



Lunar Eclipse A lunar eclipse occurred May 15. Above a perspective view from down low by Keller Anderson. Left: Progressive view by Blaine Quast.

Bjerga will be next Lakewood CEO, beginning Jan. 1, 2023

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Lisa Bjerga has been named the next President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lakewood Health System, replacing current President and CEO Tim Rice when he retires Jan. 1, 2023.

“This is an opportunity to build on an incredible system that is in place,” said Bjerga. “Lakewood has top class employees and top class providers. Tim has done a phenomenal job of patient-focused and employee-focused culture, which we will continue.”

Bjerga has been Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at Lakewood for six years.



Lisa Bjerga

ward,” said Rice. “I am very pleased Lisa will be Lakewood’s new President and CEO and I look forward to supporting her in this transition.”

Bjerga started her career in public accounting. When she moved to the Motley area, she applied for an open position at Lakewood, which was filled internally by an employee already on staff. Bjerga accepted another job at an accounting firm in Brainerd, but the night before she was to start, she received a call from Lakewood’s Chief Financial Officer Jim Dregney.

“Jim said ‘we want to create a position for you,’” said Bjerga.

Without knowing exactly what her job would be,

Bjerga got into the health care field.

“My biggest fear was that I was going to be bored, but I have not been bored a single day,” said Bjerga. “I landed in health care by accident, now I couldn’t imagine doing anything different.”

Bjerga moved up in the system from accounting to become a finance director and when Dregney left, she became Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

In that position, Bjerga learned more about the health care system.

“At Lakewood, the CFO role is beyond books and budget, I was involved operationally and system-wide,” said Bjerga.

In other words, she’s had the opportunity to learn Lakewood’s system from top to bottom, from a financial aspect and why everything is done the way it’s done. In her new role as CEO, she will continue to have a system-wide perspective.

“The CEO role expands that scope and responsibility,” said Bjerga.

Curt McIlravy, Lakewood Health System Board Chair, said the search to replace Rice has been going on for more than a year and a half.

“Part of Tim’s contract was a two year notice of

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Weather

This Week’s Forecast

| | High | Low | Cond. |
|--------|------|-----|-----------|
| May 18 | 72° | 46 | P. Sunny |
| May 19 | 59 | 46 | Rain |
| May 20 | 50 | 35 | Cloudy |
| May 21 | 53 | 35 | P. Cloudy |
| May 22 | 60 | 43 | M. Sunny |
| May 23 | 62 | 48 | M. Cloudy |
| May 24 | 66 | 50 | M. Cloudy |

Last Year, 2021

| | High | Low | Cond. |
|--------|------|-----|-----------|
| May 18 | 71° | 55 | Sunny |
| May 19 | 72 | 60 | Cloudy |
| May 20 | 69 | 64 | Cloudy |
| May 21 | 81 | 64 | M. Cloudy |
| May 22 | 80 | 66 | Sunny |
| May 23 | 82 | 67 | M. Sunny |
| May 24 | 78 | 64 | P. Sunny |

Average Temps:

H = 70° Low = 47°

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Todd Cty audit, fund balances good

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

Chairman Rod Erickson was absent from the regular Todd County Board of Commissioners meeting held May 3, 2022. Commissioner Randy Neumann served as acting chair for the meeting.

Doug Host, Certified Public Accountant for CliftonLarsonAllen, reported on the recent completed county audit, that all of the major funds had strong fund balances.

Key findings for the major funds were:

- General Fund, Fund Balance as of year’s end is above the OSA recommended minimum level and is trending upward
- Public Works’ Fund Balance, just above the State Auditor’s recommended minimum Fund Balance levels.
- Community Health Fund and Social Services Fund Balances are both above the State Auditor’s recommended minimum Fund Balance level
- Solid Waste Fund, relatively stable over past five years

In other business:

- Approved the retirement of Chris Arens, Planning and Zoning Land Use Planner with his last day of employment being May 6.
- Background: At the March 15 meeting, it was approved to recruit and hire a financial support services supervisor.
- The board approved the promotion of internal applicant Steven McCoy to fill the position, starting May 8.
- Approved the Revised Counties Providing Technology Joint Powers agreement. The revised agreement allows for the addition of new member Pope County.
- Approved the payment of \$50 to each regular organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries in Todd County to support the payment of expenses with the proper observances of Memorial Day Services conducted

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Chamber ponders options for future

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A recent survey shows that people still want the Staples Chamber of Commerce to have a role in the community, but are undecided on what that should look like.

Katie Heppner of the Wadena Economic Alliance conducted the survey and held a meeting on April 19 to go over the results. The meeting also looked at the future of the chamber and its relationship to other local organizations, especially LEAP and Discover Staples tourism.

Descriptive words that showed up the most in the survey were: “communication, lack of, important and struggling.”

Heppner said that shows that people want more communication from the chamber, but realize their lack of resources.

“There needs to be a plan to strategically broaden involvement,” said Heppner.

The survey showed that respondents believe that the chamber has either a negative or moderate reputation in the community.

“The negative impacts

and potential ripple effects of such key leaders in the community having these perceptions of the chamber cannot be overstated,” said Heppner in her survey analysis.

In the survey, chamber members rated their top reasons to join the chamber as business exposure, civic responsibility and a desire to make a difference in the community.

The survey showed respondents have a variety of suggestions about the impact the chamber should have in the next five years. The results were split between business training, legislative impact, events, customer attraction and business retention.

Current status

The Staples Chamber of Commerce is currently operating with a board but does not have a director.

The chamber board had input on the survey. Heppner said they want to continue to be involved but don’t want the board to take on a bigger role.

Chamber President Kathleen Ferrel said the job has her doing more than she wanted to do, because she

is a volunteer doing some of the duties that the paid chamber director had done in the past.

The chamber’s main function right now is planning Railroad Days for August. They are also planning an event scheduled for June 9, Pints in the Pines, at Pine Grove Park. This event is taking the place of the annual chamber dinner, which has not been held the last two years.

One of the results of the survey and study is that the chamber does not have enough funding to hire an independent director, said Heppner.

Chamber funding has been based on membership dues from local businesses and a \$12,500 grant from Lakewood Health System. The Lakewood money is intended to go towards community marketing, but without a chamber director, those duties may not be able to be filled. Lakewood CEO Tim Rice was at the meeting and said the next payment might not be delivered if the marketing component is not filled.

There is another group doing marketing work, Discover Staples. That board is



Katie Heppner, Executive Director of the Economic Alliance of Wadena County, shows the results of the chamber survey. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

funded by the lodging tax in Staples.

Discover Staples Director Renee Kroll said the tourism dollars are restricted to being spent on outward communication. She said the chamber position and Discover Staples position would be hard to combine because they have different duties and different perspectives.

Currently Discover Staples helps promote local events, is working on a community map and visitors guide. They also promote Staples through postcards, billboards brochures and

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Gift of appreciation

At the Motley City Council's regular meeting May 9, council member Steve Johnson (right) presented Motley Fire Chief Brad Olson with a new picture to be displayed at the fire hall. The print, which shows a firefighter at work, is entitled, "Courage," with a subtitle reading "True

greatness comes when you're tested." Johnson, who is the liaison to the Motley Fire Department, said he's proud to serve as their liaison, and wanted to donate this picture as an acknowledgement of all the Motley firefighters do. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley area police reports

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

May 5 - 11

May 12 - The MCSO responded to an anonymous report of a person selling drugs at the 1000 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.
May 10 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Hamza Hussein, 21.
May 9 - The MPD received a report from a man who said he'd witnessed four semi-trucks rolling through the stop-sign at BRICKS gas station onto Hwy 10. The MPD said they would try to watch the area, and trucks that are not stopping at the stop sign.
May 7 - 9 - The MPD received reports from Holiday Station in Motley of three separate gas drive-offs in the amounts of \$67.93, \$53.32 and \$61.50.
May 7 - The MPD assisted in evacuating homes near the 11000 block of 79th Ave. SW in Motley (Cass County) due to a large swamp fire.
May 7 - The MPD arrested Logan John Seitzinger, 21, for controlled substance.
May 6 - The MPD responded to a location in Motley and met with

Staples Police who had a subject detained that had attempted to jump from the bridge on Hwy 10/210 in Motley. The MPD transported the subject to Lakewood Hospital in Staples for an evaluation and cleared without incident.
May 5 - The MPD received a report from Unity Bank in Motley of a counterfeit \$100 bill that had been deposited from a business in Leader. No suspects at this time. The counterfeit note and report was sent to the U.S. Secret Service.
May 9 - The MCSO responded to a report of a tree that was down and blocking the southbound lane of Dove Rd in Cushing. Upon arriving, the deputy removed the part of the tree that were in the traffic lane so it was no longer a road hazard.
May 9 - The MCSO assisted the MN State Patrol with a one vehicle crash at Hwy 10 and 340th St., Motley.
May 8 - The MCSO received a request from state patrol for an ambulance at the intersection of Hwy 210 and Hwy 10 in Motley for an accident.
May 7 - The MCSO received a call from Cass

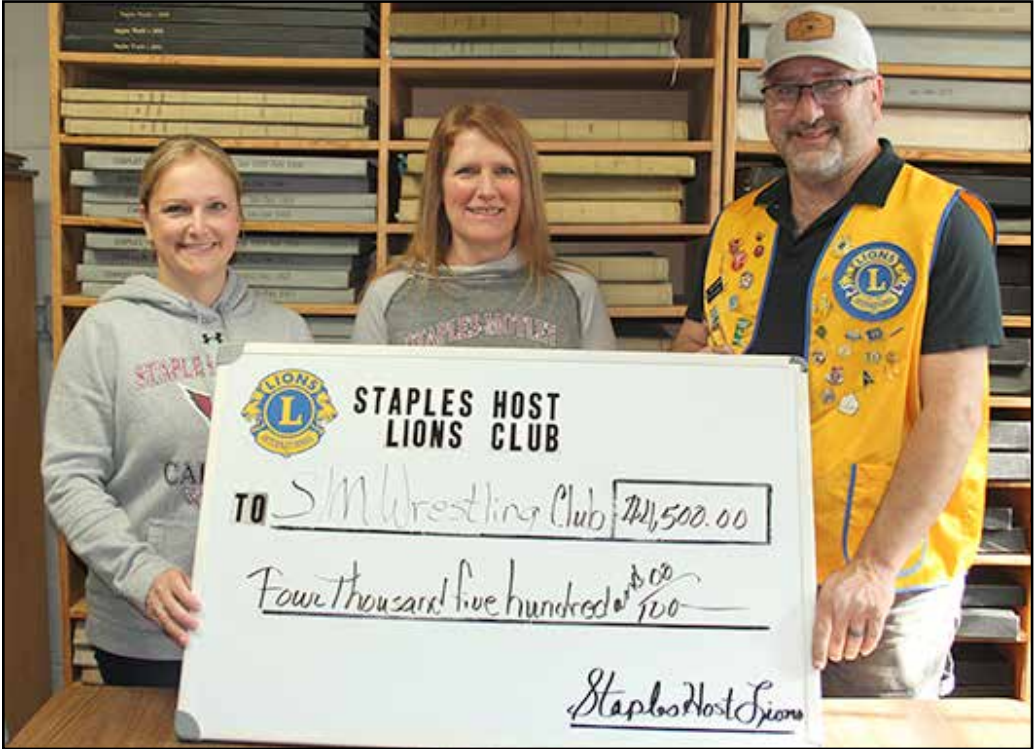
County requesting the Motley Fire Dept. be paged out for a fire at the 11000 block of 79th Ave SW in Motley.
May 7 - The MCSO received a call regarding a cabin on fire at the 31000 block of Lowery Cir., Cushing. The cabin's owner told the responding deputy that he had plugged in some fans to dry water in his basement and he thinks that's what started the fire. The Scandia Valley Fire Chief requested a fire marshal be called to respond.
May 7 - The MCSO was called out to assist Staples PD with attempting to track a suspect from a vehicle pursuit that had fled on foot. K-9 Bane was deployed and acquired the track. The suspect was eventually located and taken into custody.
May 6 - The MCSO responded to a report of a large grass fire at the 4400 block of E. Shamaineau Dr., Motley. The responding deputy made contact with the property owner who stated he had started the fire to do a controlled burn. The subject admitted to not having a burning permit. Scandia Valley Fire Dept. put the fire out.

Sprinkle & Sprout will help beautify Motley once again

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

The City of Motley can look forward to seeing beautiful flowers blooming throughout town again this summer, thanks to the hard work of the Sprinkle & Sprout garden club; and the financial support of the city.
At their regular meeting May 9, the Motley City Council approved donating up to \$600 to Sprinkle & Sprout. Prior to their vote, the council heard from club members Fran Kokett and Florence Berndt who noted that the club tends to flowers in the numerous barrels around town, as well as at other locations including Veterans Park and the post office. In addition to planting the flowers, the club makes sure they are watered all summer.
The requested funds, which come from the city's 10 percent fund, are used to purchase soil and the plants.
Mayor Al Yoder suggested that the city pay for the club's expenses, up to \$600, rather than giving them a check upfront. The mayor also thanked the club for all that they do to help beautify the city.
In other matters the council:
• HEARD monthly report from Fire Chief Brad Olson who noted they responded to 11 calls in April. Chief Olson also mentioned the fire department had been very busy responding to area wild fires.
• HEARD monthly report from Police Chief Jason Borash who noted the MPD had a total of 75 calls in April.
• APPROVED having Ideal Construction LLC do repair work to Cemetery Road. Of three quotes received by the city, Ideal Construction's, at \$56,950, was the lowest. The project will entail fixing the road with asphalt overlays and adding kickouts for driveways and mailboxes. A culvert option, for \$2,500, was also a part of their quote. Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton said he felt the city would be getting the best "bang for their buck" by going with Ideal. The other two quotes were from Anderson Brothers Construction, \$74,867.47; and Knife River Corporation-NC, \$60,700.
• APPROVED having Brotherton go ahead and order a new replacement truck

for the city (replacing the 2008 Ford 1 ton truck with the dump box). The manufacturers have not released pricing yet and dealers are predicting a short window to order that may not coincide with the next council meeting. Based on conversations with the dealers, he's guessing it will cost approximately \$35,000 and there is currently about \$55,000 in the budget for this. It will most likely be after the first of the year before the truck will be ready.
• HEARD from Mayor Yoder that Darci Odden, the new City Clerk/Treasurer, has been doing a really good job. "We're glad to have her on board," he said.
• APPROVED a resolution naming the following persons as authorized signers for all of the city's 2022 banking transactions: Darci Odden, Clerk/Treasurer; Al Yoder, Mayor; Steve Johnson and Pat O'Regan, council members.
• APPROVED a resolution appointing Darci Odden as the Responsible Authority.
• APPROVED a resolution adopting the Cass County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
• APPROVED liquor license renewals for Motley Discount Liquor; Y-Knot Package Liquor; Bremer's Bar, Inc.; and Ten-Hi, Inc.
• APPROVED donating \$550 for youth swimming lessons at the Staples Community Center.
• APPROVED a resolution providing a partial release of mortgage on a property in Motley. City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden explained later that in 2005, the city loaned DJR Real Estate Holdings, LLC, \$150,000 that was secured by a promissory note, personal guaranties, and mortgages on certain real estate collateral. They defaulted on the loan in 2007. Three out of the four parties previously reached agreements with the city.
• LEARNED the Motley Historical Society's Open House will be held Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day), from noon - 4 p.m. at city hall.
• SET next regular council meeting for Monday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m.
• HELD a closed meeting to conduct a performance evaluation for Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton.



Donation to SM Wrestling Club

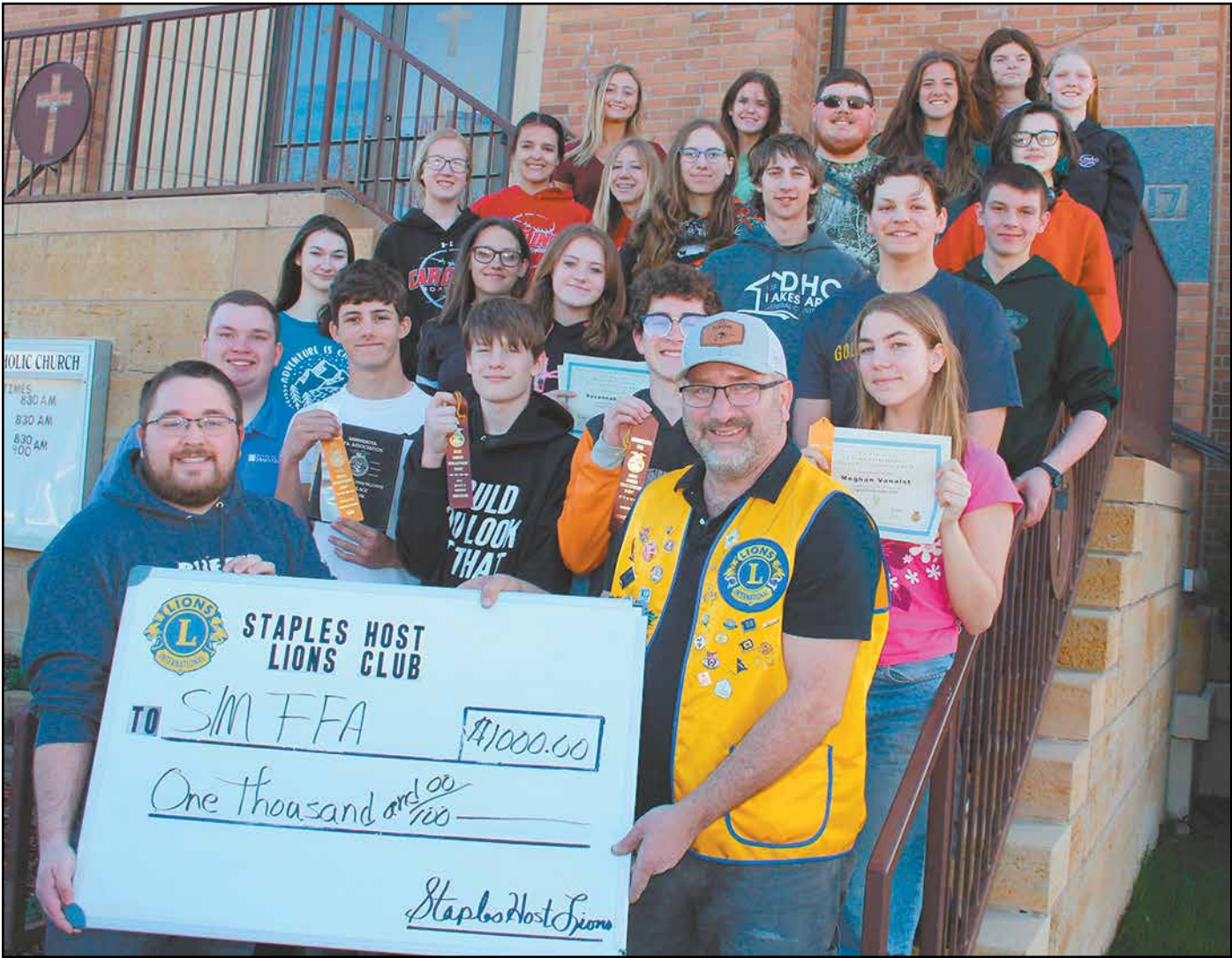
The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$4,500 to the Staples-Motley Wrestling Club. Pictured, from left, are Lisa

Bjerga, Amy Winter, wrestling club members; and Lion President Ken Christensen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Staples Host Lions donate to Staples-Motley FFA

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$1,000 to Staples-Motley FFA. Pictured with check, from left, are Joe Ramstad, FFA Advisor; Lion President Ken Christensen. FFA students, front row from left, are Evan Woodwick, Kris Taylor, Ayden Blue, Will Dolezal, Meghan Vanalst. Row two, Kenzie Radueg, Emma Lamke, Savannah

Tilden, Caden Mrazek. Row three: Heidi Zimmerman, Will Thew, Landon Mertens. Row four: Jessie Lundquist, Olivia Opheim, Keith Rollins, Brynn Bestland. Row five: Lauren Rutten, Georgia Kruchten, Cami Anderson, Izzy Olander. Back row: Maddy Beto. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• May 15, 1947 - Mr. and Mrs. Anard Grove of the Moran-Germania vicinity, had 500 chicks which were 8-weeks old in their brooder house. The chicks were doing fine.

Wednesday evening of last week their electric brooder was disconnected for about an hour and a half. The chicks were used to the light in their brooder house, so when the light went out they bunched together, and when Mr. and Mrs. Grove discovered them there were about 42 which had been smothered to death.

Feed costs are high at

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this time and Mr. and Mrs. Grove consider this a great loss to them right now.

• May 15, 1947 - About 25 golfers played on Terrace Golf Course near Staples on the opening day, Sunday, May 11. The course is in fair shape for this early part of the season, and greens and fairways will be better as the season advances.

• May 15, 1947 - Friday afternoon the Motley softball team again overpowered the visiting Pillager squad, 23 to 14. A warm day was here to greet our traditional rivals and a large crowd of Pillager students came down to watch the game.

• May 15, 1947 - The Trinity Lutheran church of Staples has issued a call to the Rev. H. Schanland of Vergas to become the pastor of the church in Staples, and of St. John's Lutheran church in Motley, succeeding Elmer G. Neuaber, who resigned his position here to accept a pastorate in the state of Kentucky. The Rev. Schanland has not indicated as yet whether he will accept the call to Staples at the present time.

• May 15, 1947 - Sam Skaife, whose drug store was razed in the worst fire Staples has known in many years, stated the first of this week that he would re-open the drug store in this city, and already a space is being converted into a modernistic drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Skaife have been in Minneapolis and St. Paul doing some buying and plan to open their drug store in Staples in the Jenkins building early next week.

• May 15, 1947 - The Rev. T. N. Neergaard, who is now stationed at Brainerd will be the new pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church in Staples.

Rev. Neergaard was the minister at a Madison, South Dakota church before coming to the Staples-Brainerd circuit. He has a wife and a son Dan, three years of age.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• May 18, 1972 - The Rev. James W. Ewing received is Doctor of Philosophy Degree from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., at commencement exercises held May 13.

Ewing, the son of the Reverends Ray and Ruth Ewing of this city, is a 1948 graduate of Staples high school. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Carleton College in 1952 and his Bachelor of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1955. Rev. Ewing is Professor of Theology at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis.

• May 18, 1972 - A crowd of about 200 persons were in attendance May 8, in the school cafeteria to hear the views of the candidates

seeking election to the Staples Board of Education. The candidates include Mrs. Owen Gallagher, Douglas Grossman, Dr. T. J. Lelwica, Mrs. Effie D. Moon, Howard W. Pattison and Dr. John Muus. Candidate Dwaine Winter was not present for the event.

• May 18, 1972 - Fourteen girls at Staples High School are apparently enjoying two quarters of study in Industrial Arts, under the instruction of Jim Riecken. The girls, juniors and seniors, work in the Industrial Arts Department one hour per day. The first quarter of study was plastics and the second quarter concerned woodworking.

• May 18, 1972 - Showing at the Staples Theatre May 17 - 23: Clint Eastwood in "Dirty Harry."

• May 18, 1972 - More than 30 FFA members along with grades four, five and six participated in a Forestry Field Day May 10. The event was held in the Motley School Forest where Senior FFA members had set up demonstrations of Forest Management Techniques. Along with the demonstrations, Freshmen FFA members were in charge of tree planting.

• May 18, 1972 - Confirmation was observe by the United Methodist Church Sunday, April 30. Thirteen young people completed the course of instruction under the direction of the Rev. William T. Butterfield.

The confirmands were Mary Cunningham, Marn Longbella, Deb Doll, Natalie Wise, Melissa Wallace, Trina Heldman, Brad Baustian, Jon Miller, Brian Bates, Rick Wise, Chris Longbella and Richard Moe.

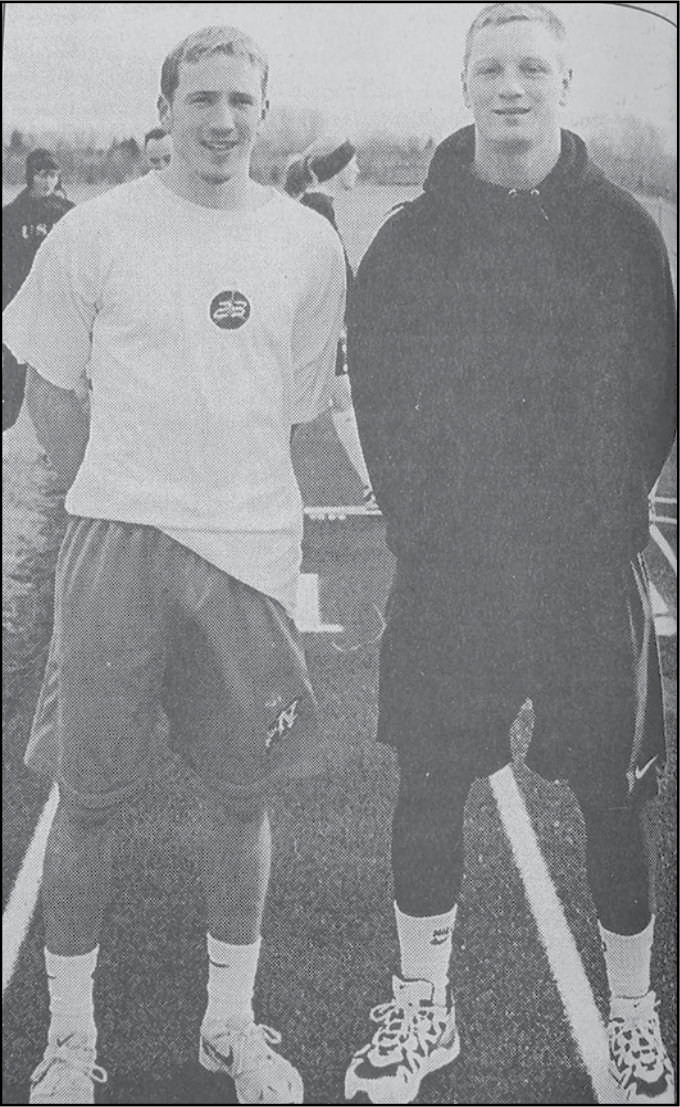
25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• May 15, 1997 - Two boys and girl have been chosen as the Valedictorian and co-Salutatorians for the Staples Motley High School's Class of 1997.

Chris Schock is the class Valedictorian, while Maria Brenny and Malcolm Gold are sharing the Salutatorian honors.

All three of the top students in this year's senior class have grade point averages above 4.0. They were inducted into membership in the National Honor Society as juniors and have also received academic letters throughout their high school years. All three took the ACT college entrance test and Malcolm scored a 32, with Chris and Maria getting 29's, all three exceptional scores.

• May 15, 1997 - Showing at the Cozy Theatre in



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 2, 1998 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.

Wadena May 16 - 22: Austin Powers.

• May 15, 1997 - Quilters at Quilting Memories in Staples donated a day's work towards making new quilts for the Red River Valley area flood victims. What began as a class project soon blossomed into a community and surrounding area effort as others stopped by the shop to help tie, etc. Locals quilters included Becky Smith and Linda Melby, Louis Fellman, Ardis Peterson, Lorna Weins, June Osborn, Candy Nichols and Bev Monson of Staples.

• May 15, 1997 - The Cardinal team this week finished third in the Mid-State Conference tennis tournament held in Staples, with two players named to the All-Conference net team.

Jeff Joerger, who took first place in the second singles play, and Jamie Nichols, who was runner-up at the first singles slot, were selected for the Mid-State All-Conference honor.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• May 17, 2012 - Outgoing Police Chief Doug Case was presented a plaque by Staples Mayor Chris Etzler and was given a standing ovation by the Staples City Council and others at the May 8 meeting for his 33 years of service as a Staples police officer, including the past year as acting police chief.

• May 17, 2012 - Duane Lund shared his new book, "Cooking for One (Or Even Two)" with members of the Table of Knowledge who migrated from Burger King to Lakewood Care Center to celebrate the book release.

• May 17, 2012 - Guthrie Coughlin took first place honors at the number one singles position and Shane Seuss and Josh Solway were the champs at number one doubles in the Mid State Conference tennis tournament on May 10 at Park Rapids. The Staples Motley boys finished second as a team at the match.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 11, 1972 edition of the Staples World featured "The Sweet Adelines" who sang five numbers at the first concert of the Staples Men's Chorus. From left are Joan DesMarais,

LaVon Bennett, Pat Baustian, Donna Miller, Virginia Hegre, Joan Bergsrud, Audrey Finn and June Longbella.

There were no responses to our Mystery Photo this week.

Lakewood Foundation 'Night of Giving' dinner and auction raised \$45,000

The Lakewood Health System Foundation held its 'Night of Giving' dinner and auction fundraiser on April 29. One hundred and ninety-six people attended the event, with additional online auction participants bidding in the week leading up to the dinner and auction. In total, the event raised approximately \$45,000, all of which will help support Lakewood's various community health initiatives.

The live event featured a social hour, dinner, online and live auctions, and entertainment provided by one-man-band, Jeff James and his live looping show. This year also featured a raffle for a 2022 Polaris Ranger SP 570 Premium UTV, which was won by Dr. Adrienne Moen. Second and third place raffle prizes of

\$500 and \$250 went to Mark Korte and Tracy Hagenson, respectively. Online and live auction items included a wide variety of items, including themed baskets created by Lakewood staff, VIP Vikings training camp experience, Chris Stapleton concert tickets, and much more.

Thanks to the generosity and support of our donors, Lakewood staff, providers and board members, community members, and volunteers, the event was a true success. A special thanks to our event and raffle sponsors: First International Bank & Trust, Holistic Pain Management, Felhaber Larson, and Twin Cities Orthopedics, as well as all other venue, dinner, entertainment and auction sponsors.

Foster parents needed

May is National Foster Care Month

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) is seeking foster parents to partner in caring for children and youth in need. If you are interested in making a difference in children's lives, consider becoming a foster parent.

On an average day, there were approximately 8,600 children and young adults in care in 2020, according to the most recent information available through the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Jodi Raidt, statewide program manager with LSS Therapeutic Foster Care, said that the need for foster parents remains great.

"We are in the process of recruiting foster parents statewide," Raidt said. "We hope that individuals and families who have been considering this opportunity will take this time to learn more. Fostering is a rewarding experience and to have someone step forward and provide a safe and caring environment can be life-changing."

LSS Therapeutic Foster Care provides a spectrum of services based on the unique needs of each child, ensuring that all children in our care have the individual supports to build healthy relationships and skills to meet their specific needs. Foster parents receive ongoing education to care for children and trained professionals are available

to answer questions or offer support 24/7. LSS can provide weekly support from a mental health practitioner. As a foster parent, you can help children and families as they build resilience and stabilize.

"Supporting teenagers in foster care is about giving them the opportunities they need to thrive," said Cassandra Carpenter, who worked with LSS Therapeutic Foster Care to gain her foster care license. "Things aren't always perfect but getting to celebrate their successes with them is an amazing feeling."

Families and individuals who provide foster care can have different household structures and come from diverse backgrounds. LSS is seeking prospective foster parents who are willing to listen, support and create positive relationships in their families and communities. Flexibility, patience and a healthy sense of humor are also ideal characteristics for foster parents.

For information about LSS' Foster Care services, the licensing process and how you can foster Minnesota children contact Jodi Raidt at HYPERLINK "mailto:fostercare@lssmn.org" fostercare@lssmn.org or 612-499-5990, or by visit HYPERLINK "http://fostercaremn.org" fostercaremn.org.

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Longtime Staples Men’s Chorus member shares memories

The Mystery Photo from two weeks ago, which featured members of the Staples Area Men’s Chorus in 1972, brought back memories for Dave Anderson of Staples.

He had shared these memories in an email to the World, and although it arrived too late for last week’s paper, we wanted to include it for this week’s.

“This May 4, 1972 photo of the Staples Area Men’s Chorus marked the end of the first year of the Stan Carlson era.

“The chorus traces its origins to the mid-1930s when it was organized as the Staples Civic Chorus under the direction of Lois Cruikshank. It became inactive during World War II, when many of the area men were serving in the armed forces. Erling

Lian brought the chorus together again in the late ‘40s and early ‘50s. It was a charter member of the Upper Midwest District of the Associated Male Choruses of America and was one of the first out-state choruses to issue its own recordings. This was followed by another period of dormancy until the chorus was reorganized in 1971 under the direction of Stan Carlson.

“The chorus has remained viable and active to this date and has just completed its 51st year since the 1971 rebirth. Steve Hoemberg is current director and Sandy Paskewitz is the accompanist.”

Anderson went on to identify most of the men in the photo. He guessed Al Lauer to be either Vern Drake or Frank Gardiner.

He also wondered if Jack Giza and Al Flack had been members at that time. “I know Bud Swecker was, but I don’t see him in this photo,” he said.

Anderson went on to share that, “I had taught in Staples since 1966 and was on sabbatical leave in 1971-72 at the University of Northern Colorado where I sang in the university men’s chorus. I joined the SAMC as soon as I returned to Staples in the fall of 1972. I have just completed my 50th consecutive year of membership and have attended more rehearsals and participated in more SAMC concerts and Big Sings than anyone in history! A small claim to fame, but meaningful to me.”

Is your city making you fat?

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New disease outbreaks, like the novel coronavirus that recently emerged in China’s Hubei province, generate headlines and attention. Meanwhile, however, Americans face a slower but much more pervasive health crisis: obesity.

Nearly 40 percent of Americans are considered obese. Rates of obesity for children have increased in recent decades, putting more people at increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, and some cancers. One in 5 deaths of those aged 40 to 85 are now attributed to obesity, and one recent study projects that by 2030, nearly half of all U.S. adults will be obese.

This problem is too often treated only as an issue of personal responsibility, with calls for people to eat healthier diets and exercise more. It is true that Americans need to cut their caloric intake, especially of foods high in sugar and saturated fats, and get more exercise. Nearly 80% of U.S. adults are not meeting federal guidelines for physical activity, which recommend 2.5 to 5 hours of moderate physical activity weekly.

But our built environment, which includes not only buildings but roads, sidewalks, and public spaces, also plays an important role in physical health. Researchers call cities that promote sedentary lifestyles and poor diet obesogenic. As a researcher focusing on urban issues, I am encouraged to see city planners paying increasing attention to helping residents lead healthy lifestyles.

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Modern U.S. cities were designed to make exercise unnecessary. Cars and elevators symbolized urban areas as machines for more efficient living. Now it is clear

that these improvements provide great benefits but also impose health costs.

Recent studies show that urban sprawl encourages more driving and is associated with higher weight. This correlation suggests that the layout and design of cities can hinder or promote healthier lifestyle choices.

As a thought experiment, what would a city that makes residents more overweight look like? It would probably have few fresh food facilities and discourage physical activity, thus encouraging people to eat fast food and sit in cars rather than walking or bicycling. In other words, it would resemble the standard car-centric U.S. cities that have emerged in the past 50 years.

Cities did not create the obesity epidemic, but they can make it worse by neither promoting nor prompting healthier lifestyles. And it’s not just happening in the U.S. Around the world, health experts contend, cities are making people fat.

Cities are pursuing a wide range of nutrition strategies. Detroit modified its zoning ordinances to encourage urban gardens to sell food. Cleveland now allows residents to raise small farm animals and bees. Los Angeles has an urban agriculture incentive zone that promotes farming on vacant lots through reduced property tax assessments.

Other programs include “virtual supermarkets” in Baltimore that enable purchases of fresh food with food stamps; a food hub in New Orleans that teaches people how to grow and cook healthier food; and a statewide program in Pennsylvania that uses public and private dollars to support fresh food projects in low-income neighborhoods. Residents of two low-income communities in Louisville cleared land for a farm that now produces good-quality food for people with little access to healthy options.

Getting out and about

Planners are also paying increasing attention to encouraging physical activity by making it easier and safer for people to recreate,

walk, bike, and take public transportation. Longevity studies show that people live the longest in environments where physical activity is part of everyday life.

Providing more walkable spaces, better-protected bike lanes and more recreational spaces are important steps. But even smaller changes can be effective.

Cities can close off streets on weekends to encourage communities to get out and walk. They also can provide more seating in public places, so that less-fit residents can rest during their journeys. Using public spaces in cities as places where people can exercise promotes equity, rather than allowing physical activity to become restricted to private gyms with often-expensive monthly fees.

Studies show that when cities are designed to provide walkability, bikeability, public transportation, and more attractive green recreational spaces, then physical activity across the entire community increases. Minneapolis-St. Paul was rated the nation’s fittest city after it made a commitment a decade ago to expand bike lanes, tree planting, and safer sidewalks. The changes encouraged residents to walk more and get more exercise.

It will be expensive to create healthier cities. But a recent survey of mayors revealed that a majority believe their cities were too car-centric. Many wanted to invest more in bike infrastructure, parks, and public sports complexes. Cities with high levels of obesity typically don’t make these features a priority.

The U.S. health care system, with its emphasis on tests and interventions to treat individual illness rather than on prevention, is the most expensive in the world with only modest levels of health outcomes and life expectancy compared to similarly wealthy countries. Integrating better diets and more physical activity into everyday urban life can help Americans become healthier more effectively, and at less cost.

Reliance on fossil fuels risks more wars

By Alec Timmerman, Bob
Krzewinski and Kevin Shilling

As Putin’s heavy hand uses Russia’s power over oil and natural gas as a weapon against Europe and the people of Ukraine, it’s impossible not to wonder how we can mitigate the damages he’s causing. Simultaneously, it’s a devastating reminder of the freedom we so often take for granted and a warning to increase our energy independence as a nation. There are many ways we can, but one of the best is to follow the lead of the European Union and quicken our transition to green and renewable energies.

We’ve known it for a long time: our reliance on fossil fuels is a national security risk. Volatile prices coupled with our extreme demand mean that concerns over fossil fuel access have driven foreign policy decisions. We’ve seen it happen countless times - most notably during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan - and it’s played out again in Ukraine. Concerned by Russia’s power over the oil and natural gas market, the US and Europe were quite reluctant to impose the harshest, most recent sanctions because doing so will hurt their citizens’ pocketbooks.

As homeowners, we know how much decisions like these can hurt, especially with gas prices being historically high. However, the solution to this problem isn’t to drill more, as some well-funded oil and gas interest groups have claimed. Doing so likely won’t even provide a short-term solution to the problem as it takes six months to a year at minimum to build a new well with all its associated infrastructure.

The best long-term solution is to declare our independence from the global oil market and invest in American-made clean energy. We need to electrify our vehicles, appliances, and infrastructure, and make America fully energy independent. This will save families thousands of dollars a year, make our country more self-sufficient, and provide hundreds of thousands of quality jobs here in the Midwest.

Already, over 600,000 Midwesterners are employed in clean-energy professions, and they make 25 percent more than the national median wage. Nationally, clean energy is the biggest job creator in our country’s energy sector, employing almost three times as many workers as the fossil fuel industry.

As we employ our own citizens, we will defund Putin’s Russia, which has long been funded by his powerful oil and gas industry. Instead of diversifying his economy during the oil boom of the 2010s, Putin doubled down on petroleum. We should exploit his weakness by leading a global movement to abandon the very resource that funds his warmongering. Doing so will further destabilize his economy and protect the citizens of Ukraine.

We can start doing this as everyday consumers by seeking electric options like stoves, cars, or other appliances. Congress should help Americans afford these changes by providing tax credits for everyday Americans and innovators in electric vehicle and green energy industries. Doing so will spur innovation in the industry, further reducing the cost to consumers.

We should also ensure that our semiconductors, solar panels, wind turbines, and other technology needed for a green future are manufactured and assembled in America. This will ensure that our energy industry is safe from price or supply shocks caused by an international crisis like the invasion of Ukraine.

In many ways, our next steps as a country can define world history for generations to come. Will we continue our reliance on oil and its tacit support of Putin’s economy? Or will we intensify our shift to green energies and make our country more self-sufficient and secure? The global spotlight is on us once again to lead. We hope our country will honor the lives of its veterans and the soldiers fighting in Ukraine and transition towards green energy.

Alec Timmerman has been a math teacher in Saint Paul Public Schools for the past 21 years. He previously served in the U.S. Army for 11 years as a communications officer and platoon leader, earning the Bronze Star for effective leadership. He currently lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Bob Krzewinski served in the U.S. Navy from 1973 to 1979 and is currently the Chairman of Veterans For Peace, Chapter 93. He currently lives in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Kevin Shilling served 24 years in the Army as a paratrooper and infantryman and retired as a First Sergeant. He currently lives in Greenfield, Iowa.

Quote of the week

“On our own, we cannot end wars or wipe out injustice, but the cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we imagine.”

— Queen Elizabeth II

Stop war to save children

By Robert C. Koehler

At a certain point, as I was reading the book I’d recently been sent, a strange transformation began occurring: Gradually, as I moved ever deeper into it, I

wasn’t so much reading as quietly singing a hymn . . . participating in a chant.

The book is A Promise to Our Children: A Field Guide to Peace, by Charles P. Busch, an online version of which was sent to me by Adam Vogal, president of the Oregon Peace Institute.

The book isn’t so much about ending war as it’s about, well, loving children. And children are massacred, again and again and again, as the military forces of the world fight and kill, not so much one another, but rather various random swaths of humanity — a.k.a., civilians — who simply happen to be present when the bombs are fired and the bullets go off. They’re in the way. They’re collateral damage.

Early in the book, Busch, who is director of Fields of Peace, points out that:

“In World War I, the ratio of combatant deaths to civilian deaths was nine to one. In World War II that ratio changed dramatically. Every one combatant death was matched by one civilian death. Today, following the Vietnam War, and now Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria, the ratio has again changed dramatically: one combatant death to nine civilian deaths.”

And a terrifyingly large percentage of those civilian

deaths happen to be children, which is to say: “Far more children are killed in today’s wars than combatants. War has become the killing of children.”

As Busch’s words hit home — war has become the killing of children — he’s not so much making an abstract point as bringing the news to us in whatever random moment of our lives we happen to be, sort of like parents responding to a knock on the door and learning that their son or daughter has just been killed in combat.

This is the promise the book urges us to make, indeed, to say aloud, to repeat on a daily basis:

“I will not be a part of the killing of any child, no matter how lofty the reason. Not my neighbor’s child. Not my child. Not the enemy’s child. Not by bomb. Not by bullet. Not by looking the other way. I will be the power that is peace.”

The only real solutions to conflict are nonviolent ones. I believe most people on Planet Earth know this yet human civilization is organized in lethal opposition to itself, with a global annual military budget in 2021 of more than \$2 trillion, half of which is American. Think how many children we’re prepared to kill.

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May 19

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

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

May 20

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

May 23

AA GROUP Mtgs in Motley are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

May 24

WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICANS MEET the fourth Tuesday of the month at Pizza Ranch in Wadena. Dinner and visiting at 6 p.m. with speakers and a business

mtg at 7 p.m. For info., call 218-894-1899.

May 26

MOTLEY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be held Thursday, May 26, from noon - 6 p.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Motley Community.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

May

- **BAND/ORCHESTRA/CHOIR CONCERT** May 20, 7 p.m.
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** May 27
- **CORDS AND AWARDS** May 27, 10 a.m.
- **GRADUATION** May 27, 7:30 p.m.

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.



Storm damage throughout the area

A wind storm that blew through the Staples and Motley area May 12 resulted in power outages and many downed trees. Lisa Bjerga of rural Motley shared this photo of storm damage at her family's

home. Bjerga also reported that their power went out at about 7:45 p.m. and that it was still out the following morning of May 13. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars awards \$106,050 to local seniors

On May 4, the Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars (DFS) committee held its annual awards night. Thirty-one Staples-Motley High School seniors received scholarships, totaling \$106,050; the highest single year amount given to date.

The organization reached another milestone this year: since its inception in 1986, a total of \$2,000,050 has been given out to students. Neither of these amazing milestones would be possible without the incredible support of the Staples and Motley communities and the generosity of our donors. We are so grateful to everyone who has given of their time, talents and donations over the years.

The DFS committee would like to thank all the scholarship donors/contributors, and the 2022 graduates and their families. We want to acknowledge and

celebrate all the work and accomplishments of the Staples-Motley class of 2022 as they graduate and start the next phase of their lives. Congratulations!

If you are interested in starting a scholarship or learning more about the DFS committee, email sm.dollarsforscholars@gmail.com

S/M School board meeting May 23

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

The school/community forum includes Val Turner with a REACH program presentation and Josh Lee "Why we Play MSHSL Video".

The lengthy consent agenda includes food service catering agreements, MSHSL Resolution of membership, service agreement with Northern Pines Mental Health Center, Inc., approval of 2021-2023 administrative contract changes, 2022-23 staff handbook update for the Adventures Program, accepting resignations of Kelly McCarty, Melissa Wright, Joseph Ramstad, Peter Hendrickx; approve the hire of Drew Potter Business/Economics, Resource Management teacher and football coach, approve the fundraiser request from S/M Diamond Club; followed by the personnel items, finance items and facilities update.

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:
Fri., May 27: Graduation, last day of school

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

Mon., June 27: Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m. District Office.

Mon., July 4 - Fri., July 8: All school offices closed

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

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir to perform at Motley Free Methodist Church May 22

The Motley Free Methodist Church will host the Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge (MNTC) Choir in a free performance on Sunday, May 22. The choir will perform at the church's 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

This inspiring choir, composed of individuals recovering from drug and alcohol addiction, is known statewide, having performed at over 500 churches in 2021.

The MNTC choir's contemporary Gospel and Praise songs will be accompanied by the client's inspiring stories of addiction recovery. Additionally, representatives from the program will be available following the service to answer questions about the programs of Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge.

The event is open to the public and all are welcome. Their campus director states, "You don't want to miss the message of hope brought by the MntC Choir. Their stories will move your heart and renew your hope."

For more than 25 years, Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge has been restoring hope to teens and adults struggling with drug

and alcohol addiction. They are one of the largest, most effective and most affordable programs in the nation with campuses in Minneapolis, Brainerd, Rochester, Buffalo and Duluth.

Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge offers both a long-term faith based recovery program and shorter-term treatment programs allowing us to effectively serve individuals with a broad spectrum of addiction issues; from those seeking treatment for the first time, to those who have been struggling with addiction for many years.

Every Sunday, client choirs visit regional churches where they share inspirational songs and personal stories of their recovery from addiction. The choir provides a unique learning environment and plays an integral part in the recovery process as residents truly benefit from giving vocal expression to the life change that they have experienced.

For more information, contact Camille Lartigue at 218-833-8760.

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Born to Moriah and Cory Van Hal of Pine River, a baby boy, Granger Scott weighing eight pounds, three ounces on May 6, 2022.

Born to Kayla and Zach Smith of Pillager, a baby boy, Ford William weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on May 7, 2022.

Born to Billie Yates and Ronald Frutiger of Motley, a baby girl, Harlie Marie weighing seven pounds, three ounces on May 8,

2022.

Born to Destiny Guggenberger and Draven Turpin of Brainerd, a baby girl, Annette-Kay Helen weighing seven pounds, three ounces on May 9, 2022.

Born to Kirsten and Matthew Sundquist of Pillager, a baby boy, Samuel David weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on May 11, 2022.

Born to Trisha and Roy Graba of Sebeka, a baby boy, Noah F weighing eight pounds, on May 11, 2022.

Student Achievements

HALEY CICHOS, Staples, has been named to the Spring Semester Dean's List at the University of Jamestown. To qualify, students must maintain a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE-MOOREHEAD held its commencement exercises May 1, 2022. Local students who graduated were:

- Zachary Strickland, Motley, son of Kyle and Jennifer Strickland. Zachary graduated cum laude with

degrees in Neuroscience, Biology, Religion and Chemistry

- Andrew Bates, Staples, son of Brian and Lori Bates. Andrew graduated magna cum laude with degrees in Psychology, Communications Studies and Theatre Art
- Torrence Salcido, Staples, son of Christopher and Jennifer Salcido. Torrence graduated magna cum laude with degrees in Psychology and Social Work

Obituaries

Gary Pipek

Gary John Pipek, 65, of Staples, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2022, at his home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held May 13, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Aaron Kuhn, presiding.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Gary was born December 27, 1956 to George and Delores (Martin) Pipek in Bertha. He married Karen Henry August 20, 1983. Together they raised seven children.

Gary began working on the Burlington Northern Railroad March 27, 1975 and enjoyed his work primarily as an engineer until retiring in December of 2016. When he wasn't working, he was always on the go, selling firewood, growing pumpkins, corn and even a brief stint as a beekeeper. He enjoyed elk hunting in Colorado and backpacking in Montana.

Gary especially loved his family, spending time playing with his grandkids: Kara (Riley), Maiya, Mady, Bethany, Boston, Parker, Paisley, Hoyce, Patrick, Scout, Ezekiel and Henry. He loved sharing a variety of adventures with his family including the annual ski trip to Montana, processing maple syrup and sharing the "medicine" with the kids.

Carroll Miller

Carroll Miller, 92, passed away May 13, 2022, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Monday, May 23, at 5:30 p.m. at the Iten Funeral Home Chapel in Browerville. Visitation will be held from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., at the funeral home.

A full obituary will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the family.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home of Browerville.



Gary will be deeply missed by his wife of 38 years, Karen and their children, Allison (Devin) Smith of Valbonne, France, Aaron (LaRena) Rondeau of Spokane, WA, Zachary (Jenna) Pipek of Vergas, Emma (Kyle) Grotluschen of Barnesville, Sonja Pipek of Olympia, WA, John (Katie) Pipek of Kalispell, MT, Theresa Pipek, Wasilla, AK; four siblings, Karen (Tom) Schuster, Dan (Anna) Pipek, Diane (Chuck) Gillespie and Pam (Greg) Schmitz; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Lily Fiona.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

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Gerald Kotula

Gerald "Jerry" Kotula, 81, of Browerville, passed away May 15, 2022.

A funeral mass will be held Thursday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville. Visitation will be held May 18 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a rosary at 3:45 p.m. and a prayer service to follow at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the Christ the King Catholic Cemetery.

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1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
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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
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218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.
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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube 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.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone.....218-746-3839
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.

"Spring along the Leaf River"

Pastor Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church

Another Spring along the Leaf River. With a disappointing paddling year last year there is much anticipation for 2022. The hope is that the paddling, fishing and tubing need not be replaced with wading, as fun as it is. And with a late Spring and persistent high water, Alleluia!, there is still the waiting game: the first paddle blessing.

Our life of faith is much the waiting game. When, Oh Lord? Maybe an unfulfilled need in your personal life, a time of drought in your faith, exasperation in the ways of the world or deep questions of purpose have you waiting, and waiting on the Lord. We all wait for the return of our Lord Jesus but individually have our own longings. Psalm 27:13,14 (ESV) reads, "I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the

living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

No promise of an iminent response here, but a reassurance that faith in God can bring courage. We call Him redeemer for He has a plan to redeem whatever is lacking. Believe that God will be faithful. His promise is to never leave nor never forsake. Father God's response to His own Son's cry on the cross was to crown Him with glory! Be strong in that knowledge that as God's people we too are risen (given new life) and raised (empowered with the Holy Spirit)! Anticipate God's response to the longing and watch for God's work in your world. Now for the wait.

See you on the river.

Peace,
Pastor Scott

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Thank you for reading
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Track teams run well at true team section meet

The Staples-Motley boys were second and the girls placed seventh at the Section 6A True Team Track and field meet on May 10 at Pelican Rapids. In the true team meet, every participant counts towards the team score, with the top scores showing the strongest and deepest teams.

The Cardinal boys were not far from advancing to the true team state meet. They were the fastest running team but needed a little more depth in some of the other events.

Both the boys and girls continued setting personal bests. For the boys, that included Remington Converse in the 100, Sivert Klefsaas and Noah Greenwaldt in the 400, Issiah Tabatt in the 1,600 and 3,200, and Logan Robben in the 1,600.

All of the Cardinal discus throwers improved their distance,

Boys PRs - Remington Converse 100, Sivert Klefsaas 400, Noah Greenwaldt 400, Luke Brownell in 800, Issiah Tabatt in 1,600 and 3,200, Logan Robben in 1,600

All of the discus throwers improved their distance, Mady Hull and Grace Jennissen for girls and Steven Petrich and Sawyer Ferdon for boys.

For the girls, Ashley Robben ran her fastest 800 to place fourth.

Girls results

Osakis 852, Barnesville 829, Frazee 793, Wadena-Deer Creek 773, Pelican Rapids 766, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 715, Staples-Motley 659, Ottertail Central 614, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 604, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 500, United North Central 452, Breckenridge 433, New York Mills 388, Browerville 127

4x800 relay - 1. (Ashley Robben, Aften Robinson, Kyanna Burton, Audrey Brownell) 10:15

100 hurdles - 15. Jayce Kobliska 19.67, 20. Avery Japke 21.09

100 - 24. Ronnie Noska 15.16, 27. Mariona Caminal Gimenez 16.50

4x200 - 11. (Cami Anderson, Annie Schlosser, Bailey Weiland, Corrine Olson) 2:09

1,600 - 3. Audrey Brownell 5:33, 12. Bella Hines 5:57

4x100 - 10. 58.72

400 - 2. Aften Robinson 1:02, 21. Sabina Moe 1:09

300 hurdles - 4. Nathalie Hahne 51.22, 15. Kobliska 55.72

800 - 4. Ashley Robben 2:30, 19. Suhaila Mikhaeil 2:47

200 - 4. Hahne 27.94, 16. Robinson 28.97

3,200 - 1. Kyanna Burton 11:47, 7. Hines 13:11

4x400 - 6. 4:35

Long jump - 7. Hahne 14'3", 25. Bailey Weiland 11'10"

Triple jump - 9. Kobliska 29'10", 19. Noska 27'9"

High jump - 16. Brownell 4'4", 23. Gimenez 4'0"

Pole vault - 12. Abby Brichacek 5'6"

Shot put - 20. Madysen Hull 26'3", 22. Grace Jennissen 24'2"

Discus - 4. Hull 104'8", 8. Jennissen 94'9"

Boys results

Pelican Rapids 966, Staples-Motley 865, Wadena-Deer Creek 802, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 731, Frazee 669, Barnesville 650, Osakis 641, Ashby-Brandon-Evansville 603,



Long sprint

Aften Robinson runs the 400 with Staples-Motley coaches Steve Fligge and Tony Spandl cheering her on. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Over the bar

Turner Beachy squeezes over the bar in the pole vault. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 537, Ottertail Central 502, Browerville 453, United North Central 436, Breckenridge 419, New York Mills 72

4x800 relay - 3. (Grant Johnson, Dillan Robben, Luke Brownell, Odin Trif) 9:19

110 hurdles - 10. Avandre Brandt 20.72, 11. Noah Larson 21.24

100 - 1. Remington Converse 11.38, 6. Corey Hanson 11.86

4x200 - 6. 1:42

1,600 - 4. Issiah Tabatt 4:44, 5. Logan Robben 4:50

4x100 - 1. 45.04

400 - 3. Sivert Klefsaas 53.89, 5. Noah Greenwaldt 55.21

300 hurdles - 11. Larson 51.89,

15. Brandt 52.33
800 - 8. Luke Brownell 2:17, 11. Grant Johnson 2:19

200 - 1. Converse 23.30, 5. Hansen 24.12

3,200 - 2. Tabatt 10:34, 5. Robben 10:58

4x400 - 6. 3:51

Long jump - 9. Greenwaldt 17'10", 13. Converse 17'5"

Triple jump - 8. Greenwaldt 37'5", 12. Sawyer Ferdon 35'2"

High jump - 4. Hunter Miller 6'0", 7. Brandt 5'8"

Pole vault - 3. Turner Beachy 10'6", 12. Owen Winter 8'6"

Shot put - 16. Steven Petrich 32'5", 18. Ferdon 32'1"

Discus - 12. Petrich 94'8", 18. Ferdon 84'9"

Girls golf playing well in big tournaments

The Staples-Motley girls golf team played at the Gravel Pit Invitational on May 10 at East Gull Lake and in their home tournament on May 13. In both tournaments, the Cardinals finished in the upper half against big schools.

Team results

Gravel Pit Invitational
Elk River 204, Pequot

Lakes 212, Rogers 213, Brainerd 231, Staples-Motley 242, Bemidji 243, Wadena-Deer Creek 247, Princeton 258, Crosby-Ironton/Aitkin 266

15. Mallory Uselman 55, 18. Walker Johnson 56, 22. Ariunzaya Battur 59, Katelyn Schotzko 72

Cardinal Invite

Pequot Lakes 326, Minnawaska 347, Staples-Motley

368, Moorhead 371, Hermantown 385, Wadena-Deer Creek 405, Rogers 417, Elk River 422, Crosby-Ironton 427, New Testament Christian 457

10. Uselman 88, 10. Bo Erholtz 88, 14. Johnson 90, 31. Schotzko 102, 37. Battur 106



Defensive play

Justin Phillippi throws out a runner from his shortstop position. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Stopping the steal

Ben Tyrrell gets ready to tag out a runner attempting to steal second base, on a throw from catcher Josh Kossan. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Softball team earns win

Pictured, Ellie Moulton makes a reaching catch on a fly ball. The Staples-Motley softball team won 15-9 against Pine River-Backus on May 9. The Cardinals lost their other two games of the week, at Osakis and at Pillager. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Out on the water

Two men enjoyed an afternoon of boating out on fishing weekend May 14. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Application deadline: Noon on May 31, 2022

Please send Letter of Application, Resume' and 3 Letters of Recommendation to:

Lori Murdock, Director of Special Education
Freshwater Education District
2222 Industrial Drive, Wadena, MN 56482
218.631.3505, ext. 1042
lmurdock@fed.k12.mn.us

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Contact Tyler Kliniske

at tkliniske@ctcccinc.com

or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12

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NOTICE STAPLES-MOTLEY ISD #2170 BID REQUEST FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS

Sealed bids for the 2022-2023 school year for Milk and related Dairy products will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on June 14, 2022, in the district office of Independent School District #2170 located at 905 4th ST NE Staples, MN 56479 at which time bids will be opened in said office.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes with "Bid for Dairy Products" clearly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids should be sent to Independent School District #2170, District Office, 905 NE Fourth ST, Staples, MN 56479.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the district office at the above address or by calling 218-894-5400, ext. 3164 or ext. 3005.

On June 27, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. the School Board will meet to evaluate all bids and act thereon. Independent School District #2170 reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, any bid received, and to waive all technicalities.

Mary Freeman, Clerk
School Board
Staples-Motley School
District, ISD #2170
20-21pnc

NOTICE OF HEARING AND ANNUAL PLAN REVIEW STAPLES HRA

The Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Staples will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the Staples High Rise Dining Room for acceptance of its annual PHA Plan. The Plan will be available for review beginning Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the Staples HRA office located at 615 4th Street NE.

Available during regular business hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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NOTICE OF HEARING AND FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN REVIEW

The Staples HRA will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the Staples High Rise for acceptance of its five year action plan. The plan will be available for review on Wednesday May 18, 2022, at the Staples HRA office located at 615 4th Street NE.

Available during regular business hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bobbi Blanchard
Executive Director
21pnc

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP TREE AND BRUSH BIDS

May Township is asking for quotes to remove trees and brush along the south side of 124th Street, west of State Highway 64.

For more information contact May Township Clerk, Bianca Wyffels: clerk@maytwp.com. Or call Chad Converse: 218-352-6987.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
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NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP ROAD WORK BIDS

May Township is looking for quotes for road work on 96th Street. Road work consists of installing two culverts, cleaning ditches and adding base material to the road.

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Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
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Lakewood’s focus on community to continue under Bjerga

retirement,” said McIlravy, “We formed a succession planning committee of five members and hired an outside agency, Lync3, that’s just for hospital executives.”

The process looked at internal personnel at Lakewood and also searched external candidates from other health care systems.

“We interviewed a number of outside people but Lisa was our top choice. She has grown significantly since she started as finance director,” said McIlravy.

As Bjerga transitions into the CEO position, she is aware not just of the Lakewood system but the latest trends in the health care field.

“The biggest thing right now is workforce shortages,” Bjerga said.

The workforce shortage is being felt throughout a number of industries and across the nation, but the health care industry has unique problems to solve.

“We can’t slow down production lines, we have to take care of everyone who needs it,” said Bjerga. “With so many people leaving health care nationwide, our main focus is recruitment and retention.”

Bjerga has learned a lot from retiring CEO Rice.

“Focusing on patients is important to rural health care and the communi-

ties we serve,” said Bjerga. “Tim’s focus has been on supporting community and I will be embracing that role. The legacy Tim has created, I’m looking forward to take that to the next level.”

Bjerga’s transition to CEO started years before Rice officially announced his retirement. She has participated in leadership acceleration programs as Lakewood partners with professional development organizations.

“I’ve been intentional about taking on more community-based projects,” she said.

Supporting the local community is something Bjerga has always known.

“My parents were small business owners, I learned from them that community is very important,” she said.

McIlravy feels that the search process went as well as they had hoped.

“As an organization, Lakewood is a bit more forward thinking than most,” said McIlravy, “that shows in how we had a two year plan and went out and hired an agency to help us.”

“The board has been very supportive and the committee has done a tremendous job. We’re really excited for where we’re at and what the future looks like,” said McIlravy.



Discussing the future of the chamber

At the meeting to discuss the Staples Chamber of Commerce survey, from left, Renee Kroll, Kathleen Ferrel, Jordan Goodwater, David Endicott, Mary Ives (front), Chris Etzler and Erich Heppner. Not pictured, Sue Nan-

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Chamber options include part time shared director

the Discover Staples web site.

Chamber future

Based on the survey and the situation of the chamber, Heppner came up with three options to explore, and asked the group to indicate their preference.

The first option, Model A, is to move the chamber duties to volunteer groups and ask more chamber members to get involved.

Model B is to dissolve the chamber and allow the chamber functions to go to LEAP and Discover Staples. Heppner noted that

this could create confusion about the duties of each organization, which is different than the chamber.

Model C is to find an organization to share a staff person, so they could be part time as a chamber director and part time with the he other organization or business.

The group showed a preference for Model C, and gave suggestions on the types of organizations or businesses that could share an employee with the chamber.

Staples Mayor Chris Etzler, who owns a business

ik, Melissa Wyman and Mark Anderson. The meeting was held at Central Lakes College in Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Dr. Peter Neifert joins Lakewood Health System Behavioral Health Staff

Dr. Peter Neifert, psychiatrist, is the newest member of the Lakewood Health System Behavioral Health team, Staples.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and raised in Colorado, Dr. Neifert majored in chemistry at Colorado College and received his medical degree from Mayo Medical School. He completed a combined civilian/active-duty Air Force residency in psychiatry at Wright State/Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, where he was named Resident of the Year across 30 specialties of medicine in Dayton.

In 1999, Dr. Neifert was assigned to Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany and was honorably discharged in 2003. He is board certified in psychiatry and has been practicing psychiatry in central Minnesota since 2003. He has worked at Lakewood part-time since 2012.



Peter Neifert, MD, Lakewood Health System

Dr. Neifert has been happily married to his wife, Courtney, since 1994, and they have two children, Brandon and Rio. He is an avid sailor and his ‘signature strengths’ are enthusiasm, humor and empathy. His favorite quote is: The ultimate human freedom is the freedom to choose one’s attitude, by Viktor Frankl, psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor.

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within Todd County. In the event that one of these organizations does not hold the program, the \$50 will go to the organization conducting the program.

- Approved the 2022 payment of \$200 for each Senior Citizen Center located in Todd County.

- Approved an abatement for parcel 03-0028403 in the amount of \$1980.

- Acting as the Ditch Authority, the board acknowledged the receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Roger and Mason Stender, to clean part of County Ditch 22 in Iona Township, Section 19. They also acknowledged that the Stenders want to add another section of 796 feet of ditch on the same parcel.

- Authorized Solid Waste Director Chris McConn to sign for acceptance of Widseth’s proposal for groundwater sampling, reporting and annual surveys in the amount of \$10,418.

- Background: Todd County’s Solid Waste Department has received an offer from Ideal Construction, Stephen F. Kobliska and Sons, LLC (Ideal

Construction) to purchase segregated used shingles from Todd County for zero dollars.

The intent is to use the shingles as an ingredient for production of hot mix asphalt. Such beneficial uses have been reviewed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Minnesota Department of Transportation. The agreement specifies that it is for a two year period. Included in the cost, Ideal Construction will transport the shingles from the solid waste facilities to its hot mix plant.

It was approved.

- Background: Barr Engineering has provided a professional services proposal to complete groundwater quality reporting as required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for the Demolition Landfill for \$17,100. This cost includes some non-recurring costs for importing historical data into their database (\$1,400) and performing a hydro geologic investigation (\$7,500) to verify whether or not the current groundwater monitoring network needs any changes.

From a no-charge pre-

liminary review, Barr has observed that the existing “upgradient” well may not be representative of upgradient conditions.

The board approved the services for hydrogeology.

- STEP performs recycle sorting duties five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The board approved the new contract with STEP. The cost per year is approximately \$150,500.

- The MPCA requires annual reporting from counties to be reviewed and accepted by the board of commissioners.

There are 797 state registered feedlots in Todd County.

The board approved the report.

- The board recognized Marla Schnell, for approximately 20 years of hosting/running the Mama Marla’s Hike It or Bike It program. Raising money for purchasing Christmas gifts for those in need, living in Todd County. During Schnell’s time, over \$70,000 has been raised, serving over 4,000 children in the county.

Schnell noted that she hopes the program will continue, and that she was not

for that?”

Mary Ives, owner of the Timberlake Hotel, suggested the chamber to make a strong effort for a few months to gauge community interest.

“If we did something positive for eight weeks so businesses know we’re trying to help, we could invite them to give us feedback,” said Ives.

The Staples Chamber board meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m., usually at Timbers restaurant.

Used shingles to be used for asphalt



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