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Staples, Minnesota \$1²⁵

Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Mar 16	44°	29	Cloudy
Mar 17	41	23	M. Cloudy
Mar 18	43	26	M. Sunny
Mar 19	47	23	M. Cloudy
Mar 20	51	37	M. Cloudy
Mar 21	48	30	RAIN
Mar 22	40	28	RAIN

Last Year, 2021			
	High	Low	Cond.
Mar 16	31°	26	Cloudy
Mar 17	38	25	M. Cloudy
Mar 18	48	26	Sunny
Mar 19	47	27	Sunny
Mar 20	52	36	Sunny
Mar 21	53	41	Sunny
Mar 22	51	31	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 39° Low = 24°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Darla Mrazek
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Thank you for subscribing!

Sun Dog circle Snow and cold combined to create a bright snow dog display in early March. (Photo submitted by Ashley Warzecha of Motley)

Motley man charged with two counts of murder

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Harold Arvid Wassather, 60, of Motley, has been formally charged by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) with two counts of murder in the death of his girlfriend, 66-year-old Christine Nygard.

The incident, which took place at the couple's trailer home in Motley, is still under investigation by the MCSO, along with the Motley Police Department and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Wassather was taken into custody Sunday, March 6, without incident. He had his first appearance in Morrison County District Court March 8. He was charged with second-degree murder with intent but not premeditated, and one count of third-degree murder, perpetrating an eminently dangerous act and evincing a depraved mind.

Wassather is being held in the Morrison County Jail on \$1 million bond with no conditions and \$500,000 with conditions.

According to their report, the sheriff's office received a 9-1-1 transfer at 9:40 a.m. March 6, from an individual stating that he received a phone call from his friend, who indicated that he killed his girlfriend.

The MCSO and the Motley Police responded to the address of 689 Hwy 10 South. Once at the scene,



Harold Arvid Wassather

law enforcement authorities were able to make contact with the male subject.

According to the criminal complaint, Motley Police Chief Borash announced over his squad PA that Wassather should come out of the residence with his hands up. A male subject identified as Wassather, walked out of the residence with his hands up in the air. The criminal complaint described Wassather as being emotional and crying. He stated that his girlfriend was dead and that he killed her. Wassather was handcuffed and authorities proceeded to search the residence. During the search, officers located the deceased body of Christine Nygard laying on a bed in a bedroom of the trailer house. Her body was covered with a bed sheet up to her neck. The complaint states Nygard's face was covered in dark bruises, indicating possible head trauma. Deputies decided

to secure the residence and contact the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) for assistance with the investigation. The deceased woman was transported to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy and later confirmed to be Christine Nygard. The MCSO was later notified that the cause of death was blunt head and chest trauma and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.

Wassather was transported to the Morrison County Jail where he was read the Miranda warning and he agreed to give a statement to Sgt. Rekstad of the sheriff's office and Special Agent Kleffman of the BCA. He proceeded to tell them that he moved in with Nygard in December of 2021. According to the criminal complaint, Wassather started to cry and stated that he did not mean to kill Nygard. He told law enforcement that he "beat up" Nygard after she accused him of talking to other women.

According to the criminal complaint, Wassather allegedly said the assault started in the kitchen. He said that he dragged Nygard around the house, continuing to assault her. Wassather went on to say he was banging Nygard's head into the floor and cabinets. He told law enforcement that

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Tourism marketing update at Staples council meeting

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved a tourism marketing agreement with Discover Staples to continue working on tourism projects and LEAP to be the fiscal host. Funding for the group comes from the city's lodging tax.

Discover Staples director Renee Kroll was not able to attend the March 8 meeting, so Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman gave an update on the efforts of the group over the past year.

Discover Staples has been working with with a marketing firm named Stratelligent, which Wyman said has ties with Staples. Stratelligent looked at the unique aspects of Staples and determined that the identity that stands out is Staples as a river town. Stratelligent also developed a new logo and presented a plan to create a new web site.

A new billboard is going up near Little Falls. Wyman said it will be a simplified

billboard

Wyman said Discover Staples is working with local businesses to promote tourism. They are working with businesses that are currently providing river tubing, and looking at other potential options for river access. They are working with the Staples World on a new visitors guide and are creating a community map that guests have asked for. They are working on grants to promote tourism, create regional guides and promote camp sites. A photographer has been taking photos of the community for the promotional materials.

Wyman said they are working on an educational component, to help community members and frontline workers learn how to talk to visitors about the community. For example, she said visitors don't know that Centennial Auditorium is a part of the high school building, so that needs to be explained to people coming for events.

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Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. included:

Feb. 16 - Staples Police went to the Verndale Public School and arrested two juveniles who had active warrants. Also assisting was the Verndale Police Dept. and Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. The juveniles were transported to court by the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. Police advised the parent of the juveniles along with the court, of the arrest.

Feb. 17 - Staples Police stopped a vehicle for a cracked windshield, upon investigation, the passenger was arrested for outstanding warrants in Cass and Beltrami counties.

Feb. 17 - Staples Police assisted Lakewood Health System ER with an out of control mental health patient.

Feb. 18 - Staples Police received a request for a welfare concern on an individual having a mental health crisis. The individual requested to be transported to the ER for a mental health evaluation.

Feb. 18 - Staples Police responded to the Staples-Motley High School parking lot for students driving recklessly at 8:09 a.m. before police arrived, one student had crashed his vehicle into

another student's vehicle. Police completed a crash report and spoke with other students involved.

Feb. 18 - Staples Police assisted Lakewood Health System ER with a disruptive mental health patient. Police stood by until the patient calmed down.

Feb. 20 - Staples Police responded to the 500 block of Dakota Ave. SE for a report of a hit and run accident.

Feb. 20 - Staples Police received a report of a minor vehicle accident at North 4th Car Wash, involving a black GMC truck that had backed into the complainant's vehicle. At the time no damage was noticed by either drivers. No information was exchanged. When the complainant returned home, they noticed damage from the incident and made a report. The driver of the black GMC truck was, described as a female, in her 60's. Police reviewed video from the incident, but were unable to identify the black GMC truck involved. Police are looking for the driver to complete an accident exchange form for insurance purposes, not for charging the driver. If you have any information contact Staples Police at 218-894-

See **POLICE** on page 10a



The scene of the crime

A trailer house off of Highway 10 south in Motley was the scene of an alleged murder that took place March 3 or 4. Authorities were notified of the incident the morning of March 6. Subsequently, Harold Arvid Wassather, 60, of Motley,

was arrested and has been charged in Morrison County District Court on two counts of murder after allegedly killing his girlfriend, Christine Nygard, at their residence. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Historical Society meets



Looking at old photos/postcards

Members of the Motley Area Historical Society looked through a number of old photos and postcards that were recently donated to their organization by Karen Morey. Karen's late husband, Eldon Morey, was a devoted member of the MAHS and champion of his hometown. Many of the photos and postcards once belonged to Eldon's dad, Ed Morey.

Pictured, from left, are Paula Johnson, Bernice Thomson and Janet Greig.

Thomson, who serves as MAHS president, shared that it was interesting to see photos of buildings/businesses that no longer exist in Motley...such as a drug store and Blanche's Cafe. Other historical tid-bits from Motley's early days include stories of the town's having 10 liquor stores and a brothel or two. That was during the late 1800s when the lumberjacks were working in Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Ready for their meeting to begin

The Motley Area Historical Society held their regular meeting March 8, at Motley City Hall. Pictured, front row from left: Duane Strack, Janet Greig, Ron Starke, Marinell Philipp. Back row: Gayle Quinn, Bruce Quinn, Steve Johnson, Betty Starke, Florence Berndt, Gordon Martin.

Except for January and February, the MAHS meets on the second Tues-

day of each month beginning at 1 p.m. Currently, the group has begun planning for their Memorial Day Open House and the June Fest Parade. They continue to discuss the possibility of relocating to a larger facility in order to have their historical items (including memorabilia from the former Motley High School) on display for the public. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Veronica Tappe on board at Motley City Hall

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

If you stop by Motley City Hall, chances are you will be greeted by Veronica Tappe, the city's new Administrative/Accounting Assistant.

Tappe, who hails from Staples, came on board Jan. 18, taking over for Karen Pogreba. She works alongside City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski.

"I really like it so far," Tappe said of the job, adding that she's been enjoying meeting the residents of Motley these past few weeks, as well as the city employees. Of course, she already knew one person on staff, Tappe said, adding that her uncle, Bruce Brotherton is Motley's Public Works Director.

Everyone's been very friendly, Tappe said of people she's encountered at city hall. She also appreciates that her new job is part-time. "It allows me to be a mom," she said, mentioning her two children Ian and Sean, ages 10 and two, respectively.

Prior to being hired on at the City of Motley, Tappe worked as a massage therapist until Covid-19 shut things down for awhile. During that time, Tappe was a stay-at-home mom.



New face at city hall

Veronica Tappe is Motley's new Administrative/Accounting Assistant. She is most likely the first person you will see if you stop by Motley City Hall. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

She also studied accounting for a semester, honing skills that have been helpful in her new job.

Veronica is married to Michael Tappe, who works as an accountant at Fort Ripley. Both she and her husband grew up in the area and enjoy small-town life. Veronica (Paklonsky) shared that she attended Sacred Heart Area School in Staples, going on to graduate from Staples-Motley

High School in 2010. In her free time, Veronica enjoys sewing and playing board games with her mom, Cheryl, and a family friend. Occasionally, they like to play Dungeons & Dragons. What's that? you might ask. Well, next time you stop by Motley City Hall to pay your water bill, perhaps Veronica will tell you all about it.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

March 3 - 9

March 8 - The MPD responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident with no injuries at Hwy 10 and Morrison Line Rd., Motley.

March 8 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive-off in the amount of \$42.37 at Holiday Station in Motley.

March 7 - While on routine patrol in Motley, the

MPD was flagged down by a person in a car who was pointing towards city hall. Shortly after, the subject came walking from the south side of city hall. The subject, 29-year-old Tiffany Ann Turner, was very belligerent, heavily intoxicated and very obscene, the report said. Turner was arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to the Morrison County Jail. The MPD was assisted by Todd County Sheriff's Office.

March 4 - 6 - The MPD issued citations to Tonya Luna, 38; and Arthur Beeler, 53, for no proof of insurance.

March 5 - The MPD issued a citation to Alyssa Berthiaume, 33, for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance.

March 3 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Sheila Rivera, 39; and Stephany Hansen, 32.

March 8 - The MCSO issued a citation to Kelly Hansen, 41, for not having a valid driver's license.

March 8 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Vesta Kelly, 47.

March 8 - The MCSO received a report of a Motley resident making suicidal comments.

Motley Food Shelf donation

The Tri-County American Legion Post #124 recently donated \$1,000 to the Motley Area Food Shelf. Pictured, from left, are food shelf volunteers Florence Berndt, Jim Kaup and Fran Kokett; and Frank Vasicka, from the American Legion Tri-County Post #124. Tri-County Post #124 has members from Motley, Staples and the surrounding communities. (Submitted photo)



"It's fun to watch kids grow in all aspects of their lives and be there for them to ensure they are living a happy and healthy lifestyle."

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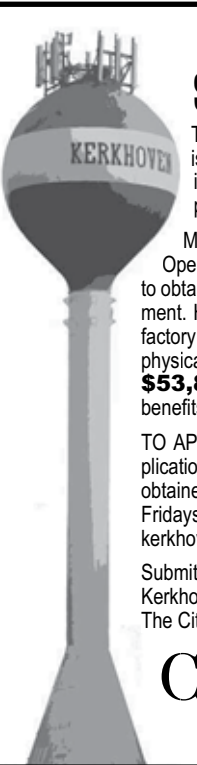


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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• March 13, 1947 - Members of the Leader 4-H club are giving a public program at the Leader Community hall on March 15 at 8:15 o'clock in the evening, and they extend a cordial invitation to all of the people of that community to attend. A one-act play will be the main entertainment of the evening.

• March 13 1947 - As has been the custom in previous years, the Staples public schools will offer a kindergarten instruction course beginning on Monday, April 14. Enrollments can be

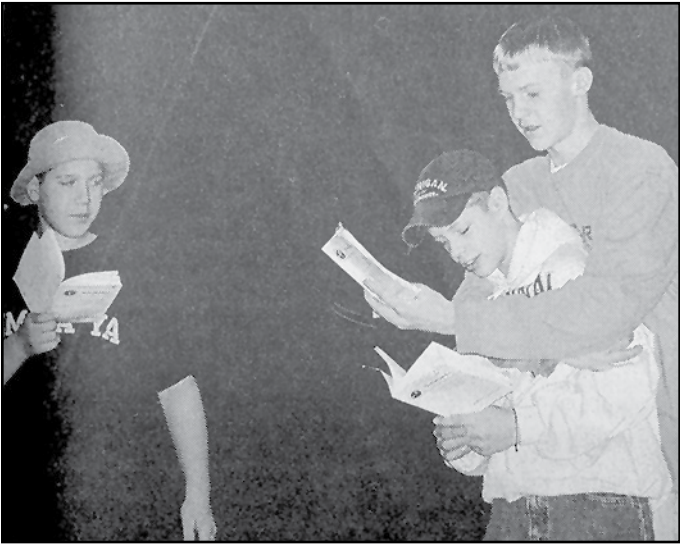
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Dawn Timbs

made in person at the office of Superintendent P. M. Atwood, or by telephone. It is hoped that the enrollment for the 1947 classes will reach at least 60 students.

Mrs. Wendell E. Stone, who for many years has been an instructor of the kindergarten, will again have charge of the morning group, which will meet at the Lincoln school at nine o'clock; and the Normal Training students will have charge of the afternoon group which will meet at the Lincoln school at one o'clock. The sessions will last two hours.

• March 13, 1947 - Over 200 people attended the annual meeting of the Staples Farmer Cooperative Dairy association held at the city hall in Staples Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Dr. Hendricks of the North Star Laboratories and W. D. Dankers, extension economist at the University Farm, were the speakers



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Feb. 24, 2000 edition of the Staples World featured students rehearsing for the Staples Middle School production of "The Beverly Hillbillies." In this scene, Jed (Jacob Swenson) and Jethro (Dan Freeman) get ahold of a "swindler", Frank Richards (Andrew Murray). The show was directed by Kevin Olsen and Gloria Palmer.

Staples residents Ron Murray (whose son Andrew is pictured) and Bob Swenson (whose son Jacob is picture) correctly identified all, as well as the context of the photo. Bob said he had some help from his wife, Sharon, and son, 'Jake.'

Gloria Palmer of Staples called in to say she remembered this play "like it was yesterday." In addition to correctly identifying all in the photo, Gloria recalled that her daughter, Abby, played the part of Elly May Clampett. It was a fun play, she added. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Energy assistance still available

From Todd County Health and Human Services

More Minnesotans than ever qualify for the Energy Assistance Program.

The Energy Assistance Program helps Minnesota households pay for current and past-due bills for electricity, gas, oil, biofuel and propane,

emergency fuel delivery, and repair/replacement of homeowners' broken heating systems, and could also cover water and sewer bills by submitting one application through the Todd County Energy Assistance Program.

Commerce raised the income eligibility limit to 60 percent of Minnesota's median income levels (\$46,080 per year for a family of two) and has significantly increased the benefit

amounts to reduce energy burdens more than ever, including up to \$2,000 for energy bills, plus up to \$1,200 for past-due energy bills.

How do you apply?

Call Todd County Energy Assistance at 888-838-4066 or 320-732-4516.

Search online for "Minnesota energy assistance" /Go online: mn.gov/energyassistance for a printable application.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 27, 1997 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

ty-three students qualified to enter the District 24 Speech Festival as a result of their ratings from the judges at the Staples Speech Festival held March 11. The district festival will be held at Wadena April 8.

• March 16, 1972 - The Early Dozen Card club met at the home of Mrs. Louis Burke Monday evening, March 13. Prizes for "500" were awarded to Mrs. Clara Cannon for ladies high score and Louis Passon won the men's high score. Lunch was served by the hostess at the close of the evening.

• March 16, 1972 - Guy Doud of Staples will be playing one of the lead roles in the play, "Twelfth Night," a Shakespearean comedy that will be the spring quarter theatre production at Brainerd State Junior College. Doud will play the role of Sir Toby Belch. A 1971 graduate of Staples high school, Doud is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Doud of this city.

• March 16, 1972 - Ten members of the Cardinal Basketball team were named as letter winners in the sport for the past season by Coach Tom Wolhowe.

Earning the letters were Joe Neznik, Tim Rach, Bob Rego, Pat Wilhelmson, Brian Baustian, Warren Mertens, Jim Sauer, Dennis Hanson, Neal Zappe and Kent Christopherson.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• March 13, 1997 - Staples Motley students who won awards in the Park Rapids Junior High Speech contest March 6 included Tasa Anderson, first in Drama; Naomi Sveom, first in Poetry; Mary Thorman, ribbon in Prose; and Jill Mertens, second in Storytelling.

• March 13, 1997 - The V.F.W. in Staples advertises Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper Saturday, March 15, starting at 4:30 p.m. Dance to Jimmy Jensen, 7 - 11 p.m.

• March 13, 1997 - For St. Patrick's Day - Mr. Ed's Restaurant in Motley advertises Corned Beef and Cabbage, with Salad Bar, for \$5.49.

• March 13, 1997 - The Staples Motley boys basketball team advanced to the semifinal round of the Section 8AA tournament by virtue of a 70 - 36 win over Brecken-

ridge last Thursday and a 69 - 50 win over Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton on Saturday.

• March 13, 1997 - The Motley Post Office recently sponsored a stamp design contest for all students in third, fourth and fifth grades. First place winners from those grades a Motley Elementary School included Jamie Wehmas, fourth grade; Richie DeLeon, third grade; Vanessa Thorsett, fifth grade.

Second place winners included: Nathan Roth, third grade; Amanda DiGiovanni, fourth grade; Amanda Robben, fifth grade. Third place winners were: Emily Duberowski, third grade; Cody Milbrandt, fourth grade; and Scott Trout, fifth grade.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• March 15, 2012 - Jon's Family Foods is set to open as Jon and Deb Miller have purchased and renovated the former Helling's Grocery store on Warner Road in Staples. They planned to open their doors on March 14.

The Staples natives have been in the grocery business for 29 years with their store in Clarissa, but the Millers have been thinking about getting back to Staples and saw this as an opportunity.

• March 15, 2012 - What inspires a person to get up and go to work at the same building for 45 years?

For VerNel Anderson, it is the customers who come into the Staples Post Office that keeps her coming back. "I enjoy it," she said, "visiting and joking with customers, that's what makes it fun."

On March 7, the post office honored Anderson for 45 years as an employee. They presented her with a pin, certificate and a watch.

• March 15, 2012 - A one-day seminar highlighting the health benefits of essential oils will be offered April 14, at Sacred Heart Church in Staples. The event is sponsored by the Hometown Oilers, a group of local women (Rosie Blessing, Linda Peterson and Lois Strobel) who are passionate about Young Living Essential Oils and want to share what they've learned and experienced with others.

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Death not reported for two or three days

he had Nygard in the bathroom, where he was punching, slapping and kicking her. Wassather said that Nygard lost consciousness in the bathroom, when he was banging her head on the cabinets.

Wassather told authorities that Nygard allegedly regained consciousness, at which time he tried to give her some milk to drink. He said that she drank some milk and then lost consciousness again. According to the report, Wassather said that Nygard stopped breathing when she was still in the bathroom. He then allegedly brought her to the bedroom, placed her in the bed and covered her up. Wassather stated that "he didn't want her to die," but he also admitted under questioning that he did not call 911 or ask anyone for help.

Wassather went on to say that he called his friend a day or so after the assault, so his friend could gather some of his stuff so he could turn himself in. The report states that Wassather said the assault happened on "Thursday or Friday," which would have been March 3

or March 4. He added that the incident could have happened on Wednesday or Thursday, because he "kind of lost track of time." Wassather allegedly admitted to having prior physical domestic assaults with Nygard, but said they were never reported to law enforcement.

Although Wassather has been formally charged with murder, authorities are continuing to investigate the incident. Authorities believe this was an isolated incident and there is no known threat to the public.

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen stated: "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victim's family for this senseless act of violence and to the First Responders that investigated and processed the scene. The victim tragically lost her life to domestic violence, which could have been prevented."

If convicted, Wassather faces imprisonment of not more than 40 years for the second-degree murder charge and imprisonment of not more than 25 years for the third-degree murder charge.

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Good news: electric customers to get rebate

Electric rebate

Public Works Director Scott Grabe said the city is a part of the Northern Cities Transmission Group, for area customers of Missouri River Energy, where they city purchases most of their electric power. The group has build up a reserve fund over time that they now feel is more than they need, so they are going to rebate a portion of the fund back to customers.

Grabe said Staples will receive around \$138,000 of the rebate, which will go back to electric customers who use the city's power lines. This does not affect the portion of the city that uses Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative power.

Grabe also said the city's new wastewater treatment plant has reached substantial completion. There is still a dispute with the con-

struction company over the exact date of completion. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the project engineers will identify the date and work with the city and the construction company to get to a resolution.

In other news, the council

- Approved city polling place for 2022 election, at Staples Community Center for both Wadena County and Todd County portions of the city.
- Approved pawnbroker license for for Like-Nu Pawn Shop.
- Approved agreement for technology services with Avenu Enterprise Solutions.
- Approved donation from Lakewood Health System for playground equipment
- Approved temporary liquor license for fundraiser at Sacred Heart Area School.

Burning restrictions after snow melts

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds Minnesotans who intend to burn vegetative debris, such as grass, leaves, brush and untreated lumber, to do so now, when there is ample snow on the ground, rather than in the spring when wildfire risk is greatest due to brown grass and low humidity.

Each year, spring burning permit restrictions are put in place after the snow melts and remain in place until fire danger conditions improve.

"Vegetative debris burn piles are the number one cause of wildfires in Minnesota," said Dan Carroll, DNR northwest region wildfire prevention specialist. "Chipping and composting are encouraged as an alter-

native to burning whenever possible."

As Smokey Bear says: "Only you can prevent wildfires." All fires must be supervised and put out by drowning the remains with plenty of water or snow, stirring and repeating until out cold.

If a fire does rekindle or escape, the person who set it is liable for any damages and wildfire suppression costs. Burning garbage, including chemically-treated or painted lumber, tires, and plastics, is illegal.

Find more information on the statewide fire danger and burning restrictions page of the DNR website or the burning permit information page of the DNR website.

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Celebrating Career and Technical Education Month

By Dr. Hara Charlier, President of CLC, and Rebekah Kent Ehlebracht, Dean of Brainerd Career & Technical Programs and Customized Training

February was Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. While we celebrate technical education every day at CLC, this month was an opportunity to celebrate with our communities. Students who graduate with a career and technical degree, diploma, or certificate are our local nurses, peace officers, early childhood education providers, IT technicians, diesel mechanics, horticulturists and accountants, to name just a few. They help to keep our community thriving.

We all know that our region needs skilled workers, and our business partners continue to struggle to find qualified staff to take terrific jobs. That's where CLC comes in. We have 60-plus career and technical options to choose from. In each of these programs, students get hands-on training from experienced, caring instructors. Some people do not realize that these programs provide access to high-demand, high-wage jobs right here in the region. These careers are cutting-edge, richly compensated, and have plenty of opportunities for advancement with the employers in our region.

Students often share that one of the best features of CTE is practical, hands-on learning. Every day, we see students working on projects, troubleshooting, designing, and practicing in our high-tech labs and

shops. It's in these spaces that students get truly fired up about their education and find their calling.

Students come to us from all different walks of life and with unique goals. Take Tyler, one of our welding students. He first attended CLC a couple of years ago, pursuing a transfer pathway. After graduating with his Associate of Arts Degree, he looked at many career paths at four-year universities, but couldn't find one that felt right. He chose to return to CLC to learn a skill that he knew would land him a great job.

"I chose welding because everyone is looking to hire welders, and it's a skill I can always use," he said. "I chose CLC) because it's a familiar place. It's like going back home to visit your hometown....People know me. A bunch of staff and students know me. It was a refreshing welcome back."

None of these programs would be possible without our partners. Thanks to a commitment to CTE in our local school districts, students become acquainted with technical opportunities while in high school, making the transition to CLC easy. Once they arrive at CLC, the impact and commitment of our industry partners is clear. Our business partners provide critical advice, internship opportunities, equipment, materials, and time to support our programs and our students. This ensures that students leave our programs prepared for the high-demand, high-wage careers in the communities surrounding our campuses. In many cases, students

have jobs waiting for them when they graduate. That transition is made easily thanks in part to our program advisory boards filled with industry experts who work with our faculty to ensure our students are learning the most relevant skills with the most up-to-date machinery and procedures.

"The partnership we have with the Dental Assisting Program at Central Lakes College has been vital to our hiring process. A large number of our employees have been graduates of the program," said Dr. David Ude from Lakes Dental. "The required internships have proven to be extremely valuable to both the students and our dental office. Students are able to work side by side with experienced dental assistants, get hands-on experience and truly experience a day in the life of a dental assistant, which for many turns into an employment offer."

Tim Walker, Training & Development Specialist at Pequot Tool and Manufacturing, added "CLC and the CTE courses they provide are key to meeting the workforce needs of area manufacturers. PTM places a high priority on incumbent worker training and CLC Customized Training is a strategic partner, offering creative solutions to advance the skills of our team, so we meet the needs of our customers today and to prepare for the innovation of tomorrow."

For Tyler, entering the workforce and making a livable wage is an exciting thought.

"I want to own my own house and another car. I

have all of these big dreams that wouldn't come to be unless I took this next step of earning my welding degree and establishing myself," he said.

We hear inspiring stories like Tyler's from many students. So many hopes and dreams are in the works here in our halls and labs; so many lives are being transformed. We encourage you to stop by any of our campuses and be part of the movement.

Students also often share that they're worried about how to pay for college. We completely understand, and we never want this to be a barrier. We work hard to keep costs as low as possible, and there have never been so many opportunities for grant and scholarship help. In addition to federal and state aid, new this year is CLC's Learn and Earn Program, which benefits both CLC students and local businesses. Students gain professional experience through a paying job with one of our business partners, and the business helps to support the student with a scholarship.

Workforce Development Scholarships provide another opportunity. Thanks to the Minnesota Legislature, CLC has 50 of these \$2,500 scholarships available for next year to support students entering high demand/high wage programs like manufacturing, transportation, healthcare, information technology, early childhood education or agriculture.

Check our website for more information on both of these great opportunities.

Quote of the week

“When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.”

— Jimi Hendrix

New partnership for 100 Rural Women, SMSU

From 100 Rural Women

100 Rural Women is excited to announce our new partnership with the SMSU Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Together, we will explore and evaluate a variety of business models to support our work and rural economies. Funding support is from the AIR Arrowhead Intelligent Region, A partnership to deliver on a broadband-fueled economy in NE MN.

Teresa Kittridge, founder of 100 Rural Women, states, "It is inspiring to work with these talented students and faculty. We are grateful to leverage the incredible assets of our amazing rural University partners. We look forward to building economic opportunity and collaborative value in our rural communities."

SMSU Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship commenced operations in September 2020 with a mission to promote the development of the entrepreneurial mindset through experiential learning and community outreach with a goal to enhance the economic viability of the 18-county area of MN Southwest Region. In the past year, the Center has hosted the Minnesota West Entrepreneurship Summit, several workshops to include Lean Startup and Innovation Workshop

in partnership with Launch Minnesota, and an Entrepreneurship program consisting of a major and minor degree and workforce certificate.

The SMSU Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship' partnership with 100 Rural Women is its second end-to-end integrated consulting engagement. It provides students an opportunity to apply their entrepreneurship talents to support the mission of 100 Rural Women.

Dr. George Taylor, the Director of the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship states that the Center's value offering, "aligns with the University values of Discover, Engage, and Lead and is a paragon of experiential learning and hands-on development that students can apply to startups, existing companies, and community initiatives, while also contributing to the economic and workforce development of the region."

100 Rural Women is an emerging 501c3 nonprofit based in NE Minnesota working across the state. Our mission is to serve and support rural women: identify, connect and create relationships, models of networking, leadership, mentorship and civic engagement.

DEED data creates insights on inequality in Minnesota

DEED's agency-wide goal in 2022 is to drive an economic comeback from the COVID-19 pandemic, focused on people and businesses who face systemic barriers to growth. In order to do that, we need to know who was most negatively impacted and how systemic barriers play a role in that negative impact.

There is plenty of data to show that Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) Minnesotans bore the brunt of job and wage loss during the pandemic. But a deeper dive into the data reveals additional information about what factors – like occupation, industry, part-time vs. full-time work status, and educational attainment – influenced job loss, the ability to find new employment and, very critically, the ability to find new employment that paid as well or better than a person's previous job.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding Labor Market Information (LMI) team here at DEED. New research

from one of the LMI team members, Alessia Leibert, highlights which Minnesotans suffered the most time out of work and experienced the greatest loss of wages following a pandemic layoff.

Alessia's article Re-employment after COVID-19 layoffs in Minnesota: Who's getting left behind? is a good example of how our department uses data to create new insights and inform decision-making.

In this article, Alessia examines the spring 2021 employment status of Minnesotans who filed for unemployment benefits during the initial months of the pandemic. It shows that more than three-quarters of those laid off were working in spring 2021. But it also shows a two-tiered recovery with workers who are Black, over age 55, or who have lower educational attainment being the most likely to suffer long-term unemployment and significant wage loss.

So, when we get insights like this from our LMI office, what does DEED do about them?

One example is our CareerForce System. DEED and our workforce development partners throughout the state use economic insights to focus on transforming the customer experience in the CareerForce system. Our changes are rooted in a proactive approach to serve the customers who need us most. That means reaching out to people where they are, in their communities, in places like libraries and community centers. This proactive outreach helps us provide career exploration, information about training opportunities and job search assistance to those most impacted by not only the pandemic over the past two years, but by systemic barriers that date back decades.

CareerForce and its shift to a more proactive approach to serve people is just one example of what DEED

is doing to break down barriers. Equity-driven work is taking place across all of our offices and includes providing Minnesota Main Street Economic Revitalization Program assistance to businesses impacted by the pandemic, engaging in new models to serve people with disabilities, assisting startups through Launch Minnesota – with an emphasis on BIPOC-, women- and veteran-owned businesses – and more.

As all of us at DEED continue to strive for a truly equitable economic recovery, research like that done by Alessia helps us hone our programs and services to connect with those who need our support the most. You can find out more about what DEED is doing to assist people and businesses who face systemic barriers to growth on our strategic plan page, which includes goals, benchmarks we've set for ourselves and scorecards from past years.

Minnesota counties resolute on local needs

By Todd Patzer
President of the Association of Minnesota Counties, Lac qui Parle County Commissioner

What is the state of our state's 87 counties? The word that most resonates with me when I contemplate this is "resolute."

Counties are resolute in our mission to serve. Minnesota's counties commissioners and staff are the no nonsense "do-ers" of many things. While levels of government "above" us bicker and haggle over the hot buzz words of the day and scream at one another with a red and blue fueled rage -- we work to rise above it, roll up our collective sleeves, and ask the important questions: What do our people need? What do our communities need? And how do we help get it to them in an affordable and responsible way?

When Washington D.C. needed help distributing Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in 2020 to local business communities, they turned to resolute counties. They understood that we were uniquely positioned to do the most good with the money and get it out to the business community with the most beneficial impact possible. There were about as many models for distribution of these funds as there were counties, 87. And every one of them was right, because it was the right fit for that county.

This is just one example of course, which repeated itself when the Minnesota State Legislature appropriated funds for \$116 million in COVID business relief dollars and again turned to counties to help get the money to the right places.

And it continues to repeat itself as we prove ourselves to be the most effective form of government in Minnesota.

Counties are resolute in our work and resolute in our ability to rise above partisan political rhetoric to do that work. This of course does not mean that we all don't have our own individual thoughts and beliefs around government and politics. We are passionate about the things we believe to be true and fair and best for our community our state and our country. Procurement, county-based purchasing, policing, election reform, inflation...the list goes on and on.

At the end of the day, county commissioners will first and foremost care about people. We try to assume that almost everyone is acting in good faith to do the best they can for the people they represent even if you strongly disagree with their message. We try to remember that we may not fully understand the journey of others having not walked in their shoes. We try to treat those with whom you disagree with the same respect you give those who share your beliefs and convictions.

We are all living and working through challenging times. But challenging times are nothing new to your community, the State of Minnesota, and every County Commissioner. With humility, sincerity, and good faith we will rise to meet the challenges of the day just as the leaders of the past have risen to meet the challenges of their day, time and time again in our history.

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New activities, events at the Staples Library

Great River Regional Library recently announced new upcoming events and programs at the Staples Library.

The Staples Library also posted new hours: Mondays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesdays 1 - 8 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursdays 1 - 8 p.m.; Fridays 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. - noon.

For more information, contact Cathy Perish, 218-894-1401

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Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. For ages birth to kindergarten; during open hours at the library.

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D.I.Y. Fun Activity

Check out our fun guessing game. For ages 5-12. Each week a new activity and prize-winner. Ongoing March through April, during open library hours. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Preschool Storytime

Join in Reading Roundhouse for singing, playing, other age appropriate activities and crafts. We will engage their curiosity, while developing important literacy skills, fostering a lifelong love of reading and learning. For preschoolers, with a limit of 10. Registration REQUIRED. Wednesday March 16 and April 20; 10:30-11 a.m. Sponsored by Staples Friends of the Library.

Virtual Lego Builders Challenge

Follow our Facebook page or stop at the library each month for a new chal-

lenge. Here's an opportunity to use your imagination using Legos. Post a picture of your Lego creation, you will receive a free mini figure and have your name put into a prize drawing. Mondays, March 21, and April 18. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. **Spring into Storytime**

Join us for fun Spring stories, flannel boards and craft activities. Children gain early literacy skills by listening to stories, singing songs and making crafts. Preschool to grade 2. Registration REQUIRED. Limit 10. Saturdays March 26, April 9, and April 23; 10:30-11 a.m. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Mobile WorkForce Services

Get help with online applications, resumes, career explorations, interviewing skills, unemployment applications and other resources.

Stop and see Scott, the first Wednesday of the month 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the library.

Tech Time

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Bruce the Bug Guy

The BUG Show is a unique hands-on and ENTERTAINING educational program featuring a wide assortment of living, preserved insects and related arthropods. Displays of unusual and spectacular insects from around the world, combined with a variety of LIVE insects, spiders,

scorpions and millipedes give participants the opportunity for a truly close-up and unique look at the "amazing and hidden world of insects and arthropods." The hands-on and interactive nature of the program-kept lively with humor, fun props and occasional "surprises"--makes for a meaningful and enjoyable time for people of all ages and abilities. Thursday April 7; 6:00- 7:00 p.m. This is a Legacy sponsored event.

Mark Your Calendar

March 16, 17

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through April 14, Staples City Hall. Must call for an appointment at 218-296-2159. For low to moderate income taxpayers.

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, March 3 - May 26. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

March 21

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

March 22

WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICANS meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Pizza Ranch in Wadena. Dinner and visiting at 6 p.m. with speakers and a business meeting at 7 p.m. for more info., 218-894-1899.

School board Work Session and meeting March 21

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their Work Session Monday, March 21 at 5 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples. Work Session agenda includes under Facility discussion the Motley Building and Buildings.

The regular school board meeting will follow beginning at 6 p.m.

The agenda includes the setting the Public Hearing date time and location for the Motley building.

Groups or individuals must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon on the Friday prior to the board meeting if they wish to address the board during the school/community forum portion of the meeting.

Upcoming meetings:
Mon., April 4: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., April 18: Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., May 3: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., District Office.

Cardinal Calendar SM school events

March

- **HS HONOR SOCIETY BANQUET** March 17
- **MS PLAY PERFORMANCES** March 18, 19, 7 p.m.
- **FFA BANQUET** March 19
- **POLAR PLUNGE** March 23
- **MS/HS CHOIR CONCERT** March 24
- **MS DANCE** March 25, 3 - 5:30 p.m.

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Lorraine Toedter



Lorraine ‘Lorrie’ Alice Toedter, 86, of Staples, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2022, at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Services were held March 8 at the Staples Alliance Church in Staples with Pastors Zach Jones and Paul Johnson officiating.

Lorrie was born December 18, 1935, to Louis and Alice (Amundsen) Kercho in Chicago, Illinois.

She came to faith in her Savior Jesus Christ while attending Northwest Alliance Church. Lorrie attended North Park and North Central Colleges, graduating with an elementary teaching degree and began teaching primary grades in the Chicago area. On Dec. 22, 1962, Lorrie was united in marriage to Wendel Toedter, a U.S. Naval sailor from a farming background whom she met on a blind date, arranged by Wendel’s high school classmate Clayton Grondahl. They figure that Lorrie’s income tax that year paid Wendel’s salary. Together they had five children.

Lorrie was a gifted teacher in many capacities throughout her life. Though her public school career yielded to full-time home making, she continued to teach children in Sunday School, Good News Bible Clubs, later substitute teaching and tutoring. In everything she did, she taught. Anyone who spent time with her mentioned learning from her.

She shared in Wendel’s Navy career, setting up house in a number of states: Connecticut (twice), Hawaii, and Oklahoma, with a few months in Chicago and lastly in five locations in Staples. Lorrie provided a stable foundation for family while Wendel was at sea. No small task for a woman from civilian background to learn and adapt to military life, but Lorrie did so in a way that gave Wendel confidence that she was capable. She weathered shoveling a long driveway, gardening, wells going dry, releasing the groundhog from a trap Wendel set before leaving on patrol and single parenting while Wendel was deployed at sea for months at a time. She shouldered the responsibility that included two-month periods that permitted no communication from Wendel and she could only send six 18-word messages, receiving no response. During one of these times, she had the test of a car door left ajar by a young daughter and when backing out of the garage to attend church, the door swung open, glass shattering as it hit the wall. Lorrie found a friend who helped her tie the door shut to get to a repair shop. And then there was the challenge of sharing the leadership of the home when Wendel returned.

Wherever she lived, she

was involved in her church women’s missionary group, Bible studies and prayer. She was quick to set her table for many who were away from family on a holiday or Sunday meal. Her home was a welcoming place for younger military wives who saw her as a mentor. Between church choirs or missionaries, military friends and visitors, Lorrie’s gift of hospitality flourished. A highlight and source of practical and spiritual support and fellowship was the weekly gathering of OCF (Officers Christian Fellowship) Bible Studies. Other officers’ wives and church community provided support also.

Lorrie was glad that, although her father discouraged travel abroad before she had seen the U.S., she joined a college trip to Europe, maintaining contact with those whose homes she stayed in. Opportunities to travel with Wendel while he was in the Navy included trips to the Midwest to see family, driving with two young girls across country to meet Wendel’s sub in Washington state, and returning cross country with him. She was able to join him in travelling to Hong Kong and Japan. They travelled to Christian Officer conferences as well as educational trips as a family. A particular highlight was in the summer Wendel retired from Naval service and before the internet, Lorrie planned a family trip to Europe, taking their chance with flying “space available” on military flights. She took German through adult ed to prepare for meeting Wendel’s relatives and travel in Germany. Other highlights of that trip were attending an international conference of military officers, renting a VW camper, finding her relative in Norway who wrote her parents for over 30 years prior. They stayed in homes of friends Lorrie had made years ago on her college trip. In fact, wherever she traveled, she often stayed in homes of family or friends met through the years.

Travel after the Navy included visits to Hungary and seeing her father’s hometown and bakery where he was apprenticed, to Pine Ridge, SD and Brattleboro, VT to see their daughters and grandchildren. For many years, Lorrie looked forward to reconnecting with military friends as they gathered at White Sulfur Springs retreat center each spring and fall in Pennsylvania to prepare and close the facility for the season. Lorrie and Wendel also travelled in the U.S. as they did some caretaking of peoples’ homes.

In October of 1974, Lorrie’s world was changed and enriched with the birth of a son, Wally. She embraced his challenge of having Down Syndrome with immediately advocating for him and many others with similar challenges. Right after his birth, Lorrie joined the local equivalent of ARC and got to work

on Wally’s education. She told her daughters about his having an extra chromosome as soon as he was home, as well as explaining that he was more alike than different, that he could learn, though may be slower. Lorrie was blessed by a supportive doctor and incentivized to show others how well those with challenges could learn. Wally’s birth came a few weeks earlier than expected and Wendel was still at sea. Lorrie overcame the resistance of the Navy to send a message to Wendel’s commanding officer about Wally having Down Syndrome due to their concern it could affect Wendel’s performance. Loraine was watchful for troubling signs of Wally’s heart condition, only diagnosed at three months and eventually walked through several long hospitalizations with Wally - pneumonia, stroke, brain aneurism. When Wally moved to a group home, Lorrie continued to work with organizations for the education and inclusion of people with physical and mental challenges.

Lorrie valued time with extended family, since much of her life was lived far from them. Upon moving to Staples, she gave notable time and attention to her elderly in-laws and church friends.

Ever learning, Lorrie taught herself to make jelly and jam, freeze and can, promote health by cutting back on sugar and adding wheat germ. She enjoyed watching and identifying birds near her homes, baking, sewing, reading, jigsaw puzzles, attending local plays and music programs and a good parade. At times she kept her bowling skills sharp by participating in local leagues. Her hands were continually busy, depending on the season, with cross stitching, crocheting, needle point, quilt squares, creating many hand crafts and in her later years she spent her days occupied with crossword puzzles. Lorrie loved to give gifts and blessed many people with homemade gifts and meals. At the Pines, Lorrie enjoyed weekly Bingo, looking forward to a prize of Raisinettes. Many evenings throughout her life Lorrie enjoyed a good-sized bowl of softened ice cream.

She is survived by her faithful husband of 59 years, Wendel; two daughters, Laura (Paul) Burdo and Andrea (Ron) Pond; nine grandchildren, Anthony (Tatum), Jonathon (Grace), Daniel (Jesse), Elijah, Aimee (Lyle), Jay, Brooke (Jhamel), Kal’el and Louise; three great-grandchildren, Justice, Connor, and Ze’Niyah; numerous brothers and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Lorrie is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Walter; two infants, Anne Marie and Baby Boy Toedter; one sister, Jean Jacobson and one brother, Walter Kercho.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Five generations gathered

Five generations recently gathered in Motley, celebrating the birth of Harper Willis, born Feb. 18, 2022. Pictured are great-great-grandma, Joanie Bettis, Motley; great-grandpa Mark Bettis, Motley; grandpa Trevor Bettis, Verndale; mother Minnie Willis, Verndale, holding baby Harper. (Submitted photo)

Darla Mrazek

Darla J. Mrazek, 80, of Becker passed away March 6, 2022 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial was held March 12, at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Becker with Fr. Michael Kellogg officiating.

Darla was born October 12, 1941 to Charles and Elois (Swick) Petruzzi in Junction City, Ohio. Darla graduated from Elyria Catholic High School in 1959. She married Joseph Mrazek on July 16, 1960 in Elyria, OH. Darla was a homemaker and beloved wife, mom, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a wonderful soul who was selfless and put everyone else first. She loved gardening, had many house plants, with a large garden full of vegetables. Darla lived for family and loved taking photos capturing memories. She was tough, stubborn, always told you what she thought and encouraged everyone to be an independent thinker. There was not a harder worker, she always kept busy, cooking and baking for her family, making sure everyone was treated with their favorite “mom/grandma” foods. She made the most amazing pies with whole wheat crust, labeling each one with the recipient’s name using her famous masking tape to take home. She will be forever missed, cherished



and celebrated by everyone who knew and loved her.

Darla is survived by her husband, Joe, of Becker; five daughters, Tina Mrazek of Andover, Cynthia Malak of Palm Springs, CA, Jennifer Mrazek of Lake Havasu City, AZ, Josetta Zetah of Monticello and Becky (Eric) Graning of Becker; one son, Joseph (Tanya) Mrazek, Jr. of Motley; two sisters, Sue Garcia and Debbie Freeman; two brothers, Charles Petruzzi, Jr. and John Petruzzi; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son-in-law, Ron Malak and two sisters, Mary Dell and Kathy.

Arrangements were with Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Becker. Obituary, Guest Book and Video Tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.

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Leila Allen

Leila Allen, 81, of Staples passed away with family by her side and under the gentle care of Lakewood Hospice on March 6, 2022, at the Lakewood Health Systems Care Center, Staples.

Funeral services were held March 10 at the Church of Christ in Staples with Pastor Barry Klein presiding.

Burial will be held later at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Leila Minnie Irish was born to Charles and Grace (Sanford) Irish on December 6, 1940, in Belgrade, Nebraska, where she attended country school. Later she attended high school in Eagle Bend and Little Falls. Leila married Richard Allen on August 3, 1957, in Staples. They resided in several places but called Staples home for the last 50-plus years.

Leila earned a degree in Graphic Arts in 1985 and worked as a graphic artist and as a home health care aid. Away from work, she loved all things involving her family: camping, four-wheeling, bonfires, stumponics (winter picnics) and being outdoors. She enjoyed dancing and organizing dances in Staples and surrounding communities. She liked to play cards, especially Bridge. Leila was an avid treasure hunter when it came to garage sales and



casino stops in Minnesota; North and South Dakota meant fun, too.

Memories of Leila will remain with her husband, Richard; four sons, Richard Allen of Staples, John (Kelsey) Allen of Staples, Lloyd (Loree) Allen of Browerville and Dale (Jennifer) Allen of Aldrich; two daughters, Terri (Jim) Trantina of Browerville and Sherry (Dennis) Booth of Elk River, 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Lois (Al) Greenwaldt and one sister-in-law, Beryl Irish.

Preceding Leila in death were her parents; two brothers, Leonard and Lester Irish and infant daughter, Pamela.

Arrangements were by the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Bertha (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Hello World

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Minette and Tyler Willis of Verndale, a baby girl, Harper Rae weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on February 18, 2022.

Born to Lorraine Spencer and DuWayne Jones of Brainerd, a baby boy, Kyree Anthony weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on February 21, 2022.

Born to Crystal and Chris Larson of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Kinlee Rose weighing seven pounds, one ounces on February 21, 2022.

Born to Nattalie Cluever and Logan Klooster of Randall, a baby boy, Leeland Daniel weighing seven pounds, one ounce on February 22, 2022.

Born to Hannah Martin and Mitchell Feda of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Adalynn Marie weighing seven pounds, two ounces on February 24, 2022.

Born to Kierstin and David Hobson of Motley, a baby boy, Briar James weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on February 24, 2022

Born to Tiffany and Coleman Coughlin of Pine River, a baby girl, Sahara Jewel weighing seven pounds, one ounces on February 26, 2022.

Born to Lexi Dezurik and Jerad Whitford of Little Falls, a baby boy, Silas Michael weighing seven pounds, four ounces on February 27, 2022.

Born to Tiffany and Josh Horn of Pillager, a baby boy, Griffin Robert weighing seven pounds, three ounces on February 27, 2022.

Born to Miranda Wilson and Matthew Matheson of Baxter, a baby girl, Lily Kay-Louise weighing eight pounds, six ounces on February 28, 2022.

Born to Crystal Muschik and Douglas Johnson of Champlin, a baby boy, Hendrix Dwight Lee weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on February 28, 2022.

Born to Shauna Pierce and Charlie Westerman of Sebek, a baby boy, Asher James weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on March 1, 2022.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Kendra and Kyle Reed of Clarissa, a baby girl, Brogan Sandra weighing nine pounds, four ounces on February 15, 2022. Grandparents are Jason Beach, Kristy Lake and Dennis Reed.



Donald Westling

Donald (Don) E. Westling, 91, passed away peacefully December 1, 2021, at Hawley Senior Living in Hawley.

A private service will be held at the Motley Cemetery this spring.

Donald was born January 10, 1930 in St. Maries, Idaho. The family moved to Minnesota when he was 7-years-old. Don served in the U.S. Air Force, sold Northrup King seeds in the southern U.S., logged in Idaho and farmed in Minnesota but is mostly known for carpentry, remodeling and construction. He loved his family, animals, nature, music and reading.

Don is survived by five children: four daughters, Darin (Mark) Henze, Ellen (Paul) Diederich, June Brezgis and Lisa (Sam) Duerksen and one stepson, Christopher (Dallas) Utz; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and one sister, June (Jay) Keiser.

Don is preceded in death by his wife, Lois; one sister, Janet Kim and one son-in-law, Mark Brezgis.

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Doris Pribbenow

Doris Lorraine Pribbenow, 88, of Staples, passed away March 12, 2022, at the Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 17, at 11 a.m. at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Doris was born in Pillager on October 26, 1933, to Karel and Clara (Quade) Holub. She married the love of her life, George Pribbenow in Staples in 1955.

Doris taught school throughout the state, then came to Motley. She taught for a total of 43 years. Her students were her children. Doris and George did everything together including traveling, flying and fishing which were their favorite. They wintered in Arizona for 20 years. She loved raising Sheltie’s.

Doris is survived by her nieces and nephews and her beloved dog, Goldie.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, George.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home, www.taylorfunerals.com.

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Boys basketball puts up a fight, but season ends with loss

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost to Pequot Lakes 63-46 in the opening round of the Section 7AA tournament on March 10.

The Cardinals battled throughout the game and were within five points at halftime, 30-25. In the second half of play, Pequot Lakes pulled away despite making only four of their 12

free throws in the game.

Isaiah Schultz and Sivert Klefsaas did much of the offensive work for Staples-Motley. Schultz made three 3-pointers in the game and was six of seven from the free throw line. Klefsaas hit seven of eight free throws and also scored one 3-pointer.

Defensively, the Cardinals did a good job of slow-

ing down the number two seed in the tournament, allowing only one player to make five, three pointers in the first half and another player making two, three pointers in the second half. Otherwise, Pequot Lakes did most of their scoring on inside baskets, making 18 two point shots.

The Staples-Motley team finished the season with

a 6-20 record, but like this playoff game, they played close to a number of good teams despite losing.

Team results
Staples-Motley 46, Pequot Lakes 63
Scoring: I. Schultz 15, S. Klefsaas 14, Josh Schimpp 8, Hunter Miller 4, Dakota Hennigar 3, Chandler Braith 2

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date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: February 25, 2022

Daniel Benson
District Court Judge

Rhonda Bot
Court Administrator

Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on August 15, 2019 as Document Number A515581 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Original Townsite (now City) of Long Prairie, according to the plat, thereof, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 509 1ST AVE NE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

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

THE A M O U N T CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$124,255.13

T R A N S A C T I O N AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: HomeServices Lending, LLC d/b/a Edina Realty Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0011300, 36-0011200

T R A N S A C T I O N AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1012742-0000041077-0

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE FOOD AND CATERING SERVICES BRAINERD AND STAPLES CAMPUSES

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Food and Catering Services at both the Brainerd Campus and Staples Campus. A copy of the Request for Proposals may be obtained by contacting Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479, 218-894-5103.

Proposals must be submitted no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. CST. All proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP for Food and Catering Services-Brainerd Campus or Staples Campus". Respondents may submit RFP proposals for either Staples or Brainerd Campus, or for both campuses. Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Debbie Sterriker
1830 Airport Road
Staples, MN 56479

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 31, 2016
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,637.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Alejandra Aguilar, a married woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HomeServices Lending, LLC d/b/a Edina Realty Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 1, 2016 as Document Number 499251 in the Office of the County Recorder of

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee

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

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

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Church.....
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

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

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults).....9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

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

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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

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.

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

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups 6:30-8 p.m.

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

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

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

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Seeds of Hope.....7:00 p.m.

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

"Think Spring Rain"

Rev. Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

Coming out of a pretty severe drought last year here in West-Central Minnesota most of us are adding that third word, "Rain", to our anticipation of the coming season of Spring. Non-irrigated crops were dismal, lawns were brown and brittle, shrubs looked pitiful last Fall and I am wondering how the young apple trees in the front yard will fare. There is a lot of snow on the ground and with a gentle thaw and some timely rain...whoohoo hoohoo...we may have "greenage" this year. We live in hope... thinking of Spring rain.

God uses the Spring Rain metaphor as a litmus test of our own faith. Good Spring rains = faithfulness to God. Drought = deceived worship of other gods.

There are certainly circumstances in our lives where we suffer at the hands of others' misdeeds. The people in Ukraine certainly understand this firsthand. We all have those situations we have endured because of someone else's careless, thoughtless, brutish or otherwise evil behavior. And those times can feel as if we are enduring a per-

sonal drought that impacts us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Unfortunately, most of the time, we are not in control of others' actions and so must endure these hardships at the hands of others.

On the other hand, we ARE in control of our own behavior. And sure enough, in Deuteronomy 11:13-15, God, through Moses, reminds us that we have the choice to live lives that honor one another...living by the Golden Rule...love the Lord and love your neighbor as yourself. In so doing we are blessed by God with "Spring Rains" of the soul. Otherwise, we are subject to "drought" at our own hands. And isn't that so true...some of our own suffering is of our own doing.

During this reflective season of Lent may we spring into action (pardon the pun) in regard to our faith: spending more time with the Lord, taking a few more moments for prayer, considering the needs of those around us and lending a helping hand out of the resources God has already provided.

May this Spring gush with our faithfulness.

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THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 17, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$47,400.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joanne M. Collins, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 24, 2016 as Document Number 500519 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, EXCEPT the West 24 feet and all of Lots 8, 9, 10, Block 3, Kilburn's 3rd Addition to Village of Bertha, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 409 2ND AVE NW, BERTHA, MN 56437

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$45,549.70

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 29-0017400

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

SECTION 00 1113 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TITLE: Staples-Motley Facility Improvements - Elementary

LOCATION OF WORK: 1025 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479

OWNER: Staples-Motley Public Schools

ISD #2170 905 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479

CONSTRUCTION: ICS Consulting, LLC.

MANAGER: 1139 Franklin Ave, Suite 1

Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 320-360-5506

Contact: Jorden Pangrac

ARCHITECTURAL: JLG Architects

525 Broadway Alexandria, MN 56308 320-408-7008

STRUCTURAL: Northland Consulting Engineers

102 South 21st Ave. West Duluth, MN 55806 218-727-5995

CIVIL, MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: CMTA

2201 12th Street N Suite E Fargo, ND 58102 701-280-0500

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of interior and exterior renovations to the existing Elementary School. Renovations include interior classroom refreshes, indoor air quality upgrades and kitchen renovation. Work scopes include but are not

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 05, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

To pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 7, 2022.

THETIMEALLOWEDBY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: February 25, 2022

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR

limited to: Earthwork, Masonry, Roofing, General Construction, Aluminum Doors & Windows, Flooring, Acoustical Ceilings & Acoustical Treatment, Food Service Equipment, Fire Suppression, Mechanical, and Electrical.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed Bids will be received at **Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479** then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 2:00 p.m. local time on March 24, 2022. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact the Construction Manager at (320) 360-5506. The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchange's holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any, and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base Bid submitted, made payable to

WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 13, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$119,790.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Ann M. Bowman

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 14, 2012 as Document Number 482006 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: ARC Home LLC (f/k/a WEI Mortgage LLC) by assignment recorded on March 4, 2020 as Document Number A518373 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on October 16, 2020 as Document Number A521934 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the East Twenty (20) Rods of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2 of NW1/4) and that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW1/4 of NE1/4), Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One Hundred Thirty-three (133) North, Range Thirty Four (34) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the East Twenty Rods of the said E1/2NW1/4; thence East, on and along the South line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4 and along the South line of said NE1/4, a distance of 1,338 feet; thence North, parallel to the West line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4, a distance of 651.12 feet; thence West, parallel to the South line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4 and the South line of said NE1/4, a distance of 1,338 feet to the West line of the East Twenty Rods of Said E1/2NW1/4; thence South, on and along the West line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4, a distance of 651.12 feet to the point of the beginning and there terminating.

the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bid) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to; (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Todd County, Minnesota. STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 19662 464TH STREET, ALDRICH, MN 56434

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$121,223.97

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0027700

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100109800002262815

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

To pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 28, 2023.

THETIMEALLOWEDBY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO

FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: February 21, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE Certificate of Assumed Name

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted: **Garda Ventures**

2. Principal place of business: **48235 275th Avenue Staples, MN 56479 United States**

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR, if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address: **Gary's Diesel Repair, Inc. 48235 275th Avenue Staples, MN 56479 United States**

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the

person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Signature: Gary J. Hoemberg

Date: January 18, 2022

Email for official notices: ghdiessel@arvig.net

Work Item 1291140000036 Original File Number 1291140000036

FILED: February 7, 2022 11-12pnc

Filed in District Court STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-22-156

In re: the Estate of Joan Bernette Brandt, Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated July 30, 2007.

The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed Carol J. McCarthy, whose address is: 13783 Schuelke Beach Rd NW, Miltona, MN 56354, to serve as personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the See **NOTICES** on page 7a

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 3:30 p.m. on **March 9, 2022 at Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479.** If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at Staples-Motley Elementary School. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

START DATE:

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is March 31, 2022. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than June 1, 2022.

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:

Owner requires all work to be substantially complete in different areas throughout the site on or before milestone dates as listed in the Summary of Work as well as the overall construction schedule provided in section 01 3210 Project Schedule Requirements. Final completion of all work must be completed by 12/1/2022.

END OF SECTION 00 1113

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SCHEDULE: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WAGE RANGE: \$17.91 to \$24.42 per hour.

Appraiser - Accredited Minnesota Assessor

Responsible to determine equitable appraisal values and appropriate classification for all real and personal property for Ad Valorem real estate tax assessment purposes. Verifies and processes all property transactions, develops reports from compiled data, and performs other tasks as assigned for the Wadena County Assessor's Department.

SCHEDULE: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WAGE RANGE: \$21.47 to \$29.27 per hour.

Chief Deputy Assessor

Independently physically inspects properties to determine equitable appraisal values and appropriate classification for all real and personal property for tax assessment purposes, as well as coordinates any new programs from the Minnesota Department Revenue and/ or state law changes. The Chief Deputy maintains the CAMA system, attends seminars, workshops, and Region VII meetings, and verifies and processes all property transactions and develops reports from compiled data.

SCHEDULE: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WAGE RANGE: \$22.78 to \$31.04 per hour.

Assistant County Engineer

Manages the development and implementation of highway construction projects, including road and bridge projects, and supervising staff and contractors in the design, construction, and maintenance of roads and bridges. Assists in supervision of Wadena County Highway Department.

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Middle school play rehearsal in progress

Staples-Motley Middle School will present the play, “Almost History: that whole space-time continuum thing” at Centennial Auditorium in Staples Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available in Staples at the SMHS main office, Ace Hardware, True Value and First International Bank & Trust. They will

also be available at the door.
Cast members pictured at a recent rehearsal, from left, are Walker Johnson (Sandra), Scarlett Stracek (Shipmate #2), Cameron Ganyo (Navigator), Jasmine Isley (Shipmate #1), Maria Halvorson (Shipmate #3), Brynn Bestland (Mel). (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Giving feedback

Directors Kevin Olsen (left) and Hallie Olsen offered feedback to cast members of the Staples-Motley Middle School play during a recent rehearsal. They will perform “Almost History: that whole space-time continuum thing” at Centennial Auditorium in Staples March 18 and 19. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Staples-Motley Speech team first at Walker on March 5



Tournament at Walker success for speech team

Front, left to right: Keegan Harvey, Keegan Bestland, Luke Bates, Caden Mrazek, Iain Sams, Cy Johnson, Addy Toepper, Brynn Bestland; middle: Sarah Kroll, Gabriel Kroll, Jaden Johnson, Evan Woodwick, Andrew

Daniels, AJ Nienow, Connor Judd, Daniel Ortiz; back: Micah Larson, Maddock Harvey, Issiah Tabatt, Isabel Birkholtz, Raina Mikhaeil, Walker Johnson, Riley Dabbs, Grace Allen, Estella Bock. (Submitted photos)



Champions: Keegan Harvey, Luke Bates, Caden Mrazek and Isabel Birkholtz.

and Micah Larson, Creative; fifth, Maddock Harvey, Storytelling, Walker Johnson, Extemp. Reading; sixth, Jaden Johnson, Original Oratory and Riley Dabbs, Poetry; in Honor Finals, Keegan Bestland, first in Storytelling, Grace Allen, second in Poetry and Riley Dabbs, second in Prose.

Third place ribbons: Addy Toepper and Brynn Bestland, Duo; Andrew Daniels, Inform; Raina Mikhaeil, Great Speeches and Cy Johnson, Prose; Brynn Bestland, Extemp Speaking; Grace Allen, Prose and Issiah Tabatt, Discussion; Walker Johnson placed sixth in Honor Finals in Humor.

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