



Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Staples World

Staples, Minnesota

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Bear wanderings

A lone bear wanders its way across the golf course. Could it be going to the club house for lunch?
Inset: Follow the leader. (Submitted photos)



Motley cemetery project now complete

Thanks to funding from Sourcewell in Staples and the Veteran's Administration, a project was recently completed on the southwest

side of the Motley Public Cemetery to prevent erosion caused by the Long Prairie River.

As part of the project, over 600 yards of rocks were hauled into the cemetery and placed along a 500-ft. stretch of river bank.

Greg Frisk, Motley Public Cemetery board member, represented the board in obtaining these funds two years ago.

Frisk noted that for decades, the Long Prairie River had eroded the riverbank to the point that the south fence, the border road and gravesites themselves would be in danger of ending up in the river if something wasn't done.

With funding in place, Mid-Minnesota Excavation was hired as the contractor, with cooperation from the Minnesota DNR and Todd County Soil and Water.

After the engineering was completed, the project was initially scheduled for the spring of 2019, but the flow rate of the river was too fast/high for all of last year's construction season. This past May 19, however, crews were able to begin their work at the cemetery, a project that was completed over a period of six days.

During that time, trees and vegetation were cleared from the 500 feet of the affected riverbank, with boulders placed beneath the waterline which anchored the smaller rocks that formed two stream diverters. Their purpose is to divert the river water away from the bank, Frisk said.

He went on to explain that about 500 feet of the riverbank was then lined with rock, above and below the waterline, replacing the very sandy soil that formed the bank. Large tree stumps were buried to enhance anchoring of the stones and bank stabilization.

See **CEMETERY** on page 3a



Cemetery now safe from erosion

Large boulders and smaller rocks now line the riverbank on the southwest side of the Motley Public Cemetery, a recent project championed by the cemetery board to help combat erosion that threatened the gravestones.

In addition, the project included building up the road in the cemetery with class five gravel, reconstructing the fence and planting grass seed.

Mid-Minnesota Excavation was the project contractor, with cooperation from the Minnesota DNR and Todd County Soil and Water. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
June 17	91°	69°	M. Cloudy
June 18	77	56	Cloudy
June 19	81	59	Sunny
June 20	73	54	Cloudy
June 21	73	53	M. Cloudy
June 22	75	54	M. Sunny
June 23	81	58	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
June 17	65°	59°	M. Cloudy
June 18	68	52	Sunny
June 19	72	52	Sunny
June 20	72	56	Cloudy
June 21	72	61	M. Cloudy
June 22	78	60	M. Cloudy
June 23	69	58	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 74° Low = 54°

Rain for Week: 3.20"
Year total rain: 5.35"

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Fawn Lake spraying: **9A**

Obituary

Florence Carry
Clara Hopkins
Marvin Tuinstra



Parents, teachers want students back in school

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At the June 10, 2020 Staples Chamber of Commerce videoconference, Staples-Motley Schools Superintendent Shane Tappe said "Overwhelmingly, the parents and teachers want our kids back in the classrooms" next fall.

A school survey provided information from parents who said distance learning worked for most students, but "it wasn't truly effective in what we want out of education," said Tappe.

"I want to reiterate how important it will be to have students on site this fall," said Tappe. "We have trained professionals who can keep kids safe on a day to day basis."

The biggest hindrance was to parents and students with different needs for specialized programs or onsite education.

Tappe said it will also

be good for school spirit. "Many kids come to school because of activities and extra-curriculars like drama, speech, athletics, arts, band and choir. These are big deals to kids and our families," he said.

State Representative John Poston agreed with Tappe and said he's been in touch with state officials who are hopeful school will resume in the fall.

"Unless something happens with virus that we don't expect, I think we will see kids back in school," said Poston.

Poston was hopeful that the Staples Batcher Building project will make it back onto the state Bonding Bill during the emergency session of the state legislature, which started June 12.

While different offers are being made by the Governor's office, House and Senate, Poston said it's looking like the final amount will be around \$1.3 billion.

"We have an okay chance at keeping the building in that bill," he said.

Local updates

Lakewood Health System CEO Tim Rice said they are not seeing a surge in COVID-19 positives yet, and the people who are testing positive are not often requiring hospitalization. "There are a lot of projections on when the surge will hit, July or August," said Rice. "Now that more people are out, will that change things?"

He said the clinic and hospital are getting busier, but they are also dealing with construction on the road to the hospital campus.

Staples Chamber of Commerce Board President Rachel Johnson said Staples Railroad Days had been cancelled by the board, but they are now looking into ways to hold some of the events with limited crowds gathering.

Happy Father's Day Sunday, June 21

Best wishes to all fathers and their children

**Temporary Hour Change:
Starting Monday
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Food Shelf collection site

American Family Insurance in Staples is a designated collection site for the Staples Area Food Shelf during their food drive June 1 - 30. Donations of non-perishable, non-expired items can be brought to their office, located at 138 4th St. NE, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Other collection sites include Ernie's Grocery in Staples, as well as several churches. **For those unable to bring donations into their office, American Family Insurance will offer to go out into the community June 17 and 29 to pick them up. For more information or to schedule a pick-up time, call 218-894-2006.** (Submitted photo)

Father's Day Rolling Car Show June 21

With the Covid-19 "Stay Safe MN" order, a rolling car show is planned to begin at the Verndale School at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 21. The car show will drive by or through the parking lots of senior living facilities in Staples and then take a scenic route to Brainerd with the end of the cruise at Central Minnesota Teen Challenge campus so all their clients can enjoy the vehicles. A donation drop will be available as the tour circles the parking lot. After that, drivers are on their own to do as they please. The event is co-sponsored by Verndale Alliance Church and Verndale Family Life Church. The cruise for a cause will help benefit the Central Minnesota Teen Challenge.

Kiselewski sculptures, story now online

A web site featuring hundreds of photographs of sculptures and medallic art by Joseph Kiselewski has just been completed. Mr. Kiselewski was a Polish farm boy from Browerville at the beginning of the last century. He went on to become a world renowned sculptor and medalist with a studio in New York City from 1929 until the early 1980s when he retired to Browerville.

American Heritage Bank in Browerville.

Among the many images on the website are Kiselewski's sculpture of Benito Mussolini, created when he studied in Rome in the late 1920s and the giant sun dial that he created for the 1939 World's Fair. The site also includes his fascinating autobiography and a dramatic video of the night his studio went up in flames.

The website was created by Barb Noland, Kiselewski's grand niece, Colin King, Jan King, and Tim King of Dreams United/Suenos Unidos. The site is called The Art of Joseph Kiselewski and can be found on the internet at kiselewskisculpture.com

The website was made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. A number of Kiselewski's smaller sculptures can be found at

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Spreading the message

A postcard depicting Browerville artist Joseph Kiselewski working on one of his sculptures identifies the web site that chronicles his career, kiselewskisculpture.com.

DEADLINES

for all classified ads is **12 noon Friday** to be published in the Staples World.

Mark Your Calendar

June 17

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wed., June 17, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples. It is recommended that you wear your COVID-19 mask and to meet the social distancing guidelines. Limited seating is available. The public is invited to attend.

June 18

MOTLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 124 will hold its first meeting in four months **Thursday, June 18, 6 p.m., outdoors at Countryside Restaurant in Motley.** Dinner, with regular meeting to follow.

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Front L to R: Heather Kleve, Tina Holsapple
Back L to R: Melissa Fink, Amanda Brown, Kim Lind

Heather Kleve CMA, Clinic Services
Nominated by Missy Lindow and the Patient Access Team. Heather has consistently lived out Lakewood's core values in her service to others. Integrity: Heather is kind, polite and professional with her colleagues and her patients. The Pillager patient access team continues to note their appreciation of Heather's understanding, compassion, respect and teamwork. We are truly blessed by Heather's passion and energy. She makes Lakewood Health System a great place to work and an amazing place to receive healthcare.

Tina Holsapple Laundry Aide, Environmental Services
Nominated Anonymously. Tina is a shining example of a fantastic team player. Recently we went through an upgrade to the senior campus elevator. During this time the Laundry department had to alter their routine to complete their duties. She was willing to adjust her start time to accommodate the new needs while getting a workout carrying resident personal laundry up and down the stairs making at least eight trips a shift. Her commitment to maintaining the workflow during challenging circumstances made a difference. She did a great job keeping everyone in the department motivated.

Melissa Fink RN and Amanda Brown RN, Hospital Services
Nominated by Quality Committee and Dr Hudalla. Melissa and Amanda were caring for a patient in the ICU when they astutely noticed the patients' QT interval was markedly prolonged. They brought this to the providers attention immediately. This led the provider being able to promptly diagnose the patient and potentially averting a code. These two individuals may have saved this patient's life with their attention to detail and critical thinking skills. We are thankful to have nurses that are skilled and knowledgeable working at Lakewood. It is because of nurses like Amanda and Melissa that we are able to keep our patients safe.

Kim Lind RN, BSN, PHN, CEN, CPEN Hospital Services
Nominated by Bonnie Johnson, Denise Graba, Kendel Roline and Jen Donohue. We had a hospice patient who needed IV fluids to help promote patients comfort, however, he expressed his desire to have the fluids at home as it is too exhausting for him to travel to get these fluids in a clinical setting. After having a difficult time establishing an IV, our hospice staff reached out to Kim, who just came off night shift, who happily offered to visit the hospice patient. Not only were her IV skills impressive, but she was able to calm the patient, make him laugh which eased his discomfort of the IV insertion. Kim's assistance was greatly appreciated from all of us in hospice and we can't thank her enough for keeping the patient's comfort at the top of her priorities. We at Lakewood Health System are very lucky to work with such talented skilled people and amazing co-workers from various departments.

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to KyLee Forcier and Cody Hoemberg of Wadena, a baby girl, Alayah Raelynn Hoemberg weighing eight pounds, five ounces on June 8, 2020. Grandparents are Ron and Darlene Hoemberg and Jacob and Britne Anderson.

Terry May

Terry May, 52 of Winsted, passed away June 11, 2020.

A memorial service will be held on June 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted with Pastor Dave Hormann officiating.

Terry grew up in Motley where he lived and graduated from high school. He attended Central Lakes College in Brainerd for Radio Broadcasting. Terry enjoyed many kinds of music but his favorite was rock and roll.

Terry met the love of his life, Debbie while working in Wadena as an aide assistant at the care center. She kissed him at work in the elevator. After that it was history. They were married in August of 1994 in Motley. They resided in Brainerd. Terry was employed at Grand Casino Milacs for 14+ years. While employed there he was able to meet a few celebrities, one being Don



Ho. Terry took Debbie to see Dwight Yoakam and Bill Cosby. They also enjoyed camping and going to Moon Dance Jam Music Fest to celebrate their anniversary.

Terry was known for his sense of humor. He tried to make people laugh; especially Debbie. His sense of humor and quick wit helped him through some very difficult times. Terry suffered during the last years with a degenerative muscle disease causing him to be wheelchair bound. As

a result he needed to be in a care center. He since suffered a weakening heart condition which finally took his life. Even through all this he kept trying to look for the humor in life with Debbie by his side.

Terry's life was lived for others. He loved his family, his wife and his cat, Colby.

He is survived by his wife Debbie (DeBolt) May, two step-children, Amanda Borg and Damien Agboola; two sisters, Ardith May-Tufvander (Jerry Tufvander), Robin May; one brother, David May; nieces and nephews, (Kevin, Kenny, Scott, Angela, Jamie, Travis, Shawna and Brenna); cousins, aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Calvin and Evelyn May.

The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted, Minnesota is serving the family. Online condolences may be made to www.chilsonfuneralhome.com.

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Obituaries

Clara Hopkins

Clara Florence (Howard) Hopkins, 83, St. Cloud, formerly of Staples, died June 8, 2020 at the Veterans Nursing Home in St. Cloud.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. June 19 at Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Interment will be held at 12:00 p.m. at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

Clara was born August 5, 1936 in Urbana, IL to James and Leah Mae (Maudlin) Howard. She moved to Plummer in March, 1946 and graduated from Pershing High School in Plummer in 1955. She then joined the U.S. Navy as a medical corpsman. After discharge from the navy, she married Dean Clyde Hopkins and made their home where he was stationed during his military service. She continued to work in various nursing homes and VA hospitals as a nurses aide. She loved to sew and read. Clara and Dean were living in Georgia at the time of her husband's death. She moved to Staples, in 2007 and resided at the senior hi-rise until she entered



the VA nursing home in St. Cloud in November 2018.

Clara is survived by one daughter, Barbara (Co) TenBroek of Edgewood, MD; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Roger (Barbara) Howard of Staples; two sisters, Ruth (Virgil) Kuntz of Bismarck, ND and Shirley (Maynard) Peters of Thief River Falls and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband; parents and one brother, Floyd Howard.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Area Church Directory listing various churches including United Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, and others with their addresses and service times.

Check with your church to be up-to-date on service options. Most are adapting to remote services.

"Upside Down"

Donald Reigstad, Senior Pastor, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

The world is upside down. Who would have thought that the time would come when a hand-shake was perceived as a threat? Or a hug as a viral invasion? Who would have imagined that you would feel self-conscious in the grocery store if you didn't wear a mask? Or if you coughed? Who thought we would see the day that statues of Christopher Columbus would be deemed offensive and torn down? The world is upside down. This isn't the first time our world

has been described as upside down. First century Christians were so effective in sharing the message of Christ that people said, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also..." (Acts 17:6)

Sometimes the world needs to be turned upside down. That's what Jesus did, and His disciples. Maybe we Christians in our part of the world could do it again, through the power of God's Spirit. Turn our world upside down for Christ.

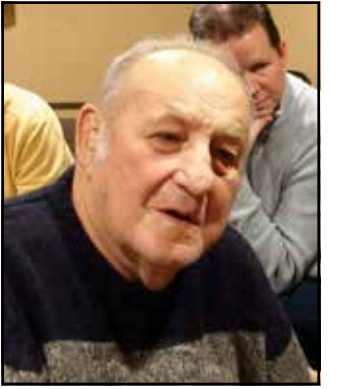
Marvin Tuinstra

Marvin E. Tuinstra, 86, formerly of Verdale, went to Heaven on May 25, 2020 in Ruidoso, NM.

He will be laid to rest at Fort Stanton Veterans Cemetery in NM. Military honors provided by Fort Bliss, TX, flag presentation by West Point Cadet Dillon Reynolds and the New Mexico Patriot Guard Riders.

Marvin was born on January 29, 1934 in Rock County to Ed and Cornelia Marie Tuinstra. On October 5, 1956 he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Jonny Dee (Kindt) at Fort Belvoir, VA. After his service in the US Army, they made their home in Pipestone and started farming, later moving to Verdale and continued farming. After retiring three years ago, they made their home in New Mexico.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years; five chil-



dren, Karla, Roy, Travis (Michele), Billy (Cindy), and Mike (Shanna); numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and sister-in-law AnnaBelle (David).

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Dick and three sisters Sophie, Gladys and Delia.

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Florence Carry

Florence Carry, 83, of Cushing died February 7, 2020 at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on June 20, 2020, at the Church of Christ in Staples with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Burial will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery in Browerville.

Florence was born April 12, 1936 to Jess and Julia (Koukol) Tepley. She married Don Carry in Motley on October 29, 1952 and in 1957 they moved to the Twin Cities. They moved back to Cushing in 1982. Florence worked as a cook for many years at various places and after retirement worked as a Wal-Mart greeter. Florence was a member of Staples Church of Christ. She and Don enjoyed spending winters in Mission, Texas.

Florence is survived by two children, Kathy (John) Seifert and son and Allan (Debra) Carry; one grand-



daughter, Rebecca (Tony) Sculati; two great-granddaughters, Sophia and Keira and many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Florence is preceded in death by her parents; husband and six siblings, Roy Tepley, Ed Tepley, Larry Tepley, Dorothy Bottom, Joan Trudell and Donna Koberstein.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home - itenfuneralhome.com.

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The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday July 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in the commission's meeting room, **Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN, or via phone conference call** to consider the following applications.
Please email or phone your wish to be included as the meeting is not allowed open to the public. 320-732-4420 toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Agenda
•Call to Order
•Introduction of Planning Commission Members.
•Approval of the June 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. **Dean Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless- Rick Adams:** SW ¼ of SW ¼ Section 17, Township 130N, Range 52 W in Little Elk Township
Site Address: TBD Kiva Drive, Browerville. PID: 16-0015000

1. Request to build a Verizon Wireless Communications Facility with 199 foot tall self-support tower, asso-

ciated ground equipment, and fence enclosure.

2. **Angela Baker:** Section 35, Township 129, Range 35, SW 4 SE 4 SE 4
Site Address: 15422 210th St, Osakis. PID: 15-0044700

1) Request to rezone parcel from AF-1 to AF-2 for building of additional residence.

3. **Joseph Kauffman:** Section 22, Township 131, Range 34
Site Address: 20933-260th St, Long Prairie. PID: 07-0025300

1) Request to allow Conditional Use Permit for applicant to move in schoolhouse.
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters. **If unable to attend, all correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP DITCH SPRAYING

Fawn Lake Township will be spraying township ditches for noxious weeds and brush between the dates of July 8 and July 31, 2020.

Please contact the clerk at 218-531-0287 with any questions or concerns.

Kelly Miller, Clerk.

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Hooked On Fishing donation

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$1,000 to the Staples Hooked On Fishing event for fourth grade students. From left, Staples Lions President Mike Gold, Jeremy Reeck, Ron Case and Jamie Dolezal, HOF orga-

nizers. Due to COVID-19, HOF has been cancelled for this year; however, it will be continued in 2021. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

PUBLIC NOTICE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE

Todd County is requesting fully-insured and self-funded proposals for Group Medical Insurance. The RFP, submission instructions, all pertinent underwriting and general information can be obtained by contacting Tyler Kerber at Gallagher Benefit Services: phone: 952-356-0708; e-mail: tyler_kerber@ajg.com; 3600 American Blvd W - Ste 500, Bloomington, MN 55431. Any questions regarding the RFP should also be directed to Tyler Kerber at Gallagher Benefit Services. **Quoting carriers must provide proposals to Lori Hayes at lori_hayes@ajg.com by 2:00 p.m. on June 24, 2020. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered late and ineligible for consideration.**

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NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES ORDINANCE NO. 529 VACATION OF PORTION OF FRONT STREET ADJACENT TO PARCEL 38-0052200

The City Council of the City of Staples, Todd County, Minnesota, has authorized vacation of the following described street pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 412.851 and the Charter:

Parcel bounded by 38-0052200 to the South, 38-0052300 to the East, 38-0007007 to the North and 7th St SE to the West.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2020.

Diane Archer, City Clerk
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Staples Area Farmer's Market going strong

Russell Kleinschmidt of Kleinschmidt Farms in rural Staples, interacts with customers at the Staples Area Farmer's Market June 4. From right are April Sandhoff, her daughter Alyssa Sandhoff and granddaughter (Alyssa's daughter) Odessa Sandhoff, all of Motley. The

Farmer's Market is held on Thursdays from 2 - 5:30 p.m., in the parking lot of NAPA Auto Parts along Hwy 10 in downtown Staples. The Farmer's Market is sponsored by Lakewood Health System, Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Spot Cafe now open again

Breakfast is once again available at Spot Cafe in Staples, as of June 12. The popular eating establishment closed March 17, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but governmental mandates now allow restaurants and bars to be open with certain restrictions. Pictured above, from left, are Linda and Ed Conroy of Becker who stopped for a bite to eat on their way to a fishing trip on Ottertail Lake; Scott Doss of Pillager and server Julie Schey. Below, from left, are servers Julie Schey and Joelene McFedreis, both of whom said they were happy to be back at work. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Fresh baked goods, jams for sale

Lois Detloff, left, had a variety of baked goods and jams available for sale at the recent Staples Area Farmer's Market. At right purchasing some items is Tim Rice, President and CEO of Lakewood Health System in Staples, the non-prof-

it organization sponsoring the Farmer's Market. The Staples Area Farmer's Market is held in the parking lot of NAPA Auto Parts in Staples on Thursdays, from 2 - 5:30 p.m. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



School looks to save money on busing

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board learned the school could save around \$20,000 by directly operating the few routes that are currently hired out to Greig Bus Company.

At a June 1, 2020 school board work session, Superintendent Shane Tappe said the school is paying \$1.43 per mile using their own bus, compared to \$2.99 per mile for the transportation contract. He said the school has renegotiated the current contract with Greig Bus Company that's closer

to the per mile.

The school's bus company would have to purchase an additional bus to make the plan work. The board will take up the issue at their June 15 meeting.

Tappe said the school has also renegotiated their contract with Head Start preschool services. He said the program is expanding to do Early Head Start and will need more space, including gymnasium and cafeteria in the Motley school building.

With the new contract and space, Tappe said Head Start's rent will be \$22,000 after they paid \$7,000 last

year. He said that amounts to around \$5.25 per square foot, a rate that could be applied to other entities that supplement education, such as a mental health business. Tappe said they would have a higher rate if a for-profit business wanted to rent space from the school. He said they are currently utilizing less than 30,000 square feet of the Motley building, which is around 80,000 square feet total. This summer the Adventures program is operating at the Motley building because of construction at the Staples elementary location.

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Staples Council reduces license fees

The Staples City Council approved reducing license fees for bars by one half at the June 9 council meeting.

The city had planned to reduce the fees according to the number of days the bars were shut down by the state stay at home order, but council member Doug Case suggested cutting the fee in half to help the ones that are reopening.

The normal licence fee is \$2,200 for on sale and

Sunday liquor license and the license is renewed in July.

Public Works Director Scott Grabe said the city is looking at their policy on disconnecting utilities to customers who have not paid their bills. During the state shutdown, one of the stay at home orders prevented cities from disconnecting utilities. Grabe said the people who are not paying are generally the

same people who were not paying bills before the shutdown.

Grabe said nobody wants to be the first to start disconnections after the state order is lifted, so he is checking with other cities on what they are planning.

Summer recreation

Normally at this time of year, summer swimming lessons and youth baseball would be in full swing. City Administrator Jerel

Nelsen said the city will have a plan to start swimming lessons again in July, as the Staples Community Center is now open with limited capacity. Nelsen said they have a preparedness plan that follows state guidelines on hygiene, social distancing, as well as screening and policies for employees.

The Dower Lake beach and swimming area is open, with the campground open

to self-contained motorhomes only.

- Also approved:
- Accepting CARES Act grant for \$30,000
 - Braun Intertec to provide testing services during construction of the wastewater treatment plant for \$152,349. Nelsen said this was not part of the original bid, but the amount is the maximum and hopefully the final cost won't be that much.



Welcome

Andrew Jahoda, MD

Lakewood is pleased to announce the arrival of our on-staff urologist, Dr. Andrew Jahoda. Joining us from the Mayo Clinic Health System, Dr. Jahoda brings with him 13 years of experience and will be treating both men and women for a full range of urological conditions.

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