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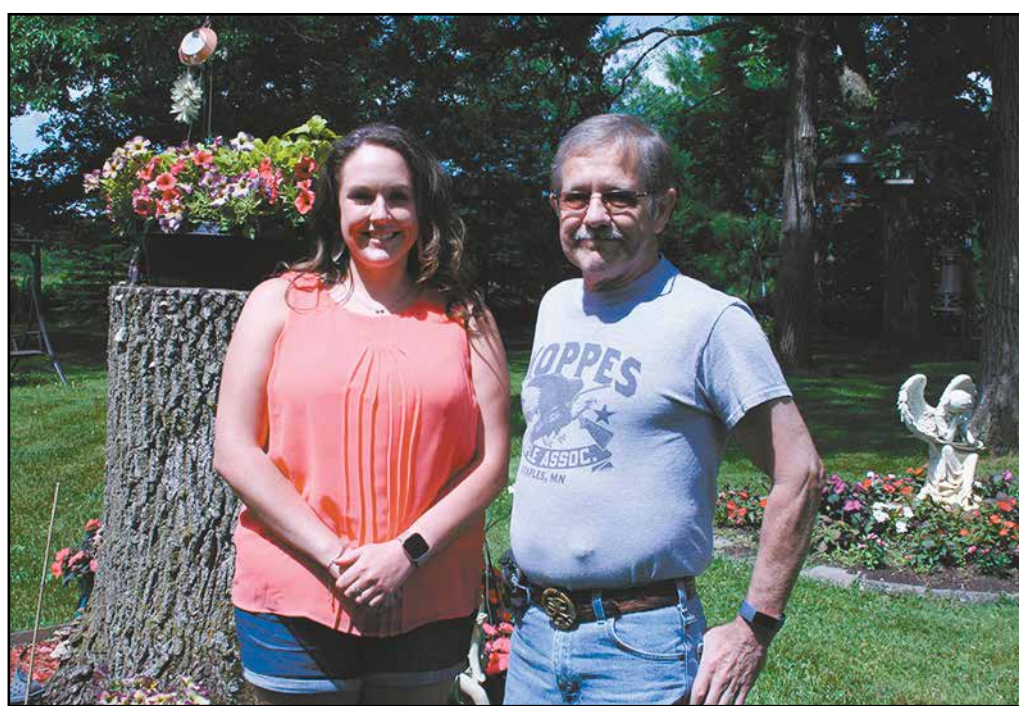
The refurbished Spot Cafe neon sign transports downtown Staples back to an earlier time. See page 10. Photo by Dawn Timbs

Summer rec back on the schedule

Staples-Motley Community Education has announced a few summer recreation programs that are now starting, with more still in the planning stage to be announced later. With COVID-19 restrictions, many programs had been canceled.

There will be social distancing restrictions for some of the programs, more information will be available upon registering. Register online at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us in the Web Store or call Lori at 218-894-2497. Programs opening include:

- Softball Camp for girls in grades 4-12. Mondays Starting July 6th at the softball fields
- Babe Ruth 15U Baseball practices Tuesday/Thursdays starting June 18
- Babe Ruth 13U Baseball practice Monday/Wednesdays starting June 17
- Trap Shooting July 22-Aug 19
- Other Park and Rec camp details will be announced soon for:
 - Cardinal Cheer Camp
 - Youth Tennis
 - Youth Volleyball
 - Track and Field Night
 - Art Classes



A special bond

Mike Koppes and his daughter Trista are forever bonded by a kidney. Trista donated her left kidney to her dad, a severe diabetic, after he went through kidney failure in 2019. They are pictured at the Koppes home in rural Staples June

19, amidst flower gardens and angel statues...reminders of new life and the presence of the Divine throughout their shared experience. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Williams charged with arson in riots

Bryce Williams, 26, of Staples, is being charged with conspiracy to commit arson during the protests in Minneapolis May 28-29. According to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Williams was recorded by surveillance cameras holding a molotov cocktail device while another person was attempting to light it near the Third Precinct police station in southeast Minneapolis that burned down.

Williams was a JV girls basketball coach at Staples-Motley in the 2018-2019



Bryce Williams

season. Social media posts were also used to identify the people in the destruction of property in Minneapolis.

Daughter's special gift to father: new life

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Mike Koppes of Staples has a new kidney and lease on life, thanks to his daughter Trista who gave him one of her own in July of 2019.

He can't think of a better Father's Day gift than that, Mike said recently at the family's rural home south of Staples.

Now 66, Mike has battled Type 1 diabetes for nearly half a century. "I was diagnosed just after I turned 19," he said.

From that point on, taking insulin became a regular part of Mike's life, as did changing his diet to help regulate his blood sugar levels.

Diabetes didn't stop him from having a happy and fulfilled life. A 1971 graduate of Staples High School, Mike went on to have a successful career (he retired from 3M in 2016) and marry Yolanda (Resch) with whom he raised three daughters: Brigitte, Cassandra and Trista. "They are all knock-outs," Mike said of his daughters. "Good looking girls they are."

And they're just as beau-

tiful on the inside, Mike notes. "I have a wonderful family...I'm a blessed man."

It's the baby of the family that would be the one to help save his life down the road. "It's a God thing," Yolanda says of Trista being an organ transplant match for her dad.

"We were going to stop at two kids," Mike adds, going on to say (with a smile) that Trista was "an accident."

"I knew it!" Trista chimes in, with Yolanda quickly adding, "No, she's not (an accident!)"

Regardless of whether or not the Koppeses 'planned' to have Trista, Mike says he's a firm believer in God's will. He doesn't understand it all, but he's confident that God's will for his life included his having diabetes. He's also seen how God has been there in the midst of a difficult situation... working through medicine and the wisdom of medical staff, as well as the prayers of family and friends. It's also clear to him the role his youngest daughter played in the divine plan for his life.

Over the years, diabetes took a toll on Mike's kidneys. In 2000, he began using an insulin pump when shots were no longer sufficient; in 2005, a third of his right kidney was removed after a mass was discovered (it turned out to be benign, thank goodness); and in February of 2019, damage to his kidneys led to their failure. Mike began dialysis treatments in St. Cloud shortly after that.

"It felt like I would run three marathons a week," Mike said of the dialysis treatments which he had every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a little over four months.

Although he was grateful for the dialysis, Mike knew it wasn't a permanent solution to his kidney situation. "If you're on it for over six

months, it can cause permanent damage," he said.

He would need a transplant, if he was going to survive. It's something Trista had been thinking about since she was a 10th grader at Staples-Motley High School. That was the year her dad had had a portion of his kidney removed...the same year she was learning about kidney disease and transplants in health class. Her thought process of being an organ donor began at that point, Trista said. "I knew I would be tested if my dad ever needed a kidney."

Fourteen years later, Trista would indeed fulfill that promise she made to herself.

The Koppeses recalled that February day Mike's kidneys failed and Trista drove them, through a snowstorm, to the St. Cloud Hospital Emergency Department. It was after 9 p.m. before they left Staples and the stressful journey took quite awhile. "Only one lane of Highway 10 was clear," Trista said. She remembers telling her dad, "I'm going to get there!"

His creatinine levels had gone up to 9.65 that day and at one point over 10, Mike recalled. "My brain was poisoned," he said.

In spite of his grave condition, Mike walked into the hospital with a smile, confusing the medical staff who were on the lookout for someone arriving in a wheelchair. "You're not what we expected," Mike recalled them saying to him.

He may have put on a brave front, but down deep Mike was naturally scared. "I thought I'd be leaving with a toe-tag," he said.

Later that evening, a doctor gave him a referral to be evaluated, which was when the transplant process started, Mike said. In

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Weather

This Week's Forecast
High Low Cond.

June 24	75°	53°	Sunny
June 25	82	61	Sunny
June 26	76	60	Thunderstorms
June 27	82	62	M.Sunny
June 28	86	66	M. Sunny
June 29	83	67	M. Cloudy
June 30	84	67	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2019
High Low Cond.

June 24	70°	60°	Rain
June 25	74	57	M.Sunny
June 26	85	58	M.Sunny
June 27	70	62	Rain
June 28	82	60	Sunny
June 29	82	62	Sunny
June 30	78	65	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 77° Low = 57°

Rain for Week: 1.45"
Year total rain: 7.00"

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Moran Township
spraying: **9A**

Obituary

Yvonne Dickman



Baby crane habitat

Crane parents escort their chick into some long grass in Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

EIS requirement dropped for Nolte irrigation project

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has concluded that the Nolte Family Irrigation Project in Wadena County does not require preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS). The justification for this determination is contained in a Record of Decision that followed DNR's completion of an environmental assessment worksheet (EAW). Timothy Nolte proposes

to convert 303 acres of formerly privately owned and managed timberland to irrigated agriculture for livestock grazing and commodity/staple crop production. The majority of the land is currently used for non-irrigated crop production and livestock grazing. The project would involve removing remaining standing timber and associated stumps, cultivating the land and operating three ground-

water-supplied center pivot irrigation systems.

In April 2019, the DNR ordered the preparation of an EAW in response to a public petition. As provided under the Minnesota Environmental Protection Act (MEPA), the DNR prepared the EAW to assess whether the project presented the potential for significant

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Motley City Council back at city hall

Citizen complaint heard during council forum

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

For the first time in nearly three months, the Motley City Council held their regular meeting *in person* at city hall.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the council's April and May meetings had been conducted via call-in phone conference. On June 8, however, they were back at the council chambers with social distancing measures adhered to. At least one person in attendance was wearing a mask as a protection against the coronavirus.

During the nearly one-hour meeting, reports were heard from the department heads, action was taken on a number of items; and two people addressed the council during the public forum portion of the meeting.

Fire Chief Brad Olson reported that there had been nine calls for the month of May. He also stated that they had received three applications to date in regard to the firefighter position. Per Chief Olson's request, a hiring committee was set and it includes council members Steve Johnson and Jace Carlson; City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski; Chief Olson and one other firefighter.

Chief Olson also inquired as to the council's feelings about the fire department tearing out the rarely used back restroom in order to build shelving to hold hazmat gear. No action was taken, but the council expressed affirmation for the project, which also includes painting the fire hall garage door.

In his report, Police Chief Jason Borash said that the department had been busy in May, going on to say that they seem to be back to their normal pace. Per Chief Borash's

request, the council approved his being able to sell or trade police equipment the department doesn't use, with the stipulation that he runs it by council member Pat O'Regan, police dept. liaison, first.

Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director, reported that everything was going smoothly in his department. He went on to mention that the new tar has been put in near the pet stop area and that it looks good.

City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski mentioned that the city's water usage report was on the higher end. Unbilled water accounted for 12 percent of the water pumped. The goal is to keep that level to under 10 percent.

Bryniarski inquired as to when the council would like to have a budget workshop scheduled. After a short discussion, it was decided to keep it on for July.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD from Motley resident Rob Sampson during the public forum portion of the meeting. Sampson said he was filing a citizen's complaint on the Chief of Police, Jason Borash.

Sampson went on to say that he had received three copies of a nuisance violation notice, one being by certified mail. The notice indicated he had 30-days to take care of the nuisance situation, but he was also given a citation for \$300. Sampson wondered why he was being charged prior to the 30-day period being over with?

Chief Borash said that he had received a number of calls from people in the neighborhood expressing concerns about Sampson's property. This property has been on the city's nuisance

list ever since he's worked for the city, Borash said. The police chief went on to say that he'd been advised by the city attorney to personally serve the citation to Sampson. Since he was unable to that day, he had Officer Joshua Pesta serve the paperwork. He failed to have Officer Pesta give Sampson the citation as well.

Borash explained that the citation was separate from the violation notice and the 30-day period is before the city pursues abatement procedures.

Mayor Al Yoder noted that the letter from the attorney states that the violations must be corrected by July 6.

Chief Borash said that the city's policy on citations states that the subject has 21 days to pay the fine. He first issued a citation to Sampson in May.

Mayor Yoder also noted that Sampson's property is not the only one being cited. After some discussion, the council decided to put this matter on the agenda for the July meeting.

- APPROVED the Streets Committee to include Brotherton, Jace Carlson (council liaison) and City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski.

- SET city wide garage sales for July 17 and 18.

- SET a public hearing for the Wellhead Protection Plan for Monday, Aug. 10, at 6:45 p.m.

- LEARNED from Sherry Miller Frisk, Motley Food Shelf Director, that the Motley and Staples Food Shelves would be offering free food distribution (via the COVID Food Assistance Program) on June 10, in Motley. Another food distribution event will be held in Staples sometime in August.

- SET their next regular meeting for Monday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m.



Taking in the sites

Visitors from Ohio and Alaska stopped in Motley June 16, taking in some of the city's specialty shops along Highway 10. Pictured at S/D Chainsaw Sculptures, from left, are Jared DesMara and Caitlyn Self of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Caleigh Self and Lynn Smith of Kiana, Alaska. Smith, mother of Caitlyn and Ca-

leigh Self, grew up in the area and graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 1995. She now teaches school. Prior to their stop at the chainsaw sculptures site, the group purchased ice cream cones at The Silo, a perfect treat they said on a 90-degree Minnesota afternoon. (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 15 - 17 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Maxwell Arends, 26; Donna Hunter, 49; Ahna Brandvik, 54

June 17 - The MPD assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a report of two cows on Hwy 10 near 321st Ave. in Todd County. The owner was able to chase the cattle into a nearby pasture.

June 17 - The MPD received a call from a male subject asking for assistance with getting his property (four teddy bears) back from a woman residing at the 400 block of Pine Ave. in Motley. Subject was advised that he needed to arrange an exchange with the woman or take the matter to conciliation court.

June 15 - The MPD received a complaint that there were multiple dirt bikes climbing the sledding hills at Morrison Line Rd and Curtis St. West in Motley. The area is posted as No Motorized Vehicles. The officer responded, but upon his arrival the bikes had left.

June 16 - The MPD received a complaint from a Motley resident regarding three juveniles between the ages of 14 and 17 who were riding mini dirt bikes past his residence on Main St. West in Motley at a

high rate of speed. This has been an ongoing issue, the reporting party said. He also mentioned that after getting one of the riders to stop, the rider took a swing at him, along with swearing, yelling and flicking his middle finger in the air. The reporting party advised he did not touch any of these minor riders.

The MPD was able to locate the address of the subjects and spoke with the mother of one of the boys. She was advised of the complaints coming from town and that dirt bikes are not street legal and could not be driven on the streets and roadways. The mother then stated that the complainant who confronted the riders had punched her son twice. The officer later spoke with a witness of the confrontation (an off duty deputy) and he stated that there had only been a verbal exchange between the parties. He further mentioned that the young bike rider was very rude, disrespectful and was yelling at the man.

June 12 - The MPD issued a hands free citation to Martin Peterson, 48.

June 14 - The MCSO received a report of a person trespassing on private property at the 35000 block of Hwy 10 in Motley. The subject, Andrew Everett Borders, 31, fled on foot and a taser was deployed. He was later arrested and taken into custody.



Free food distributed in Motley



Over 40,000 pounds of food items were distributed for free in Motley June 17, an outreach program sponsored by the Second Harvest Heartland. Recipients included 493 families, 1,498 individuals.

According to Sherry (Miller) Frisk, director of the Motley Area Food Shelf, Second Harvest Heartland arrived that day with 700 boxes each of mixed dairy items, fresh produce and a box of meats. In addition, The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes supplied 400 bags of pre-packed meals, with each bag containing six meals.

"This wouldn't have been possible without volunteers from the Motley

and Staples Area Food Shelves, members of the Staples Rotary Club and the Motley United Methodist Church; and City of Motley employees Bruce Brotherton and Bryan Stevens," Frisk said. She went on to note that with only two weeks to put this event together, she was "really happy with the turnout."

This program was designed to help all those in need of food and the distributions are held six days a week throughout Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. A distribution in Staples is planned for sometime in the near future. (Submitted photos)



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Looking back

75 YEARS AGO - 1945

June 28, 1945 - Fruit trains have been passing through Staples over the Northern Pacific Railway at the rate of one a day for the past seven days, according to officials of the company here. Added to this, passenger trains No. 2, both sections, have been carrying two and three cars of fruit from the west coast.

The special trains carrying carloads of cherries from the west coast and go as far as New York City, taking about six days to complete the run from Seat-

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tle to New York.

The trains, averaging twenty-six cars, stop in Staples for refueling and general car inspection, and change of engine and train crews, and are on their way again across the country. Approximately 780 tons of cherries are carried on each of these trains, making a total of 5,440 tons of cherries which have thus far passed through this city, this being exclusive of the car loads carried on the passenger trains.

June 28, 1945 - First Lieutenant James McGovern son of Mrs. R. P. McGovern of Staples, arrived in Staples about two weeks ago from Calcutta, India, to which place he was sent from a Japanese prison camp in Burma after having been liberated by the British soldiers. Lt. McGovern spent four months as a prisoner of the Japanese army, and the suffering which he, with hundreds of other soldiers had to undergo, is a story he shared in part with the Staples World.

June 28, 1945 - Batchelor's Department Store's ad reads, 'For a flattering summer! The kind of dresses that fairly sing their way through summer - so cool...so fresh...so young...so becoming. Cute as you can find with under-chin bows, deep U necks, ruffles and buttons traveling right to the end of the line. Checks and solids in soft sentimental summer shades.' Prices from \$4.98 - \$12.98

June 28, 1945 - Fourth of July Matinee at Staples Theatre will feature Abbott & Costello in Society.

50 YEARS AGO - 1970

July 2, 1970 - U.S. Senator Walter Mondale will visit Staples Saturday, July 11, for the purpose of visiting with people of the area to gain their views on matters of national import.

Sen. Mondale will be at Holm's Cafe from 3 to 5 p.m. July 11, and an invitation is extended to all who wish to speak to the senator at that time.

July 2, 1070 - Under the sponsorship of the Staples Jaycees and the Staples Chamber of Commerce, the fourth annual Fun Day at Dower Lake will be held Saturday, July 4.

Events slated throughout the day include free hydroplane races, free turkey barbeque, old-timer's softball game, games for children and adults, with many prizes awarded.

The Photoelectric Cir-

cuit, consisting of Ken Miller, Steve Adams and Tom Seaton, will present a program of special music, beginning at 7 p.m., followed by folk singing by Susan Blake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blake. The Staples City Band, under the direction of Mark Evans, will present a concert at 8:15 p.m.

The evening will be brought to a close with the gigantic fireworks display, which will include both aerial and set pieces.

July 2, 1070 - A green eyed, brown haired beauty from Staples was crowned Miss Vacationland for 1970 in the Wadena Jaycee sponsored pageant last Saturday evening in the Wadena Memorial Auditorium.

Capturing the title from a field of 10 contestants was Miss Brenda Bredemeier, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. V. D. Bredemeier.

Queen Brenda received her crown from the newly chosen Miss Minnesota, Juliana Gabor of South St. Paul. She also received a bouquet of red roses, a \$250 scholarship from the Wadena Jaycees...and the right to enter the 1971 Miss Minnesota contest next June.

25 YEARS AGO - 1995

June 29, 1995 - The Staples all Class Reunion has finally arrived. The big event is this weekend, with activities planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Nearly 1,200 graduates were registered to attend earlier this week, with additional grads expected to be in town.

June 29, 1995 - Pianist, composer, recording artist Terry Johnson, a 1968 graduate of Staples High School, will perform at the Staples Centennial auditorium in conjunction with the all-school reunion going on this weekend. The piano concert is Sunday at 7 p.m.

Johnson, now of Minneapolis, will perform original contemporary compositions with emphasis on beautiful



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 22, 1970 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.

melodies, incorporating elements of classical, new age and jazz.

June 29, 1995 - Rollie Penfield, Staples Motley varsity boys' golf coach, was selected by the Minnesota Golf Coaches Association as the Class A Golf Coach of the Year. Assistant Coach Bruce Lund was also named Assistant Coach of the Year at the same time.

10 YEARS AGO - 2010

July 1, 2010 - A nurse from Staples who wanted to make a difference in someone's life found the way to do so in Haiti.

"I wanted to see if I could make a difference, an impact enough to save someone's life. I can honestly say I lost count how many we saved - who would have died had we not been there."

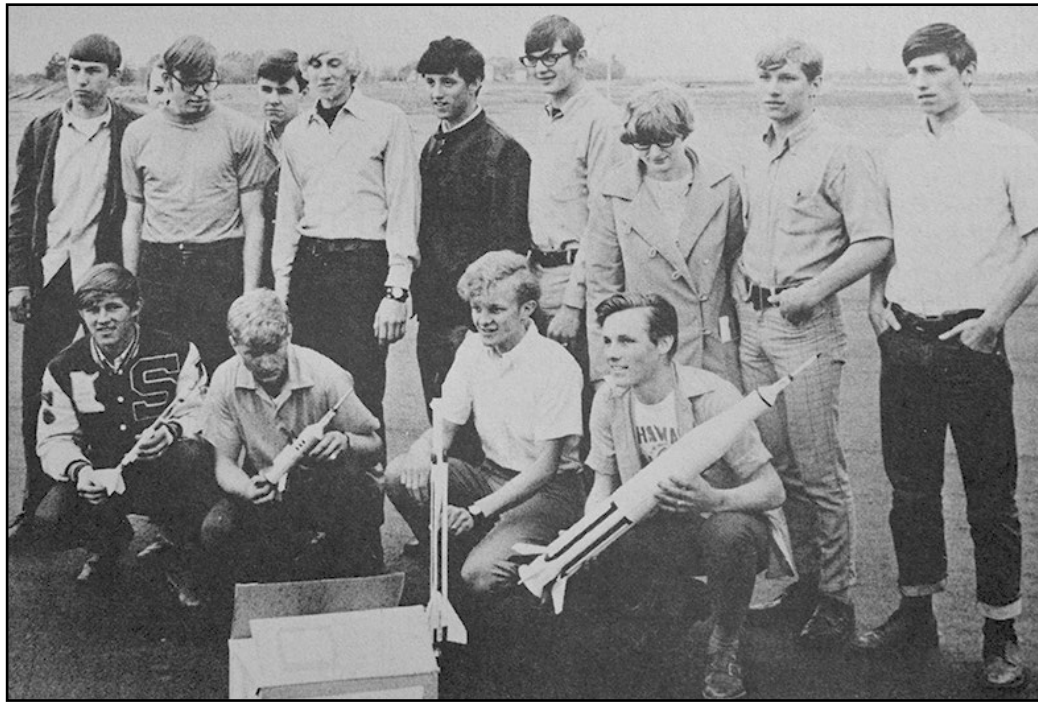
That was one comment from Corey Robinson, who is a registered nurse at Lakewood Health System. He

recently spent 16 days working in a health care facility in the earthquake devastated capital city of Port-au-Prince. Much of the city was destroyed Jan. 12 when a magnitude 7 earthquake struck, leveling hospitals, the government buildings and homes throughout the city.

July 1, 2010 - The new director of the Staples Public Works department sees several challenges ahead but Doug Bendorf is happy to be in Staples.

Bendorf, who started in Staples June 1, has worked the past 25 years with the Owatonna Public Utilities.

July 1, 2010 - Paul Canteberry was recently awarded a "Century Farm" award at the Motley Fair. The original owner of the Canteberry Farm, located in Scandia Valley, was Paul's grandfather, Charles Henry Canteberry.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the June 4, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured members of the Staples High School (SHS) space and aviation class that had constructed rockets and launched them. In the front row holding the rockets are, from left, Tom Goeden, Randy Hanson, Brad Brichacek and Curt Neal. Back row, from left: Marlon Johnson, John Capistrant, Malcolm Ricker, Tim Shea, Tim Cline,

Dave Johnstone, Wayne Carlson, Alvina Wiebesick, Herb Greenwood and Mike Matanich. The instructor for the course is Ken LeVasseur. The box in the foreground contained extra propellant and batteries for launching.

Mike Koppes of Staples (1971 SHS graduate) correctly identified all except for Capistrant. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Review process determines minimal environmental effect

environmental effects. The analysis considered:

- the type, extent and reversibility of environmental effects;
- the potential for cumulative environmental effects;
- whether any environmental effects were subject to ongoing regulatory authority; and
- the extent to which environmental effects can be anticipated and controlled as a result of other available environmental studies

The DNR has determined that all potential environmental effects from the proposed project are minimal in nature or can be managed through ongoing regulatory authority. Given this determination, the DNR is not ordering preparation of an EIS.

"We have found that the Nolte project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects and therefore does not warrant the preparation of an EIS," said DNR Assistant Commissioner Jess Richards.

The proposed project is located within a larger area of the state known as the Pineland Sands. This part of the state, characterized by sandy soils, has experienced significant conversion of forested areas to other uses and an increase in agricultural irrigation, resulting in concerns about the potential for cumulative impacts to the environment. The EAW indicates that the proposed Nolte project would have a smaller zone of effect and would not influence the larger Pineland Sands area.

"The DNR remains concerned about environmental effects, specifically groundwater impacts,

associated with the loss of forest lands and increased irrigation in the Pineland Sands area. We are evaluating options for addressing these concerns going forward," said Richards.

The DNR decision followed a thorough environmental review process including interagency coordination with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the Minnesota Department of Health. The decision was informed by more than 150 individual public comments and results of an aquifer test.

If permitted, the proposed Nolte project would be required to implement mitigation measures to manage nitrogen fertilizer and pesticide use, and to ensure the pumping would not impact nearby wells and surface waters. The project would be regulated through multiple ongoing authorities. Mitigation measures implemented through these authorities would minimize the project's potential to transfer nitrates and other constituents to the environment and ensure that any potential cumulative impacts would be minimal.

Under Minnesota Environmental Quality Board rules, the DNR's decision ends the state environmental review process for the project. The project can now proceed to decisions on required permits and other approvals.

Additional information including decision details about the proposed project and the DNR's review process are available on the project page.

SWCD can help with irrigation decisions

From Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District

To irrigate or not, that is the question. Maybe you have been using irrigation your entire farming career, but you are looking for ways to be more efficient. Or maybe you are new to irrigation and need some assistance in making the decision on when to irrigate. Good news. There is help out there. The Irrigation Management Assistant is an easy to use, online program that can be found on the East Otter Tail SWCD website. All you have to do is create an account and enter your field information. After that, using a network of weather stations in central Minnesota to calculate total rainfall and evapotranspiration,

the computer generates a graph to show you the minimum allowable soil moisture and the current field moisture balance. It is also customizable so you can enter in actual rainfall and any irrigation amounts applied to the field. This program can be used for corn, soybeans, edible beans, alfalfa, and potatoes. The program is available for Becker, Hubbard, Otter Tail, Todd, Wadena, and parts of Benton and Morrison counties. There are other options available for irrigation scheduling so check out the East Otter Tail SWCD website. With all of the advancements in agricultural technology, we need to use all of the tools we have available to be as conservation minded and efficient as possible.

TWEC Operation Round up grants

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative's Community Trust Board awarded eight Operation Round Up grants to local non-profit organizations, totaling \$11,700.

The recipient organizations and their awards are as follows: MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership Inc, \$1,000; Menahga Bird Busters, \$1,000; Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association, \$2,500; Staples Motley Beyond Poverty, \$1,000; Staples-Motley ISD #2170, \$1,000; Todd County Council on Aging, \$1,000; Todd County Sheriff's Office K9 Program, \$2,500; Verndale Area Food Shelf, \$1,700.

Funds for the Operation Round Up program come from participating Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative members who allow their monthly electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar, with the change allocated to a Community Trust Fund. The average donation is less than 50 cents a month, yet together, members raise and donate about \$29,000 annually to community service projects in the two-county area.

Since the program's inception in 2002, Todd-Wadena members have raised and donated more than \$541,000 for more than 710 local community projects.

Todd-Wadena's Operation Round Up grant applications are reviewed and recipients selected three times a year by a seven-member volunteer Community Trust board. The next application deadline is September 15.

Local, nonprofit community service groups may apply for Operation Round Up grants by stopping by or calling the Cooperative office at 800-321-8932 or by downloading a copy of the application form and guidelines from the Todd-Wadena website, www.toddwadena.coop and clicking the 'Our Community' tab.



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Letters to the Editor

Save energy this summer

There are quick and free ways to reduce your energy and water costs. For example, you can order a free water conservation kit complements of Minnesota Energy Resources, the natural gas company that serves Staples.

These kits are free to Minnesota Energy Resources customers and are shipped directly to your home. Each kit includes easy to install low-flow showerheads, kitchen and bathroom aerators, and pipe insulation. Call 866-872-0052 and press 1 for residential programs or order online at orders.amconservationgroup.com/

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Other ways to reduce energy costs (but still stay comfortable) include:

- Turn off fans in empty rooms. It ends up fans cool people, not rooms!
- Close window blinds and drapes when gone to block sunlight, but open windows at night to help cool and enjoy the extra daylight when home.
- Unplug appliances and electronics when not in use or put them on power strips (and use them).
- Raise the temperature of your air conditioner during the day to 78°F and at night to 85°F. Install (and program) a programmable thermostat to automatically manage temperatures when you are home and away.

• Replace incandescent lightbulbs with LEDs. Most energy from inefficient lighting is heat.

- Use a microwave or grill to cook instead of using an oven.
- Take shorter, cooler showers and use bathroom exhaust fans to alleviate humidity.
- Run dishwasher (instead of washing by hand), and use laundry machines only when full. Allow the dishes to air-dry and remove lint from the dryer.
- Decrease temperature of water heater to 120°F.

Stay well and enjoy your summer,

Joel Haskard
Clean Energy Resource
Teams (CERTs)

Our real enemy is fear, not protesters or police

The entire world is looking at Minnesota and wondering how we became the center of global race riots. We prided ourselves in Minnesota Nice, we thought we were upstanding citizens. But there were signs that this wasn't being shared by all Minnesotans. We were one of the worst states in achievement gap for minority students. Quite a few communities have been

transformed by immigrants and are still struggling with the change. So when a police officer overstepped his obligation and killed a black man, the people in Minnesota who lived this racial inequality every day decided this was the last straw and protests were inevitable.

This incident comes on the heels of dozens of incidents between police and African Americans. In most other cases, the officers had a counter narrative that they acted in self defense or for public safety. But the incident in Minneapolis had no plausible explanation and it was all caught on film. In the minds of the protesters, this validated all the other claims they have been making for years. That isn't fair, but both good and bad can come from it. The protesters have used this to successfully point out the structural racism and inequality that is very real in our country. The bad part

is this incident will make it very hard for police officers to do their job any more because of increased scrutiny.

Here in Staples, it is a very different situation. I read the local police reports every week and it is amazing how many calls they get where their only function is to help people. They all result in everyone going home safely, so they rarely get reported in the newspaper. The police have become masters at de-escalation, calming down situations so nobody has to get arrested. That is why it was such a shock for many of us to see the injustice that started the riots in Minneapolis.

A man who lives in Staples is accused of taking part in burning a Minneapolis Police station. We have heard reports of people online using his involvement to degrade the community, as if this is something we do in Staples. This is like using one incident of police abuse as a way to smear all police. We are all unified in our disgust of burning buildings in Minneapolis, just as the police are not defending the actions of their fellow officer. Justice will play out and those found guilty will pay a price for it.

We don't have the constant racial tensions that some other communities have, but we are a 96 percent white community. Perhaps because of that, we live in a very racist area. Most of the people here have never been a part of a minority community and don't have much information to go on other than the distorted images we see in the news or in movies. Many people are now being fed racist propaganda online, which sets us back farther. Our prejudice

is usually hidden, but it comes out at times like this when people start to talk about race.

Soon after the Minneapolis protests started and the riots ensued with miles of buildings burned down, we heard there was going to be a protest in Wadena, and they might also come to Staples. The panic that ensued is an example of the suppressed racism and misconceptions in this area. I was asked what we will do if protesters come to Staples. Will we board up our windows? Leave town?

"I'll go talk to them and listen to what they have to say," was my reply.

The Wadena protest was peaceful because protesters are peaceful. The people destroying buildings are not the same people leading the protests. Much of the first violence, such as breaking windows, were done by instigators, not by protesters. Police were filmed slashing tires in Minneapolis. Once the violence started, all bets were off as it became a battle between police and protesters. That dynamic was a choice, just like racism is a choice.

We live in a rural area but we are all Minnesotans, so we are part of the problem. It will take a change in our mentality to settle this issue. The first step is to overcome our fear of people on either side of the division. Drop what we thought we knew and listen to the peaceful protesters who are telling us about the racial problems in this state. Then we need to listen to the police, who are in our neighborhoods every day and have a good idea of what is going on. If we can take those first steps, maybe we can help with a solution.

Special session a train wreck for cities

By Audrey Nelsen,
Coalition of Greater
Minnesota Cities President

The special session was a train wreck, between the COVID-19 pandemic, economic downturn and recent civil unrest. Minnesotans need strong state leadership at the Legislature now more than ever. Instead we have arbitrary deadlines, broken deals and partisan battles.

I'm frustrated at the Senate GOP majority for their insistence on adjourning prematurely. The decision to adjourn early was completely arbitrary and clearly there's plenty of work left to do. They have chosen to go home rather than con-

tinue to seek resolutions on important issues like the CARES Act distribution, bonding bill and police reforms.

I'm also disappointed at the breakdown of the agreement to provide \$841 million in federal CARES Act money to local governments. The Senate passed a clean bill that would've distributed money fairly and quickly, but the House DFL essentially killed the bill when they chose to tack on unrelated measures. It has been 86 days since Congress passed the CARES Act, and local governments in Greater Minnesota still haven't received a penny.

And for months, long

before the pandemic, city leaders have been calling on the Legislature to pass a bonding bill that will create thousands of jobs and invest in infrastructure needs across the state. Legislative leaders kept saying they were close to a deal, yet nothing tangible materialized. As a result, our communities must continue to delay critical projects that are needed to ensure clean water, safe roads and bridges and repair other ailing infrastructure.

There's plenty of blame to go around for this disastrous special session. The people of Minnesota deserve better.

Motivate children by sparking their brains

By Erin Walsh

You don't have to go far on the Internet these days to find tips for how to "stay productive" during the pandemic and ideas for maintaining heavy work loads despite crumbling routines and high uncertainty.

The reality on the ground though is that for many of us productivity and high motivation are as elusive as a babysitter right now. While a certain amount of stress can boost energy and increase focus, more often it leaves us feeling irritable, tired, and fuzzy. Goals that seemed achievable at the start of the day often seem out of reach by lunch.

That's not to say that staying in bed for the next year is a good idea. Understanding the science of motivation can help us keep our eyes on how to nurture it in our kids – not to meet the relentless pressure

of "productivity" but for mental health and wellbeing and so that we can find ways to stay engaged in what really matters as the pandemic wears on.

Prioritize warm and caring relationships

In our quest to be "productive" we often miss the most essential ingredient in motivation: connection. Children and teenagers alike benefit from warm and caring relationships that help them feel safe and secure enough to want to approach and explore the world again. This is true for all children, but especially important for children who have experienced or are experiencing stress and/or trauma.

This means that we should prioritize connecting with our kids over harsh discipline. Work towards a balanced approach that balances limits and consequences with plen-

ty of warmth and support. Find creative ways to stay connected with teens and prioritize ways for them to connect with their friends. Apologize when we make mistakes. Find our way back to each other after a hard day.

Make room for choice and share power

If kids feel safe and secure, their seeking brains will propel them to seek new, fresh experiences. Boredom can quickly undermine motivation so change things up when possible and look for new rewarding routes towards daily goals. This requires a bit of creativity when children and teens are at home all day. It also takes a willingness to share power with kids. Balance structure with plenty of choice and creative play. Let your child lead. Rotate the job of who gets to choose the family activity. Or ask a teen, "We have to get your school

work done today. What else is on your list? What's your plan?"

By the way, this is why some parents report that their kids are actually more academically motivated during this period of crisis online education. For some students, having more choice and control over their day is helping. For others, not so much.

Fan sparks wherever they show up

Pay attention to what your child enjoys doing, what they are passionate about, and what they look forward to. This pandemic is hard, but kids' "sparks" can form a motivating on-ramp to other, less exciting activities.

Look for ways to link your child's interests to a task. For a child who loves dinosaurs, learning to read about dinosaurs might be a lot more motivating than reading about trucks. A

teen who understands that a boring task is just one part of a more interesting project is more likely to prioritize it. Don't write off digital interests but instead try to build bridges between online and offline activities when possible.

Prime the brain with natural doses of dopamine

Don't feel like doing anything? Just put one foot in front of the other. Going back to the basics can be a way to get dopamine flowing again in healthy ways. Exercise, sleep, mindfulness, getting outside, and eating healthy foods are all ways to naturally boost dopamine levels. Once we get a little mood boost from these activities, we are often motivated to do more. Too often, these are often the first activities to go when we are desperately trying to be more productive by squeezing more in. Kids may not feel motivated to go on walks or head into the woods when presented the options but most benefit from the experience once they are there. While these activities are not a substitute for mental health support when needed, they are essential to our wellbeing.

Attend to our collective wellbeing

It's hard to activate the seeking system and approach the world with curiosity if you have learned through experience that your probability of success is limited. This means that while many of us are busily just trying to get through the day, we can't forget to

take a broader look at systems that either facilitate or put roadblocks in front of kids' chances at success. This pandemic is further revealing systemic inequalities and racism that means chances of "success" are not evenly distributed in our communities. Remember, motivation is distributed in relationships and shaped by systems, not something we either get or lose on our own. By settling our bodies, we can generate the emotional resources and motivation to continuously expand our circles of concern and rebuild systems that work for everyone.

If you find yourself overwhelmed by or frustrated with how you and your kids are moving through the days, I hope that you can return to brain science for this powerful reminder:

Being patient and gentle with ourselves, fanning precious sparks where we find them, nurturing our connections with each other, and prioritizing collective wellbeing are among the most "productive" things we can do right now. These things aren't as easy to check off a list and don't always show up on the report cards, but they are the essential work of this time.

Erin Walsh visited Staples-Motley schools in 2017 for the Digital Daze program sponsored by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty

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Quote of the week

"In recognizing the humanity of our fellow human beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute."

— Thurgood Marshall



Old Wadena cancels Rendezvous event

Members of the Old Wadena Society last week reluctantly decided to cancel plans to conduct their 2020 Old Wadena Rendezvous. The annual event was scheduled for August 8 and 9 at the Old Wadena Park located about seven miles northwest of Staples.

"We just were faced with so many unanswered questions regarding the COVID 19 virus," said Darlys Hamberg, the chairperson of the Old Wadena Society.

She noted the group was well along in the planning for this year's event when the coronavirus restrictions went into place in March.

Since then the nine-member board has considered a much-reduced version of their annual event. However, the group's meeting on June 17 produced a consensus that concerns for the safety of everyone dictate that the group cancel this year's event.

"We have notified various partners such as the Crow Wing Muzzleloaders club and others that we have worked with over the years. We thank all of our sponsors and funding sources over the years and we will plan to be back better than ever in 2021," Hamberg said.



Road construction near Lakewood Health System

Construction crews have been at work in recent weeks widening and repaving County Rd. 83 in Staples, from Highway 10 to Warner Road. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Music in the Park postponed until 2021

The annual Music in the Park event, sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, has been canceled for this summer.

Board members made the difficult decision after consulting with Todd County Public Health, due to numerous restrictions in place because of COVID-19.

Although the guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) have changed week to week, at the time the decision was made, it was not feasible to host concerts at Northern Pacific Park. The safety of those attending the concerts,

as well as that of the musicians, was a guiding factor in the groups' decision. In addition, a few bands had already made the decision to cancel due to the unknowns of the coronavirus.

The arts council is grateful for the generous donation of the Staples Host Lions Club, which funds this annual event. After consulting with them, the Lions requested that this year's funds be used for the 2021 Music in the Park series. The event is typically held for six Sunday evenings beginning after the Fourth of July holiday.

Disability services for local residents

From Todd County Health and Human Services

MnCHOICES is a single, comprehensive assessment and support planning web-based application for long-term services and supports for people with disabilities and the elderly that may be eligible for services related to Developmental Disabilities, Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals, Community Alternative Care, Brain Injury, Elderly Waiver, Alternative Care, and Personal Care Assistance.

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ences, and needs. It allows the individual to have an important and active role in the planning of their long-term services and supports. An individual can request a screening or have a screening and decide not to access waived services. Also, an individual who has a screening may not be eligible for waived services and/or may be referred for other appropriate services as determined by the MnCHOICES assessment.

To request a MnCHOICES assessment for long-term services and supports, call Todd County Health and Human Services at 320-732-4500.

Staples Area Church Directory

<p>Staples</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Discipleship Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY Wednesday times are for Sept. - May Sonlight (Kids Program) ... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org Bible School (youth and adult) ... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>First Congregational Church, UCC firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571 Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service</p> <p>Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street, NE, Staples 218-894-1546 Pastor: Carl Larson Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.</p> <p>Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples Church 218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text MASS: Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship 10:45 am. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248 Pastor Greg Leslie Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Aldrich</p> <p>Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Cushing</p> <p>Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 11:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday, each month</p> <p>Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad Pastor: Jim Brown Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad SUNDAY Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m. Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m. Kids' Club 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Leader</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info: 218-837-5690 . Open by arrangement</p>	<p>Motley</p> <p>Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466 218-352-6888 Pastor Wayne Hoffert Pastor Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor Pastor Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor Sunday Worship 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. facebook live 9 a.m. WEDNESDAY Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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., Sunday 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Oylen</p> <p>Oylen Alliance Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Pillager</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. Phone 218-746-3839 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>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. (serving coffee and donuts)</p>	<p>Hewitt</p> <p>Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffert Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>United Methodist Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Verndale</p> <p>Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>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 Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m. Prayer 9:20 a.m. Coffee / Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Celebrate Recovery 6-8 p.m. WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. ...Groups</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Verndale United Methodist 303rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>
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"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.

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Tricia Coon and Jordan Ahrendt of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Brynlee Lynn weighing six pounds, one ounce on June 12, 2020.

Born to Katherine and Abrose Kruzel of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Eleanor Ann weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on June 12, 2020.

Born to Jen and Chris Kappler of Pillager, a baby boy, Kirby James weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on June 14, 2020.

Born to Allison and Devin Campbell of Nevis, a baby boy, Declan McCoy weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on June 15, 2020.

Born to Emily Batiz and Mattsen Vensel-Hein of Staples, a baby girl Vaelynn Shaye weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on June 18, 2020.

Born to Chantel and Scott Steffen of Randall, a baby boy, Brody Keith weighing eight pounds, two ounces on June 19, 2020.

Birthday note

Lawrence (Larry) Denny of Staples, is turning 90-years-old on June 27, 2020.

Happy 40th Anniversary Mark and Sara Hoernberg



Love from all your children and grandchildren!

Ludovissie is Honor Grad

Hallie Ludovissie, daughter of Paul and Stephanie Ludovissie, was a recent Honors Graduate of McCrackin County High School, Paducah, KY.

During her years as a Mustang, she was an active member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Y Club, Community Service Club and a Paducah Bank Teen Ambassador Alumni.

Hallie earned the Murray State Dean's Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000, Rotary Scholarship, a Community Scholarship, \$1,000.

Hallie will attend Murray State University in Murray, KY majoring in Nursing to attain her BSN and continue her medical career at MSU to become a nurse practitioner.

She is the granddaughter of Pat Brichacek, Browerville; Arlene Ludovissie, Staples and David Ludovissie, Wadena; great-granddaughter of Bethel Brichacek, Browerville and June Cline, Pillager.



Meech receives NDSU scholarship

Ceri Meech, daughter of Brian and Dawn Meech, Fergus Falls, received the North Dakota State University Provost Award in the amount of \$6,000 and the Henry Bond Sr. and Helen Bond Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarships recognize students who scored a 25 to 28 on the ACT's and high academic achievement.

Meech will enter NDSU in the fall and plans to major in biology education. In high school, she was active in basketball, volleyball, Knowledge Bowl, student government, Phi Theta Kappa, Economic Challenge and National Society of High School Scholars.

She is the granddaughter of Julanne Meech, Don Meech, both of Sebeka; Arlene Ludovissie, Staples and David Ludovissie, Wadena.



Central Lakes College announces Fall Honors List

Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, has announced its 2020 Spring Semester Honors List. The President's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher while enrolled in at least 12 credits. The Dean's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.25 - 3.74.

The released honors list does not include students who have requested

no release of information. Local students named includes:

- Motley**
Tasha Achermann, Tiffany Achermann, Noah Boelter, Abigail DiGiovanni, Sarah Kossan, Alex McIlravy, Torii Nienow, President's List; Mackenna Bjerga, Kari Erickson, Chase Lawrence, Farrah Miller, Ashlee Novotny, Hailey Owen, Alexandra Peterson, James Vold, Dean's List.

- Pillager**
Dylan Christensen, Jared Eng, Sadie Hopman, Lauren Hughes, Elise Jensen, Julia Johnson, Benjamin Krall, Bo Kruchten, Lillian Masurka, Rebecca Masurka, Grace Nagel, Lexus Ruggles, Hannah Ruhl, Mackenzie Shaw, Ty Swenson, Jamie VanVickle, President's List; Sierra Christensen, Alexander Gratke, Gabriel Grimsley, Amanda Holsapple, Aaron Jacobson, Noah Jacobson, Shaylyn Johnson, Aydin Miller, Malachi Stroot, Jordyn VanVickle, Dean's List.

- Staples**
Tabetha Allen, Emmet Anderson, Ashley Black, Tyler Davidson, Rose Han, John Lund, Nancy O'Rourke, Benjamin Olander, Rylie Rau, Kaitlyn Smith, President's List; Michelle Boyer, Rebecca Brown, Izaiah DeMars, Britney Lisson, Jacob O'Rourke, Riley Peterson, Tristan Pierce, Hope Ratajczak, Julia Steward, Dean's List.

Obituary

Yvonne Dickman

Yvonne Dickman, 90, of Staples, passed away June 13, 2020 at her home.

Funeral services will be held June 29, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., at the Church of Christ in Staples with Pastor Barry Klein officiating. Friends may call on June 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Church of Christ in Staples and on the day of the funeral one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will be held at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Yvonne was born August 29, 1929 in Lamberton, to August and Verna (Gode) Redemske. On June 7, 1950, she married Phillip Dickman. Prior to beginning her career as a homemaker, she spent three years employed in the local community. Her accomplishment during her career included raising 10 children, 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She had many interests and activities that spanned many years. In the 60's/70's, her focus was on teaching her children the art of business, by raising and selling vegetables every summer at a roadside stop. As the children aged, her interest moved to that of being a seamstress for a local shop, producing garments for sale. This brought her back to early adulthood where she first learned to sew. As time went on, so did her interests which brought us to the craft era. Her crafting days encompassed various forms. She spent many years attending weekly gatherings with others painting ceramics that she proudly displayed

for others to see or gave to her children so that her grandchildren could enjoy the fruits of her love and talents. If you were not one of the fortunate ones to receive her ceramics, maybe you got to enjoy the various ornaments she created. Yvonne spent time creating new craft items to sell at the local fairs and stores in the central Minnesota area. Beginning in 1982, Yvonne took up the role of providing service to others through her leadership of the quilting program within the Women's Church of Christ group. She served in this capacity for 30 years. This group provided 1000's of quilts for the needy and unprivileged and the high school graduates of the church. She changed the countryside around us with perennials raised and sold at her annual plant sales. At first, helping other growers in the area with their sales to beginning in 2003 selling from her home east of Staples. Each year her inventory consisted of at least 1,500 plants. While her ability to put together a successful sale this year was a challenge due to her health, her training of her children in years past, made for yet another very successful year. What made this even more exciting was her desire to go out and visit with the many people who had frequented her prior sales. With flowers being a spring/summer activity, she found the need to again tap her creative mind and this time making cards became a newfound passion. Over the last 18 years, she created many beautiful



cards that found their way into the homes of many, either by being the benefactor or purchasing a lot that carried the stamp "Created by Yvonne". Through all of this, one can see the many talents that was bestowed on Yvonne and how she worked through God's grace providing others the opportunity to have their days brightened.

Yvonne is survived by seven children: Duane (Debbie) Dickman, Staples, Kevin (Ann) Dickman, Colleyville, TX, Carl Dickman, Danbury, WI, Douglas Dickman, Staples, Audrey (Barry) Clough, Cambridge, Darla (Brad) Farley, Bryon Center, MI, Donna (Dale) Doublestein, Grandville, MI; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Vera Dickman, Forest Lake and Diane Dickman, Staples; brother-in-law Arthur Dickman, Fairbanks, AK.

Yvonne is preceded in death by her parents; husband. Phillip in 2002; three sons, Bruce Dickman in 1983, Rodney Dickman in 1968, Steven Dickman in 2017 and brother Willard Redemske in 1983.

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

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Student Achievements

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE has announced its Spring 2020 Academic Honors List. Students on the President's List earned a grade point average of 4.0. Students on the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.50 - 3.99. Local students named include:

- Melissa Hammer, Aldrich, President's List
- Madeline Rutherford, Aldrich, President's List
- Nicholas Franzen, Motley, Dean's List
- Erica Johnson, Motley, President's List
- Eric Kossan, Motley, President's List
- Samantha Mrazek, Motley, President's List
- Robert King, Pillager, President's List
- Bobbi Loucks, Pillager, Dean's List
- Ethan Neitzke, Pillager, Dean's List
- Kallee Abbas, Staples, Dean's List
- Sarah Barrett, Staples, Dean's List
- Luke Funk, Staples, Dean's List
- Erika Gilb, Staples, President's List
- Ashley Hull, Staples, Dean's List
- Olivia Leslie, Staples, Dean's List
- Kelsie Lindaman, Staples, President's List
- Jailyn Manuel, Staples, President's List
- Veronica Tappe, Staples, Dean's List.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON recently announced its list of Spring 2020 graduates. Local students who received degrees include:

- Kaylee Pratt, Staples, Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Education
- Ashley Smith, Staples, Bachelor of Science, Management.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, FARGO recently announced its list of Spring 2020 graduates. Local students who received

degrees include:

- Jacob Miller, Motley, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Design. Graduated with honors.
- Taiya Holmberg, Pillager, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences.
- Maxwell Lee, Pillager, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.
- Luke Unger, Pillager, Master of Public Health.
- Lauren Nelson, Staples, Bachelor of Science, Radiologic Sciences. Graduated with honors.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD has announced its Spring 2020 Dean's List. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average and carry 12 graded credits. Local students named include:

- Shania Glenz, Staples
- Emily Kautz, Pillager
- Adam Nurnberger, Motley
- Benjamin Oie, Pillager
- Brian Sterriker, Staples.

ASHLEY SMITH, Staples, has been named to the 2020 Spring Semester Chancellor's List at the University of Minnesota Crookston. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 4.0 grade point average.

KAITLYN SMITH, Staples, has been named to the 2020 Spring Semester President's List at Minnesota State College Southeast. To qualify, students must complete a minimum of 12 credits during an academic term and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

REBECCA THORNE, Staples, recently graduated from the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kan., with a Master of Business Administration degree.

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Left to right: Nicole Nelson, Jenna Reycraft, Jeff Fink, Tiffany Sykes and Jackie Lahr

Nicole Nelson, Pharmacist

Nominated by Andrea Agre. Nicole consistently lives out our LHS values of high quality and innovation with the Antimicrobial Stewardship program and her hard work has rewarded LHS the Gold Level MN Antibiotic Stewardship Acute Care and Critical access Honor Roll from the MN Department of Health. Nicole has implemented and designed an LHS specific antibiogram that helps providers make appropriate antibiotic recommendations for inpatients, updated community acquired pneumonia and urinary tract infection (UTI) recommendation order sets, and collaboration with LHS care center for UTI education. Nicole has also led antimicrobial stewardship week every fall for education awareness and ensure antibiotic treatment for LHS patients now and in the future.

Jenna Reycraft, Patient Access Representative

Nominated by Jennifer Hjelmstad. Today a team member transferred a call to me from a patient that wanted to talk to the supervisor of the staff that schedule appointments. The patient shared that every question, concern, etc. that the patient had Jenna answered confidently, kindly, and in a way that put the patient at complete ease. Jenna has only been on our team a couple short months, but in this timeframe, she has not only learned the job duties but has brought a tremendous amount of kindness, compassion and integrity to our team. She strives for excellence in every interaction with a patient or customer. She is creative in looking for ways to improve her own skills but also how to help the team grow. We absolutely love having Jenna on our team.

Jeff Fink RN, Hospital Services

Nominated by Dr. Adrienne Moen. Jeff always does a wonderful job keeping my son calm. He has such a quiet and calm presence, but always gets the job done. I love it when he is our assigned nurse. I know things will run smoothly and my son will be well cared for. Jeff lives out the LHS behavioral standards and strives to always provide 5-star service to our patients, families, and visitors. He consistently provides high quality, patient-centered care, representing our department and LHS well. Kudos to Jeff for this recognition of his ability to go above and beyond to best meet the needs of our customers.

Tiffany Sykes, RN, Behavioral Health

Nominated by Danelle Denman. Tiffany gets all the patients involved in group activities during her workday. I have seen her do little beach parties with the patients wearing hats and tossing a beach ball while having the Beach Boys music playing. She has also included activities like bowling, word games and spa days. Seeing her take the time to do activities and even taking the extra time talking to the patients has made their quality of life on the unit better. She shows great compassion for our BHD and every patient that comes to our unit. Tiffany is a huge asset to our BHD unit.

Jackie Lahr, Customer Experience Manager

Nominated by Sherrie Trantina. I called Jackie after hours on New Year's Eve to meet with a family in the Emergency Department and she did not hesitate to come in. The family was very grateful as was I. Jackie went above and beyond to help our patients. Thanks, Jackie, for being a rock star.



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Todd County Board questions COVID-19 numbers

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Jackie Och gave an update on the county's COVID-19 cases as well as state-wide numbers, at the June 2, 2020 Todd County Commissioners' meeting.

Och said that the numbers on June 2, was 328, but that the spike in daily cases appeared to be leveling off.

She spoke about testing and the reliability of the tests.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said that the number of cases is actually deceiving because the numbers never drop off.

Och agreed that was true. Currently the county has about 159 people in quarantine and most of them had gone off quarantine by June 1.

Board Chairman David Kircher said he agreed that they were way behind the curve.

"The largest number of deaths are in the elderly population. Our goal is to protect the elderly," said Neumann.

Och added that the cases in Todd County (not deaths) were from age 1.2 to 85 years old with an average age of 37.8.

In other business

- Approved the auditor warrants in the amount of \$9,916,171. This included tax payments to school districts, cities and townships.

- Approved the commissioner warrants in the amount of \$75,955.

- Approved the health and human services commissioner warrants in the amount of \$27,634.

- Approved the health and human services SSIS warrants in the amount of \$50,587.

- Approved the final payment on the 2019 bituminous highway construction projects in the amount of \$59,665 to Central Specialties, Inc.

- The total of the contract was \$5,403,032.

- Approved the purchase of a 2021 Chevy Tahoe from Ranger Chevrolet of Hibbing to replace the current water and snowmobile patrol vehicle in the sheriff's department. The price of the Chevy Tahoe is \$38,698 on the state contract bid. It is a budgeted item.

- On June 1, 2020, the board approved a Fraud Prevention Investigation Program Cooperative Agreement, between Todd County Health and Human Services (HHS), Todd County Sheriff and Todd County Attorney. This program will provide for the effective enforcement of Food Support and Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) rules and regulations, investigation and prosecution of Food Support and MFIP fraud cases and for the effective enforcement, investigation and prosecution of other public assistance program's fraud cases.

The county received a grant in the amount of \$22,500 for the program in 2020 and will receive \$45,000 in 2021. This means that 100 percent of Investigator Travis Winter's time is paid for while he is working on this program.

The savings so far since February have

been over \$64,000 between fraud cases and overpayments. The county can keep 25 percent of the overpayment collections as an incentive to do the program.

According to Sheriff Steve Och, Winter does this work about 40 percent of his time and it has not affected his other duties since there's no backlog of other cases at this time.

- Todd County has been meeting the service needs of the public during this pandemic by providing online services, through e-mail, phone, drop-boxes and curbside services.

On May 26, Todd County implemented Phase 1 of reopening, by appointment only for services where in-person appointments are necessary.

At their June 2, meeting the board approved to continue providing services online, by phone, e-mail and drop box, and by appointment only for those areas where in person appointments are necessary and will re-evaluate at the June 16, commissioners board meeting.

Neumann said that he had held a phone conversation with State Representative John Poston on his way to the meeting. He said Poston felt they would be getting good news about reopening rural areas either today or tomorrow.

He said that Governor Walz has been getting a lot of pressure from Outstate Minnesota to allow the opening of bars and restaurants.

Chairman David Kircher said that the county has a good plan for reopening as do the businesses in the county.

"The Governor has to trust our business owners to do the right thing," said Kircher. Commissioner Barb Becker commented that people do not have to go into a business if they're not comfortable.

Kircher added that many smaller businesses will go under if they are not allowed to reopen.

"Poston said that most of our business owners have a better plan than the state does for reopening. Let's just pray the Governor pulls the pin," added Neumann.

Kircher said that if the Governor doesn't do something this week, he will consider having a special board meeting to discuss the county's options.

Kircher said that he wants County Coordinator Chris Pelzer to send the survey results (of the county survey conducted via their website) to our representatives, the Minnesota Rural Counties (MRC) and the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC).

The board is working toward being able to have open to the public board meetings, as well. Currently, citizens can view the meetings live or recorded. The news media has been able to attend via a conference call link.

Pelzer said that they're also working with the staff to help them feel comfortable in coming back to work in the offices. She said that the recommendation is still to work from home if you can.

They also discussed how they could open up the planning and zoning and the board of appeals meetings.

COVID-19 cases rising at a slower rate

As of June 21, 2020 there were 388 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Todd County. That represents 15 new cases in the week and follows a week where 23 new cases were discovered. This continues a three week trend with the total number growing, but at a slower rate. The trend also mirrors the statewide sta-

tistics that show fewer new cases in the past few weeks.

The disease is still being transmitted within the county. Todd County has one of the highest infection rates in Minnesota outside the Twin Cities area and could be the highest for a county that does not have a large city in the county.

Nearby counties have

maintained relatively low numbers. As of June 21, Morrison County; 55 cases, Cass County and Wadena County 12; each county up one or two from the previous week. Stearns County, which borders Todd County on the south, has 2,134 cases (up 27 in the past week), many of them in the St. Cloud area.



Minnesota prize

A well fed muskie (Submitted photo by Mitch Albers)

What are muskies eating?

Ray Gildow

Stocking muskies in Minnesota lakes has long created debates about how harmful muskies are to other fish populations in those lakes. The species that creates the most concern is the walleye. Muskie anglers support the idea of stocking muskies in more lakes to create more angling opportunities for the big fish while resistance to stocking comes from walleye anglers and some lakeshore owners. The belief by many is that putting muskies in good walleye fishing lakes will greatly decrease the number of walleye simply because they will be eaten by the muskies.

This debate has been going on for years but is it true that stocking muskies in lakes with good walleye populations will hurt the walleye numbers? To try to get a better understanding of what the muskie is eating and how it impacts walleye numbers in lakes where they are stocked, the DNR is conducting research on a number of Minnesota lakes to see what muskies eat.

The research being

done is a cooperative effort between the Glenwood and Bemidji DNR fisheries offices and Bemidji State University. The lead researchers are graduate student Kamden Glade of BSU, Brian Herwig of the Bemidji DNR office and Jeff Reed of the Glenwood DNR office.

The work is scheduled to look at eleven bodies of water in Minnesota. Seven of those lakes hold muskies. Northern pike, largemouth bass and walleye and what they eat is also part of the study. The COVID-19 pandemic has put the study behind schedule, but the hope is that the work can continue and be finished in 2021.

Glade has not analyzed all the numbers from every lake, but he has taken a hard look at the data from Lake Miltona in Douglas County just north of Alexandra. Many lakeshore owners there feel that muskie stocking has really hurt the walleye populations.

For the study diet samples are taken from muskies' stomachs. Some muskies had nothing in their stomachs due to not having eaten

recently. Overall, 67 percent had full stomachs throughout all seasons. Twenty-nine muskies sampled from Miltona in the spring had full stomachs, two in the summer and fifteen in the fall. Some of the samples analyzed were easy to identify and other samples were just bone remains and not recognizable.

The preliminary numbers on Lake Miltona showed that yellow perch made up the largest percentage of the muskies' diet by numbers. Largemouth bass were also an important diet item as well. Sample contents showed decent numbers of bullheads, crappie and bluegill. They found one muskrat, one ringed bill gull, northern pike and dogfish. A total of three walleye were found in study.

The research is still in the early stage and far from complete so it will be interesting to follow this study to see what impact the muskies have on walleyes. The data from Lake Miltona seems to suggest that muskies are not having much of an impact on the walleye population on that lake.

State guidelines for youth sports practices

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) today issued new guidance on youth sports participation during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance recommends that youth sports games and scrimmages resume June 24 or later for outdoor sports, and July 1 or later for indoor sports.

Precautions in the new guidance include:

- Avoid sharing individual water bottles, communal snacks or towels.
- Encourage use of dedicated personal equipment such as bats, mitts, rackets, etc.
- Find new ways to show sportsmanship – tip your hats instead of handshakes.
- Ensure policies are considerate of staff, volunteers and participants at highest risk of complications from

COVID-19.

- Adhere to social distancing recommendations when participants are not playing (on the bench, in the dugout, etc.).

- Practice social distancing of 6 feet from other households during player drop off/pick up.

- Friends and family should not attend practices to avoid crowding.

- Maintain health checks and screening of participants and staff/volunteers.

- Organizations should require participants and family members to stay home when sick.

The new guidance seeks to balance the goals of minimizing disease transmission and allowing young people to engage in sports activities that have important physical, emotional and social benefits.

As of June 19, teams can start returning to competition by following MDH's guidance. The guidance also outlines preferred timelines for games, and is described in detail in the COVID-19 Sports Guidance for Youth and Adults (PDF) document. More information is available on the MDH website at Community Settings: COVID-19.

The guidance conforms to that of many national sports organizations, which suggest returning to game play in a phased approach.

"It is important that we look for opportunities to allow children to engage in activities that promote health and well-being," Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm said. "While several key metrics show COVID-19 transmission is slowing, we are still in the middle of a pandemic. Learning to live with

COVID-19 means finding ways to balance risks and benefits, and that's what we are seeking to do with this guidance."

"Organized sports brings athletes together from different backgrounds, and it helps them to create life-long bonds with mentors, teammates, coaches and fellow competitors," said MNIT Commissioner Tarek Tomes. "The new guidance, shaped by the partnerships we have built and the conversations we have had with members of the organized sports community, empowers Minnesotans to stay as safe as possible while resuming competitive play around the sports that we love."

Organizations are required to have a COVID-19 preparedness plan that integrates MDH guidance as well as current social distancing and social gathering requirements.

State officials acknowledge that many will be eager to return to activities, but there will also be some who may not wish to return to group activities this summer. It is important for organizations and other participants to give people space to make decisions that work best for them and their families.

"In the end everyone has to make their own decisions about what level of risk they are willing to accept," Commissioner Malcolm said. "Some families, especially those with members who face an elevated risk of severe illness, may choose not to participate. That is perfectly OK, and everyone needs to respect that decision when a family or a player makes it."



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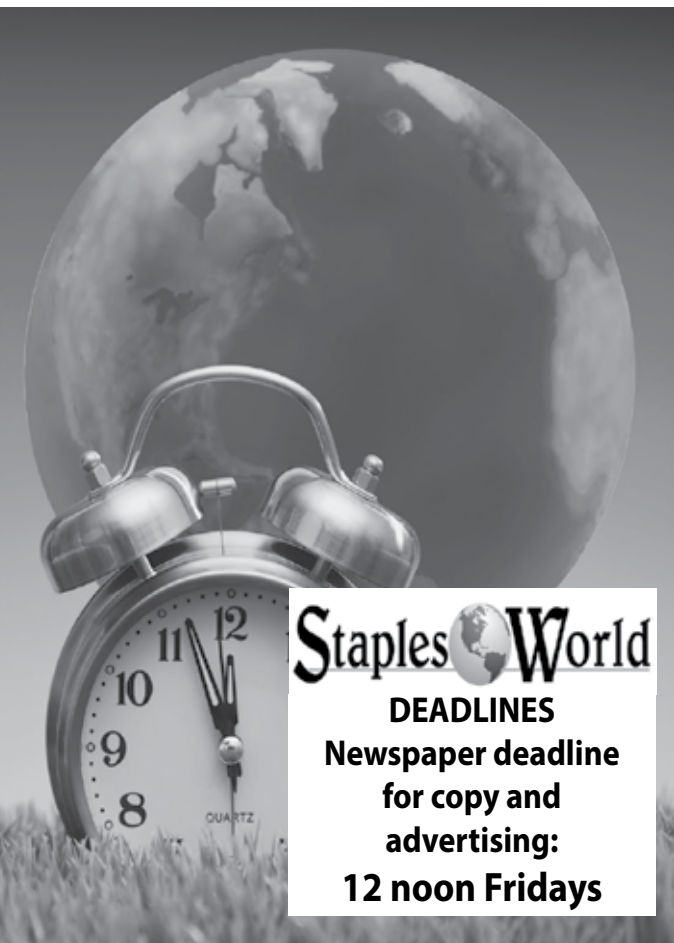
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Staples Motley School Board Minutes

**ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #26
May 18, 2020
6:00 p.m.
District Office**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Winkels, Frisk, Freeman, Anderson and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Also present: Supt. Tappe and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Attending remotely: Principals Regan and Schmidt; Business Services, Herdegen, Activities Director, Boran; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and one community member. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to add item #19.1 and to amend the donation amount to \$12,564.90 MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to adopt the agenda. MC

Recognize those attending remotely School/Community Forum -

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item # 6.

Motion by Lund, second-

ed by Longbella, to approve the 2020-21 Food Service Catering agreement with Freshwater ALC. Voting in favor: Freeman, Lund, Longbella, Frisk and Anderson. Winkels abstained. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Resolution to Accept In-Kind Donations and Grants in the amount of \$12,564.90 MC

Finance Items

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to Authorize payment of the Vouchers. MC

Review of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget The Budget will be approved in June.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Resolution of Reduction of Position: Director of Early Learning Services. Upon a Roll Call vote Anderson, Longbella, Frisk, Winkels, Lund and Freeman voted in favor. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk to approve the School Readiness/ Early Childhood Family Education Service Agreement with FED for the 2020-2021 school year; \$10,000. Voting in favor were Lund, Longbella, Frisk, Anderson and Freeman. Winkels abstained. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk to approve the sale of misc. items: tables, blocks, trail-

ers, etc. MC

Personnel:

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to accept the retirement of Paul Johnson, Transportation; eff. June 5, 2020. MC

Thank you to Paul for nearly 30 years of service to our students as a bus driver.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to accept the retirement of Julie Richgels, MS Special Education; eff. May 27, 2020. MC

Thank you to Julie for 21 years of service to our district and students.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to approve the list of Q-COMP Ladder Positions for 2020-21. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels to approve paying 2020 Spring Coaches: 7-12 Athletics (Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Golf) 33.3 percent (%) of the work agreement and Musical advisor at 50 percent (%) of the work agreement. Action needed due to the COVID-19 cancellation of spring activities.

Voting in favor: Longbella, Winkels, Freeman and Frisk. Anderson and Lund abstained. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson to approve the Non-Renewal of Head Boys Basketball Coach, Nick Doll; with permission to post. Voting in favor: Lund, Anderson, Winkels, Frisk and Longbella. Op-

posed: Freeman. MC

Other

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to Approve the Application for Cooperative Sponsorship for Girls Swimming with Little Falls, Pillager and Royalton to include Staples-Motley

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to move the June Board meeting to June 15. MC

BUILD 2170

Project Updates

Window removal has begun at the elementary and the HVAC project will be getting underway. The HS area has some asbestos and will incur an extra expense for removal. Construction sites are off limits for staff this summer.

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting. MC

Respectfully Submitted
Greg Frisk, Clerk

Complete minutes may be viewed at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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**SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION
MEETING #27
June 1, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Frisk,

Freeman, Anderson, and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Longbella arrived immediately after roll call. Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Principal Regan; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; Transportation, Engbretson; one community member; and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to adopt the agenda. MC

Contracted Bus Route Agreement

Financial information was presented comparing the cost of contracted routes with the district routes. Contracted routes cost more per mile and if the district did not contract the two routes it would save approximately \$20,000 per year. The disadvantage is that the district would have to plan on buying two additional buses in the future.

Following the Finance Committee recommendations, Greig's Bus Service will be offered \$2.65 per mile (the current rate was \$2.99). No other changes will be made to the agreement. If in agreement, the contract will be approved at the June 15 meeting.

Head Start Lease Agreement for Motley Site

TCC Headstart has inquired about leasing more space at the Motley building next school year to expand

their program to younger children. The lease has been updated to include more program space as well as shared space such as cafeteria and gymnasium - 3,289 square feet. Cost will be \$5.25 per square foot for educational space and \$2.65 for shared space. The lease will be approved at the June Board meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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**NOTICE
MORAN TOWNSHIP**

Moran Township will be spraying ditches for brush and noxious weeds on the east side of CR 21 and CR79 after the 18th of June.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk.

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**REGION FIVE
DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF REGION FIVE: There will be a public hearing June 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Public comment and review of FISCAL YEAR 2021 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET. Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87316176255>.

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Cloud arc near Wadena

An arcing wall cloud formation was caught on camera near Wadena by Darcy Peterson who was traveling from Staples to Dilworth June 20 on Hwy. 10. This is the 10 year anniversary of the Wadena tornado which devastated the town on June 17, 2010. (Submitted photo)



Iconic neon sign back in business

After a five-year hiatus, the Spot Cafe's neon sign with the flashing bullseye has been reinstalled at its rightful place on the west end of Staples. Owners Darrel and Dianna McFedries said that a storm had taken the sign down and it was damaged in the process. It took some time to get it repaired and Darrel was finally able to find an old 1958 transformer to light up the sign (from a guy down in Arkansas who had it for sale on Ebay).

Above: On June 15, Darren Holst of Holst Construction in Staples, stopped by with his forklift to help hoist the giant sign up. In the bucket, helping secure the sign, is John McFedries, the restaurant owners' son. On the ground, also helping with the process, are Darrel McFedries and Huck Holst of Staples. By the next morning, the sign was flashing brightly, in time to greet the first customers at 6 a.m.

The sign has been a fixture in Staples several decades, first at its original location where B&B's bar sits before moving down the road to its current home. Darrel hopes that Star Tribune columnist James Lileks, who mentioned the flashing sign in his 2015 article, 'Towns along the way,' will drive through Staples again one day and see that its been restored once again. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Going up

John McFedries (in the bucket) helps secure the Spot Cafe's neon sign, which had been hoisted from the ground thanks to the use of Darren Holst's forklift. At far left is Darrel McFedries, John's dad and owner of the Spot Cafe in Staples. Darren Holst (center) provided assistance with the sign, as did his dad, Huck Holst, at far right. The sign had been in storage the past five years, after being damaged during a storm. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

KOPPES continued from page 1a Grateful for life

April of 2019, it was determined that he was healthy enough to get a transplant.

Although Trista expressed her desire to donate a kidney to her dad, Mike initially said 'no,' stating he did not want to ask her to undergo a serious surgery on his behalf.

She told him, "You're not asking, I'm offering...that's the difference."

After discussing the situation with his wife, Mike came to the realization that if Trista was a match, he would accept her offer. She was.

Mike had his last dialysis treatment on July 24, 2019, the day before he and Trista would have their surgeries at the University of Minnesota.

It was stressful, Yolanda said, waiting as both her husband and youngest daughter were wheeled in for surgery. She remembers Trista saying to her, "If anything happens to me, mom, make sure dad gets my pancreas too."

One of the anesthesiologists peeked out from behind a curtain and said, "Nothing's going to happen, you're going to be fine...but, I did hear that."

She doesn't know what she'd have done without the support of her church family, Yolanda said. Mike agreed. Longtime mem-

bers at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, both Mike and Yolanda recalled all of the people who were praying for them during that time. Mike shared that Fr. Gabriel Walz had blessed both he and Trista before their surgeries.

Thankfully, both father and daughter emerged from their successful surgeries and were discharged within a week's time.

Since the transplant, Mike continues to see his primary doctor and nephrologist (kidney specialist) and so far the prognosis has been good. This will be the first Father's Day he will have celebrated with his new kidney. "I can't thank her enough," Mike says of Trista. "I gave her life...but she saved mine."

Trista says she is just thankful that she was healthy enough to give her dad a kidney. "I would do it again in a heartbeat," she said.

Currently employed as a sonographer at Essentia Health in Detroit Lakes, Trista took a scan of her left kidney before the operation. She figures she can always give her dad a photo copy of it on those Father's Days she hasn't had time to get a gift.

Mike laughs, and says again how grateful he is for the gift of his kidney...for

the opportunity he's been given to spend more time with his wife, three daughters and four grandchildren.

This Father's Day, he planned to spend the day with his family...outside, with social distancing in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They'll enjoy a picnic lunch together and he'll probably tell some of his old jokes that will be sure to make the grandkids laugh. He can get silly, Mike says, adding that it helps keep him young at heart. "I always say, 'You are as old as you act.'"

Thanks to his Father's Day gift from Trista, he plans to be around for quite a while longer yet, teaching his kids and grandkids all about what's important in life. Family, faith and a positive attitude.

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