County Sheriff's Office at 320-632-9233. Your help is greatly appreciated in bringing the responsible parties to justice.

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Thank you for reading the Staples World

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• Aug. 25, 1949 - The Staples baseball team lost a 4-3 eleven-inning ball game on Sunday, Aug. 21, to Pequot Lakes in the first round of the double elimination play-off tournament of the Crow Wing Valley League.

Big Wayne Stewart took the mound for the locals and it was a bad second inning, plus a few bad breaks, that cost him his ball game.

• Aug. 25, 1949 - At the present time three new homes are under construction in Staples. Frank Auld Jr., and Ted Seward are both building homes on Seventh Street North, and Al Lindell is putting up a new home on

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Dawn Timbs

Sixth Street North.

A new home on Eighth Street North has been completed for Mr. and Mrs. A Hicks, and they have already moved to their new place.

• Aug. 25, 1949 - The Second Annual Fall Style Show, sponsored jointly by Mae's and Batcher's Federated Store will be held at the New Staples Theatre on Aug. 31, between the first and second motion picture shows.

Don Matthews, a specialist in style shows for Butler Brothers will be the master of ceremonies for part of the show. The other MC has not been selected as yet, but both will officiate at the show.

A complete and new line of fall clothes for women will be displayed during the show. These will include the latest styles in dresses, coats, suits and fur coats.

Models from Staples will wear the clothes again this year. Music for the occasion will be provided by Miss Elizabeth Shelper at the piano, and Miss Audrey Griep who will sing the songs for the affair.

• Aug. 25, 1949 - According to reports coming to The World from various towns and villages throughout Todd county, the county still remains free from any polio cases.

State reports have the polio outbreak almost at the epidemic stage, but in the news broadcasts, and the daily newspaper releases, no information has been forthcoming as to the number of cases released.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1984. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

People are urged to use all precaution against the disease in all communities, and to be sure and observe the rules and "tips" which were released several weeks ago in The World.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• Aug. 22, 1974 - Ground breaking ceremonies were held at 11:30 Sunday morning for the new Gospel Tabernacle, which will be built on the old site. All the men of the congregation took part in the breaking of the sod.

The old Gospel Tabernacle burned 17 years ago and since then the small flock of 20 families, led by Rev. Lester Anderson have held their services in the 100F Hall.

• Aug. 22, 1974 - A northern that tipped the scales at 14 pounds, four ounces, made Larry Hokenson a very proud boy. Larry, who is 15 and the son of the M.L. Hokensons of Staples, caught the lunker in Little Sand lake at Remer Sunday, Aug. 11. He was using a blaze orange spoon for bait.

• Aug. 22, 1974 - Cathy Flick of Minneapolis has been employed as the second grade teacher at the Sacred Heart School, Staples, for the upcoming school term.

Sister Ann Marie Miermaier, school principal, said that Miss Flick is a graduate of St. Benedict's College.

• Aug. 22, 1974 - Establishing of hot-lunch fees for the

coming year, hiring of six instructors, and approval of three resignations were among the nearly 30 item disposed of last Tuesday evening by the board of education of Independent District 793. The meeting lasted five and one-half hours, with the group adjourning at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The hot-lunch fee situation was discussed for a considerable length of time, during which it was brought out that the district has been losing money consistently on its hot-lunch program over the past several years. Consequently, the board reluctantly moved to raise the charge for hot lunches to more nearly approach the break-even point.

The fees established are: elementary lunch, 45 cents; secondary lunch, 50 cents; vocational students, \$1.

The six hirings included those of Jim Hirschey, machine tool rebuilding; Jim Garland, food services; Warren Kahler, high school vocational ag; Lowell Bayer-kohler, junior high art; Glen Hasselberg, industrial arts; Jody Mortrude, grade 5, and Joyce Herzog, special education.

Two other hirings had been approved at an earlier meeting: Robert Anderson, veterans adult farm management, and DelRay Lecy, veterans adult farm management.

Letters of resignation were read from Lambert

Klose, Curt Hirschey and Tony Walthall. All three were accepted by the board.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• Aug. 26, 1999 - Heading up the Staples Motley Cardinal volleyball action this year will be eight Cardinal seniors. They include Missy Matejicka, Heidi Dump-prope, Sarah Berg, Chelsea Simonson, Amanda Noska, Sarah Bach, Dana Hassel-berg and Jill Mertens. The team will be coached by Linda Card.

• The Zuchinis, a family juggling, magic and comedy act, will be featured at the Chili Cook-Off during Railroad Days. Greg Kaler, a 1973 graduate of Staples High School, is the patriarch of this group.

Other entertainment on the Railroad Day's Saturday roster includes the String Beans, a folks music duo; Candy Nichols and Abby Kern, gospel, country and folk music; Jeff Kotula, folk music and Music General Dancers. On Sunday at 1 p.m., the Prior Lake Water Ski Team will perform at Dower Lake.

Aug. 26, 1999 - Terry Thelen of Staples organized and hosted the fourth annual Brothers of the Third Wheel Minnesota rally this past weekend, with over 30 'trikers' from four states (Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Arizona) camping out on his property on the south edge of Staples.

The three-wheeler events included a 70-mile tour through the pines and lake country Saturday morning, games in the afternoon and a banquet and awards program Saturday evening at Scotty's Pub in Staples.

• Aug. 26, 1999 - Lori Rothstein, a 1996 graduate of Staples Motley High School, has spent the past school year fulfilling a dream that began in her high school days.

Currently a student at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, she spent the entire past academic year studying at Tubingen, Germany.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• Aug. 21, 2014 - The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation has named the recipients of their 10th annual Outstanding Community Service Awards.

The recipients will be honored in celebration at Ted & Gen's, Aldrich, on Oct. 9.

Award recipients are: Sally Gorton - Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement; Kevin Grondahl - Citizen of the Year; Jon and Darlys Hamberg - Chairman's Award; Staples Motley FFA - Organization of the Year; Giza Plumbing and Heating - Business of the Year; Megan Han - Youth of the Year.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 1, 1986 edition of the Staples World featured cast members from Motley High School's musical production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." From left, Shela Longbella, Dave Anderson, Kevin Johnson, Glen Gilson, Mark Morey (foreground) and Cathy Cantleberry. The show was directed by choral director Jim Hanson. The stage band included Julie Jordahl on clarinet, Michele Vick on flute and Cindy Trout on piano. It was choreographed by Joelle Burns of Pequot Lakes.

Jeanne Rohr of Staples, and former band director at Motley High School (MHS), correctly identified all, and shared that it was the only musical done at MHS. "These were all students of mine," Rohr shared. She also not-

ed that the play was directed by Jim Hanson, the vocal music instructor at MHS at that time, and shared that Shela Longbella's married name is McIlravy and Cathy Cantleberry's is Knapp.

Motley native Alan Bjerga, now of Potomac, Maryland, recognized all but Glen Gilson. He shared that he was in the seventh grade that year (his brother was a senior) and that the school dismissed class one afternoon so everyone could see it. "Thanks for sharing this, it makes me happy. And remember," Bjerga said, going on to share lyrics from, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," "...Happiness is morning and evening, daytime and nighttime too. For happiness is anyone and anything at all that's loved by you."

Court report Aug. 14

Long Prairie Police Department

Joshienid Maldonado Brito, Long Prairie. Speed 46/30. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Emiliano Salas, 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.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

James Earl Laforge, Sauk Centre. Failure to report a fire. Fine \$80. Fee \$85.

Roxanne Marie Olsen, Anoka. Aquatic plant control- fail to display APM permit sticker. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Linus Peter Ritter, Grey Eagle. Water Safety- fail to have legal life-saving device on board watercraft or waterfowl boat. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Minnesota State Patrol

Cindy Marie Gosse, Staples. Careless driving. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Nancy Carol Hauer, Verndale. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Teresa Naomi Lemke, Champlin. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Brooke Arlene Lundy, Waverly. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Dismissed.

Wilkins L. Alfreide, Osakis. Seat-belt required- driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Ashley Laina Ayala, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tori Ellen Barnes, Oceanside, Calif. Speed 97/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Nathan John Benoit, Cambridge. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Caleb Joseph Blitz, Alexandria. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jordan Alexander Blaskowski, Pennock. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kaleb Austin Bucks, Mandan, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Christopher Michael Campbell, Minneapolis. Speed 77/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Jordan Wade Carlin, Long Prairie. No proof motor insurance. Dismissed.

Maryhelen Mackin Chadwick, Bemidji. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Tracilee Churlik, Browerville. Duty to drive with drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kyle Anthony Dickhaus, St. Michael. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Austin Michael Eide, St. Cloud. Speed 67/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Dylan James Feldman, Spotswood, N.J. Speed 96/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Sara Marie Fleck, Mandan, N.Dak. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Heizel Nachar Fuentes Concepcion, Long Prairie. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ronaldo Garcia Chavez, Long Prairie. Window restrictions- windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Emma Georges, Osakis. Seatbelt required- driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Nicholas Thomas Gerten, Sauk Centre. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Delfino Gomez Ortiz, Sauk Centre. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Jackson Thomas Herbst, Sauk Rapids. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Caden Hill, Conroe, Texas. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Richard Patrick Joyce, Hudson, Wis. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Shelby Lee Karau, Alexandria. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No proof motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.

Cassalene Mae Katterhagen, Browerville. Speed 50/40. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Preston Raymond Katzung, Owatonna. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Gary Lee Kellen, Cottage Grove. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Arnold Ardell Kooistra, Sioux Falls, S.Dak. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Justin James Lamb, Alexandria. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Juan Diego Landazuri Andrade, Long Prairie. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100.

Tyron Vincent Langness, New Richmond, Wis. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Vallery Ruth Lindman, Brainerd. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Ethan Chad Mahrer, Breckenridge. Hands-Free engage in cellular

phone. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Oswaldo Montanez Gomez, Long Prairie. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Ashley Anne Olson, Faribault. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Angelica Marie Oppegard, Browerville. Improperly worn seatbelt. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Rylan Jacob Pallow, Sauk Centre. Speed 80/55. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Joshua Steven Pfaff, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Douglas Allen Precht, Eagle Bend. Front and rear license plates required. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Magdalena Rodriguez, Reedley, Calif. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Hunter Eugene Roller, Thief River Falls. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Joseph Gabriel Sadofsky, Mendota Heights. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Maurice Anthony Sele, East Grand Forks. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Hayden Scott Stevenson, Wayzata. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Brian Michael Strand, Montevideo. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Bjorn Michael Torvi, Saint Paul. Hands-Free Law- hold wireless communications device with one or both hands. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Masaya Angelina Uuganbayer, Frederick, Md. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Hunter Adam Vilinski, Swanville. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Xander Matthew Wedde, Perham. Speed 68/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Adam Joe Wutzke, Hewitt. Display expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Nancy Xiong, Columbia Heights. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Department

Rebecca Lee Conn, Staples. Dog running at large. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Samantha Grace Ratajczak, Staples. Speed 47/30. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Jonathan Garrett Ackerman, Staples. Domestic Assault Strangulation. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

Christopher Matthew Beck, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jose Gonzalez Castro, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Roberto Antonio Herrera Rodriguez, Cushing. Driver fails to stop for stop sign. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or top. Fine \$100.

Johnell Marie Kent, Long Prairie. Theft of services. Dismissed. Theft by swindle. Dismissed.

Jack Eric McCoy, Long Prairie. Public nuisance- annoy, injure, endanger safety. Dismissed.

Antonia Grace Rosenow, Nelson. Window tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Lucas Robert Shields, Burnsville. Speed 80/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 1, 2024.

Craig Allen Siegrist, Alexandria. Driving after cancellation- Inimical to public safety. Dismissed. Fourth Degree DUI. Sentenced. Fine \$100. Fee totals \$175. Local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year. Unsupervised probation, one year. Fourth Degree DWI- alcohol content greater than 0.08 within two hours. Dismissed.

Matthew Cole Goff, Clarissa. Theft- take, use, transfer movable property- no consent. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$125. Local confinement 364 days. Credit for time served: 61 days.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 2, 2024.

Faisal Ahmed, Des Moines, Iowa. Driver fails to stop sign. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 6, 2024.

Garrett Austin Barber, Denham Springs, Iowa. Speed 70/60. Continued for dismissal. Fee totals \$75. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.

Neal Steven Schoonover, Osakis. Unsafe lane usage on laned highway. Continued for dismissal. Fee totals \$75. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.

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‘Weeds’ of roadsides deserve appreciation, too

One of the definitions of a weed is “any plant growing where it is not wanted.” Another, much the same in meaning, is “a plant that is not valued where it is growing.” These things we’re told by such authoritative sources as Merriam-Webster, the dictionary people, and Britannica, who much of the world has long relied on for its encyclopedias.

For those of us who like certainty, these definitions—relying as they do on words like “wanted,” and “valued”—are pretty mushy, *Who wants? Whose values?* For many, if a plant “just grew there” without being intentional-ly planted, cultivated, and nurtured, and if it’s not recognized in the hierarchy of protected or iconic wild-flowers, then by default, it’s a weed.

I have intimate familiarity with roadsides and ditches and their plant kingdom residents. All year ‘round, the rural roads that surround our home and criss-cross the area where we live are daily routes in my wife’s and my travels. In the heat of summer, it’s on bicycles for several miles of daily pedaling exercise. In fall, winter, and spring, it’s on foot. Then there are the driving trips for errands, for work, and for recreations and obligations more distant from home. We know the roadsides and ditches well, in other words.

With the calendar’s pages turning from July to August, we’ve seen in our ramblings a maturing of the more conspicuous things that grow in the open, sun-drenched roadsides and ditches. One of the signs I associate with summer’s transition to fall is the flowering of roadside asters. Their star-like flowers are most often a pale purple or lavender, but less commonly they can be found in true white. One of the eleven subspecies found in Minnesota is yellow. Each flower by itself is not overwhelming, being not much more than inch in diameter. But asters are gregarious, and

you will often see them in vast beds, their stems two to four feet tall, most carrying their flowers conspicuously near the top. Asters grow across most of Minnesota, some favoring wetter or drier settings, as their subspecies preferences dictate.

One roadside resident that might get “mixed reviews” as a Minnesota flower is the goldenrod, blamed as it sometimes is for summer and fall allergies. But plant scientists tell us that the fault lies with ragweed, which is found in similar places. Guilt by association, you could say. Goldenrod pollen is sticky and heavy, and unlikely to be dispersed by the wind. Instead, it is spread by insects, like bees and butterflies, which visit goldenrod for nectar. The pollen of ragweed—a more spiky plant, with less conspicuous flowers—is spread by the wind, and is the real culprit.

Common goldenrod, known also as Canada goldenrod, produces plume-like, nodding golden flower heads atop tall stalks, typically rising to as much as four feet in height. When seen in the dense beds in which they often grow, goldenrod is a striking expanse of bright late summer color against the prevalent green of the grasses and forbs that are their roadside and ditch neighbors.

We’ve all heard the classic “only a mother could love” expression. It’s used to describe a characteristic or feature of a person or creature that most of us—anyone other than perhaps its mother—would find unappealing. In the plant kingdom that might be something we would hear said about the thistle family, of which there are at least five subspecies found in Minnesota.

That’s because a thistle plant is “armed to the teeth,” so to speak, with small, sharp spines that will give the unsuspecting an unpleasant skin prick. The spines are found along leaf edges, on thistle stalks, and in some subspecies as a prickly collar around the base of each flower. These spines serve as armament to discourage the thistle plant’s being grazed by such wild herbivores as whitetail deer, and by domesticated cattle. They should also discourage all but the most careful person who might

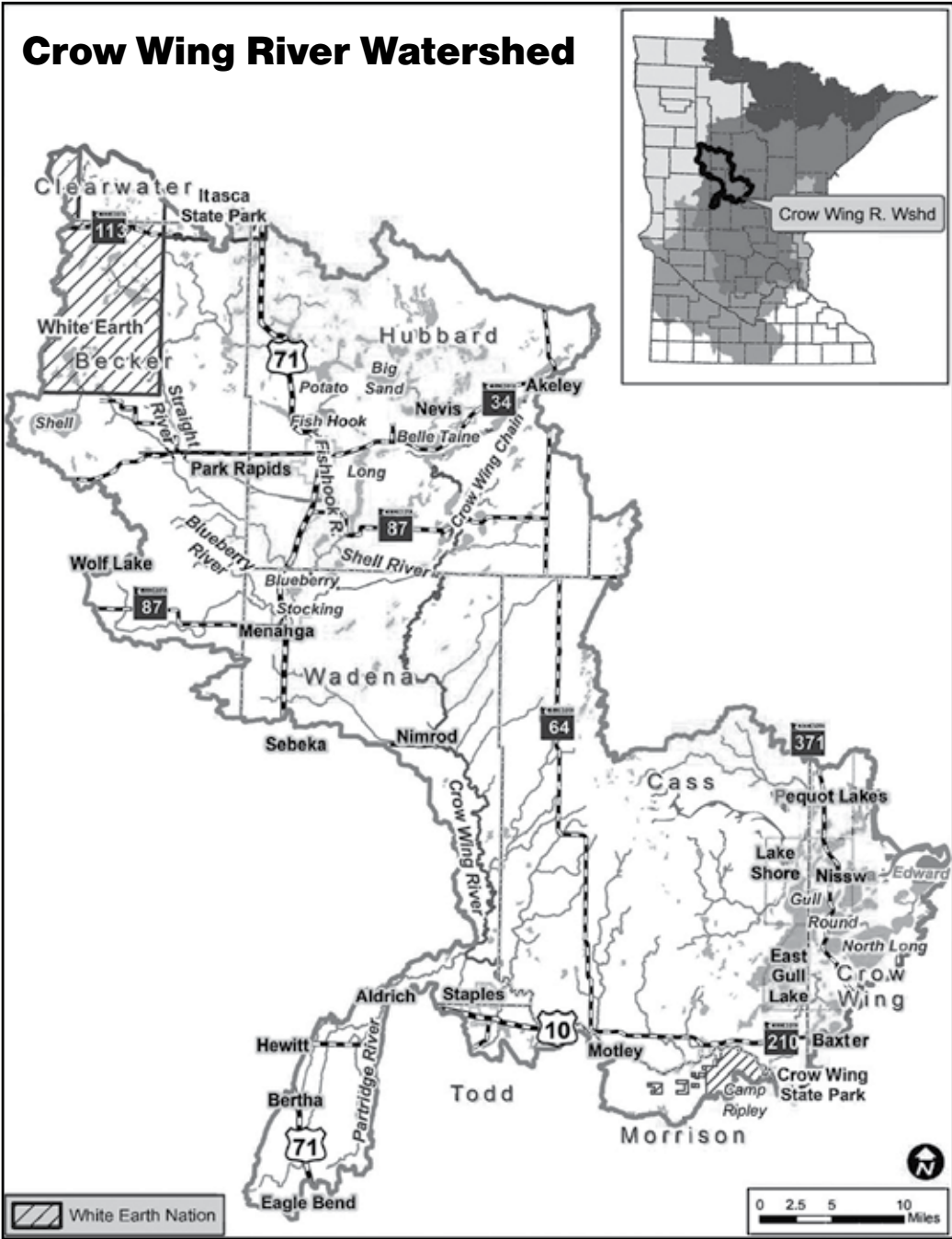
consider including them in a wild bouquet. The thistle’s pale purplish flowers are handsome close up, each one a hemispherical cluster of sea urchin-like tendrils, rather than common flat petals, and about two inches across, give or take. Being this small, the flowers are easily overshadowed by the four to six-foot-tall armored stalks of our local varieties, the field thistle, bull thistle, and swamp thistle. They’re found along roadsides, on the banks of drainage ditches, and—as unwelcome guests—sometimes in gardens and crop fields.

Perhaps the least surprising and most expected of late summer roadside flowers is the white-petaled daisy, or ox-eye daisy as it is officially known. This “naturalized citizen” is a native of Europe that is now found not only in Minnesota, but all across the temperate climate zones of North America.

Unlike some imported wild species, the daisy is not dominant and intrusive. Not like the deceptively attractive purple loosestrife, which crowds out native marsh cattails, or the invasive yellow-flowered tansy—common now along our local roadsides, too—which can impede reforestation efforts, and crowd out native grassland species; not to mention the tansy’s toxicity to both humans and livestock.

The ox-eye daisy can have two dozen or more white petals, or rays, arranged around a yellow center. The number varies considerably from flower to flower, and is credited with inspiring the children’s “loves me, loves me not” game, played by pulling off its petals one-by-one. Science teachers have also used the daisy as an example of the potential for biological variation even within the same species, one of the core principles of evolution.

These are but a few of the flowering plants that give color to the late summer roadside landscape. There is also the yellow-petaled, brown-centered, and daisy-like brown-eyed-Susan. In the wetter ditches are the white flowers of arrowhead, named for its broad, pointed leaf, and known also as duck potato for its edible tubers. Plus a whole lot more. Late summer color is all around us in the roadsides and the ditches, if we just look for it.



Input requested on Crow Wing Watershed Plan

The County of Todd, Todd Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Crow Wing River Watershed collaborative are looking for public input on the draft version of the Crow Wing River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan). The Plan was developed for the One Watershed One Plan program (1W1P) in which local governments focus efforts on protecting, enhancing, or restoring natural resources including ground water, surface waters, soil health, soil, plant, and forest health across all boundaries over which a watershed covers.

Since the spring of 2023, partners have been working to develop the Plan. Partners include Becker Coun-

ty/SWCD, Cass County/SWCD, Crow Wing County/SWCD, Hubbard County/SWCD, Wadena County/SWCD, Todd County/SWCD along with assistance from citizen landowners and various state and tribal stakeholders such as White Earth Nation, the DNR, MPCA, MDH, and MDA.

The work area the Plan covers is a large and diverse landscape that stretches from southern Clearwater County all the way down to the mouth of the Crow Wing River near the City of Baxter. The watershed has a diverse array of landscapes from agriculturally significant river basins, drumlins, large swaths of forests, and multiple lake regions. Any-

one who lives, owns land or has interest in the future of this water plan area should view the draft plan.

To view the plan and submit input/feedback go to the Crow Wing River Watershed Comprehensive Management Plan page. This can be found on the link below and on partnering SWCD’s websites.

Planning Page online: arcg.is/148Hyfl

Vision Statement:

The Crow Wing River Watershed was a historic transportation route and provided the necessities of life for generations. Today, we blend agriculture, forestry, tourism, and the lake community to protect our story and preserve resources for future generations.

Traits of successful newspapers

Study from the New Jersey Press Association (NJPA)

Ten characteristics of successful community newspapers stood out:

- All of the newspapers in the study were independently owned.
- Most publishers and editors were deeply committed to their communities.
- Most of the newspapers were owned for two decades or more.
- Most were in affluent communities.
- Most had little or no print competition.
- Most said they had many loyal and exclusive advertisers.
- Advertising was their most important revenue source.

•Approximately 25 percent had recently become nonprofits.

•Most were “somewhat profitable” or “just breaking even.”

•Most expected to be financially sustainable for the long term.

“The editors and publishers we interviewed felt so strongly about the importance of newspapers to democracy, holding officials accountable and all of what I learned in journalism school about the role of a newspaper. They’re clearly not in it for the money but are totally invested in the community themselves.”

—Randy Bergmann, retired journalist and lead author of the Community News Study

CLC Foundation is stronger than ever

By Jon Aga
CLC Associate Vice President of Advancement and Foundation Executive Director

Central Lakes College has a long and storied history of building futures for the students who come here to learn, explore and develop both personally and

professionally. This spring marked the 85th year of college graduations in Brainerd, dating back to when the first 19 students graduated from Brainerd State Junior College in 1940.

As our Brainerd and Staples campuses prepare to welcome the newest class of students into the Raider family in late August, it is important to pause and reflect on the role that the greater CLC community has to play in their coming journeys. Every future shaped within our walls is molded in part by the generosity of an ever-growing number of alumni, donors, volunteers and supporters who want our students to succeed.

It is through the CLC Foundation that our community pours its support back into our student body. From annual and endowed scholarships to in-kind donations of learning materials and equipment, the contributions entrusted to the CLC Foundation lay the philanthropic groundwork upon which our students’ futures are built.

The Foundation is stronger than ever. This past year has seen over \$2 million in public support contributed to the college through the Foundation, split nearly evenly between in-kind contributions and cash donations and grants.

Our endowed funds have grown through donations and market growth to over

\$11 million in assets – one of the largest endowed funds among all two-year schools in the Minnesota State system. As a result, over \$500,000 in scholarship dollars will be available to students this year.

These dollars, in concert with a system-wide tuition freeze and Minnesota’s North Star Promise Scholarship program, mean that this fall’s incoming students will have unprecedented levels of support as they pursue higher education.

The Foundation goes beyond just supporting tuition, but the entire cost of attendance. The Foundation’s Parkway Apartments offers nearby and affordable student housing. Further, the Foundation supports CLC Food Pantries and Random Acts of Kindness Funds, which support students’ basic needs. We also support enriching academic and athletic environments for our students and promoting our campus culture of caring.

Through the Central Lakes College Foundation, our community can transform the lives of every student who walks through our doors. We invite you to join us in building futures.

To learn more about the Central Lakes College Foundation, or how you can make an impact, contact Jon Aga, Associate Vice President of Advancement, at jon.aga@clcmn.edu.

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Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 22

FREE - 'THE GREATEST SCHOOL CARNIVAL DAY' Thursday, Aug. 22, 2 - 6 p.m., at Central Lakes Adventure School, 12763 County Rd. 1 SW, Pillager. Safari North petting zoo, carnival games and food. All welcome.

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

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Aug. 22, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Brian Freed, caller. For info., 218-894-2900.

Aug. 23

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.

Aug. 25

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

Aug. 26

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

Aug. 27

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

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



Voting down for primary election

Not many people came out to vote during the primary election Aug. 13, according to reports from area voting precincts. In the City of Staples, the Todd County precinct had a total of 103 voters, and the Wadena County precinct, 42. Staples Township reported a total of 30 voters. Pictured above at the Staples Community Center were the Todd County election judges, from left, Lori Bates, Amanda Denniston, Tara Greer, Janet

Kiley. Greer shared that, "At 7 a.m. we had 1,205 (Todd County) and 479 (Wadena County) registered voters, so turn out wasn't the best on either side of the county line. We are expecting a better turnout for the General Election on Nov. 5."

In lower photo, at the Staples Township Town Hall are, from left, election judges Annette Heldman, Anita Hove, Bonnie Thoele and Jenny Heldman. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



New banners in downtown Staples

Thanks to Discover Staples, new 'Welcome to Staples' banners were put up downtown just prior to the start of Railroad Days. Pictured are Jason Anderson and Jesse Umland, employees with the City of Staples Electric Dept. (Staples world photo by Dawn Timbs)



Staples firefighters hold training session

Members of the Staples Fire Department held a training session Aug. 1, along 6th St. NE in Staples. Fire Chief Cole Yungbauer said that they were doing a pressure testing on hoses that night, something that's required by OSHA. They chose to do the testing on 6th

Street because it's a hill, enabling water to run off. The Staples Fire Department holds training sessions every Thursday. They currently have 24 members, but are looking for two more firefighters, Chief Yungbauer said. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Educational Opportunities

September 7

2024 TRAPPERS EDUCATION COURSE MN Trappers Association, Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Dewey's Taxidermy, 63539 340th St., Wadena. Questions/to register contact Duane Schmitz, 218-296-9311. Pre-registration required.

MN FIREARM SAFETY CLASS Traditional Classroom FAS classes will be held starting Sept. 9, 2024, at 6:45-9:00 p.m. at the Staples Sportsmen's Club. Classes will also run, 7-9 p.m. Sept 10, 12, 16, 17, 19

with Field Day and On-Line All-Day Field Day Sept 21, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (approx. time.) Students must be 12 years old by this year's deer hunting start. Accepting students from the local area with Staples-Motley a priority. Space is limited and classes fill fast.

To register for classes (Traditional/On-Line) or for questions call Darlys Hamberg, Jon Hamberg (Staples) 218-296-1518 or 218-894-2608 after 6 p.m.; or Bob Koenig (Motley) 218-352-6390.

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10:00 a.m. Draft Horses field demos
10:00 a.m. Plow Down
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1:00 p.m. Parade - JOIN IN!
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4:00 p.m. Raffle prize drawings
5:00 p.m. Gates close for the season

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Obituaries

Mary Dravis

Mary Dravis, 86, of Staples, passed away August 16, 2024. A visitation will be held Thursday, August 22, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples. Services will be held Friday, August 23 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with a visitation one hour prior to services at the church. Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Marjorie Perkins

Marjorie Rose Kasper Perkins, 85, passed away August 9, 2024 in the arms of her family. A Mass of Christian Burial was held August 13 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Dilworth. Burial was in Hawley Cemetery.

Marjorie was born September 23, 1938 to Matthew William and Julia Rose (Dukowitz) Kasper in Long Prairie. She was the fourth of eight children. She married William Feakes on September 1, 1956 in Motley and they had seven children. On May 18, 1975, she married Kenneth Raymond Perkins and they made their home in Glynndon.

Marge was a woman of many talents. She worked in commercial loans, retiring from Norwest Bank/Wells Fargo. In her spare time she enjoyed sewing, quilting, making her children's clothes for many years and winning numerous awards year after year for her quilts. Her quilts live on with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed canning, gardening, tending to her flowers and animals. Her love of animals has been passed down through the generations.

Although Marge had many hobbies, her greatest love was family. She could spend hours rocking her grand and great-grandchildren and was present at most concerts, sporting events, school events, church events, modeling shoots and anything else they did. She was their biggest cheerleader.

Marge had another passion, traveling, having visited several countries and almost all of the United States. She was always up for an adventure and could be found ziplining, sledding down sand dunes, flying



through a ropes course, kissing the Blarney Stone, deep sea fishing, hunting, backpacking through the mountains of Wyoming, horseback riding, riding camels in the Holy Land and donkeys in Mexico. She was legendary for all the 5K and 10K races that she ran with her last race at age 78.

She is survived by four daughters, Donna Jean Harper of Brandon, Nancy Jo Salter, Susan Marie Feakes and Julie Lynn Grubb (Phillip), all of Glynndon; one son, Steven Craig Feakes (Gloria) of Fulshear, TX; one sister, Lorraine Fornsshell of Portland, OR; three brothers, Mel Kasper of Moorhead, David Kasper of Grand Forks, ND and Jim Kasper of Ortonville; 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Kenneth Perkins; one daughter, Debra Ann Reynolds; one son, Robert William Feakes; one grandson, Micheal Brody Feakes; two great-granddaughters, Norah Ann Eddy and Agatha Grace Eddy and three sisters, Deloris Kullman, Mary Ann Smith and Loretta Panko.

Memorials are preferred to Ethos Hospice of Fargo. Online guestbook and Video Tribute at www.wrightfuneral.com.

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Everett Sowers

Everett Leo Sowers, 99, of Motley, passed away August 15, 2024.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 23 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Motley at 12:00 p.m. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be held at a later date at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in St. Paul.

Everett was born April 22, 1925, to Harold and Myrtle (Chumley) Sowers, in Cass County. He grew up on the farm, working hard and helping out wherever he could. Everett later enlisted in the U.S. Army where he proudly served his country. When he returned to Minnesota, Everett met and married Betty Monk. They had four children and were married for over 33 years before Betty passed away in 1983. Everett worked as a Truck Driver for Mobil Oil for many years. In his free time he always found time to spend with family, whether he would sit down to play the fiddle and sing in the evening or just sit and have a family meal, he always made time. Everett enjoyed music and knew how to play many instruments. He was easy-going and the only one who could perfectly drive and park a vehicle. He was

a long-time member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew him throughout his 99 years.

Everett is survived by three daughters, Connie Longworth, Katherine Finn and Deborah (Mark) Gavett; 11 grandchildren, Brian Pringle, Brent (Alissa) Pringle, Michelle Pringle, Aaron (Kala) Sowers, Andrew (April) Sowers, Dean (Samantha) Sowers, Lakeisha (Jaden Kertzmann) Sowers, Betsy (Elijah) Sarbaum, Steven (Angel) Gavett, Scott (Kristin) Gavett and Shawn (Molly) Gavett; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Eldora Mae Monk and Norma Jean Pietz; two sisters-in-law, Flossie Sowers and Deb Sowers and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; spouse Betty; one son, Arnold Sowers; one son-in-law, Tom Longworth; five siblings, Erwin (Audrey) Sowers, Lyerva Sowers, Leonard Sowers, Loretta (Magnus) Hansen and Bernard Sowers and two brothers-in-law, Richard Monk and John Pietz.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel of Staples.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

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

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wadena

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

"An Ode to Our Small Town"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

My wife and I have enjoyed our "four-mile square walk" over the years. We also enjoy the bike/walking path up and over the overpass.

Some 15 years ago, when I was still attempting plodding along in a run, I was told by our next-door neighbor and her daughter later, that they were coming back from Wadena on the Dower Lake/Thunder Road and noticed this "old guy" trying to run. They were concerned. Afterwards, they put the pieces together that it was me.

Post-running years, last week I went out to walk the four-mile square on one of our refreshing spring days when I came across one of the dogs that I enjoy. He is a full grown, full sized "puppy." I carry dog biscuits with me in case I can come across dogs and three of the dogs on the route know the "routine." After he was up on me in anticipated excitement to get the treat, I passed it on to him and continued.

Not a half a block later, a neighbor came out with great concern, having seen our man/dog interaction (but not seeing the treat exchange) and wondered if I was okay. She said she saw the dogs paws on my chest and that I was now limping. I explained, "Oh, we were having a good time and he knows I give dog treats out. As for the limping, that's just the world of aging." She cared.

So, I continued my plodding and came across my second house on 490th St. where I have two "regular" customers. After that interaction, I walked about another quarter mile, noticing a vehicle coming down a hill before the 255th T intersection. He came passed the T and slowed down to a stop, rolled the window down and asked, "Are you OK?" Folks, by now you can tell I set no speed records when I walk. I assured him I was out for a walk. He backed up a quarter mile to turn at the T to go north on his original destination.

Two of the three interactions were not people I knew. All three took time out of their day to care. Interesting. I don't think any of the three interactions took more than three to four minutes. But they positively impacted me.

The two great commandments are to Love God and love people (Matthew 22:37-39). The second is dependent upon the first. When we love God first, that poises us to be ready (and even to want to) love "our neighbors as ourselves." May this week be about that love-awareness to all those around us, starting with our physical neighbors. They are God's gifts to us. And, you might want to keep some dog biscuits in your pockets for your next neighbor interaction.

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Fall sports practices underway

Staples-Motley football, volleyball, girls tennis and cross country teams have been practicing since Aug. 12, in preparation for the fall season. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Performing an old gospel tune

Members of The Lindsey Family performed a number of bluegrass and gospel tunes at the Music in the Park event in Staples Aug. 4, including “Mule Skinner Blues”, “I Want to be a Cowboy’s Sweetheart”, “Take Me Home, Country Roads” and “He’ll Take You In.” Hailing from Columbia, Ky. and traveling in a 45-ft. bus, the family band had recently performed at a bluegrass festival at Itasca State Park, and following their Staples gig, were headed to South Dakota. Pictured above, performing an old gospel tune are Alan Lindsey, Caleb Lindsey, Isaiah Strauel, Abby Lindsey, Susanna Strauel (hidden), Olivia, Timothy and Liberty Lindsey. At right, sitting patiently in their chairs, are Selah and Evelyn Lindsey, the next generation of singers. In lower photo, Tammy Lindsey, standing near the family’s product table, watches the youngest grandbaby, Charity Rayne, during the concert. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Bluegrass music lovin’ crowd

An estimated crowd of 200-plus people came out to Northern Pacific Park in Staples Aug. 4, to enjoy the music of bluegrass/gospel band The Lindsey Family, from Columbia, Ky. This was the final concert in the Music in

the Park Series, organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council and funded by the Staples Host Lions and Staples 3M. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Family reunion at concert

Several relatives of musician Abby Lindsey of Columbia, Ky., came to hear her perform in Staples Aug. 4, part of the family bluegrass/gospel band, The Lindseys. The Lindseys closed out the Music in the Park summer series at Northern Pacific Park. Pictured above, from left, are Alex and Kirsten Walsvik and their children Silas and Amelia, Staples; Langdon and Kristi Collum and their children Esther, Henry, Lily and Pearl, Eagle Bend; Jotham Walsvik, Verndale; Abby (Hartley) Lindsey, Ky., and her great-aunt Carla Blaha, Verndale; and Jon and Heather Barrett, Staples.



Opera house of dreams

Colleen Frost, owner of the Batcher Block Opera House in Staples, spoke to guests attending the first anniversary celebration of the opera house’s reopening. She shared a brief history of the building which was built in 1907, and the dreams she still has for the space’s complete restoration. To date, Frosty’s Spirits & Social Club has opened on the first floor, and the Little Italy outdoor green space (complete with trees, shrubs, flowers and raised gardens), is on its way to becoming a wedding destination. Frost thanked her son, Adam Frost, who helps run the business; and her brother Chris Frost, who has been a part of the journey at the BBOH since its first opening 20-some years ago, and currently plays in the house band. She also expressed her appreciation to all of the members who are helping to make this dream a reality. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Public Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-24-693

**Estate of
Gwendolyn J. Carney,
Decedent**

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent’s last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

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

This Hearing will be held:

X Via Zoom; 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.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on September 23, 2024, at 10:14 a.m., by this Court at First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

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

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: 8/13/2024

BY THE COURT
Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

Kim Peterson
Court Administrator

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NOTICE TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

215 1st Ave South,
Suite 103
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are

unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

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

Agenda

- Call to Order.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Planning Commission Members and process review.
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda.
- Approval of the August 1, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

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

2. North Star RNG, LLC: Section 33, Long Prairie Township
Site Address: 21695 State 287, Long Prairie, MN 56347
PID: 18-0040700, 18-0040800, 18-0032600, 18-0033000, 18-0032300

Request for construction and operation of an anaerobic digester to renewable natural gas project in AF-1 Zoning.

3. Arnold and Kris Gruenes: Section 29, Birchdale Township
Site Address: 10964 241st Avenue, Sauk Centre, MN 56378 PID: 03-0026201

Request for a CUP for an expansion of an existing feedlot from 999 animal units to 2190 animal units in

AF-1 Zoning district.

4. Taylor’s Woods Third Addition Preliminary Plat: Section 30, Grey Eagle Township, Big Birch Lake Site Address: 10763 Angler Trail, Grey Eagle, MN 56336 PID: 11-0080100
Request to create a three-lot plat in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning.

5. Robert Harguth: Section 31, Gordon Township, Unnamed Lake 21000100 Site Address: 15367 115th Ave. N., Osakis MN 56360 PID: 10-0028800
Request for CUP for Farm Produce Commercial Sales in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

6. Henry Slabaugh: Section 30, Round Prairie Township
Site Address: TBD off 170th Street, Long Prairie, MN 56347 PID: 21-0031400

Request for CUP for Custom Machining, Repair and Job Shop in AF-1 Zoning.

7. Kurt Weishair: Section 11, Staples Township
Site Address: 803 Long Prairie Road SW, Staples, MN 56479 PID: 22-0009300

Request for a CUP for an in-home Barber Shop in R-10 Zoning.

8. Alex Hoffman: Section 30, Kandota Township, Fairy Lake
Site Address: 10721 County 95, Sauk Centre, MN 56378 PID: 14-0031501 & 14-0030502

Request for a CUP to expand an existing 1992 CUP by 2,650 square feet, for more shop space in Natural Environment Shoreland Zoning.

Adjournment – Next meeting: October 3, 2024

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter

to be heard on these matters. All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.

Todd County Planning Commission
Jim Pratt, Chair

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NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES ORDINANCE NO. 549 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALE OF PROPERTY

THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1: The City of Staples is hereby empowered to sell the following real estate located in the City of Staples, County of Wadena, State of Minnesota in accordance with the sale price to be authorized by the City Council:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 1, First Addition to Valley View Neighborhood;

AND Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, First Addition to Valley View Neighborhood

Sec. 2: The net proceeds from the sale shall be used pursuant to Section 11.05 of the Staples City Charter.

Sec. 3: The Mayor and City Administrator are authorized to execute any documents to complete the sale.

Sec. 4: This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with law.

Adopted this 13th day of August, 2024.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples

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WADENA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE #1

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday the 5th day of September, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Auditorium of the Wadena County Courthouse to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance #1 Section 1: Solar Energy Systems.

The full context of the amendment can be found on the County website calendar at www.co.wadena.mn.us by clicking on the date of the calendar. All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. Written correspondence must be received by the Wadena County Zoning Office, 4 Jefferson St. S., Room 23 Wadena, MN 56482 before close of business the day of the hearing in order to be accepted and must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence in order to be accepted for presentation to the Planning Commission at the public hearing.** The correspondence may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the Zoning Office but it MUST include the required information.

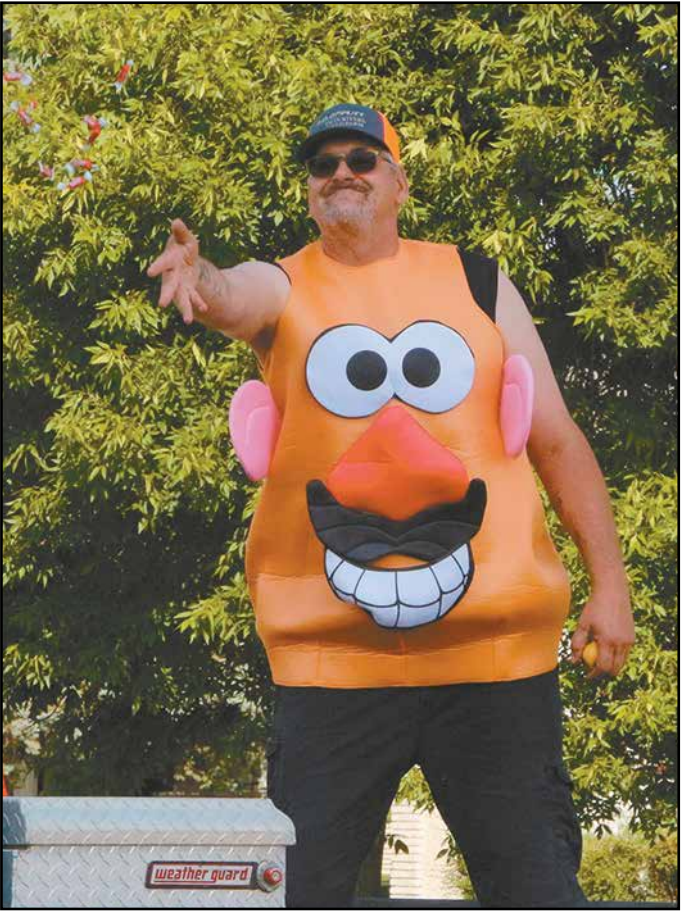
By: Wadena County Planning Commission

Dated: August 12, 2024

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Railroad Days Parade shows off for the people of Staples

(Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua
August 10 and 11, 2024 ~ Old Wadena Park



One of the Crow Wing Muzzleloaders encampments, including wares for sale.



Boots and Needles performing Saturday featuring vintage country, traditional and rockabilly vibes.



Right: Harper Hoembeg of Brownton makes a bird house with the guidance of Jon Hamberg. Harper was visiting her grandparents, Mark and Sarah Hoemberg of Staples. Sixty-two bird house kits were made during the Rendezvous by all ages.



Lowell Bayerkohler demonstrates making his wheel thrown pottery with wife, Marilyn.



Mike Hoffmann demonstrating the art of blacksmithing.



Dick Oehlenschlaeger talks about the phenology, flora, fauna, geology and climate of Wadena County.



Woodsway Herbs, made from the lowland herbs of Wadena County. Karen Stout, Heller Herbalist.



Darlys Hamberg, left, visiting with Curtis and Loretta, folk singer/songwriter duo who performed at the park Saturday and Sunday.



The face of Old Wadena Park changed drastically following an E-F2 tornado in April, 2023. Above: No more ancient oak trees shading the knoll. Below: A new stairway leading to the Crow Wing River access. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Getting a drink from the park's hand pump.



One of the people movers entering Old Wadena Park.



RR Days activities

Youth at Railroad Days found plenty of activities to run, jump, build and throw at the downtown Railroad Days celebration on Aug. 17. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Downtown music

In Stereo, left, and October Sun, below, entertained the Railroad Days crowd and got some people up and dancing, above.





A lemonade made for two

Andrew and Annie Capistrant of Browerville enjoyed a fresh squeezed glass of lemonade During Railroad Days in Staples Aug. 17. There were a number of food vendors available that day, including lemonade made by Brambleberry Fruit Farm in Pequot Lakes. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Mayor Murray gets dunked

Mayor Ron Murray took his turn at the dunk tank during Railroad Days in Staples Aug. 17, with several people attempting to send him into the water, including a

few grandchildren. At left, Murray's 11-year-old grandson, Jack Murray of Brainerd, was successful. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Fans of Staples

Staples Mayor Ron Murray and several members of his family wore "I Love Staples" T-shirts during the city's annual Railroad Days celebration. Pictured back row, from left, are Catherine Murray, Minnetonka; Mayor Ron Murray, Staples; Ryan Murray, Roseau; Mary Murray, Staples; Gia Barreiro, Minnetonka. Front row, Sam Murray, Olivia Murray, both of Roseau; Jack Murray, Brainerd. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Cornhole tournament at Lefty's

A number of people enjoyed the Cornhole Tournament at Lefty's in Staples Aug. 17, during Railroad Days. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Documenting the event

Staples World editor Mark Anderson was busy during Railroad Days, taking pictures during the numerous events that took place. He's pictured above in downtown Staples Aug. 17, when hundreds of people stopped by to enjoy music, food, vendors, a car show, and activities for children.



Collecting candy

At left: Children lined 5th St. NE in Staples Aug. 17, as candy was thrown from a Staples fire truck at the Railroad Days Parade. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Pizza eating contestants put on a show

The pizza eating contest at Tower Pizza, top, kept the crowd enthralled, left. The youth contest also was an interesting event, above. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

LAKEWOOD continued from page 1a

New obstetrics program follows RPAP model

care is,” said Bjerga about why so many people come to Lakewood for childbirth. She said the strong primary care contingent of 34 medical doctors (MD’s) plus 37 other providers is the basis of Lakewood’s strength.

Smith asked about how Lakewood handles medium risk and high risk pregnancies, since it does not have the high level neo-natal intensive care unit that can be found in larger hospitals.

Dr. Harsha said “We work to the level we can, we have delivered 34 to 35 week babies and we have doctors who have experience with risk factors.”

Lakewood doctors give patients a choice if they develop risk factors during their pregnancy, Dr. Harsha explained.

“They almost always want to stay if the risk factors are borderline,” said Dr. Harsha.

RPAP

The new OB program for medical students will be similar to the Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP) that sends third-year medical students to rural hospitals all over Minnesota for a nine month program. Lakewood has taken full advantage of this program, with 43 RPAP stu-

dents who have participated in Staples since 1992.

Dr. Shailey Prasad, Executive Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility, also came to Lakewood to greet Sen. Smith.

Dr. Prasad said the RPAP program started in Minnesota and has been copied by other health care systems around the world. He said he goes to global conferences and has to correct them when they call it the “Cambridge model” or give it another name.

“It started in Minnesota and is now used everywhere in the world,” he said. “It is one of the best models for rural health care.”

Bjerga said Lakewood likes the program because it gives the medical students a chance to feel connected to the community and start to establish some roots in rural Minnesota.

Lakewood Board member Mary Theurer said the RPAP students have told her they love the experience because they are able to talk to patients and get a hands-on experience instead of simply following a doctor around.

Senator Smith noted that there is a strong linkage

between where a person is trained and where they end up practicing. Even if they go to a different community, being exposed to a rural setting makes them more likely to continue at a rural hospital.

Birthing trends

Dr. Harsha said that many health systems are driving their births to the big facilities, with financial aspects the main driver. “Services aren’t delivered in the place they should be,” said Dr. Harsha.

Sen. Smith said she is aware of that trend.

“I couldn’t agree more,” she said, adding that this is a barrier that the new federal program is trying to get around.

On the financial aspect, Bjerga said that on paper, the OB department looks like a loss because it is very expensive. But Lakewood takes a broader view of obstetrics, seeing that it brings in more patients over their lifetimes, especially from age 0-18.

Dr. Prasad talked about how personal connections are important in medicine, with the best doctors earning their patient’s trust through their lifetime.



Lakewood / U of M partnership

Greeting Senator Tina Smith, from left Sarah Baumgartner, Lakewood Executive Director of Nursing; Dr. Shailey Prasad, Associate Vice President for Global and Rural Health at the University of Minnesota; Dr. Christine Albrecht, Lakewood Chief Medical Officer; Loren Walz, Lakewood Recruitment and Engagement Coordinator; Joe Reycraft, Lakewood Chief Finance Officer; Senator

Tina Smith; Dr. Alex Harsha; Curt McIlravy, Lakewood System Board Chair; Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood President and Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Adrienne Moen; Brad Anderson, VP of Strategy and Development; Nan Hanson, OB Manager; and Mary Theurer, Lakewood District Board Chair. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Medical meeting

From left, Lakewood Health System CEO Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood Doctor Christine Albrecht, U of M Doctor Shailer Prasad and Lakewood Doctor Alex Harsha.

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• NRCS Grazing Trailer

• Vendors inside & around the shed

- Tips & Tricks for Grazing

MORNING TOURS

Session 1 (Pick one)

10am-10:45am

Conserving Water Through Precision Irrigation to Protect Groundwater and Boost Farm Energy Efficiency

Jeppie Kjaersgaard - MDA

10am-10:45am

Edible Beans Research and Innovation

Juan Osorno - NDSU

10am-11:45am

Local Foods Tour of various horticultural crops growing at the farm

Erik Helmark CLC FBM, CLC Ag Center

Session 2 (Pick one)

11am-11:45am

Drone Spraying Applications

Curt Bond - Bond Helicopter Services LLP

11am-11:45am

Children's Garden Program and Explore the AgCentric Trailer

Judy Barka - AgCentric

11am-11:45am

Benefits and Techniques of Growing Crops in a High Tunnel System

Ryan Buetow - Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

AFTERNOON EVENTS

12-1:30pm

FREE Lunch Program

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Sweet Corn, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Cowboy Beans, Water

1pm-3pm

CLC CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE Foundation

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Living Legacy Gardens Tours

Skal Klubben Performance (Scandinavian named violin group)

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