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This Week's Forecast High Low Cond. $43^{\circ} 32$ Rain P. Cloudy Apr. 21 49 36 Apr. 22 51 45 Showers Apr. 23 64 37 Rain 42 Cloudy Apr. 24 30 Apr. 25 36 27 Cloudy Apr. 26 43 23 Cloudy

Last Year, 2021 High Low Cond.

Apr. 20	$36^{\rm o}$	24	Sunny
Apr. 21	43	26	M. Cloud
Apr. 22	61	36	Sunny
Apr. 23	50	45	Cloudy
Apr. 24	44	29	Sunny
Apr. 25	39	33	Cloudy
Apr. 26	49	34	Cloudy

Average Temps: $H = 54^{\circ} Low = 32^{\circ}$

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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One objection to closing **Motley school** building

By Mark Anderson Managing Editor

One citizen spoke against closing the Motley school building during a public hearing on April 11, there were no other comments from the public. Nine district residents attended the hearing, along with the school board and school administrative staff.

Former school board member Dave Hoemberg objected to the process of closing the school building, saying it does not meet the state statute requirements for closing a school.

Hoemberg said the school had already been in 2019 when the board approved the decision to move all elementary and middle school students to the buildings in Staples. There was no hearing to close the building prior to that decision.

Hoemberg said the board is effectively closing a school, not just a school building.

'The board has no right or authority to take that school out of Motley," said Hoemberg. "Get the school back open in Motley the way it is supposed to be according to the consolidation agreement."

At the hearing, school administration presented their reasoning for closing the Motley school building.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the district has both financial and educational reasons to close the building, and the move fits with the district's long-term facilities planning process.

Attorney Marc Sugden of Pemberton Law said he feels the school's process

meets the state guidelines for closing the schoolhouse. He said the school needs to show the necessity and practicability of closing the school. He said those standards are met because the school district has seen declining enrollment for the past two years, showing that keeping the building isn't supported by student numbers. The Motley school needs significant repair and the benefits of selling the school would outweight the costs of keeping it.

Business Manager Jon Regan said the cost savings to the district were about \$500,000 during the first year that students were moved to the schools in Staples. There are also operational costs and deferred maintenance associated with keeping the school. Regan said the deferred maintenance is between \$9.6 million and \$13 million, depending on construction costs.

Tappe said the school has realized programming benefits from moving to two buildings instead of three. He gave an example of middle school students taking shop classes that they would not have been able to offer with the previous three building system. He said there is also a saving in staff time when they don't have to go between buildings

The school board did not

discuss closing the building at the hearing, but were expected to vote on it at the April 18 board meeting, held after this newspaper went to press. Closing the building is the first step in the district being able to sell it. Tappe said there is more than one entity interested in purchasing the building.

This is April?

While it is not uncommon to have a snowfall in April, it is uncommon for the snow to last all through the month in this area of Minnesota. Cold weather and consistent snowfalls mean we still have unmelted snow drifts and children who rode their bike one day wake up the next to find it covered in snow. (Staples World photo by Mark

Staples council cuts lot price to spur development

By Mark Anderson Managing Editor

Sing (James the Less), Rick Otteson (Andrew), Bob Schafer (Thomas), Deb Otteson, narrator. (Photo by Janice Winter)

The Staples City Council agreed to sell Valley View subdivision lots for \$10,000, which is less than the \$19,000 they have invested into each lot, in order to assure that multiple new homes are built in the next two years.

The Last Supper The Last Supper was portrayed during the Maundy Thursday service at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples April 14. Left to right: Bob Koll (Matthew), Keith Porter (Simon the Zealot), Jim Vollegraaf (Judas), Brian Bates (Thaddeus), Mike Heier (James) back, Kerry Lindgren (Bartholomew) hidden, Pastor Chris Mathiason (Jesus), Wayne Berry (Peter), Paul Johnson (John), Bob Hamann (Philip), Steve

> The council reviewed two proposals from construction companies to build single family homes on the lots. Both proposals asked for a reduced lot cost. One company said they would build seven homes over a two year period if each lot cost was \$10,000. The second company said they would build one home if they could get a lot for \$14,000 and possibly two homes if the lot cost was less than that.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen showed the council that the proposals were to build homes around 1,600 to 1,700 square feet, which currently has a market value of around \$230,000. He said that would equate to around \$1,600 in property tax revenue per year for the city, based on current estimates. At that rate, the city would recoup their lot costs within five and a half years, then would start making a profit because of

the increased taxes. That tax estimate doesn't include the increased county and school district property tax revenue that would start right away. Nelsen also said the homes would bring in families that would benefit local businesses and schools.

"They will go to church, buy groceries ... all the things that we don't get if they don't live here," said Nelsen.

On the other hand, Nelsen said if they kept the lot prices at \$18,000 to \$19,000, the proposals might get dropped and they might not get any development at

The Valley View subdivision is on the northern end of the city, in Wadena County, near Central Lakes College. There are seven homes currently built in the subdivision, but new home construction has been slow since the housing crash in 2009. Some of the lots went into tax forfeiture and were purchased by the City of Staples.

Council member Mary Theuer said "We've talked for a long time about the great need for single family houses." She felt that five and a half years was not a long time to recoup the dollars lost by cutting lot

Council member Doug Case questioned if it was fair to the current property owners who paid full price for the lots. Case also pointed out that the city declined to lower lot prices a few years ago when a developer wanted to build a home.

Nelsen said the city could not have legally lowered the price at that time because it was a private transaction and the infrustructure costs had already been assessed to the property.

Council member Ron Murray asked if the council should give a counter-offer of \$11,000 per lot, which would reduce the payback period to less than five years. After discussion, Murray said "If we don't (go with the \$10,000 offer), could it backfire and come back to something we would regret?"

Mayor Chris Etzler pointed out that if all the proposed homes were built, it would pay back about one percent of the city's tax levy each year, which he considered a major benefit.

Theuer also said that with new single family homes being constructed, there could be renewed interest in building on the twin home lots that are plat-

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Staples recognized for reliable electric service

The City of Staples has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2021. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (APPA), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.

APPA helps electric utilities track power outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service. Once per year, APPA's Reliability Team compares this data to national statistics tacked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric util-

At the April 12 Staples City Council meeting, Public Works Director Scott Grabe said Staples averaged 2.4 outage minutes per incident while the average in Minnesota is 84.7 minutes.

"This is a testament to the reliability of

our electric system, but most of all to our knowledgeable and dedicated linemen.' said Grabe. "They're quick to respond and

they know what they are doing." "Once again, public power utilities have demonstrated their commitment to providing highly reliable power to their customers." said Alex Hofmann, APPA's Vice President of Technical and Operations Services. "We commend these utilities for their hard work when it comes to keeping

the lights on in their communities" Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the amount of time that customers of other types of utilities do.

"We are proud of this recognition. This is a testament to the dedication of our staff, and a to the value of our municipal utility" said Mayor Chris Etzler.

Cleanup help available

Cleanup Day May 20; assistance deadline May 1

Staples homeowners who need help removing junk from their property can apply for the Community Cleanup Suport day, sponsored by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty.

Applications are due May 1 and can be picked up at Staples City Hall or found on the City of Staples website. Area churches and other locations in Staples

will also have applications.

The cleanup support is in conjunction with the Staples city wide cleanup day on May 20. On that day, volunteers can help load and haul junk items that the homeowner is unable to do themselves.

Applicants can also apply for financial assistance to pay for items that have a disposal cost. Applicants don't

have to fill out the financial assistance if they only need help loading or hauling.

Items that are commonly hauled include scrap metal, refuse and junk, appliances, car batteries, furniture couches, chairs, dressers, tables, mattresses, TVs electronic items, flourescent tubes, car tires and household hazardous waste.

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Commissioners divided on rehearing of Lakeside Acres

By Karin L. Nauber **Todd County correspondent**

The Todd County Board of Commissioners received a letter from Johnston Law Office, dated March 10, 2022 requesting the rehearing of Board Action 20220215-26 Lakeside Acres First Addition Preliminary Plat.

The letter stated they would like the rehearing on the cul-de-sac reconstruction project which would hold the developer - Douglas Lien - liable for the costs associated with reconstructing the cul-de-sac which has existed for many years.

At the Todd County Board of Commissioners meeting on April 5, Commissioner Randy Neumann said in his 18 years of serving as a commissioner, he's never seen this sort of request. He said the county board always had the right to add conditions to a plat.

"Did the applicant go to the township and discuss the road with them?" questioned Neumann

Neumann further stated that in 1953, there was a similar situation and the applicant did put in a cul-de-sac because it was requested.

After discussion, Commissioner Barb Becker made a motion to NOT rehear the petition.

She said, "It's between the developer and the township as it's a township road." Neumann seconded the

motion. The motion failed on a 2-3 vote, with commissioners

David Kircher, Gary Kneisl and Rod Erickson against NOT rehearing it. Kneisl then made a motion to rehear the peti-

tion on April 19, 2022 and it was approved on a 3-2 vote. Becker said they needed to make sure the township was notified so they can

make comments on their

In other business:

Approved gambling permit for the Holy Family School to hold a raffle at the Diamond Point Steakhouse & Lounge in Birchdale Township, August 12.

 Approved the resignation of Support Enforcement Aide Keyandra Harren

· Authorized the county auditor/treasurer to recruit a part-time deputy auditor/ treasurer. The part-time position would provide year-round support in the department for direct services to the county's taxpayers, daily accounting record maintenance, tax calculation and election administration.

According to Auditor/ Treasurer Denise Gaida, "This position is fully supported within the 2022 Auditor/Treasurer department's budget."

Commissioner David Kircher asked if this position would be budgeted for annually?

Gaida responded that it would be.

Kircher said that the citizens are irate already because of their property

Chairman Rod Erickson expressed concerns about finding quality applicants for a part-time position that offers no benefits.

It had been the recom-

mendation of the finance committee to bring this position to the board according to Commissioner Barb Becker

· After discussion, the board approved the Todd County Ag Society to install two permanent ceiling fans in the north barn at the fairgrounds for the hogs, using money from Legacy Grant funds.

It was also discussed to add a light on the south end of the hog barn.

There were further concerns about the fencing that's at the grandstands for safety reasons and also so the Ag Society doesn't lose money on their events.

The Todd County Fair is scheduled for mid-July and the fence needs to be done prior to the start of the fair.

proclaiming the month of April 2022 Sexual Assault Awareness Month. • Approved a request from

Adopted a resolution

parcel owners Jake Byrnes and Maria Zwilling who had previously rented out property as a short term rental for an abatement.

The property has not been rented or offered for rent for the last two years.

The owners requested that the 2021 property classification and resulting 2022 property taxes be corrected.

The correction will reduce the 2022 property tax by \$1,134. The property will be changed to seasonal recreational.

· Approved the 2022 Master Bridge Priority Replacement List Revision.

 Approved a Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) agreement for the bridge bond fund grant for the bridge replacement project this summer on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 21 in Brower-

The amount of the grant is \$281,482.50.

 Awarded the contract for various gravel surfacing projects throughout the county to Sanders Construction, Inc. of Randall, based on their low bid of \$245,756.

· At the November 16, 2021 county board meeting, the board approved the purchase of a new Western Star 4700 Series Truck Chassis from Boyer Motor for \$106,527.85 (state bid price) with an estimated delivery date later this fiscal year.

Since this purchase was approved by the board, **Daimler Truck Corporation** (producer of Western Star Trucks) are no longer producing the 4700 series of trucks and have replaced that line with the new 47X series of trucks.

Therefore Boyer Motor is forced to amend or replace the existing purchase agreement of the 4700 Series Truck with the new 47X Series Truck purchase agreement for an additional \$15,496.82.

The board approved the change and extra expense.

· Awarded the contract for the pavement marking project on various county highways to Traffic Marking Service, Inc. of Maple Lake based on their low bid of \$104,871.33.

 Awarded the contract for dust control on various highways in Todd County to Knife River Corporation of Sauk Rapids based on their

low bid of \$127,545.42

· Held a brief Public Hearing on redistricting. There were no comments or suggestions from the public so the board made no changes to the existing district lines. The county is in compliance and able to keep them the

• Approved the promotion of Jamie Christenson to Land Use Planner, Grade 11, from Grade 10 as previously approved.

 The board accepted the 2021 Federal Boating Supplemental Equipment Grant in the amount of \$26,590. The grant was awarded to the sheriff's office, and will be utilized to replace their 2007, 1850 Canadian water patrol boat. The sheriff's office will replace the current boat with a 2022, 1775 Renegade.

· Background: The purpose of Children's Mental Health-Targeted Case Management (CMH-TCM) is to improve the behavioral functioning and reduce risk of out of home placement for identified children with severe emotional distur-

At the January 2, 2019, board meeting it was approved to provide CMH-TCM services in-house using a phased in approach.

In order to accomplish this, the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) requested hiring an additional social worker.

Although it's not budgeted, the position does generate income.

Currently, the county is exceeding the case load limits which will cause the State to lower the county's revenue if they are over the

Erickson said that the county spends the money by outsourcing it or doing it from within.

After discussion, Kircher said that they would see the 'doors worn out" because of the many issues facing people in the county including inflation, limited food sources and mental health

"It's a position that's probably well-needed," said

The board approved. The Todd County Nego-

tiations Team met with the Courthouse Union Representatives and have reached a tentative agreement which was approved by the board.

Highlights of the agreement include, a change to health insurance coverage to "Smart Plans" with the elimination of the low deductible plan in 2023, the county will continue having strong premium cost sharing. There will be a 2.5 percent general wage increase for 2022, 2023 and 2024, as well as a change to the MSRS contribution for employees hired on or after January 1, 2022.

 The board went into a closed session to perform department head reviews.

• There will be a work session after the April 19, meeting at which time state legislators will be in attendance to discuss many items including property tax valuations. The work session will take place at the Expo Building at the fairgrounds after the regular meeting.



Good Friday pilgrimage

In remembrance of Jesus Christ's crucifixion some 2,000 years ago, a group of Christians walked with a wooden cross from St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley to Sacred Heart Church in Staples April 15. Pictured along 5th St. NE in Staples, Jack Tyrrell of Staples carries

the cross. Others walking with him include Rhonda Reichel, Staples; Andrew, Jonathan and David Freyholtz of Bertha; Jay Tyrrell, Staples; and Jacob Kletsch, Barnesville. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

City of Motley accepts **2021** audit

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

For the first time in two years, the Motley City Council heard an 'in-person' report of their annual audit from certified public accountant Jon Archer, of Schlenner Wenner & Company from Little Falls. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Archer had sent a summary of his report to the council via email in 2020; and met with them via live-stream in 2021.

It felt good to be back with them in person, Archer told the council at their regular meeting April 11. The meeting was led by Acting Mayor Amy Hutchison, with council members Pat O'Regan and Steve Johnson in attendance. Absent were Mayor Al Yoder and council member Jace Carlson.

On the agenda was the Annual Audit of 2021 Financial Statements, as prepared by Archer. He noted that the audit process went really well, in spite of the Covid spikes which caused them to have to work remotely. He spoke positively of the city's management team and of having a good working relationship with them. He also noted that nothing unusual was noted in terms of recorded transactions or accounting policies/treatments.

In his summary of Motley's financial ighlights in 2021. Archer noted that revenues in the general fund exceeded the budget (by over \$38,000), primarily due to property taxes, intergovernmental receipts, and miscellaneous revenues. Expenditures in the general fund were \$31,129 less than were budgeted, with the greatest savings being general government, police, and public works expenditures. Motley's spending was similar to other cities their size, Archer told the council.

In regard to the city's enterprise funds (water, sewer, solid waste), Archer said that they all had a positive balance and that he had no concerns.'

Overall, Archer said he was happy with how all of the numbers came in. "The audit went really well," he said. Archer's report was unanimously approved by the council.

In other matters the council: · HEARD a summary of a closed meet-

ing held regarding the performance review for Curt Bryniarski, City Clerk/Treasurer. Bryniarski received 52 out of 56 points. Acting Mayor Amy Hutchison noted that Bryniarski's work is determined to be highly satisfactory.

• APPROVED a request of the Motley Historical Society to hang old photos of the city in the back room at city hall (where they hold their monthly meetings). The framed photos were previously displayed at Mr. Ed's Restaurant.

• APPROVED, as presented, a variance application for David Henning, regarding Parcel 92-007-4301, located in Cass County. Council member Steve Johnson was the

lone nay-sayer. The variance will allow Henning to reduce lot width requirements at the ordinary high-water mark for the proposed parcel. According to information on his application, the property owner has tried to sell the property "as is" for 15 years with no buyers. Henning's goal is to make buildable sites to sell. • APPROVED Fire Chief Brad Olson's

recommendation that the fire department purchase a hose tester from Ultimate Safety. Their quoted price also includes attachments and shipping costs.

• LEARNED that the fire department conducted interviews last month for new firefighters, but will continue their search.

• LEARNED from Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton that the water main break on 1st Ave. North was fixed on March 15. Subsequently, Bryniarski reported that the water usage (regarding water unaccounted for) dropped to 15 percent.

• LEARNED that the hiring committee for the Clerk/Treasurer position has received quite a few applications. Interviews were scheduled to take place April 12, with a special council meeting scheduled for April 15, at which time a new city/ clerk would be hired, pending a successful background check. Council member Steve Johnson commented that it will be a sad day for the city to see Bryniarski leave, but that he was happy for him as he begins his new position at Morrison County.

 VOTED AGAINST a resolution to have Bolton & Menk, Inc. rebuild Cemetery Road from Hwy 10 to the Corporate Limits. The proposed improvements included assessments to benefited properties. Instead, the council approved fixing the road with asphalt overlays, which will cost significantly less, but should hold up for many years. Bolton & Menk will be paid for the work they have done on the feasibility report of this streets improvement project.

• APPROVED Bob Koenig's request to conduct his Spring Firearm Safety Class at city hall in April, as well as waiving the

room rental fee. • APPROVED the Motley Lions Club's request for a fireworks permit for June Fest. set to be held on Saturday, June 18.

• APPROVED selling some items owned by the city at the city wide garage sale May 6-7. The council also approved having Bryan Stevens, maintenance assistant, price these items.

• DISCUSSED giving two additional \$500 donations to Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars, with the criteria that the recipients reside in Motley. This will be tabled until next month.

• SCHEDULED a performance review for Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton to be held in a closed meeting following the council regular meeting in May.

 SET next regular council meeting for Monday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.

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is seeking a full-time Public Works Supervisor starting immediately. A complete job description and benefits package is available upon request. Minimum requirements: Possess a MN Class D Water

Operator's and Class C Sewer Operator's License and able to obtain a Class B Driver's License within 6 months of employ ment. Have a valid MN Class D Driver's License and a satisfactory driving record. All applicants will be required to have a physical and are subject to a drug test. Starting wages \$53,830-\$71,780 per year/DOQ, plus excellent benefits. This is a non-union position.

TO APPLY: All applicants must complete and submit an application for employment packet. Application forms can be obtained at City Hall Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-noon or by calling 320-264-2581 or by email: kerkhovenclerk@gmail.com.

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Motley Police reports

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) included the following:

April 7 - 13

April 13 - The MPD received a report of theft at BRICKS Travel Plaza in Motley.

April 13 - The MPD received a report of suspicious activity at the 100 block of Hwy 10 N., Motley.

April 7 - The MPD was dispatched to the Eastwood Inn in Motley for an unwanted subject. The subject, who has a mental illness, was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

April 9 - The MCSO was dispatched to a house fire at the 2000 block of Fish Trap Lake Dr., Cushing. The

Scandia Valley Fire Department was on scene when the deputy arrived, and had the scene under control. No injuries were reported. April 8 - The MCSO

responded to the report of a large juvenile party in a sand pit near the 24000 block of Basswood Rd., Cushing. Deputies arrived at the scene and spoke to multiple juveniles. No alcoholic beverages were observed and several juveniles were given preliminary breath tests, with .00 results.

April 7 - The MCSO received a report of a white car and a red car that appeared to be drag racing near Ridge Rd., Motley. A deputy patrolled the area but was unable to locate the subject vehicles.

0-0 **Looking back**

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• April 17, 1947 - Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Martini had the misfortune on Monday morning of this week of losing their brooder house with over 500 baby chicks which they had purchased the day previous.

Just how the fire started is not known. The house was 12 by 14 feet. The loss is a severe blow to Mr. and Mrs. Martini.

• April 17, 1947 - The Minneapolis Scottish Rite Choir will present a Vesper Concert at Staples High School Auditorium Sunday, April 20, 3:30 p.m. Elmer H. Sodergren is the Conductor, with

- 0 -Compiled by **Dawn Timbs**

Harpist Lorraine King the Guest Artist. This event is sponsored by Crescent Lodge, No. 207 of Staples. No

admission charge. • April 17, 1947 - The little Leaf River is again on its annual rampage, and has flooded a great deal of land tributary to its course, according to reports coming into the World Office the past week.

The road has been bad for travel for some distance. The milk truck and school bus were able to get through at all times, however, but Ole Haugen, who carries the mail on the rural route had a great deal of trouble with his Model A, and finally had to give it up and use his larger car. As a result of this the north loop of his route was without mail Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

However, the river went out with a "bang" on Monday of this week with the "bang" being furnished by "Red" Nelson and his crew of road men.

Ice had jammed at the bridges and caused the water to back up over the road. Nelson dynamited the jam on Monday and this released the water some.

• April 17, 1947 - Since the fire which destroyed Morey's Fish Company building a week ago, E. L. Morey, owner of the place, has been making arrangements to rebuild the place.

According to Eugene DesMarais of Staples, who has the contract for the new structure, excavation operations were started this week for the basement of the new building, which will be strictly modern in every respect. The basement is to be 40x20 feet and will house the heating plant, some ovens and the compressor. The main building will be 40x80 feet.

• April 17, 1947 - This might be one for "Ripley". but "proof of the pudding is in the eating" and the proof of this story was witnessed by several people.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kubitza, residing on a farm ten miles south of Staples, have a flock of 65 black Aus-

trolope hens. Wednesday afternoon of last week, when Mrs. Kubitza went to the chicken coop she noticed an extra large egg. She was much amazed at first wondering how a goose egg could get into her chicken coop as they have no geese or ducks on their farm.

She got the egg, and brought it into town with her. The egg was refused by a local egg buyer because it was too large.

They then proceeded to measure the egg which was over nine inches the long way of the oval, and 7 3/4 inches in circumference, and weighed a little over seven ounces.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• April 20, 1972 - Seven persons have filed for the two posts on the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 793, Staples, C. Richard Longbella, clerk, announced as of press time Tuesday.

Candidates seeking election to the board are Dr. John Muus, Howard Pattison, Dr. T. J. Lelwica, Mrs. Effie Moon, Harold D. Corbett, Doug Grossman and Dwaine Winter. The annual school election will be held Tuesday, May 16.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 19, 2012 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

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



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo pub- Otteson's nickname was "Rooster" and lished in the March 30, 1989 edition of the Staples World featured a team of employees at Bensons (Optical), sponsored by Rick Otteson, who had recently won the men's power volleyball league playoffs. Bob Lee, front left, sponsor of the previous year's champs, presented the trophy to Otteson while his other team members looked on. From left, are Brian Workman, Kevin Dezell, Jim Carlson, Bo Olson, Bruce Burrows, Rodney Quiring and Doug Wonders. Otteson's squad defeated Lee's team for the championship.

Bob and Cindy Sorenson of Staples correctly identified all, except for Brian Workman, whom they guessed to be Tim Pearson. Bob recalled Rick that Rod Quiring resembled Tony Orlando. Cindy used to work at Bensons and has good memories of those years.

Rick Otteson of Staples correctly identified all. He went on to say the photo brought back memories of working with these guys, as well as their volleyball games. Otteson recalled that they used to play out on the lawn during their lunch breaks when the weather permitted, even in the winter months.

Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified Doug Wonders, Rodney Quiring and Rick Otteson, as well as the context of the photo.

Thanks for participating in our

Mystery Photo.

• April 20, 1972 - James D. Randgaard, cashier at the Staples State Bank, was elected president of the Staples Lions club for the 1972-73 year at that organization's regular membership meeting April 17. Randgaard will succeed Dr. T. J. Lelwica as head of the more than 50 member Staples Lions.

• April 20, 1972 - An 'All You Can Eat' Chicken Fry will be held April 26, at the VFW Hall in Staples. \$1.50 per person. Children under 12 years, \$1.

• April 20, 1972 - Ken Corbett, a fifth grader at the Sacred Heart School, was judged the winner of the Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Staples Council of the Knights of Columbus last Thursday evening.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Corbett, Ken competed with nine other finalists from grades four through six in the contest. Ten rounds of spelling were conducted by Lambert Klose. Judges included Mrs. Mary Ann Giza, Carlene Anglin and Bill Thomas.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• April 17, 1997 - The community responded to the annual Staples Motley Dollars for Scholars auction Monday night with over \$6,400 raised for the Dollars for Scholars scholarship fund. Daryl Larson was the auctioneer for the event, which was televised on Staples cable Channel 10 and UHF 45.

• April 17, 1997 - Seniors Maria Brenny and Steve Hoemberg and freshman Tasa Anderson will be competing in the State Speech Contest in Shakopee April guest speaker.

Those three were Champions in their categories at the Section Speech Contest at West Central High School in Barrett Saturday, April 12.

Maria finished first in Oral Interpretation of Serous Poetry with a cutting from "Interim" by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Steve finished first in Discussion. Tasa finished first in Oral Interpretation of Serious Drama with a cutting from 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" by Tennessee Williams.

• April 17, 1997 - Staples Rotary Art Show will be held April 19 and 20, at Staples Centennial Auditorium. Lecture and Critiquing Tour by Guest Jurist Evelyn Mat-

• April 17, 1997 - Graduation ceremonies for just over 230 elementary students from Staples in the Todd County Sheriff's Department's DARE program were held April 8. DARE is Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

Deputy Sheriff Wes Klema, DARE instructor, conducted the graduation program at the Staples High School gym. Trish Van Pilsum, news reporter for WCCO television, was the

10 YEARS AGO - 2012

• April 19, 2012 - After experiencing temperatures in the 60's and 70's this past March, many Staples area residents had already gotten out the grills and were dreaming of Independence Day picnics and fireworks. Those dreams were blanketed temporarily April 16, when a few inches of snow fell across the area. In addition, residents in the Staples area reported a lightning storm and an approximate three-hour power outage which occurred in the early

morning of April 16. • April 19, 2012 - At least 200 people gathered at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples April 14, to welcome home the area veterans who had traveled to Washington D.C. for the "Honor Flight." Following the potluck dinner, a special ceremony was held in the church sanctuary.

• April 19, 2012 - A ceremony to celebrate the ground-breaking for the Staples North/South Corridor with Railroad Overpass Project is set for April 20, at 2 p.m. on the project site adjacent to 2nd Avenue.

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Water discolored in Staples

division.

The council unanimously approved selling each lot for \$10,000 to the construction companies, with the stipulation that a home is built on the lot within the promised

Water problem

Public Works Director Scott Grabe said some res-

ted in the Valley View sub- idents on the west side of Dakota Ave. are seeing discolored water. He said the water has been tested and all levels are well within acceptable ranges, so it should not be dangerous. He said the discoloration is almost certainly being caused by cast iron pipes in the area. The city plans to flush the pipes and keep working on the issue.



Lions donate to food shelf

The Staples Area Food Shelf recently received a \$5,000 donation from the Staples Host Lions Club. Pictured, from left, are Lion Frank Leidenfrost, SAFS Director; and Lion President Ken Christensen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Donation to '93 Lions

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to the Staples '93 Lions Club, for their Easter Eggstravaganza. Pictured, from left, are Diane Archer, Staples '93 Lions; and Ken Christensen, Staples Host Lions President. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Return of the feedlot meeting

From Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District

After a two year hiatus the Todd County Annual Feedlot Meeting was back in action with Carbon, Cowboys and Cow Pies! There were 163 people in attendance for the meeting that was held at Central Lakes College in Staples on March

Dawn and Grant Breitkreutz, farmers from Redwood Falls, presented on the benefits of integrating cover crops into farming operations in central Minnesota. Their presentation showed some of the different ways they have integrated cover crops on their operation and how their past experiences have shaped the operation into what it is today. They also described the benefits grazing livestock on the cover crops. The presentation was a hit and they had multiple farmers asking questions even after their presentation was over.

Don Reicosky, a retired USDA Soil Scientists, presented on the ins and outs of carbon. He presented on what farmers should know about carbon and what he has learned from a lifetime of studying carbon. Don's presentation also had a

Steve Fields

Minnesota Attorney

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great response and farmers were asking questions long after his presentation was over.

The final presenter of the day was Tyler Carlson, a local farmer from Sauk Centre. Tyler presented on a practice known as silvopasture, which involves integrating trees into pasture land as a sort of dual crop. He talked about what silvopasture looks like in the U.S.A. and also what it looks like around the world. Tyler also gave some examples of what he is doing at his farm and what has worked for him. There was also a great response to Tyler's presentation as he had multiple questions from people in the room.

The plan for the 2023 Annual Feedlot Meeting is for it to be held in Clarissa with a date and topic to be determined.

The meeting would not have been possible with out sponsorship from Todd County Livestock Advisory Council, Minnesota National Bank, Magnifi Financial, Unity Bank, First International Bank & Trust, Compeer Financial Todd County Corn & Soybean Growers Association. Minnesota Association of County Feedlot Officers, and American Heritage Bank.



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Fischbach promotes next generation of law enforcement

From the office of U.S. Representative Michelle Fischbach

This week, Rep. Michelle Fischbach introduced the Law Enforcement Education Grant Program Act. This legislation would encourage young men and women to consider a career in law enforcement. The bill provide education grants to students pursuing their first degree in a law enforcement or criminal justice related field. The grant would come with a service agreement from the recipient to serve as a full-time law enforcement officer for four years within an eight-year period of completing their studies. If the graduate does not complete their service agreement the grant will be converted into a loan. This bill is co-authored by Congressmen Stauber (MN-08) and Higgins (LA-03).

"This bill is a chance for Congress to tell young men and women, who are considering their career options, that we value our law enforcement officers. This bill sends a message that we believe in investing in well-trained and highly educated police officers to help keep are community safe," said Rep. Fischbach. "I am proud to introduce this legislation with Congressmen Stauber and Higgins to keep our communities safe and invest in our next generation of law

"As a former police officer of 23 years, I know that a properly staffed and trained po-

lice force is necessary to keep our communities safe. Unfortunately, the law enforcement community is struggling to recruit new officers due to the Democrats' defund and disparage the police movement. By improving education benefits and recruiting through the establishment of the Law Enforcement Education Grant Program, interested recruits will have a new incentive to join the police force and will be better prepared to serve and defend our communities," said Rep. Stauber. "I'm proud to join Congresswoman Fischbach in sponsoring this legislation.'

Rep. Higgins said, "I will always stand with Brothers and Sisters of the Thin Blue Line. Our legislation helps ensure that law enforcement entities are properly staffed with solid cops. I'm proud to join Congresswoman Fischbach in introducing this prolaw enforcement bill.'

This bill also has the support of the President of the National Fraternal Order of Police, Patrick Yoes who said, "Among the many challenges facing law enforcement, none are as existential as the issue of retention and recruitment of officers. This bill would provide educational support for individuals who choose to pursue a career in law enforcement. On behalf of the more than 364,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to offer our support for this important legislation."

Why we need bipartisanship in our government

By Lee H. Hamilton

Is bipartisanship dead? Sometimes it seems like it is. Watching Democrats and Republicans fight over nearly everything, you'd think they can't agree on the difference between day and

Witness the partisan reaction to President Joe Biden's nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court. An eminently qualified jurist who would be the first Black woman on the nation's highest court, she faced nearly unanimous opposition from Republicans.

When I was first elected to Congress, Supreme Court nominees were approved by voice vote in the Senate, without even a record of who voted for and against. Later, three of President Ronald Reagan's appointees were approved unanimously.

Things have changed. Look beyond the headlines, however, and you'll find evidence that bipartisanship is still alive, if not always well. Republicans and Democrats may deadlock over high-profile matters, but they can still work across the aisle to make progress on many issues.

Bipartisanship is popular with the public, which likes to know that legislation has support from both parties. Polls find that overwhelming majorities of the American people consider bipartisanship important. And for good reason. It's very difficult, in our system of government, to get anything passed – and to get it implemented - without some bipartisan support. Legislation doesn't need overwhelmingly bipartisan support to be effective, but even a few votes from the other side can make a difference. Bipartisanship isn't just popular; it's necessary.

Yet there isn't any doubt that we live in a politically polarized time, and what we see in Washington reflects that. Thanks to social media and partisan cable news outlets, Americans increasingly live in partisan bubbles, having little contact with people with different views.

Congress reflects those divisions, and it can from time to time, exacerbate them. This is a critical election year, with control of the House and Senate up for grabs. Politicians know that stoking outrage by attacking their opponents is a good way to raise campaign funds, boost turnout, and win elections. Conflict gets attention, and attention can increase the benefits of conflict.

Often in the past, U.S. politicians fought bitterly over domestic issues but united around a bipartisan foreign policy. A popular maxim after World War II was that 'politics stops at the water's edge." That's no longer the case, and it hasn't been for a while

Certainly, Americans have been united in their outrage at Russia's unprovoked and brutal war against Ukraine. Nearly every member of Congress condemned it, Congress approved billions of dollars in military and humanitarian aid for Ukrainians, and Republicans and Democrats mostly supported Biden's imposition of sanctions on Russia. But lawmakers struggled to respond legislatively, and some Republicans cited the war to question Biden's leadership.

Partisan headwinds blocked some of Biden's domestic priorities, including ambitious efforts to create jobs, fight climate change, protect voting rights, reform immigration laws and strengthen gun control. But other worthwhile measures have won support from both Democrats and Republicans, often without a lot of atten-

Congress reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act, adding the language to a government spending bill. It overwhelmingly passed legislation to reform Postal Service finances. Both the House and Senate have passed versions of a bipartisan act aimed at investing in semiconductor production and helping the U.S. compete with China.

Congress banned companies from forcing their employees to settle sexual assault or harassment claims with arbitration, a practice 5,384 that hushed up the claims and kept them out of court. And the idea of banning stock trading by members of Congress has gained traction.

These bipartisan success stories – and there are others - often required lawmakers to compromise and work with their political adversaries, but that's the way our system of government was designed to work. Bipartisanship isn't dead, and by strengthening it we will By Heather Chapman make our political system work better.

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He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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Looking back at COVID numbers with weekly statistics

Nov. 19 243 - 56

Nov. 27 278 - 35

Dec. 3 319 - 41

Dec. 10 386 - 67

Dec. 17 389 - 3

Dec. 24 412 - 23

Jan. 21 455 - 3

Jan. 28 457 - 2

Feb. 4 463 - 6

Feb. 11 473 - 10

Feb. 18 483 - 10

Feb. 25 502 - 19

Mar. 4 528 - 26

Mar. 11 531 - 3

Mar. 18 543 - 12

Mar. 25 554 - 11

Apr. 15 585 - 15

Apr. 22 594 - 9

Apr. 29 599 - 4

May 6 604 - 5

May 13 607 - 3

May 20 609 - 2

July 1 616 - 7

July 8 617 - 1

July 15 618 - 1

July 22 623 - 5

July 29 627 - 4

Aug. 5 633 - 6

Aug. 12 638 - 5

Aug. 19 642 - 4

Aug. 26 652 - 10

Sept. 2 667 - 15

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Sept. 16 695 - 14

Sept. 23 707 - 12

Sept. 30 741 - 34

Oct. 7 778 - 37

Oct. 14 803 - 25

Oct. 21 828 - 25

Oct. 28 850 - 22

Nov. 4 895 - 45

Nov. 11 949 - 54

Nov. 18 1,023 - 74

Nov. 29 1,068 - 45

Dec. 21,104 - 36

Dec. 9 1,124 - 20

Dec. 16 1,156 - 32

Dec. 23 1,186 - 30

Dec. 30 1,202 - 16

Jan. 6 1,214 - 12

Jan. 13 1,261 - 47

Jan. 20 1,333 - 72

Jan. 27 1,415 - 82

Feb. 3 1.472 - 57

Feb. 10 1,505 - 33

Feb. 17 1,532 - 27

Feb. 24 1.550 - 18

Mar. 3 1,562 - 12

Mar. 17 1,575 - 3

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Motley 56466

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2022

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Apr. 8 570 - 8

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2021

Jan. 14 452 - 40 (over three

With seven new cases of COVID-19 during the last week in March and seven more in April, Staples is still seeing the virus spread in the community. Motley also has seven new cases so far in April. Pillager, Wadena and Verndale had zero new cases in the last week of March, Browerville had three and Long Prairie one.

COVID-19 played a role in 13 deaths in the four county area in March, with three deaths reported in Todd County, two in Wadena County, five in Morrison County and three in Cass County. That brings the total number of COVID-19 deaths in Todd County to 57 since the pandemic started in 2020. Wadena County has 54 total deaths, Morrison 104 and Cass 80.

The Minnesota Department of Health began releasing weekly totals of new cases of COVID-19 for individual zip codes, starting in October, 2020. The Staples World has collected those weekly totals, shown below for Staples and Motley. The numbers below show the date, with the total number of cases for that zip code, and the number of new cases for that week. A few weeks were skipped due to numbers coming out on a different day of the week, which would skew the data. In 2021, the state started counting re-infections, which are people who caught COVID for a second time, as new cases, which also plays a role in analyzing the numbers.

The statistics below show the total number of positive cases in a community, and the number of new cases for that week. At this point, Staples has 1,594 total positive cases, around 29 percent of the population, although that includes re-infections. Motley has the lowest percentage in the area, with 23 percent of the population contracting COVID, a total of 777 positive cases. Other numbers are Pillager 27 percent, Wadena 28 percent, Long Prairie 32 percent, Browerville 27 percent and Verndale 28 percent.

Staples 56479 Estimated population

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Oct. 15 32 - 8

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Estimated population

3,405

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Dec. 10 221 - 15

Dec. 17 229 - 8

Dec. 24 233 - 4

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Mar. 24 768 - 2 Mar. 31 770 - 2 April 7 773 - 3

April 14 777 - 4

People are moving to smaller metro areas

The Rural Blog

Newly released Census Bureau data show a mass exodus from the largest U.S. cities in the year that ended June 30, 2021. "At the same time, smaller metro areas, as a group, experienced higher population growth than in each of the previous

two years, while non-metropolitan America showed the greatest annual population gain in more than a decade," William H. Frey reports for Brookings Institution. "The demographic shifts revealed by the latest census population estimates are not just a continuation of past trends. The sharp domestic out-migration from the nation's major metro areas and urban core counties in the 2020-21 pandemic year was unusually large, even when compared with the previous year and the modest growth declines in the last half of the 2010s. As a result of out-migration from these areas, many smaller metro areas and rural counties experienced higher growth than in previous years.'

Americans' reasons for moving during the pandemic varied, and it was often a combination of factors; some wanted to take

advantage of remote work opportunities and get out of crowded, expensive cities they perceived as more vulnerable to the coronavirus, and some felt the pandemic was a wake-up call to pursue a slower, more meaningful life, Madison Hoff reports for Business Insider.

Politics may have motivated some to move. "America is growing more geographically polarized — red ZIP codes are getting redder and blue ZIP codes are becoming bluer. People appear to be sorting," John Burnett reports for NPR. "Residents have been fleeing states like California with high taxes, expensive real estate and school mask mandates and heading to conservative strongholds like Idaho, Tennessee and Texas." Bill Bishop first spotlighted this trend in his 2008 book The Big Sort: Why the Clustering of Like-minded America is Tearing Us Apart.

Quote of the week

"Let's build a country of opportunities, where everybody is equal before the law and where the rules of the game are honest and transparent, and the same for everyone." — Volodymyr Zelensky, Ukraine President

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Gone "buggy" with Bruce at the Staples Library

The Staples Public Library was "buggy" with Bruce the Bug Guy on April 7. with hands on with spiders, grubs and moths. The program was made possible by the Arts and Cultural Legacy Grants. All upcoming programs can be found on the library website: www.griver.org or stop by the library. (Submitted photos)







Bryce Hobson



Ryleigh Johnson



Everest Kleinschmidt



Ashton Bomstad



Darci Odden hired for clerk/ treasurer position in Motley

At a special meeting held April 15, the Motley City Council approved the hire of Darci Odden for the Clerk/Treasurer position, pending a successful back-

ground check.

Odden is currently the Utility Billing Clerk for the City of Staples. Prior to her position in Staples, Odden (previously McGillivray)

worked as the Administrative/Accounting Assistant for the City of Motley. Her tentative start date is May



Staples Rotary makes donation

The Staples Rotary Club recently donated \$100 to the Staples-Motley Softball Boosters for their project to improve dugouts at the softball fields at Staples-Motley Elementary School. The fields are used for JV and Varsity teams as well as for students in grades K-12 through summer

programming. For more information or to donate to the project contact Lonna Dille at 218-639-1058. From left are Rotarian Marv Rothstein, Jamie Case and Lonna Dille from the softball boosters, and Rotarian Bob Hamann. (Submitted photo)



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Autism affects

April 20, 21

STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP MTGS are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

'GRIEFSHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT **GROUP** is held on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through May 26. For more information, call 218-352-

April 22

Women's OPEN AA Recov-ERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Mot-

children

From Todd County Health

and Human Services

ley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

April 25

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

April 26

WADENA COUNTY REPUBLI-CANS MEET the fourth Tuesday of the month at Pizza Ranch in Wadena. Dinner and visiting at 6 p.m. with speakers and a business mtg at 7 p.m. For info., call 218-894-1899.

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(L to R): Linda Addie, Megan Dolezal, Wendy Poland, Gabriel Trif

Linda Addie, RRT; Megan Dolezal, CRT; Wendy Poland, CRT; and Gabriel Trif, RRT, Respiratory Therapy Department Nominated Anonymously

'I am nominating the staff that provide respiratory therapy to the patients of Lakewood Health System and more specifically the hospital inpatients.

Over the past two years of our COVID pandemic this department has been utilized for patient care in many ways and has been a strong presence with patients needing respiratory care. When the census increased, the demand on this small department grew and grew. When the patient acuity increased and we then had patients on ventilators, the staff was required to stay here overnight and be available to manage these patients and be resources for staff and providers. High quality care is provided by the professional work they exhibit when it comes to the patients who are suffering from severe respiratory problems and especially COVID. The RT team looks to what is best for the patient globally by working alongside other staff to provide great care



Dawn Captain, CPC, Clinic Coding Educator. Nominated by Lisa Bjerga, CFO

"When Lakewood onboarded Twin City Orthopedics we were without a scribe to cover the service line. Because Dawn's role as Coding Educator also focuses on training in new scribes, the group looked to Dawn for assistance. She took on the role with a smile and was great representation of Lakewood to our new TCO providers. This "temporary" role turned longer term than planned but Dawn continued

to help support where needed. In addition to taking over scribing, Dawn also gained new knowledge which has allowed her to enhance the scribe training process and improve the overall workflow. Dawn's assistance was critical in the success of the transition to TCO and we are very appreciative of her assistance during this time.





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Currently, about one in 36 or 2.8 percent of 8-year old children in MN have been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Boys were 4.2 times more likely to be identified with ASD than girls were. The average age of first

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Alissa and Andrew Groen of Royalton, a baby girl, Bibianna AJ weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on April 8, 2022.

Born to Allison and Jason Carry of Motley, a baby boy, Rhett Mathew weighing eight pounds, three ounces on April 9, 2022.

Born to Hannah and Logan Quade of Aitkin, a baby boy, Callum Logan weighing nine pounds, five ounces on April 14, 2022. Born to Abby and Jason Burg of Vern-

dale, a baby girl, Saylor Joan weighing six pounds, eight ounces on April 5, 2022. Born to Michelle and Greg Salber of Randall, a baby girl, Cecilia Rosa weighing

seven pounds, nine ounces on April 5, 2022. Born to Kristiana and Langdon Collom of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Lillian Grace weighing eight pounds, 15 ounces on April

Born to Heather and Travis Austin of Baxter, a baby boy, Zane Thomas weighing eight pounds, four ounces on April 5, 2022.

Born to Brenda Reyes and Chase Mason

of Brainerd, a baby boy, Damian Dwayne weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on April 6,

Born to Meghan Bennett and Michael Bergquist of Bertha, a baby girl, Marilyn Jean weighing six pounds, nine ounces on April 6, 2022.

Born to Mandy and Garry DeWald of Baxter, a baby boy, Leon Kennedy weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on April 7, 2022.

Born to Krista and Jordan Heldman of Browerville, a baby boy, Maverick Scott weighing seven pounds, five ounces on April 8, 2022.

* * * * * BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Nichole Pietz and Cody Jackson of Sebeka, a baby boy, Huxley Robert Jackson weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 7, 2022 at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena. Proud grandparents are Lorilea Kilbury; Daniel Pietz and Krissy and Mark

0-0 **Obituaries**

Virgil Crawford

Virgil Crawford, 84, of Pillager, passed away April 13, 2022, at his home surrounded by family.

A celebration of Virgil's life will be held at a later date.

Virgil was born February 8, 1938, to James and Irene (Beach) Crawford. He married Sharon Killmer on August 16, 1958. He worked in construction and for Viking Gas as a welder for 27 years.

Virgil is survived by his wife Sharon; three sons, Thomas (Tracy) of Wadena, James of Staples and Todd (Micki) of Staples; one daughter, Cathy

Elnora Dempsey

Elnora Marie (Nelson)

Dempsey, 81, of Verndale

passed away November 9,

2021 at Tri-County Hospital

in Wadena, surrounded by

vice will be held May 14,

2022 at 11 a.m. at St. Fred-

erick's Catholic Church in

Verndale followed by burial

at the Verndale Greenlawn

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Kathlyn Hanson

Kathlyn (Kay) E. Hanson,

99, of Staples and formerly

of Evansville, died April

11, 2022, at Lakewood Care

Visitation will be held

from 10 to 11 a.m., Friday,

April 29, at Faith Lutheran

Church in Staples. Funeral

services will follow at 11:00

Burial will be at Mound

Grove Cemetery in Evans-

ville at a later date.

Center, Staples.

A memorial burial ser-

her family.

Cemetery.

(Craig) England of Staples; 10 grandchildren: 18 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Sharon Borgenson of Vancouver, WA, Nancy (Larry) Spivak of Monticello and Judy Olson of Brainerd; one brother in-law, James Killmer of Menahga and sister-in-law, Karen Crawford.

Preceding Virgil in death are his parents; one son, Mark; two brothers, Robert and Larry and one nephew, Michael Crawford.

Arrangements by the Brenny Family Funeral

Chapel, Baxter. w17c A00006B2022AP20

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples **Staples Alliance** ...218-894-2891 1512 8th St. NE, Staples ... Pastor Zach Jones Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor/ Youth & Family Ministries Sunday School ..11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY .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 11 a.m worship service) Prayer Meeting 5 p.m. 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..... WFDNFSDAY. Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 7-8 p.m. First Congregational Church, UCC firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571 Fellowship, refreshments following service **Faith Lutheran** 430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason .9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service .. 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 Thursday and Friday. 8:30 a m ..8:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 9:30 am. .10:45 a.m. **Thomastown Covenant**

Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class10:30 a.m.
United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples
Aldrich
Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clopp
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship9:00 a.m. Communion1st and 2nd Sunday of each month
Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 Phone: 218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org

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	Office Hours: Tues Thurs., 9 a.m 12 p.m.
	Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
	Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
/	Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
-	SUNDAY
	Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
	YouTube Channel10:00 a.m.
	WEDNESDAY
	Community Meal5:30 p.m.
	Family Night6:00 p.m.
	Cushing Baptist
	26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
	Pastor Dan Holmes320-749-2583
	Sunday School9:30 a.m.
	Worship10:30 a.m.
	WEDNECDAY

Bible study	7:30 p.m.
Leader	
Swan Valley Luth	neran
Leader	218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically	Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament	
Sunday Worship	
January - July	9 a.m.
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Maple Hill Lutheran Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Leader218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School.

.218-894-3923

... 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Land is a kind of fifth gospel because

of the many historical locations that remind us of

Jesus. The scriptural accounts are verified and

validated not only by faith, but also reason. The

birthplace of Christ in Bethlehem has a 4th Cen-

tury church over it, with an underground shrine

where pilgrims kiss the silver embossed star that

marks the treasured spot where the Word who

have small churches built around sacred sites

over a two-mile stretch of land: the home in

Capernaum where Jesus likely lived with Peter's

family for over a year, the bay of parables, an

area of net-washing where disciples were called

and boats put out into the deep for a surplus

catch, a stone table where breakfast awaited

a post-resurrection crew and one whose love

needed thrice commitment after triple denial, a

The northern shores of the Sea of Galilee

became flesh dwelt among us.

5940 251st Ave., Staples.. Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship......

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 p.m.

Motley
Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466218-352-688
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m facebook live 9 a.m
WEDNESDAY Youth Group6:00-8:00 p.m
St. John's Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley218-352-6399 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler Sunday School and Bible Class8:30 a.m
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m
St. Michael 1st St. and Birch, Motley218-894-2290 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS:
Tuesday
United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service
Oylen
Oylen Alliance Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m
Pillager
First Lutheran Church Pastor Mathew Sundquist 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775 Sunday Worship

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First Baptist	/A
903 River Street South, Pillage	er
Pastor Jake Anderson	
218-746-3768	
curious@fbcpillager.com	
Worship Gathering	10:00 a.
Connection Point	9:30 a.
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Hewitt	
Church of the North	

114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffert Sunday School

and were satisfied.

Christian and Islamic traditions.

...9:30 a.m 10:45 a.m./6 p.m. Sunday Worship WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Trinity Lutheran Church	
(LCMS)	
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN	
Pastor Robin Fish	
Sunday Worship10:30 a.	m.

United Methodist Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren

Sunday Services.. .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 Classses

..11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com . 218-371-7189 Pastor Amos Self Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard SUNDAY Sunday School . .8:30 a.m. Worship Service

WEDNESDAY Night Life Groups ...6:30-8 p.m. **Hope Chapel Alliance**

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

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

10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship **Central United Methodist** 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950

Verndale United Methodist

Sunday Service. . 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY .7:00 p.m. Seeds of Hope. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690

. 10 a.m.

Sunday Service.

mount of beatitudes and the site where what little

they had was multiplied in abundance until all ate

hill that now contains the Holy Sepulchre, the

site of crucifixion and the empty tomb, in addition

to historical and religious edifices in the Judeo-

that even stones can speak a message of resur-

rection. But what about me? Do my words and

actions tell a story of the Savior? Do people re-

flect back that I have made a spiritual difference

in their life as of late? The gospel is spread by

devotion and story, and so many need to hear

the message that God matters today, not just in

history. So tell your story. Be a fifth gospel for the

In this season of Easter, we are reminded

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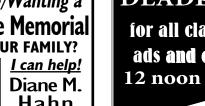
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SM sixth grade girls basketball going to state

The Staples-Motley sixth grade girls basketball team won at the Paynesville Pacesetter tournament held April 2, qualifying for the state tournament to be held in June.

The team were runners up in the Alexandria Pacesetter tournament held April 9, finishing their season with a 17-2

record.

Above, front: Jazmyne Hove, Jada Holst, Alyce Scheler, Brooklyn Winter. Back: Coach Joshua Winter, Carolyn Hoppe, Clara Maros, Chloe Larson, Brooke Reisenaur, Coach Sheri Holst. (Submitted photo)

Track team competes at Bemidji meet

The Staples-Motley track and field team participated in their second indoor meet of the season, at Bemidji State University on April

The girls team had one event winner, Kyanna Burton in the 3,200, and two second place finishers, Aften Robinson in the 400 and Audrey Brownell in the 1.600.

For the boys, Remington Converse was second in the 60 meter dash, Logan Robben was second in the 3,200 and the 4x200 relay team finished in second place.

Girls results

Staples-Motley fifth out of 15 teams

60 hurdles prelims - 13. Bailey Weiland 11.53, 17. Avery Japke 12.03, 18. Jayce Kobliska 12.06, 20. Ronnie Noska 12.11, 29. Mariona Caminal Gimenez

60 hurdles finals - 14. Weiland 11.85

60 meter dash - 21. Mireia Pablos 9.10, 43. Abby Brichacek 9.54, 58. Paula Moreno 10.37, 59. Margherita Picciau 10.59, 62. Sara Rizza 11.06

400 - 2. Aften Robinson 1:02, 7. Nathalie Hahne 1:06, 13. Sabina Moe 1:11, 26. Brichacek 1:17, 28. Pam Lawrence 1:17 1,600 - 2. Audrey Brownell 5:37, 20. Suhaila Mikhaeil 6:44, 27. Brooke Bendson 7:21

4x200 - 8. Staples-Motley 2:05 800 - 5. Ashley Robben 2:36, 21. Sabina Moe 2:56, 27. Addisyn Cichos 3:10, 28. Hannah Cole 3:14, 40. CJ Koval 3:48

200 - 28. Noska 31.66, 32. Isabel Cole 31.99, 60. Arabella Moore 35.79, 62. Moreno 36.20 3,200 - 1. Kyanna Burton 12:06, 3. Bella Hines 13:36, 4. Naila Mikhaeil 13:46

4x400 - 1. Staples-Motley 4:23 High jump - 16. Caminal Gimenez 4'2", 19. Japke 4'2", 19. Brownell 4'2, 22. Jorja Kobliska 4'2

Long jump - 10. Hahne 14'7", 39. Corrine Olson 12'4", 42. Weiland 12'3"

Triple jump - 14. Jo. Kobliska 29'6", 19. Ja. Kobliska 28'7", 28. I. Cole 24'4", 29. Summer Anderson 24'2"

Shot put - 21. Madysen Hull 27'6", 37. Josie Jennissen 23'8", 41. Grace Jennissen 22'10", 46. Lawrence 21'8", 52. Miranda Schotzko 20'8"

Boys results

Staples-Motley 6th out of 15 teams

4x800 relay - 5. Staples-Motley 9:34

60 hurdles prelims - 13. Avandre Brandt 10.75, 22. Noah Larson 11.90

60 hurdles finals - 8. Brandt 10.27

60 meter dash prelims - 1.

Remington Converse 7.28, 4. Corey Hanson 7.45, 11. Austin Weite 7.64, 16. Hunter Miller 7.67, 33. Ramiro Gallardo 8.03

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Hansen 7.44, 11. Weite 7.67
 400 - 14. Sivert Klefsaas 56.83,
 Noah Greenwaldt 59.26, 26.
 Deven Kadus 59.48, 49. Nicolas Fernandez 1:06, 55. Isreal Ritter

1,600 - 8. Issiah Tabatt 5:05, 18. Grant Johnson 5:21, 31. Ivan Lozano 6:06, 37. Reid Judd 6:31

4x200 - 2. Staples-Motley 1:38 800 - 23. Blaine Plattner 2:33, 24. Odin Trif 2:33, 30. Will Dolezal 2:38, 45. Judd 2:58, 46. Daniel Ortiz 2:59

200 - 5. R. Converse 24.56, 10. Hansen 24.98, 15. Weite 25.26, 21. Klefsaas 25.64, 23. Miller 25.79

3,200 - 2. Logan Robben 10:54, 7. Trif 11:58, 11. Plattner 12:22 4x400 - 9. Staples-Motley 4:16 High jump - 6. Miller 5'6", 10.

Brandt 5'4", 13. Robben 5'2" Pole vault -5. Turner Beachy 10'6", 17. Connor Kuhns 8'0" Long jump - 22. Gallardo 16'10", 27. Brandt 16'7", 50. Dolezal 12'1", 53. Ortiz 10'9"

Triple jump - 10. Greenwaldt 37'5", 12. Alexander Helstrom 36'10", 18. Sawyer Ferdon 35'1", 19. Gallardo 34'6",

29. Dustin Converse 25'6" Shot put - 18. Ferdon 34'0", 22. Steven Petrich 32'5", 36. Drake Dukowitz 27'6", 40. D. Converse 26'2"

Staples World Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Lakewood among USDA rural hospital grant recipients

From USDA

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development State Director for Minnesota Colleen Landkamer today announced the establishment of a program under President Biden's American Rescue Plan to expand rural hospitals and providers' access to COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and supplies, while helping rural health care providers stay financially solvent in the long-term. The initial awards of the Emergency Rural Health Care Grants total \$2.9 million and will benefit more than 79,000 people who live and work in rural Minnesota. Awardees include 9 rural health care organizations and community groups across more than 20 rural cities and townships.

"In the wake of a two-year pandemic, our nation is in need of opportunities for economic regrowth and infrastructure rehabilitation," Landkamer said. "USDA has continued to provide these opportunities through various channels, including mobilizing staff and resources to respond to improving the long-term viability of rural health care providers and services across the nation. Today's investments

through the Emergency Rural Health Care Grants program address a variety of immediate health care needs for rural areas, including ensuring that every person and family has access to high-quality health care."

The grants USDA is awarding will help rural hospitals and health care providers implement telehealth and nutrition assistance programs, increase staffing to administer COVID-19 vaccines and testing, build or renovate facilities and purchase medical supplies.

Lakewood Health System will use a \$733,300 grant to meet unforeseen financial needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. With nearly 40,000 residents across five counties in the service area, the Lakewood has had to use the Mayo Health Laboratory for COVID testing supplies to collect and analyze specimens, package and ship samples, and receive test results via a secure virtual portal. This project will help to cover the costs incurred from utilizing this service and to support staffing needed to administer COVID-19 testing.

Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 to deliver immediate economic relief to people impacted by the pandemic.

In August 2021, USDA made up to \$500 million in Emergency Rural Health Care Grants available through the American Rescue Plan to help rural health care facilities, tribes and communities expand access to health care services and nutrition assistance.

The assistance is helping provide immediate relief to support rural hospitals, health care clinics and local communities. USDA is administering the funds through Rural Development's Community Facilities Program.

These investments are part of a larger announcement made recently by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vil sack that the Department is investing \$43 million to benefit 2.2 million people who live and work in rural America. Total number of nationwide awardees include 93 rural health care organizations and community groups across 22 states: Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.



Donation to SMAAC

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$3,000 to the Staples Motley Area Arts Council (SMAAC) to help fund this summer's Music in the Park series in Staples. Pictured above, from left, are Dawn Timbs, arts council member; Ken Christensen, Staples Host Lions President; and Jim Vollegraaf, arts council member. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Staples Police report

April 4, Staples Police responded to a verbal domestic in the 800 block of 4th St NE. Upon arrival, officers spoke with parties on scene and transported a male to Lakewood Hospital

for an evaluation.

April 4, Police were called to the 600 block of US Highway 10 E. for two signs that were damaged on the median. Police located a truck pulling a piece of farm equipment which struck the signs. Information was gathered from the driver and sent to Staples Public Works.

April 6, Staples Police responded to a report of a vehicle accident on 6th Street NE at 4th Ave NE. Police observed that a vehicle pulled partially into the lane of travel causing a southbound vehicle on 6th Street to swerve, hit ice/snow, a small light pole and then a tree with their vehicle. No injuries were reported.

April 6, Staples Police received a report from Olson's Custom Feeds that sometime overnight, someone had struck their building, causing significant damage. Anyone with information regarding this

incident is asked to call Staples Police.

April 6, Staples Police assisted the West Central Violent Offender Task Force with executing a search warrant on the 900 block of 7th Street NE. Shane Pfeifer, 41, was arrested.

April 6, Staples Police received a report of a domestic assault that happened the evening prior.

April 8, Staples Police, along with Staples Fire Department, responded to a fire alarm at the Staples Motley High School. A bearing in an air exchanger was smoking causing the alarms to sound.

April 9, Staples Police received a driving complaint of small motor bikes on the 600 block of Pine Grove Road. Police located two motor bikes operating on the 300 block of Dakota Ave. SE. The SPD spoke with two juveniles and they were advised on where they could legally ride their motor bikes.

April 10, Staples Police were dispatched to a disturbance in the 400 block of Highway 10. Officers spoke with parties on scene and cited a male for disorderly conduct.



Short break from classes

Students at Staples-Motley Middle/High School were instructed to exit the building April 8, after a rooftop unit at the school malfunctioned, causing smoke to enter classrooms and setting off the fire alarm. Superintendent

Shane Tappe said, "I want to thank the Staples Fire and Police Departments for their swift response. The issue was quickly resolved and students were able to return to class." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Filed in District Court

STATE OF MINNESOTA

March 25, 2022 COUNTY OF TODD

DISTRICT COURT

SEVENTH JUDICIAL

DISTRICT

PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.

77-PR-22-250

Estate of

Rudolph Albert

Bjerga,

Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL

APPOINTMENT

OF PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE

AND NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

(INTESTATE)

Application for informal

appointment of personal

representative has been

filed with the Court. No will

has been presented for pro-

bate. The application has

the Court has informally

appointed Laurie Craft,

whose address is 11627 N.

Height Dr., NW, Coon Rap-

ids, Minnesota, 55433, as

personal representative of

the Estate of the Decedent.

Any heir or other interest-

ed person may be entitled

to appointment as person-

al representative or may

object to the appointment

of the personal representa-

tive. Unless objections are

filed with the Court (pursu-

ant to Minnesota Statutes

section 524.3-607) and the

Court otherwise orders, the

personal representative has

full power to administer the

Estate including, after 30

days from the date of issu-

ance of letters, the power

to sell, encumber, lease or

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resentative must be filed

with this Court and will be

heard by the Court after the

filing of an appropriate pe-

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(subject to Minnesota Stat-

utes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims

against the Estate are re-

quired to present the claims

to the personal representa-

tive or to the Court Administrator within four months

Notice is also given that

Any objections to the ap-

distribute real estate.

Notice is also given that

been granted.

Notice is given that an



NOTICE TODD COUNTY HRA MEETING

The Todd County HRA meeting will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at Sunrose Courts, 300 Linden Ave. S., Browerville,

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Kim Wallace, **Todd County HRA**

17pnc

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP ROAD TOUR

Fawn Lake Township will hold the 2022 road tour on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Interested parties should meet at the town hall by 8:20 a.m. Questions call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk Fawn Lake Township 17-18pnc

NOTICE **MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP 2022 ANNUAL ROAD REVIEW**

Meadowbrook Township will hold its annual road review on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. The board will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall and proceed to drive and review all township roads from there, making note of road maintenance issues that must be corrected.

Ty Peterson, Clerk Meadowbrook Township



NOTICE **CITY OF STAPLES ORDINANCE NO. 537 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALE OF PROPERTY**

THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN AS FOL-LOWS:

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 Coun-

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 26, Block 1, Valley View Neighborhood; AND Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, Block 2, 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 12th day of April, 2022.

Tara Greer, City Clerk

17pnc **NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

THE RIGHT TO VERI-**FICATION OF THE DEBT** AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PRO-VIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS AC-

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 31, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:

MORTGAGOR(S):

Norene M. Carlson, a single

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 6, 2017 as Document Number 504344 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on May 12, 2020 as Document Number A519322 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East 50 feet of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 8 and the West 10 feet of the South 100 feet of the alley in Block 8 all in the Town Plat of the Village (now City) of Browerville, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 120 3RD ST W, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438

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

AMOUNT ТНЕ CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$80,642.65

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation RESIDENTIAL SER-

VICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation TAX PARCEL IDENTI-

FICATION NUMBER: 30-0015000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUM-BER: 101106900019601723

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: May 19, 2022 at 10:00

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 VA-CATE 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 November 21, 2022.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMP-TION BY THE MORTGAG-OR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTA-TIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL OR-DER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETER-MINING, AMONG OTH-ER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELL-ING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPER-TY USED IN AGRICULTUR-AL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINAN-CIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: March 23, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE **CORPORATION**

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Contact Katherine Langer, Director, at 320-732-6165 or kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us for an application packet. Submit cover letter, resumé and completed application to Katherine Langer, Director, Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347. Position will remain open until filled.

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Grace Allen, Luke Bates, Captain lain Sams, Captain Connor Judd, Estella Bock, Olivia Opheim; middle: Daniel Ortiz, Andrew Daniels, Isaiah Tabatt, Jaden Johnson, Riley Dabbs, Caden Mrazek, Laken Hines, Keegan

Front, left to right: Addy Toepper, Isabel Birkholtz, Harvey, Maddock Harvey, Raina Mikhaeil, Walker Johnson; back: AJ Nienow, Micah Larson, Cy Johnson, Evan Woodwick. Not pictured: Keegan Bestland. (Submitted

SM Speech second in Section 6A

The Staples Motley Cardinal Speech team placed second out of 18 schools at the Section 6A Speech Tournament held in Perham April 9. Perham placed first and Pequot Lakes placed third.

It was, overall, a successful tournament for the Cardinals, with 10 speakers advancing to the state tournament to be held April 23. According to Coach Brian Sams, there were - as always at this level of competition - some disappointing results. Olivia Opheim and Riley Dabbs, two very accomplished Cardinal speakers were unexpectedly eliminated before Finals, and Laken Hines and AJ Nienow just barely missed the opportunity to speak at the state tournament, plac-

ing fourth in their respective categories.

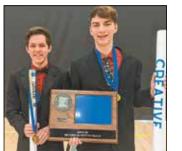
Taking first were Micah Larson, Creative (Micah was the only speaker at the tournament to have a perfect score - straight ones from every judge); and Keegan Harvey and Keegan Bestland, Duo. Second: Caden Mrazek and Luke Bates, Duo; Cy Johnson, Prose; Grace Allen, Poetry and Iain Sams, Great Speeches. Third: Connor Judd, Humor and Walker Johnson, Extemporaneous Reading; fourth: AJ Nienow, Humor and Laken Hines, Storytelling; fifth: Isabel Birkholtz, Extemporaneous Reading and Raina Mikhaeil, Great Speeches and sixth: Estella Bock, Informative and Maddock Harvey, Storytelling.



Headed to state competition, front: Grace Allen, Captain Connor Judd, Captain Iain Sams, Walker Johnson; back: Keegan Harvey, Cy Johnson, Caden Mrazek, Luke Bates, Micah Larson. Not pictured: Keegan Bestland.



Finalists, front, left to right; Isabel Birkholtz, Grace Allen, Captain Connor Judd. Captain Iain Sams, Estella Bock, Raina Mikhaeil; back: Cy Johnson, Caden Mrazek, Luke Bates, Micah Larson, AJ Nienow, Laken Hines, Keegan Harvey, Maddock Harvey, Walker Johnson. Not pictured: Keegan Bestland.



Champions: Keegan Harvey and Micah Larson. Not pictured: Keegan Best-

USDA drought relief for ranchers

Due to the persistent drought conditions in the Great Plains and West, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is offering additional relief through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP) to help ranchers cover above normal costs of hauling livestock to forage

This policy enhancement complements previously announced ELAP compensation for hauling feed to livestock. ELAP livestock and feed hauling assistance is retroactive for 2021 and will be available for losses in 2022 and subsequent years.

"After we rolled out updated ELAP policy last

thankful producers across the country expressed their appreciation for the expanded assistance and made suggestions to further improve the program,' said Zach Ducheneaux, FSA

'Unfortunately, drought conditions across the U.S. continue and, in many states,

Administrator.

to help livestock producers alleviate some of the financial strain," said Whitney Place, State Executive Director for FSA in Minnesota. "This most recent ELAP program update recognizes that, for some ranchers, hauling livestock to forage rather than feed to livestock is easier and makes more

Witthuhn joins Lakewood medical staff

Seth Witthuhn, nurse practitioner (NP-C), is the newest member of the Lakewood Health System Family Medicine team.

Originally from Wadena, Witthuhn received his Master of Science in Nursing degree from Walden University. He is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Witthuhn is an advanced practice registered nurse with a special interest in family medicine.

"I am excited to start my new role at Lakewood Health System," said Witthuhn, who has worked as a registered nurse (RN) in Lakewood's Emergency department since 2020. "It is a blessing to be part of such a great team so close to home.'

Witthuhn enjoys gar-



Seth Witthuhn

dening, cooking, being outdoors, and traveling. His favorite way to spend time is with his kids and family.

Witthuhn is seeing patients in our Staples, Browerville and Eagle Bend clinics. To schedule an appointment with him, call 218-894-1515.

VA can help reduce domestic violence

Veterans Notes By David A Anderson Wadena County Veterans Service Officer

VA is committed to fostering Veterans' healthy relationships, and we're working to improve services to Veterans who've experienced domestic abuse, including intimate partner violence.

VA's mission is to care for those "who shall have borne the battle" and for their families, caregivers and survivors. As part of this mission, we are steadfastly committed to addressing and ending intimate partner violence (IPV) through giving Veterans the tools and support they need to foster healthy rela-

Since 2014, VA has provided comprehensive and integrated services to Veterans and their partners experiencing IPV via the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program.

This program helps Veterans, their partners and VA staff learn about warning signs, at-risk behaviors and how to get help. These services are available to Veterans, their partners and even VA staff members who may be affected by any form of IPV (verbal, emotional, psychological, physical or sexual).

According to VA Care Management and Social Work Executive Director Jill DeBord, approximately one in three women and

one in four men in the general population report experiencing intimate partner violence. But research from VA's National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder shows that Veterans may be disproportionally affected.

VA's dedication to this issue goes beyond the current programs and services we offer. Recently, VA initiated a pilot program to improve services to Veterans who have experienced or are experiencing IPV or sexual assault. This two-year initiative was launched at 10 VA medical facilities across the nation with a focus on strengthening community partnerships.

It will also provide training for VA staff and community partners, identify effective clinical interventions and provide outreach to underserved areas and populations.

We encourage our Veterans who are experiencing intimate partner violence, at risk of using IPV or concerned about someone else to contact their local VA Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program coordinator, primary care social worker or other provider, or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or 800-787-3224 (TTY).

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