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Staples, Minnesota

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Bee foxy...

Among the bees, the trees and the fields a red fox surveys its turf atop a newly made hay bale. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Arrest made after stabbing

On June 25, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE for a report of an individual who was stabbed. The victim was transported to the hospital by Staples Ambulance. After investigation, police located the suspect, Damian Crosno, 19, of Staples, and he was arrested on charges of 2nd degree assault.

Weather

This Week's Staples World was printed on July 2, to meet holiday deadlines, before our weekly weather chart was completed.

Check back next week for our regular weather chart and for coverage of the July 4 Celebration at the Staples Veterans Park.

Public Notices

ISD #2170 public hearing: **8A**

Obituaries

Doris Corbett
Janet Rasmusen

Public comments on school project

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Three school district residents spoke against the school improvement plan at the June 28 Staples-Motley School Board meeting. Another member of the community, Tim Rice, spoke in favor of the project as a representative of LEAP and Lakewood Health System. Ron Nypan and Bruce Drone both accused the school board of not listening to taxpayers, pointing out that the original "Plan B" proposal would raise taxes more than the referendum that was voted

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School approves \$28 million building project

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board approved a \$28 million facilities improvement plan that will upgrade HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning), remove asbestos and build a new gym at the Staples-Motley Elementary School. Parking lot upgrades and school entry safety are also part of the plan, which was approved at the June 28 school board meeting. Half of the \$28 million will require a tax increase, the rest will be paid by current funding and a \$6 million contribution from Lakewood Health System to upgrade the gym from a small one court gym to a three court gym with a wellness center and walking track. The biggest tax impact will be a \$9.3 million four year bond for a new heating plant at the high school and HVAC work. At their June 7 work session, the board had looked at a three year bond but several school board members said they would like a four year bond, so that was the proposal brought to the June 28 meeting. With three other smaller bonds, the proposal will raise taxes for four years to approximately the same amount as the referendum

proposal that failed. Two of the smaller bonds are for a 15 year time span. Superintendent Shane Tappe said the HVAC is in significant need. Mike Hubbard of ICS, the consulting company in charge of the project said the remaining building needs that are not met by this plan include more tuck-pointing and remodeling of early education rooms at the elementary school, plus an updated media center to support modern learning and restroom remodels to meet ADA compliance. At the high school, remaining needs that will not be covered include roofing restoration, tuck-pointing and brick repairs. Career and technical education (CTE) spaces will also need to be updated in the future, including ag shop, metals, woods and a technology/engineering lab. More future ideas include a build yard for outdoor construction projects and a culinary arts lab to support programs like farm to school. In addition, the high school will need larger classrooms, more collaborative spaces, expanded music rooms and practice rooms that are not a part of this proposal. Throughout the district, there will be a need for improved services,

restrooms, building reconfiguration to meet ADA compliance and expanded technology. The board approved the proposal unanimously. **Timeline** With approval of the plan, the school hopes to get bids out by January and start construction in the summer of 2022. The main elementary construction would be done from May to October, 2022, with the activities and wellness center lasting another year past that, to December, 2023. Improvements to the high school/middle school would be mostly done in the next two or three summers, from 2022 to 2024. The school district sent out a press release with more specifics on the project: At the Middle/High School, Phase One upgrades the HVAC system to current code, converts the existing central heating plant from steam to hot water and adds a sprinkler system throughout the building. It also repairs the north wall of the 1935 portion of the building and removes asbestos flooring throughout the building. At the Elementary School, Phase One addresses HVAC, electrical and other infrastructure so it meets current building code. The plan converts the existing serv-

ing-only kitchen and gymnasium into a full-service kitchen and cafeteria to offer more nutritious meals. The plan also includes a wellness and activity addition at the elementary school — an upgrade to the originally planned elementary gymnasium addition — made possible through a partnership with Lakewood Health System. The plan also repairs parking lots throughout the district, addresses ongoing maintenance within and outside of the buildings, and improves lighting and hot water distribution. Updates on the Phase One plan will be posted on [isd2170.k12mn.us](#) as the district moves into the design phase. **In other business, the board** • Approved real estate purchase of home at 201 Pleasant Ave, NE, from Olson and Mertens, for \$60,000. Superintendent Tappe said the school plans to use the lot as green space, or save as space for additional parking lot in the future. • Accepted retirements of Tammy Bell, Motley head cook and Julie Orlando high school food service. • Approved reduction of two paraprofessional positions. • Approved dairy bid to Prairie Farms.

CLC forum shows benefits of solar energy

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A forum at Central Lakes College in Staples showed progress in the solar energy field and how an investment can reduce costs for farms and homes. Melissa Birch of the Minnesota Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERT) said every one dollar invested in solar energy saves three to five dollars down the road. She said through tax credits and accelerated depreciation, plus USDA grants that can be used for up to 25 percent of the project, most solar energy installations pay for themselves in seven to 12 years. With the life of solar panels now lasting between 20 and 30 years, the savings last well beyond that and there is even an opportunity to push any extra energy back onto the grid for a profit. Birch said a farmer can borrow money for the installation, then repay it as a special assessment on property taxes so they won't be paying anything extra for it. "It is set up to be cash flow positive from the beginning," she said. Tom Schultz, who had been a Farm Business Management instructor at CLC for 17 years, said he has two solar units on his farm. Allison Uselman of Todd-



Talking solar energy on a sunny day

Erica Bjelland talks about the solar energy panels at the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center farm. The panels were installed in 2018 and Bjelland said the net amount of energy. Uselman said there are currently around 30 residential systems in the TWEC service area. TWEC's goal is to be 50 percent renewable energy by 2030. "We are way ahead of that goal," said Uselman. CLC currently has a 40 kilowatt solar unit at the Ag

and Energy Center, another 40 kilowatt unit at the Heavy Equipment campus and 120 watts of solar units at the main campus in Staples. AgCentric director Keith Olander said on a day with no students and low air conditioning needs, the campus can power itself through solar. The solar units are part of the Solar For Schools project that also has put solar panels and Pine River-Backus and Pequot Lakes high schools. Olander said the goal is to work with those schools and others in Minnesota to develop a pipe

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Cardinal Tennis team served up water

Members of the Staples-Motley High School tennis team participated at the recent June Fest in Motley, offering bottled water to attendees. Standing, from left, are Corinne Olson, Kenzie Erickson, Allison Knosalla, Lauren Rutten, Ronnie Noska, Livia Trif. In front is Madison Perius. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

June 17- 23

June 19 - While on foot patrol of the Motley June Fest, the MPD was advised that a person was blocking the back driveway of the BBQ Smokehouse with a trailer and was refusing to move it. A male subject was located on the north side of the BBQ Smokehouse, standing near a small black utility trailer that was placed across the driveway and was not allowing customers to exit onto the highway. The subject refused to move the trailer and became disorderly. A deputy was called to the scene as well and the subject, 24-year-old Christian Vasquez, was cited for disorderly conduct.

June 23 - After being

dispatched to a driving complaint at Aztec Rd., in Motley, the MCSO arrested Melanie Kjellberg, 52, for Driving While Intoxicated. She was later brought to a detox in St. Cloud.

June 22 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle accident at the 1300 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

June 20 - The MCSO issued a citation to Peter St. Clair, 33, for driving with a revoked license.

June 24 - 30

June 29 - The MPD issued a citation to Victor Manzanarez-valle, 35, for driving after suspension, speeding, and not having proof of insurance.

June 28 - The MPD responded to a report of a possible arson attempt at the 400 block of Beaulieu St. W., Motley.

June 28 - The MPD assisted the MCSO with a domestic call at the 34000 block of Hwy 10, Motley.

Motley Food Shelf changes

Beginning July 15, the Motley Area Food Shelf will be changing their evening hours to the third Thursday of each month, with the new evening 'open' hours of 5 - 7 p.m.

The food shelf will continue to be open each Thursday morning at 9 a.m. until noon. For more information, questions, call 218-352-6344.

Clarification

In last week's paper, a photo from the June Fest Parade that featured members of the Motley Historical Society, did not list all members who were a part of that float. Robin Kramer and Paula Swecker's names were not included. The Staples World apologizes for the oversight.



Tearing down the old cafe

Rod Enberg, with Enberg Logging, was at work June 29, tearing down the building in Motley that was the longtime home of Mr. Ed's Restaurant, owned by Ed Jordahl.

Over the years the popular establishment had been owned by a variety of people and known by various names, including Jinx Cafe, Dave Doll's Diner, and the Spot Cafe. However, having borne the name of 'Mr. Ed's' for at least two decades, that seems to be the name folks most of

ten associate with the former landmark restaurant off Highway 10 in Motley.

In recent years, Ed's son Shawn Jordahl purchased the building, although he never had intentions of resurrecting his dad's eatery. He decided it was time to tear it down as the building was becoming a hazard, Shawn said recently. When asked if he has intentions of building anything new at that location, Shawn smiled, but did not offer any comments. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Old name revealed during demolition

During the demolition of the former Mr. Ed's Restaurant in Motley, the name 'Bjerga's' was revealed on one of the outside walls. Shawn Jordahl of Motley, the current owner of the property, said that

years ago the restaurant was owned for a short time by the father of Irving Bjerga, a longtime Motley resident and owner of Bjerga Feed Store in town. (Submitted photo)



Ensuring a safe tear-down

The Motley Fire Department hosed down the old Mr. Ed's Restaurant in Motley June 29, prior to its demolition.

This ensured that particles, such as dust, would not drift out onto neighboring properties. (Submitted photo)



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Cass County Fair- Pillager, MN

2021 Schedule

Thursday, July 8

Set-up day

8 a.m.-8 p.m. Vendor set up

9 a.m. Medallion Clue posted

10 a.m. Food Booth open

6:30 p.m. Cash Bingo in the Community Center

Friday, July 9

Judging Day

8 a.m. Food Booth opens

8 a.m. Judging in Exhibit Bldg.

9 a.m. Horse Judging

9 a.m. Medallion Clue posted

10 a.m.-7 p.m. Vendor Booths open

10 a.m. Day Care Tours

11 a.m.-8 p.m. History Building open

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Inflatables open

3 p.m. Beer Garden open

5:30 p.m. Fiddler's entries

6:30 p.m. Fiddler's Contest

9 p.m. Band "Wanted" (The Mark Petersen Band) in the Beer Garden

Saturday, July 10

Family Fun Day

7-10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Pillager Boy Scouts

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Horse Judging

9 a.m. Medallion Clue posted

10 a.m. PARADE!!!

10 a.m. Food Booth open

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Exhibits & Vendors open

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Pillager History Display

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Inflatables open

12 noon Beer Garden opens

1 p.m. Texas Hold'em

4-5 p.m. Pit Party - Mud Run

4:30 p.m. Drivers Meeting - Mud Run

5 p.m. Mud Run begins

10 p.m. FIREWORKS!!!!

Sunday, July 11

Final Day of the Fair

9 a.m. Medallion Clue posted

11 a.m. Church

12 noon Sunday Dinner in the Community Center

3 p.m. 2021 Fair closes



K-9 on Todd sheriff's team

The newest deputy at the Todd County Sheriff's Office is K-9 Ranger, a 1-1/2 year old German Shepherd from the Czech Republic. Deputy Brittney Hendricks is Ranger's handler and has been with the sheriff's office for eight years. Deputy Hendricks and Ranger recently completed an intensive 14-week training program certifying them in criminal apprehension, tracking and narcotics. (Submitted photo)



K-9 on Morrison sheriff's team

The newest deputy at the Morrison County Sheriff's Office is K-9 Bane. Handler Deputy Austin Scherping and K-9 partner Bane recently completed their training certifications. Bane is a 1-1/2 year old German Shepherd from the Czech Republic. He is certified through the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) and the National Police Canine Association (NPCA) trained and certified in criminal apprehension, narcotics detection and tracking. (Submitted photo)

Todd County Sheriff's report

The MN BCA, along with the Todd County Sheriff's Office executed three search warrants in the city limits of Long Prairie on June 28. As a result, a large amount of narcotics and U.S. currency were seized. This was a multi-agency investigation including the Long

Prairie Police Department, MN BCA, Central MN Violent Offender Task Force, FBI, MN State Patrol, U.S. Postal Inspector and the Sauk Centre Police Department. This investigation remains ongoing.

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School limited to funding source requirements; Lakewood required to give back to community

down. The consultants revised that original proposal so that the new Plan B will cost taxpayers the same amount as the referendum proposal for a four year period. The board does not have a concrete plan beyond that time. Drone also objected to building a new gym before taking care of current maintenance needs. Staples-Motley Superintendent Shane Tappe explained that the funding available to the school can only be used for the purposes that they are using them for. Nypan and Dave Hoemberg both objected to closing the Motley school and doing the building project in Staples. Nypan said the Motley school is newer, larger, has a larger gym and

choir room. "Many of these proposed projects are wants, not needs," said Nypan. Hoemberg said that closing the Motley school does not fall in line with the consolidation agreement, and the school did not have a public hearing before closing the Motley school. Nypan also brought up the \$6 million contribution from Lakewood Health System. "Lakewood must have had a good year," Nypan said, and added that they should reduce their fees instead. Lakewood CEO Tim Rice spoke to the board and explained that Lakewood's status as a nonprofit requires them to give back to the community. Their community spending is determined by the Community Needs

Assessment done every two years, and the school project fits the needs in the assessment. Rice said Lakewood currently has 65 open employment positions. "Health care is going to be 50 percent of employment demand in the next 10 years," said Rice. He said a strong school system is vital to attracting employees to come to the area. Rice also spoke as a representative of the nonprofit LEAP (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy and Positiveness). He said the board is in favor of the school project because a successful school system is one of the key priorities in the community. "We believe vibrancy depends on a strong school system," said Rice.

Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our July 9, 1992 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

golf course board of directors, drove the first ball down the first fairway to open the course.

July 4, 1996 - A rural Motley man got the surprise visitor of his life last week when a 400 pound bear came calling. Larry Holmberg said he was sitting in his living room about 10 p.m. June 25, when the bear appeared just outside the sliding patio door of his house. The window portion of the door was open, with only the screen between he and the bear. The story goes on to say that the bear was growling and grunting as it came through the screen. Holmberg, who had grabbed his 30.06 deer rifle, shot the bear four times. The bear wasn't the only casualty. One of the shots, Larry said, went through the bear and put a

hold through his bird feeder on the patio.

10 Years Ago - 2011

July 7, 2011 - Ray Garland received recognition for completing his fourth Paul Harris Fellowship for Rotary International Foundation at a recent picnic with the Staples Rotary Club. July 7, 2011 - A variety of music, crafts, food and more will be offered during the Two Rivers Music Fest in Motley July 29 - 31. The roster of performers includes The Jolly Zuks Band, Alan Godage & Sundown, The Canoise Band with blues artist Willie Walker from Memphis. July 7, 2011- Holocaust survivor and author Anita Dittman will speak at the Staples Church of Christ July 13, at 1 p.m.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Sept. 12, 1968 edition of the Staples World, featured Bob and Marilyn Archer who had been recently welcomed to the community by the Staples Jaycees. The 'Welcome Neighbor!' article mentioned that the Archers resided at 413 Second Street SW in Staples, and were parents to four children: Lynn, 10; Lori, 8; Keith, 6; and Kim, 4. It also mentioned that Bob was the new chef at Edie's Cafe in Staples. Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified the couple, adding that he had worked for awhile with Bob at Stern Manufacturing. "They were real nice folks," Mike shared of the Archers. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



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This is what happens after a failed building referendum

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Before the first school referendum, the consulting company told the Staples-Motley School Board “If you don’t pass a referendum, you always end up paying more and getting less for it.”

The same was true for the second referendum. If it didn’t pass, we were told it would still require a tax increase that would only cover some of the building needs.

Some of the people who spoke at the recent school board meeting accused the board of not listening to the people. It is actually the other way around, the people were not paying attention to what would happen if the referendum failed.

If either referendum had passed, all our school building problems would be solved for 20 years, but now we face another multi-year process of trying to find funds to fix the most dire issues. Before it is over, it will cost more than what the referendum would have cost.

The school is doing exactly what they said would happen, they are raising taxes by \$14 million, which is actually less than predicted. The surprise is that some of the funds now have a four year payment plan instead of the referendum spreading it out over 20 years, so

for those four years it will cost taxpayers the same amount.

The “vote no” people also don’t seem to understand that now the school is limited to specific sources of funding that can only be used for a few specific purposes. If you wanted the funding to be used for needed maintenance that would save taxpayers money in the long run, that’s what the referendum would have done.

Motley school

One of the biggest issues in the district is the resentment that the Motley school is no longer being used. When that decision was made, it was presented as a financial decision. The school was paying \$100,000 a year for transportation alone, plus more for maintaining the building and keeping it staffed. Because the school has a limited education budget, it was restricting education opportunities.

While it may have been a good financial decision, that doesn’t lessen the pain of a community losing their school. I don’t think the school did enough to involve the community of Motley in talking about the decision. The people of Motley have a right to resent the district for closing their school, that is always a tragedy. But they also have to realize that this

tragedy may have been delayed for 30 years.

In 1987, the Staples World reported on a Motley School Board meeting where it was revealed that the Motley School 7-12 numbers had gone from 305 students in 1976 to under 200 in 1986. Their senior high class offerings were reduced from 48 to 27 classes, forcing teachers to teach out of their field. They lacked a full time counselor or librarian. This was before open enrollment in Minnesota and the Motley School was seeing more frequent requests to transfer students out of the district. With \$215,000 less per year from state per-pupil funding, the district was facing statutory operating debt.

The school was sharing some staff with Pillager but eventually decided to pair with Staples. The newspaper quoted Motley resident Tom Thiesen, who said “It’s obvious that we’ve got problems that won’t go away, whether we go with Staples or not.”

Consolidation may have been the only apparent solution at the time. It is possible that the Motley school could have stayed independent, survived statutory operating debt and reformed back into a great small school again. On the other hand, if enrollment kept declining after open enrollment started in 1990, they might have

been closed by the state.

That was the era when Minnesota was prompting consolidations. In a 1990 Staples World issue, it was reported that the state would contribute as much as \$400,000 in additional aid if the schools combined. I don’t know of any towns the size of Motley that kept their school in the ensuing 30 years, unless they paired with towns of similar size. Staples happens to be a larger town with more students, so the school eventually got shifted to Staples.

From a Staples-Motley district wide point of view, the pairing has been beneficial to both communities. Education, arts, sports and school spirit have been boosted by students and communities working together. The pairing has raised the profile of both communities throughout the state.

In the end, the Motley school was a victim of timing, location and size. But I don’t think that was the deciding factor in the building referendum failing. That seems mostly about taxes. People didn’t want that big of a tax increase and they didn’t understand that the tax increase would eventually be bigger if it didn’t pass. As long as a building referendum doesn’t include frivolous and needless items, it is a good idea to pass it the first time.

Letters to the Editor

Stop the sirens

Subject: inappropriate, unlawful and disruptive use of the emergency siren system.

1. Any parent who alleges they want or need a 10 p.m. siren in order to have any influence on how they raise their children is an irresponsible parent. This is not my problem. This is not my fault. Stop punishing me for this.
2. It is not the government’s job to help parents keep track of their children.
3. Any police or city employee who alleges they want or need the 10 p.m. siren in order to help them do their job ... should seek other employment.
4. I do have the right to sleep before 10 p.m.
5. The City of Staples does not have the right to wake me up at 10 p.m. or any other time of day.
6. The City of Staples is disturbing the peace.
7. It is irrelevant if these sirens have been inappropriately used like this since electricity first came to Staples in the late 1800s. Lengthy inappropriate use does not equal legitimate or lawful use.
8. The only two times the emergency sirens are permitted to be used are:
 - a) at 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for

testing purposes.

b) If, and only if, there is an actual emergency that requires the general population to seek shelter.

Any other use of the sirens is completely inappropriate.

9. What will you do when a real need for the sirens comes to the area around 10 p.m.? Your current use of the sirens is dangerous and could lead to loss of life in the future ... Do you know about the little boy who cried wolf?

10. Does the city council of Staples have the authority to dictate that all local banks must open their vaults at a particular time of day? Clearly not. Likewise, the city council does not have the authority, no matter how often they vote, to have the residents of Staples be awake at a particular time of day.

11. May I stand at the end of your driveway with a siren that I will blow 30 minutes after you go to sleep? Please submit your address and the expected time that you will go to sleep.

Oh wait, do I have the right to do this to you? Clearly I do not. Likewise, the City of Staples does not have the right to do it to me.

12. This is “5th grade” simple.

Turn it off.
Turn it off right now.

Don Roberts
Staples, Minn.

What do we mean when we talk about the “common good”?

By Lee H. Hamilton

I’ve always been impressed that the preamble to the Constitution begins, “We the People of the United States.” We’ve heard the phrase so often that we don’t even stop to think about it. But as the proposed constitution was being debated in 1787, there were people who did—notably, Patrick Henry, who in a famous speech to the Virginia ratifying convention asked why the drafters hadn’t said, “We, the states.”

By their phrasing, the founders made clear that they were creating a government, as Lincoln later put it, “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They were making a case that government should strive for the common good, which they went on to lay out: “establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty.”

Though they also laid out the rights of individuals that government couldn’t touch—speech, religion, the ability to read a free press, and so on—they made clear that there needed to be a balance. “Government is insti-

tuted for the common good... and not for profit, honor, or private interest of any one man, family, or class of men,” John Adams wrote.

So what do we actually mean when we talk about the “common good”—which politicians like to do frequently? One notable point about the Constitution’s preamble is that phrases like “the general welfare” and “domestic tranquility” are vague. The founders left those ideas open for debate, and in the centuries since, much of our country’s political history has revolved around how to define them and where individual interests leave off and the public interest prevails.

We can see this at play almost anywhere we look today. It is in our common interest, for example, that as many people as possible be vaccinated against the coronavirus—that’s the best way to protect everyone. But there are plenty of people who don’t want to get vaccinated. Whether or how to respond is a topic of hot debate among businesses and state governments. Indeed, the entire course of the pandemic has laid bare the tension many people see between public health and individual rights.

Similarly, we can probably all agree that it is in the common interest that Americans be able to live up to their economic potential. But when you get down to brass tacks, as in the Biden administration’s huge infrastructure package, pretty much every interest group in the country will be pushing its own interests—and couching them as for the common good. So who stands back to look at what actually is in the best overall interest of our nation and its long-term economic future?

The key point is that there isn’t a single definition of “the common good.” Instead, we live in a country that was designed to allow us to debate the question, change our answer as public sentiment evolves, find common ground to move forward, and do so in the belief that even if our direction doesn’t satisfy everyone, at least it has broad popular backing—or that we can change if needed. In other words, in our system maybe the greatest common good is the opportunity to define the common good.

Why does any of this matter right now? In part, because we depend on our institutions of government

to get it right—and to earn our respect while doing so. In the Federalist Papers, James Madison wrote, “No government, any more than an individual, will long be respected without being truly respectable; nor be truly respectable without possessing a certain portion of order and stability.” We’ve come through a trying time of disorder, and there’s a lot at stake as government tries to rebuild.

Even more important, our ability to discern and act on what’s in our common interest depends on believing that we, as Americans, all have something in common. In countries divided by internal conflict—places like Syria come to mind—ethnic, religious, or ideological identities often override the sense of a shared political community. We’ve seen worrying signs of something similar taking shape in the US. Our future depends on refocusing on what unites us, not what divides us.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Vaccine is not a joking matter

I recently received a pamphlet in the mail from Tri-County Health Care titled Healthy Times Summer 2021. There is an article in it that I found to be very unprofessional, given the fact that it came from a health care facility. It was a short article about Rachel Redig, M.D. getting her covid shot. It concludes by saying that “Dr. Redig is alive and well. She didn’t grow a third arm or sprout wings.”

While I am relieved that she didn’t grow a third arm or sprout wings, or even gain a third eye if you want to be that childish, but I found this kind of rhetoric to be flippant and very unprofessional. I am also a

customer of TCHC. It may surprise TCHC that some of us aren’t worried about gaining a third limb from the covid shot, rather we have done some research on our own. Herd immunity includes people who have had a virus and recovered, something the vaccine makers choose to disregard.

There are also some of us out there that have a deep ethical disgust for vaccines or medicines made from, or tested on aborted fetus cells. These are defenseless human beings after all. Great potential is seen in their cells, yet their true potential as children of God is not recognized. Something terrible has happened to society that cares so little about something so horrible.

Sherri Koval
Browerville, Minn

Quote of the week

“Ideas are a dime a dozen. People who implement them are priceless.”
— Mary Kay Ash

Hunger and economy in rural America

From Center
For Rural Affairs (cfra.org)

Across the country, states have been innovative in finding ways to integrate the goals of eliminating hunger and strengthening local food systems, according to a white paper released by the Center for Rural Affairs.

“Hunger and the Local Economy: Integrated State-Level Approaches to Food Access,” authored by Nathan Beacom, explores the role of local grocery stores, gives examples of state policies designed to make food more accessible, and offers lawmakers recommendations on ways to address the broader causes of food access and food insecurity in rural areas.

“Food access policy can also be economic development policy; these goals work hand in hand,” Nathan said. “A strong local food system means more employment, better jobs, a stronger economy, and more access. This kind of

win-win policy addresses the immediate needs, as well as the underlying causes of food insecurity.”

Among the recommendations is expansion of the Double Up Food Bucks program. Offered in 28 states and funded privately and publicly, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) beneficiaries use these incentives to buy fresh produce. The program matches vouchers up to \$20 for \$20 of SNAP funds.

“Double Up Food Bucks has been successful in changing the diets of SNAP users, increasing the amount of fresh food they eat, and, ultimately, leading to better health outcomes,” Nathan said. “At the same time, the program supports local retailers and local producers.”

Other recommended actions for states to consider include supporting farm to school programs and offering tax credits for the development of cooperative food ventures.

Read the white paper at cfra.org.

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Nathan's Old Time Band bringing polkas/waltzes to Staples July 11

Accordion player Nathan Neuman and his Old Time Band will kick off the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 11, at 7 p.m. This is the first concert in the series which will run for five Sundays. Expect an entertaining evening of polkas and waltzes, featuring a variety of American and European folk tunes and party favorites. The St. Cloud area

band features front man Neuman on concertina and accordion. He will be joined by a drummer. Neuman has been performing since his early teen years and since that time has developed his reputation as being St. Cloud's polka resource. His performing experiences include dance halls, church festivals, private parties, restaurants and nursing

homes. The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 8. Bring your lawn chair. For more information on the Music in the Park series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org. Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. Go north on 6th St.

at the junction of Hwys 10 and 210 and go six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to the Staples Community Center. The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Staples Host Lions Club. The Series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the City of Staples.



Concertina player

Nathan Neuman of Nathan's Old Time Band will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 11, at 7 p.m. (Submitted photo)

Pillager Fair runs July 8 - 11

Fiddler's contest, exhibits, mud run and more

The Cass County Fair in Pillager will be held Thursday, July 8 - Sunday, July 11. On the agenda are contests, food booths, fireworks, horse judging, music, mud run and a host of other activities for people of all ages, including a medallion hunt with a \$1,000 prize. Events will take place at the fairgrounds. Some of the events are listed below:

Thursday

Entry day. Commercial vendors (rides, booths, etc.) and competition exhibitors will be setting up. Clues for the medallion hunt will be posted each morning at 9 a.m. at the Community Center. Food booths open at 10 a.m. Stop by the Community Center (at the fairgrounds) for Cash Bingo, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Friday

It's 'Judging Day' on Friday. Stop by at 8 a.m. for breakfast (food booths will be open) and visit the horse judging arena and exhibit booths as well. At 10 a.m. vendor booths open and tours of the day care will be offered. Starting at 11 a.m. the History Building opens up, as does the area with the inflatables; and at 3 p.m., the Beer Garden opens. New this year is the Fiddler's Contest which starts at 6:30 p.m. Stick around to hear music by "Wanted" (The Mark Peters-

en Band) in the Beer Garden, starting at 9 p.m.

Saturday

Horse judging, parade, games, mud run and fireworks will take place on Saturday, "Family Fun Day." The parade, which travels downtown Pillager along River St., begins at 10 a.m.; and at 1 p.m., get set for Texas Hold'em. Don't miss the Pillager History Display from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; the Mud Run at 5 p.m.; or the fireworks, which begin at 10 p.m. The inflatables will be open from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Throughout the day, the food booth will be open (a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Pillager Boy Scouts begins at 7 a.m.), as will the exhibition building. The Beer Garden will be open all day, beginning at noon.

Sunday

The celebration continues on Sunday with a community church service at 11 a.m. Stay for Sunday dinner at the Community Center, beginning at noon. Tickets for the broadest chicken meal are available at K.C.'s Saloon and from Pillager Fair Board members. Only 100 available. The fair closes at 3 p.m. For a more detailed list of events, pick up a Pillager Fair Premium Book at area businesses including the Staples World and at the fairgrounds.

Mark Your Calendar

July 8

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.

July 12

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Karlee Morales and Kaleb Dahlvang of Staples, a baby girl, Karter Grace weighing seven pounds, two ounces on June 28, 2021.

Born to Tabitha and Allen Brown of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Ally Renee weighing eight pounds, three ounces on June 29, 2021.

Born to Michelle and Andrew Miltimore of Brainerd, a baby boy, Silas Jon weighing nine pounds, three ounces on June 20, 2021.

Born to Johanna and Jordan Rudbeck of Lake Shore, a baby boy, Palmer James weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on June 21, 2021.

Born to Erika and Joe Heinz of Randall, a baby boy, Brody Joseph weighing sis pounds, six ounces on June 22, 2021.

Born to Jessica and Andrew Rooney of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, William Charles weighing seven

pounds, 10 ounces on June 23, 2021.

Born to Breanna Robben of Staples, a baby girl, Oakleigh Deann weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on June 24, 2021.

Born to Hope and Jeremy Middendorf of Browerville, a baby girl, Emma Jean weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on June 24, 2021.

Born to Emma Erkenbrack and Ramon Cardenas Llamas of Wadena, a baby girl, Azaela Rose weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on June 24, 2021.

Born to Rachael and David Ehlers of Perham, a baby boy, Eli James weighing seven pounds, six ounces on June 25, 2021.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Baby boy, Waylon Guy Thew was born on June 10, 2021, to Karon and Arthur Thew of Wadena, weighing seven pounds. Proud grandparents are Brent and Ann Johnson and Jess and Lauri Thew.

Doris Corbett



Doris Ellen (Knopps) Corbett, 90, formerly of Staples, passed away March 24, 2020, at the Good Shepherd Community in Sauk Rapids. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on July 13, 2021, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell. Visitation will be at the church from 5 to 7:00 p.m. on July 12 and one hour prior to the funeral.

Burial will be a private ceremony at Camp Ripley following the funeral.

Doris was born July 24,

1929, to Jane (Styer) and Louis Knopps in Menomonie, Wisconsin. She was raised on a large farm outside Menomonie and, as the oldest of three daughters, was her dad's "right hand man". She attended college to become a teacher but after only one year, returned to help out at the farm when her dad got sick.

She subsequently joined Capital Airlines as a flight attendant, a calling she dearly loved and reminisced about often. While working as a flight attendant, she met Harold Corbett at a gathering of young adult Catholics. She and "Hap" were married December 27, 1958. They moved to Staples after their first baby was born and Doris stayed home to raise their children. In 1973, when her youngest of eight children started kindergarten, she began working half days at Staples High School, which became full days when he started

first grade. She worked in many different areas of the school, including teacher's aide, lunchroom supervisor, an assistant in the counseling office enjoying every minute of every day. She was honored in 1987 with the Outstanding Layperson in Education Award. In later years, one of her favorite places to work was the Freshwater Area Learning Center and in 2004 was asked by staff and students to give the commencement address at their graduation ceremony. In 2006, at the young age of 77, she studied for and passed the paraprofessional certification exam, getting one of the highest scores in the area.

Doris was very adept at managing her household, which was especially challenging when Hap would be on the road for work. A typical winter school morning started with Doris waking at 5:00 a.m. to put wood in the furnace, making breakfast and packing cold lunches tailored to each one of her kids' liking, going to work, then preparing dinner when the school day was done. Somehow, she fit getting a load or two of laundry in, too. She seldom missed any of her children's sporting events or concerts because she so thoroughly enjoyed them. On weekends and in the summer, it was not unheard of for people who lived south of town to drop a kid or two off with Doris as they went into town to shop. Doris was able to manage eight kids, what could it hurt to add a few more for an hour or two. Doris preferred working outside, doing most any farm-like work possible, including gardening, roofing, various construction or carpentry projects and

cutting/hauling/splitting/stacking firewood, to name a few.

She was an incredible grandmother (and great-grandmother), always making time to engage with her grandchildren. Whether playing games, camping, watching their activities, or even having a sleep-over in the camper, she showed her grandchildren how much she loved them by her actions. A special treat her grandchildren and her children, loved were her pancakes, made from scratch with no written recipe.

Doris was a very faithful, patient, loving and caring person who put others before herself and always tried to see the best in people. She was dearly loved and will be missed.

She is survived by her children, Kevin (Sally) of Detroit Lakes, Ken of Woodbury, Fran (Terry) of Medfield, MA, Colleen (John) Lawson of Lott, TX, Phil (Kelly) of Sartell, Tim (Bridget) of Pierz, Cella (Bob) Johnson of Sacred Heart and Charlie (Jen) Corbett of Brooklyn Park; one sister, Phyllis Miller of Fitchburg, WI; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Doris is preceded in death by her husband, Harold (Hap); parents, Jane and Louis; one sister, Lila Spindler; one granddaughter, Mary Doris Corbett; one great-granddaughter, Charlotte Marie Johnson and two brothers-in-law, Charlie Spindler and Clarence Miller.

The family prefers memorials to the Good Shepherd Community, 1115 4th Avenue North, Sauk Rapids, MN, 56739.

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Janet Rasmusen

Janet Rasmusen, 80, passed away with family by her side on June 27, 2021, at her home near Motley, with compassionate care provided by Knute Nelson Hospice.

Funeral services were held July 3, at the St. John Lutheran Church in Motley.

Burial was in Motley Public Cemetery.

Janet Iva Rasmusen was born July 11, 1940 to Farlie and Ella (Gilmore) Andrus at the Staples Municipal Hospital, Staples. At the age of three, she moved with her family to St. Paul, where she attended school, graduating from St. Paul Central High School with the class of 1958. After graduation she worked for a garment manufacturer doing payroll and bookkeeping. She was also an inventory control clerk for a cooperage company for a short time. Janet loved all kinds of music and was a member of the St Paul Chapter of Sweet Adelines for five years.

On Oct. 9, 1965, Janet married Kenneth Dean Rasmusen in St. John's Lutheran Church, Motley. They made their home on the groom's farm north of Motley where she still lived at the time of her death. Ken and Janet shared 37 years together before Ken's death in 2002.

Janet was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Ladies Guild where she was secretary for several years. She was a 4-H Club leader for 18 years and enjoyed working with the kids and all the different projects. She enjoyed cooking, baking, canning and making jelly. She collected cookbooks and old hymnals, reading them from cover to cover. She also liked puzzle books and putting jigsaw puzzles together. Janet read everything she could get her hands on and also collected Nativity sets. The one thing she loved above everything else was spending time with her kids and grandsons, either going to garage sales, playing cards or board games with them. One of her greatest joys was being involved with her grandsons' lives and going to school concerts, basketball games and other activities. Her love for her family was unconditional.

She is survived by one son, Paul Rasmusen; two daughters, Ann Schoon and Jean Rasmusen; four grandsons, Andrew, Daniel and Michael Schoon and Justin Poling; two great-grandsons, Everett and Oliver Poling; one sister-in-law, Elaine Knapper; one brother-in-law Harvey Marohn; along with nieces and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken; parents; her only sister, Barbara Thielman and her husband, Dennis; one brother-in-law, Edwin Knapper and one sister-in-law, Shirley Marohn.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Johnson-Schuller Chapel, Wadena. (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com)

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Staples school reunion, classes of '64, '65 and '66

The classes of 1964, 1965 and 1966 will hold a reunion during Railroad Days at the Pine Grove Park Pavilion on Sunday, August 22, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Pot luck; bring your own beverage; eating utensils provided. Pass the word.

RSVP to DeEtta Bilek by text to 218-639-2310 or email to deebilek@wtca.net.

The Ziegler Family would like to thank The Vintage Golf Course, the golfers and volunteers for their support and participation in the First Annual Ziegler Golf Scramble in support of the Staples All Veterans Park. You all helped make it a success!

THE ZIEGLER FAMILY

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Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Associate Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.
First Congregational Church, UCC
firststrongouccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service
Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smea
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples Church.....218-894-2296
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Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
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Sunday.....8:30 a.m..
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.
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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
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Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
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Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Aldrich
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19550 490th Street, Aldrich
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Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
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Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.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
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m..
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday.....7:00 p.m..
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United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
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218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 1039
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
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114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
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.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
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Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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

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Walter Cross, in his book, *"When One Plus One Is More Than Two"*, wrote:

"We are neither human enough nor divine enough to serve only ourselves. For in the end, if that is what we use our gifts for we will come up empty. A Christ centered 'Pursuit of Happiness' begins when we, as disciples of Christ give of ourselves for the other, and that I believe is also where we find true freedom.

There's a story about a young girl who saw that one of her classmates at her school was shivering on the playground during an early fall cold snap. Realizing that her classmate's family didn't have the money to spend on a coat the young girl promptly went up to the shivering friend and promised to buy her a coat.

After checking online to see how much a coat costs the young girl understood that she didn't have enough money to buy a coat from a major department store. So, she went to the local Goodwill hoping to make a purchase on behalf of her classmate. But even at Goodwill, she ended up spending every cent of her allowance for the coat for her classmate. Was she disappointed that she spent all that she had on her friend? No, she was satisfied, in fact happy, that she was able to help out.

This splurge on her carefully saved funds caught her parents by surprise and caused them some concern. This wasn't how they envisioned that their daughter would use her savings. They had been preaching to their daughter that she should take some of her allowance and put the money away for college while using the rest of it for herself. So, they questioned their daughter as to the wisdom of her actions. The daughter replied to their inquiry by simply saying, 'I promised to help her because she needed a coat.'

Our 'Pursuit of True Happiness' begins when we give of ourselves for the other, when we are neighborly to our neighbors, when we step out and take risks for the other, and when we live out our call to be disciples of Christ. That's where our freedoms, our liberty and our patriotism needs to rest. Not with the understanding that we are independent of others, but that we are called to be dependent on God and neighbor and because of that are to worship God with all of our heart, soul, strength and mind. We are not to think that freedom is our independence from all others as we live only for ourselves, but real freedom is found as we love God and our neighbor.

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Initiative Foundation announces fellowship program

Applicants are being sought for a unique fellowship program that powers up the innovators and idea people in Central Minnesota. The Initiators Fellowship, launched by the Initiative Foundation in 2016, is available to social entrepreneurs in its 14-county service area, including Benton, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena and Wright.

The two-year, 2022-2023 Fellowship program awards a \$30,000 annual stipend along with a variety of other supports to promising entrepreneurs who want to grow as leaders and who have a passion to tackle a social challenge.

Imagined in 2015, designed in 2016 and piloted with an inaugural cohort of four in 2017, the Initiators Fellowship is developing Greater Minnesota innovators and community leaders. It starts with people committed to social change, an inspirational idea and a plan for harnessing the power of the marketplace. Through a rigorous selection process, Fellows are vetted from a pool of applicants to receive a two-year suite of supports that includes training, mentoring, networking and financial backing to foster their growth and development. Social enterprise ventures are for-profit or nonprofit businesses that are created

to achieve a mission.

Friesner's Story

Jonathan Friesner is a member of the 2021-2022 Fellows cohort. A devoted gardener, Jon wondered how he could grow food during Minnesota's long off-season. Now, he is part of a four-person collaboration that has solved the challenge using their new product, GroShed. An automated indoor agriculture solution, a GroShed building—or farm—employs nutrient-rich water rather than soil and can be used to grow produce year-round. It's a hydroponic garden in a self-contained shed requiring only to be plugged into electricity and an outdoor water supply.

The GroShed team is investing their time, effort and money in this passion project. "There is a lot of processed food around here," Friesner said. "Gaining access to fresh, local foods is almost impossible in Northern Minnesota outside of our short growing season."

To change the equation, Friesner, a former contractor, and his partners have scaled down typical hydroponics technology so the average person can grow what they want: tomatoes, broccoli, onions, herbs, lettuces, peppers, chilies.

By the end of 2020, GroShed sold 18 shed-sized farms and was fielding interest from a range of potential customers—from

restaurants to food shelves. For now, the startup is sticking to mostly Minnesota customers. "We want to see as many farms as possible in our own state so we can warranty and fix things easily," said Friesner.

He dreams of bringing fresh food to Minnesotans, and he envisions boosting the state's economy as larger commercial farmers realize GroShed's potential for providing winter income. "Rural Minnesota is a place of great innovation and untapped resources, but we're frequently overlooked and can't always compete with Twin Cities operations," he said. "It's so cool that the Initiative Foundation is seeking out ingenuity and entrepreneurship in the rest of the state. (Ours) is a big mission, but we absolutely believe it's doable."

More Than a Fellowship

In addition to the annual stipend, Fellows benefit from an executive-level mentor, deep programming, educational opportunities and support from dedicated staff members. A complete definition of social entrepreneurship and other details can be found in the resources section at greaterminnesota.net/fellows.

The Initiators Fellowship is suitable for emerging social entrepreneurs ranging from recent college graduates to mid-career individuals. Additional

requirements include living within one of four participating Minnesota Initiative Foundation regions, or an adjacent tribal nation, for the two-year duration of the Fellowship term. Diversity is a core program value. Applicants with diverse backgrounds, experiences, ability, economic status and perspectives are encouraged to apply. Full eligibility details and an eligibility quiz can be found Fellowship website, greaterminnesota.net/fellows.

"The Initiators Fellowship aims to provide the next generation of regional leaders an opportunity to use their entrepreneurial spirit to address society's needs while also building the business and leadership capacity of Greater Minnesota," said Matt Varilek, Initiative Foundation president.

The program is open to applicants from the regions represented by the Initiative Foundation, West Central Initiative Foundation, Northwest Minnesota Foundation and Southwest Initiative Foundation. Online applications for the 2022-2023 cohort are open from May 24 through June 15, 2021.

Learn more about the program and social entrepreneurship by visiting greaterminnesota.net/fellows or by contacting Chris Fastner, Initiators Fellowship program manager, at initiators@ifound.org or (320) 631-2019.



Lions Club donations

The Staples Host Lions recently gave a \$2,000 donation to the Staples Sportsmen's Club to help build a vault toilet at the trapshooting range; and a \$500 donation to the Todd County Child Protection Team.

Above, from left are Louis Ostrowski and Mark Holper, Staples Sportsmen's Club; and Staples Host Lions President Ken Christensen.

Below, from left are Kathy Kremers, Todd County Child Protection Team; and Staples Host Lions President Ken Christensen. (Submitted photos)



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Todd County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS May 4, 2021

Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 4th day of May, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2021 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT – HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gam-

bling Permit for the Holy Family School through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Holy Family School to hold a raffle event at the Diamond Point Steakhouse & Lounge in Birchdale Township at the address 12867 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on August 13, 2021.

To approve an Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for TMF Resort Inc dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective June 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve a Setup License for TMF Resort Inc dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective June 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve an On Sale Wine License including strong beer for TMF Resort Inc dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective June 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann,

the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the April 2021 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 901448 through 901495 in the amount of \$620,255.95, (Manual) 618 through 624 in the amount of \$88,356.78 and (Regular) 237383 through 237519 in the amount of \$356,600.35 for a total of \$1,065,213.08.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401197 through 401217 in the amount of \$54,075.77 and (Regular) 54725 through 54775 in the amount of \$59,085.57 for a total of \$113,161.34.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 801611 through 801628 and (Regular) 707766 through 707794 for a total amount of \$34,697.30.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health

& Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600390 through 600392 and (Regular) 516314 through 516327 for a total amount of \$22,040.36.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2021 MEMORIAL DAY APPROPRIATIONS
WHEREAS, Todd County has budgeted in 2021 for an appropriation to support the expenses for conducting Memorial Day Services and aid in the observance of Memorial Day by organizations within Todd County defined by Minnesota Statutes 375.34 and 375.35;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the 2021 payment of \$200 to the Evergreen Cemetery Association of Long Prairie for the care of County lots in said Evergreen Cemetery, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to approve the payment of \$50 to each regular organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries in Todd County to support the payment of expenses in connection with the proper observance of Memorial Day Services conducted within Todd County and the amount to be paid by warrant to each organization provided that in cases where any of the above mentioned do not have an organization, the amount will be paid to the organization conducting the Memorial Day Service per the attached list.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2021 SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER APPROPRIATIONS
WHEREAS, Todd County has budgeted for 2021 an appropriation of \$200 per Senior Citizen Center in Todd County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the 2021 payment of \$200 for each Senior Citizen Center located in Todd County per the attached list.

CliftonLarsonAllen
Doug Host, CPA presented the Audit of the Financial Year Ending December 31, 2020 and a report of the findings/statuses for the County Board's review.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the FY2020 Audit Report as presented by CliftonLarsonAllen.

Great River Regional Library

Karen Pundsack, Executive Director of GRRL provided a summary of the 2020 activities for the County Board's review.

Ditch/Ag Inspector
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - DITCH MAINTENANCE - COUNTY DITCH 15
WHEREAS, Jeffrey Lopez of CCMorgan LLC is requesting to maintain approximately 1,200 feet of CD15 that is located on Timothy Schmit's parcel 02-0023501. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed by Schmit and Lopez and has been submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done; a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TEP, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch.

NOW, THEREFORE BE

IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Jeffrey Lopez of CCMorgan LLC to maintain approximately 1,200 feet of CD15 on Timothy Schmit's parcel 02-0023501. The project will be done at Jeffrey Lopez/CCMorgan LLC's own expense.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, set the date of the CD41 Informational Meeting for June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is to be held at the Todd County Expo Building.

Planning & Zoning
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

Final Plat Approval – "Sibell's Subdivision Four"
WHEREAS, Applicant and property owner Darwin Sibell applied to subdivide a property that is described as Part of Government Lots 2 & 3 of Section 5 in Gordon Township with the plat to be known as 'Sibell's Subdivision Four',

WHEREAS, Sibell's Subdivision 4 consists of 1 lot; Lot 1, 2.62± Acres; located in the General Development Shoreland zoning of Lake Osakis in Gordon Township,

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2020, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

SECT-5 TWP-128 RANG-35 PARTS OF GOVT LOTS 2 & 3 & VACATED ROAD LYING N OF SIBELL'S SUBD, EX PARTS PLATTED AS RUTTEN'S BEACH & SIBELL'S SUBD & SIBELL'S SUB TWO, EX BEG AT PT 44.88 FT N & 127.63 FT NW OF LOT 4 OF RUTTEN'S BEACH, THENCE NW 20.70 FT, W 89.73 FT, SW 74.50 FT, NW 126.70 FT, NE 201.52 FT, SW 132.85 FT TO BEG BEING PART OF GOVT LOT 3 & EX PART OF GOVT LOT 3 LYING S & SE OF DESC LINE; BEG AT NW COR OF LOT 4 OF RUTTEN'S BEACH, NW 66 FT, NW 200 FT, SW 600 FT TO LAKESHORE & TERMINATING & EX BEG AT NW COR OF LOT 24 OF RUTTEN'S BEACH, N 120 FT, E 176 FT TO LAKE, SW ALONG LAKE 270 FT, NW 112 FT TO BEG PART OF LOTS 2 & 3 & EX PART OF GOVT LOT 2 DESC AS BEG AT NE COR OF LOT 1 BLK 2 OF SIBELL'S SUBD, NW 69 FT, NE 200 FT, NE 250 FT, E'RLY TO SHORELINE, S'RLY ALONG SHORE TO N LINE OF LOT 1 BLK 1 OF SIBELL'S SUBD, SW 181 FT, SW 66 FT TO BEG & EX PART OF GOVT LOT 3 DESC AS COMM AT N'RLY COR OF LOT 13 OF RUTTEN'S BEACH, SW 86.23 FT TO W'RLY COR OF LOT 13, NW 66.04 FT TO W LINE OF PUBLIC RD AS PT OF BEG, THENCE W 166.42 FT, NE 134.99 FT, NE 154.44 FT, SE 160 FT TO RD, SW 103.28 FT, SW 104.11 FT TO BEG & EX PART OF GOVT LOT 3 DESC AS; COMM AT W QTR COR OF SEC 5, S 655.50 FT, SE 66 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE N 161.36 FT TO CTRLINE OF HWY 10, NE'RLY ALONG CTRLINE 492.26 FT, SE 617.20 FT, SW 381.16 FT, NW 248.05 FT, NW 326.83 FT TO BEG, EXPT GL 2 & 3 DESC AS FOLLOWS, BEG AT W4 CORN OF SEC 5, N 142.5 FT, E 320.18 FT TO CTRLINE CSAH #10, S ALONG CTRLINE 698.39 FT TO W LINE SEC 5, N 590.56 FT TO PT OF BEG & EX PT GOVT LOT 3 DESC IN DOC #516743 & EX PT PLATTED AS SIBELLS SUBD THREE & EX GOVT LOT 3

9.4 ACRES – GIS
WHEREAS, On November 17, 2020, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Sibell's Subdivision Four preliminary plat with no conditions,

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and

find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Sibell's Subdivision Four" be approved as presented.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A MISSISSIPPI RIVER - BRAINERD WATERSHED ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, Subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorizes Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Mississippi River - Brainerd Watershed (Hydrologic Unit Code 07010104), as delineated in the attached One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map, have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Todd County welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Mississippi River - Brainerd Watershed for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Todd County supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and anticipates entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the counties and soil and water conservation districts, within the Mississippi River - Brainerd Watershed, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant.

Soil and Water

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the MPCA Feedlot Program Annual Report for 2020.

Health & Human Services

Jackie Och, HHS Director & Katherine Mackedanz, Community Health Manager provided an update to the County Board on the COVID-19 situation and new connections for vaccination availability via MDH's Vaccination Bus.

Administration

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve participation in the Summer Internship Program through Sourcewell for Departments requesting to participate including Sheriff and U of M Extension and any other agency requesting participation.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the first half Real Estate tax payment due date of May

See **TCC** on page 9a

EXHIBIT A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER GRANTING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples Motley), Staples, Minnesota (the "District") will hold a public hearing on July 19, 2021, at approximately 6:00 o'clock p.m., in the District Office, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479 to consider granting an abatement of certain property taxes levied against net tax capacity imposed by the District (the "Proposed Property Tax Abatement") for taxes payable in 2022 through 2025 on the following properties within the District boundaries (identified by property Identification number):

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22-0001601	38-0004100	38-0117301	

Morrison County Parcels

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29.0059.000	29.0457.00 0	29.1206.00 0	29.1380.000	29.4004.000	41.0284.000
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11-008-0001	24-121-4101
11-010-3301	24-128-1001
11-017-0001	33-023-1401
11-019-1100	
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The purpose of granting the Proposed Property Tax Abatement is to provide funds to finance construction of and improvements to parking lots at the Staples-Motley Elementary School and the Staples-Motley Middle/High School. The total estimated amount of the Proposed Property Tax Abatement by the District is \$2,510,526 over four (4) years, an amount estimated to be sufficient to pay the principal and interest on approximately \$2,315,000 of bonds issued to finance the parking lot projects and related financing costs.

All who wish to be heard as to the Proposed Property Tax Abatement will be given an opportunity to express their views at the time of the public hearing or may file written comments with the Superintendent prior to the public hearing.

June 28, 2021

/s/ 
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GARAGE SALES 701

GARAGE SALE:
First Lutheran Church, 717 River St. S, Pillager. Thurs., July 8 - Fri., July 9, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., July 10, 7 a.m.-noon. 28p

MULTI-FAMILY SALE: Thurs., July 8 - Fri., July 9, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 915 7th St. NE, Staples. 28p

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17, 2021 is approaching and that there will be a Special Election for ISD 487 Upsala Schools on May 11, 2021.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator provided an update regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Federal Funding and that the county is waiting for guidance from the U.S. Treasury to move forward. The next AMC District 4 meeting has been announced as June 18, 2021 in Fergus Falls.

Recess

Chairperson Becker recessed the meeting until May 18, 2021.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	\$2,844.06
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	72,748.02
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	24.09
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	2,094.00
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	958.99
US BANK	8,959.72
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	787.90
DOHERTY STAFFING SOLUTIONS	4,310.67
DVS RENEWAL	10,375.62
EBSCO INC.	227,545.65
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL	5,317.67
LONG PRAIRIE	
SANITATION INC.	4,696.02
M-R SIGN COMPANY INC.	2,922.12
REGENTS OF THE	
UNIV OF MN.	36,946.75
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	5,062.66
TREE TOP NURSEY	2,254.77
VERIZON	4,662.33
24 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	11,035.46
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION	2,225.00

CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN, LLP	12,549.60
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	5,373.00
COUNTRYSIDE REST	3,852.70
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	2,115.80
DVS RENEWAL	7,758.62
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	8,936.50
MORRISON COUNTY	83,432.63
NORTHERN STAR COOP	2,550.71
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	4,960.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI.	
SOLID WASTE AUTH.	82,386.00
SELLNOW LAW OFFICE PA	2,462.50
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	6,673.66
VOYANT COMMS, LLC	4,181.62
43 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	13,620.10
BHH PARTNERS	27,585.80
CENTRA CARE	10,983.33
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN, LLP	6,825.00
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK	7,278.78
MOTOROLA	10,489.65
NORTH COUNTRY CHEV	
BUICK GMC	31,743.03
STEP	11,132.00
55 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	21,296.31
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	3,203.69
EBSCO INC.	223,050.01
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC.	2,000.00
HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL	5,250.64
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	2,080.00
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT	12,104.38
TODD TRAILS ASSOC.	32,767.25
24 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	10,831.36
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	26.91
Total	\$1,065,213.08

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS		5,543.40
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC.		8,969.00
EMERGENCY AUTO. TECH.		3,282.34
ESRI		11,918.00
FRONTIER PRECISION INC.		25,667.65
MCCC, MI33		5,571.66

MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV	2,274.97
SHI CORP	5,625.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	27,666.54
63 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	16,642.78
Total	\$113,161.34

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT	\$17,958.10
PERISH/ALAN	3,153.31
TODD COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	2,380.00
UMMC-FAIRVIEW	2,450.00
43 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	8,755.89
Total	\$34,697.30

Vendor Name \$ Amount

HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SVRS	3,066.97
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV.	
SOF MN-ST PAUL	2,765.20
MORRISON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	4,300.56
VILLAGE RANCH INC	2,530.30
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	9,377.33
Total	22,040.36

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 4, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on May 18, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Solar speaker

Melissa Birch of CERT spoke at the Ag and Energy forum at CLC. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Local solar partners

line of students who are familiar with solar power and are able to work on the units.
A tour of the CLC solar units was given by Erica Bjelland.
The event was co-sponsored by Sustainable Farming Association and Minnesota Farmers Union,

in collaboration with University of Minnesota Extension’s Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota (CUB), Region Five Development Commission, and Central Lakes College.



Energy partnership

Allison Uselman of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative said they have formed partnership with CLC so the college can operate the solar installations at the Staples campuses.



A Chevy Volt, an all electric vehicle, was at the solar energy conference to show the synergy of collecting energy from the sun and using it to drive around.

Cass County 4-H returns to fair

From June 22-25, Cass County 4-H’ers shared their skills and accomplishments with judges in a showcase environment. With up-to-date protocols created by the University of Minnesota Extension and MDH, the showcases were able to take place in-person at the Cass County Fairgrounds in Pine River.
“This has been a challenging year for 4-H’ers as we continue to overcome the challenges brought on by COVID-19. We’re truly proud of how they’ve risen to the occasion to help make their showcases happen,” said Extension educator Brooke Remer. “We’ve seen some amazing displays of ingenuity from Cass County 4-H’ers.”
“4-H’s priority is to provide learning and leadership experiences that guide youth in building relationships, developing communication techniques, and strengthening organizational skills,” said Jennifer A. Skuza, Extension Center for Youth Development Associate Dean and State 4-H Director. “We’ve been committed to helping maintain the county fair experience as much as possible, recognizing that possibilities and limitations vary among all of Minnesota’s 87 counties.”

Grand and Reserve Champion Results from Staples and Motley area youth judging are below. Educator Brooke Remer noted that the events could not have been conducted without the help of families, volunteers and other partners. “We’re grateful to 4-H supporters for helping us put youth at the center of our fair and creating a memorable, meaningful experience.”
Kaitlyn Hanson
Dairy Goat - Jr. Doe Kid - Registered and Grade, Grand Champion
Dairy Goat- Dry Yearling Doe - Registered and Grade, Grand Champion
Goat Showmanship - Grades 9+, Grand Champion
Meat Market Goat -Wether, Grand Champion
Rabbit - Small Breed Sr. Buck over 6 mos, Grand Champion
Rabbit - Small Breed Sr. Doe over 6 mos, Grand Champion
Rabbit - Small Breed Jr. Doe under 6 mos, Grand Champion
Rabbit - Large Breed Jr Doe under 6 mos, Reserve Champion
Rabbit Showmanship - grades 9+, Grand Champion
Samuel Sauber
Chickens - Market pen of two males or females, Reserve Champion

Chickens - Breeding pen of one male and two females, Reserve Champion
Chickens - Bantam breeding pen of one male and two females, Grand Champion
Chickens - Egg production pen two pullets- Brown egg, Reserve Champion
Poultry Showmanship grades 9+, Grand Champion
Rabbit - Small Breed Sr Doe over 6 mos, Reserve Champion
Rabbit Showmanship, Grades 9+, Reserve Champion
Fishing Sports Grades 9+, Reserve Champion
Shooting Sports and Wildlife Mgmt grades 9+, Grand Champion
Wildlife Biology grades 9+, Grand Champion
William Sauber
Chickens - Market pen of two males or two females, Grand Champion
Chickens - Breeding pen of one male and two females, Grand Champion
Chickens - Bantam breeding pen of one male and two females, Reserve Champion
Chickens - Egg production pen of two pullets- Brown egg, Grand Champion
Poultry Showmanship grades 9+, Reserve Champion
To learn more about 4-H in Cass County, contact Extension 4-H Educator Brooke Remer, at 218-587-8280 and visit the website, www.4-H.umn.edu.



Samuel Sauber with chicken judge Vern Holtzheuter.



Kaitlyn Hanson during rabbit judging.



William Sauber during chicken judging.

Lakewood receives \$27,300 grant for Staples park project

Lakewood Health System, Staples, recently received grants in the amount of \$27,300 to support the ‘Safe Walk to Dino Park’ Project, a collaborative with the City of Staples to install sidewalks in and around the Lakewood community park and create an artistic and accessible mid-block crosswalk on Prairie Avenue NE.
Currently, the crosswalk and community park does not accommodate people using wheelchairs and other assistive devices. “The care center is just a crosswalk away from the Lakewood community park, but it is a challenge for our senior residents to get there without an accessible crosswalk and paved walkways,” Kathy Dobson, Vice President of Senior Services. “We are grateful for the grant support and excited to see our residents enjoy the park again.”
The generosity from four funding organizations will be used in two phases from May through July. In phase

one, the City of Staples - Public Works will move the current crosswalk to the west and construct a highly visible and accessible mid-block crossing with curb ramps and pedestrian signs. More than 350 feet of sidewalks will also be installed.
A \$12,500 grant from State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship® Company Grants will fund two pedestrian activated solar-powered crosswalk signals and construct a new crosswalk and 160 feet of sidewalks.
A \$5,000 grant from MDU Resources Foundation - Knife River will help to construct nearly 200 feet of walking paths and a concrete landing pad in the park.
Phase two will add public art and bright colors to the new crosswalk. Lakewood has teamed up with multi-disciplinary visual artist, Heidi Jeub, and graphic designer, Peg Churchwell, to gather ideas and drawings from young children, care center resi-

dents and the community to help inspire the crosswalk artwork design. “By adding artistic elements to public works projects, it can transform a plain walkway into a masterpiece that not only tells a story about our community, but it helps to make crossing a roadway safer and gets more people out and active in our community,” Alicia Bauman, Lakewood’s Community Health Director.
The Five Wings Art Council granted a \$7,500 award to Lakewood as part of their Arts Based Community Development (ABCD) Grants to hire artists to lead and engage the community in a creative placemaking process to help design and paint artwork on the new crosswalk. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Art Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
Once a design is final-

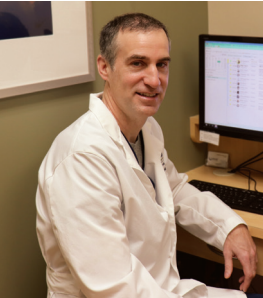
ized, a \$2,300 grant from the Sourcewell Community Match Fund will help Lakewood purchase art supplies such as roadway paint, brushes and tape, and provide volunteer incentives to help with the design and installation.
On Thursday, June 24, the artists will be hosting a ‘Safe Walk to Dino Park’ pop-up event at the Staples Area Farmers Market in Lakewood’s Staples clinic parking lot from 2-5:30 p.m. They are asking the community to stop by and participate in an art activity to give them ideas for the crosswalk design. Each participant will receive a \$2 voucher for the farmers market for taking part in the coloring activity and will be asked to volunteer to help paint the crosswalk later this summer.
Watch Lakewood’s Facebook page for project updates.

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