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Fire season

Staples Fire Chief Scott Braith scouts the movement of a grass fire from atop the truck

(Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

Apr. 22	57°	35°	M. Cloudy
Apr. 23	56	36	Showers
Apr. 24	57	34	Showers
Apr. 25	55	33	P. Cloudy
Apr. 26	58	34	M. sunny
Apr. 27	60	40	P. Cloudy
Apr. 28	56	38	Showers

Last Year, 2019

Apr. 22	61°	34°	Cloudy
Apr. 23	66	34	Sunny
Apr. 24	78	53	Sunny
Apr. 25	66	37	Sunny
Apr. 26	55	28	M. Sunny
Apr. 27	54	34	Sunny
Apr. 28	52	27	Cloudy

Average Temp.:
H = 54° Low = 34°

Week total rain: .0"
Year total rain: 1.57"

"Pray for RAIN"

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher



Class of 2020 - nowhere to run

The spring sports season is suspended with no return date set, and the Staples-Motley High School graduation scheduled for May 22 is also in question. On April 17, Staples-Motley senior Hunter Klimek decided to combine the two unknowns by running on the school track in his cap and gown. "I'm representing the Class of 2020," said Klimek. He said he has been training all winter after placing fifth at the state cross country meet, and the lack of a track season

may be hurting his college recruiting process, with all visits called off for now.

The Minnesota State High School League is meeting weekly and still hopes to hold some kind of spring season. As for graduation, Staples-Motley Principal Mike Schmidt said there will be a ceremony, with many alternatives being considered, including changing the date and format. "The Class of 2020 has earned it and they deserve it," said Schmidt.

Hofer to retire from Wadena Co. Board

Wadena County District 2 Commissioner Jim Hofer announced that he will not be seeking re-election for his position on the Board of Wadena County Commissioners. The term ends on December 31, 2020.

Hofer stated "I will have completed two four-year terms and at my current age, I have decided it's time to retire. Of course, I will continue to be a community volunteer, as well as my wife, Mary Jo. I also want to be more available to our daughters and grandchildren in Minne-

sota, Illinois and Kentucky as well as take a trip or two.

"I want to announce this decision before the filing period in May to allow any resident in District 2, which includes the townships of Aldrich, Bullard, and Thomastown and the cities of Aldrich, Verndale and Staples Annex, to consider filing for the position."

Additional information and timelines can be obtained by contacting the Election Coordinator at the Wadena County Auditor-Treasurer's office.

Rural hospitals taking losses during shutdown

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The future of rural hospitals was discussed during the weekly Staples Chamber of Commerce online meeting April 15.

Lakewood Health System President and CEO Tim Rice said they are looking at about a 75 percent reduction in activity, which projects to a loss of about \$12 million by July, when they hope things will start to get back to normal. Rice said they got a government payment of \$1.1 million, but that will only cover about one week of costs during the shutdown.

One new proposal is for smaller hospitals like Staples to refer COVID-19 patients to larger facilities like St. Cloud. In return, the larger hospitals would send non-COVID patients to Lakewood. Rice said there was some concern that the return business might not match what they could send out. Rice said all rural hospitals are in

the same situation and he was concerned "we may lose rural healthcare," said Rice.

"It is important to do the right thing now to protect our community and our patients," said Rice.

U.S. Representative Collin Peterson said his caucus in Washington, D.C. understands the rural situation. He said they are supporting more money for rural rural hospitals, but that is part of what is holding up the next round of stimulus money. He said they realize that critical access hospitals might not make it through the COVID-19 shutdown.

Economic development

Peterson expressed concern about the amount of the stimulus money compared to the national deficit. He said "We were at 70 percent GDP (gross domestic product) in borrowed money, now we are at 100

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Lynn Enberg
Laurine Judd
Charles Steffen
Dena Carlson-Stumm



Thank you for subscribing!

Zeke Fuhrman's book 'Land of 10,000 Aches' shares stories of Minnesota sports

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Staples native and sports enthusiast Zeke Fuhrman recently published his first book, "Land of 10,000 Aches: A History of Minnesota Meltdowns."

It's a book that "goes deeper into the most heart-breaking, gut wrenching, soul crushing, even-I-could-make-that-field-goal moments in Minnesota sports history, with first-hand accounts from players, coaches and fans," Fuhrman shared in an overview of his work.

He goes on to share that, "Everybody remembers where he or she were for the good things: the Minneapolis Miracle, Kirby Puckett's Game Six home run. But were you face down in disbelief when Garrett Hartley kicked the Saints to the Super Bowl? Or forced into an emotional fetal position watching the Eagles hang 38 unanswered points on the NFL's best defense? Until names like Sal Bando, Ron Schock, Claude Osteen, Ed Thorp, Gordie Peterkin and Sergei Krivokrasov make your stomach turn, you have a long drop into the doldrums of Minnesota melancholy. This book is your guide down."

A 2005 graduate of Staples-Motley High School,



At home in Detroit Lakes

Staples natives Zeke and Mandy (Heldman) Fuhrman are pictured with their children Judah, four; and Esme, seven. The Fuhrmans currently reside in Detroit Lakes, where Zeke is in radio work, hosting the morning show on 104.1 and the KDLM Sports Wrap on the iconic 1340 KDLM. Zeke Fuhrman recently published his first book, "Land of 10,000 Aches." He is the son of Bruce and Becky Fuhrman of Staples. (Submitted photo)

Fuhrman said he's had a love-hate relationship with Minnesota sports since he was born at the end of Spring Training in 1987. Although he was technically alive for two Twins World Series championships, he doesn't remember

much about them, nor does he know anything about the pure elation that happens when your team wins a championship.

Prior to the birth of "Land of 10,000 Aches,"

See **FUHRMAN** on page 10a



Enjoying outdoor painting

Aubrey Lang takes a paint brush to her bird feeder, a project started at Staples-Motley Elementary school to hang the feeders at senior living facilities in the area. See more on page 10a. (Submitted photo)

Motley City Council accepts 2019 audit during call-in conference

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Mayor Al Yoder was the lone member seated at the Motley City Council's table April 14, to chair their regular monthly meeting. The rest of the members attended by way of phone.

It's the first time in history the council's had to meet in this fashion, Mayor Yoder said of the call-in conference, going on to note that this was due to the coronavirus pandemic and protective measures that were in place.

Council members who participated via phone included Jace Carlson, Pat O'Regan, Amy Hutchison and Steve Johnson.

Others physically present at the meeting were the city's department heads: Fire Chief Brad Olson, Police Chief Jason Borash, City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski, and Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton. Social distancing was observed.

On the agenda was the Annual Audit of 2019 Financial Statements, as prepared by Jon Archer of Schlenner Wenner & Company, certified public accountants from Little Falls.

Usually, Archer would be there in person to go over the report with the council, prior to their accepting it. "This is an unusual circumstance," Mayor Yoder noted, adding that he was happy to base his decision on the summary Archer had sent to them. How would the council feel about that? Or, did they want to wait until Archer could be there in person?

A short discussion indicated that they had all reviewed the summary and in the end, they voted unanimously to accept the 2019 audit report.

In his summary of Motley's financial highlights in 2019, Archer noted that revenues in the general

fund exceeded the budget by \$43,608, primarily due to interest earnings, fines and forfeitures. Expenditures in the general fund were \$40,021 less than were budgeted, with the greatest savings being administrative wages, police costs and maintenance expenditures.

According to Archer's report, the city's water enterprise fund showed an operating income loss of \$120,099. The sewer enterprise fund, however, showed an increase in the net position of \$33,818.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD from Cheryl Hills from NCEDA (North Central Economic Development Association)/Region 5, in regard to a revolving loan (the funds had been transferred from the city to NCEDA/Region 5 last year). Hills reported that they were able to loan out the entire amount, \$177,902. The funds were loaned to Belltech Machine Inc., a CNC machining shop south of Motley on Hwy 10.

- HEARD from George Minerich, Wellhead Protection Planner with the MN Department of Health, during the public hearing. No one from the public joined the call-in conference.

- APPROVED a request from Fire Chief Olson that the Motley Fire Department apply for a federal grant with funds earmarked to be used for new SCBAs (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus).

- HEARD from Police Chief Borash that calls were down due to COVID-19. There were 86 calls in March and he anticipated there would be even less in April.

- DISCUSSED the city wide cleanup scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 7:45 - 10:45 a.m. and decided to keep it as planned. Those working at it will wear gloves and masks, with curb-side pickup offered.

- DISCUSSED the city's nuisance list and approved sending friendly reminder letters to those with items that could be disposed of during the city wide cleanup.

- APPROVED a request from Brotherton, Public Works Director, to pay \$2,780 to WW Goetsch for pump repairs and parts.

- LEARNED the Spring Firearm Safety Class, taught by Bob Koenig, has been cancelled.

- APPROVED transferring Northwind Grocery's tobacco license to Kari and Tyler Ehrmantraut of The BBQ Smokehouse Plus.

- APPROVED a resolution accepting donations to the city, earmarked for the fire department's truck fund.

- DISCUSSED on-sale liquor license renewals and approved COVID-19 relief options, allowing establishments to pay only for the months they are open.

- APPROVED waiving penalties on utility bills for April and possibly May due to COVID-19.

- LEARNED from Bryniarski that with city hall being closed to the public at this time, the drop box outside has been working well.

- HEARD from council member Johnson during the council forum, who expressed his thanks to all first responders (including law enforcement and fire fighters) who have been out working during the coronavirus pandemic. He urged them to be careful.

- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. It will be a call-in conference.

- POSTPONED the city-wide garage sales, originally scheduled for May 8 and 9, due to COVID-19. They will be held at a later date, pending the coronavirus situation.



Keeping their distance during COVID-19

The Motley City Council held a call-in conference during their regular meeting April 13, with most council members participating by phone. Pictured front row, from left, are Brad Olson, Motley Fire Chief; and Jason Borash, Motley

Police Chief. In back, from left, are Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director; Mayor Al Yoder; and Curt Bryniarski, City Clerk/Treasurer. (computer screen shot)



Lions donate to Staples-Motley Speech

The Staples-Motley extracurricular speech team recently received a \$600 donation from the Staples-Host Lions Club. Pictured above, back row from left, are Lion Joe Roline; speech team members Ethan Gilbertson, Ari Brings and Jack Tyrrell; and speech coach Tammy Johnson. Kneeling, from left, are speech

team members Jonah Johnson and Jaydon Friedel. The students pictured are all seniors on the speech team. Missing from the photo was fellow senior Samantha Mrazek; and head speech coaches Brian and Heather Sams. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

April 15 - The MPD and MCSO responded to Casey's in Pillager, assisting Pillager Police officers with a 14-year-old subject whom they were fighting with to get into handcuffs.

April 14 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Anthony Melenciano, 29; Lea Keiser, 22.

April 14 - The MPD received a call from Shawn Jordahl of Jordahl Concrete, reporting that his skid loader had been tampered with while parked at the Holiday gas station in Motley during their major renovation project. He estimates it took place around April 1. Jordahl stated that someone had put something into his hydraulic reservoir and it appeared to be concrete sealer or some other type of product that damaged the hydraulic system. He stated that estimated repairs are up to \$20,000 and there are no suspects at this time.

April 11 - The MPD located a vehicle at the compost area in Motley, parked with its lights on. The police chief observed two occupants inside the back seat area who were startled when he shined his spot light on them. Both subjects then put their clothing back on, the report said. The subjects stated they were trying to have a little quality time together and that everything was consensual.

April 15 - The MCSO received a report of an individual walking around St. Michael Catholic Church in Motley for an

extended period of time and hanging out in the area. The responding deputy was advised the subject had left and was walking east. He proceeded to locate the subject and she stated she goes for walks to the church often in order to relax and that evening she was there listening to music.

April 13 - The MCSO received a report of illegal burning at the 31000 block of 60th Ave., Cushing.

April 13 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle that had rolled off the road at Dove and Emerald Roads in Cushing. It was unoccupied. The deputy located the owner of the vehicle, which had minor damage, and she stated she had swerved to miss a deer and had gotten picked up by a friend. She was advised to call law enforcement next time.

April 11 - The MCSO received a report of a grass fire at the 5000 block of Azalea Rd., Motley. Caller stated he had been burning cardboard and it had gotten out of control and was moving into the woods. Motley Fire Dept. paged and the DNR Forestry was notified.

April 11 - The MCSO received a call regarding illegal burning at Ridge Rd., Motley. The responding officer spoke with the subject, who stated he was burning twigs on a campfire. He was told to build a ring, which he did.

April 10 - The MCSO responded to an alarm at a cabin at the 27000 block of East Jade Trail, Cushing. The deputy stated he noticed ATV tracks on the property but did not find any doors or windows broken or unlocked. Everything was secure and he notified the owners of his findings.

Golf, boating back on

An executive order signed by Governor Tim Walz allows Minnesotans to engage in a range of activities, including golfing, boating, fishing, hunting and hiking, as long as they follow new outdoor recreation guidelines. These guidelines include maintaining 6-foot social distancing, avoiding crowded areas and staying close to home.

"It's important for us to stay active and enjoy the outdoors while preventing the spread of COVID-19," said Walz. "This measure will allow Minnesotans to take advantage of more opportunities to get outside, while still doing their part to keep their neighbors healthy."

Facilities that may reopen or remain open include:

- Bait shops for live bait
- Outdoor shooting ranges and game farms
- Public and private parks and trails
- Golf courses and driving ranges
- Boating and off-highway vehicle services, including:
 - Marina services
 - Dock installation and other lake services
 - Boat and off-highway vehicle sales and repair, by appointment only

Campgrounds and dispersed camping, outdoor recreational equipment retail stores, recreational equipment rental, charter boats, launches and guided fishing remain closed.

Minnesotans should continue to take part in outdoor activities close to their primary residence. Staying home helps protect Minnesotans from spreading COVID-19 and limits pressure on rural medical facilities and essential supplies.



Metal art project

Keller Anderson, an 8th grader at Staples-Motley Middle School, used his welding skills he learned last summer from his Grandpa (Rick) Odden to do his metal art project in Amanda Toff's art class. This is an example of distance learning that is in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers call their students to check in on them at home to see how their projects are coming along and if they have questions. (Submitted photo)

HEAT OR FOOD

You don't have to choose.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, starting April 1 the Minnesota Energy Assistance Program will require only one month of income proof. Whether members of your household are self-employed or have had reduced or lost employment, Todd County Energy Assistance may be able to help. The deadline to apply has been extended to July 1, 2020. Participants may apply and qualify one time per program year.

Printable Application and Income Guidelines
www.mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp

Contact Todd County Energy Assistance:
320-732-4516 or 888-838-4066

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Extended until May 4

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Community center coping with shutdown

The Staples City Council discussed the future of the Staples Community Center at their April 14 meeting.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the center will remain closed until May 4 or until the Minnesota stay-at-home order ends. Some communities are closing aquatic facilities for the summer because of the COVID-19 virus, but Nelsen said they will continue to monitor the situation and see what the recommendations are.

The school's elimination of the girls swimming program will cause further budget changes, Nelsen said. Different programming, along with switching over to a paid entry system could help make up the lost revenue, said Nelsen.

The community center roof is currently under

construction. Nelsen said the insulation on the roof was saturated with water, so there should be an energy savings when new insulation is in place.

In other news the council

- Approved second reading of ordinance to change the due date for utility bills to the 15th of every month.
- Approved ordinance requiring physical separation between residences of Level III predatory offenders.

- Approved \$266,811 FEMA grant to build a storm shelter at Dower Lake Recreation Area. The city will match \$89,000.
- Approved resolution establishing a garbage disposal surcharge for residences that do not have garbage service.

75 YEARS AGO - 1945

• April 26, 1945 - Staples city council, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening of this week, completed the appointment of all vacant offices in the city.

Gust Kalisch was appointed to the police department, along with Jess Marr, who is again chief of the department, and Lars Olson.

James Randgaard was appointed to the city water and light board.

Charles Fitzgerald was appointed to the city park board, replacing the late

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Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 23, 1970 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from

to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Council meeting online

The Staples City Council's Zoom meeting, with Mayor Chris Etzler talking to council members.

Wadena County approves tax waiver

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners voted to approve a property tax hardship penalty waiver process due to COVID-19 for the 2020 tax year. The board voted unanimously in favor of the waiver at the Commissioners meeting held April 14. The goal is to assist Wadena County taxpayer hardships related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wadena County leaders agreed that there is a need to provide relief to individual taxpayers experiencing layoffs and small businesses that were ordered to close.

Residents and business owners will have to apply no later than the end of business day Thursday, April 30, 2020 to have their late fee penalties waived for properties. This will extend the first half property taxes from the current due date of Friday, May 15, 2020 to Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Taxpayers can print out a waiver application from the Wadena County website or they can contact the Auditor/Treasurer's office for one to be mailed.

For any other questions, visit the Wadena County website at www.co.wadena.mn.us or contact the Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer's office at 218-631-7621.

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Development continues

percent GDP. Thats getting into dangerous territory."

Peterson said he would like to see how the first round of stimulus funding plays out before going into another round.

Agriculture is another area taking a big hit, said Peterson. He said farmers are dumping milk and euthanizing hogs because the processing plants are closing due to workers infected with COVID-19. He said the state could lose 30 percent of the dairy industry and up to 30 percent of the hog industry because of this crisis.

Peterson's Economic Development Officer Jacki Anderson also took part in the meeting and said every business should sign up for the stimulus money programs, even though some of the funds have reached their limit and are closed. But signing up now will put businesses in position for the next round of funding.

The group said the best way to apply for the stimulus money is to go through a local bank that is in the program or contact area economic development professionals. For this area that includes:

- For the city of Staples,

Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher, 218-894-2550, mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us.

- For Todd County, Todd County Development Corporation Director Rick Utech, 320-732-3015, ritech@todd.co.mn.us.

- For Wadena County, The Economic Alliance Director Katie Heppner, 218-929-3015, wceda@wcta.net.

Also at the meeting, a representative from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) said unemployment insurance phone lines are full and it is best to file for unemployment online at uimn.org.

Dawn Espe of Region Five said they are continuing with the Welcoming Communities project for Staples and other communities in the program. While it started as a workforce attraction program, Espe said they are now asking if the funding can be used to lift up specific populations in the community. She gave one example of creating hot spots for wi-fi internet access for students who do not have service at home.

Charles Dyer.

- April 26, 1945 - Mrs. Carrie Johnson has received the Purple Heart award of her grandson, Staff Sergeant Donald Jacobson, who was wounded in action on Jan. 11 of this year, and who is still confined to a hospital in England receiving treatment for these wounds.

- April 26, 1945 - The thud of the rolling pin on flaky pie crust, the gentle opening of an oven door, and the sweet aroma wafting into the kitchen in the various homes in Staples is a pleasing sense to members of families who eat these pies that are baked by mother or sister, and this is also true of those people who eat at some of the restaurants in Staples. Why?

Mrs. Sadie Mertens is a pastry cook in one of the restaurants in Staples and she has a record that is hard to beat. In ten months time, Mrs. Mertens has baked 4,538 pies of all kinds for the two places in which she has been employed.

Many would faint at the thought of having to make so many, and yet, Mrs. Mertens says: "It's all in a day's work. Why, making an average of a little better than fifteen pies a day is nothing."

50 YEARS AGO - 1970

- April 30, 1970 - Guy Doud, a junior at Staples high school, participated in two competitive rounds in humorous interpretation at the Minnesota State High School Speech Festival at Richfield Saturday, April 25.

His selection, "Nine Needles" by James Thurber, won an "A" rating from each of the two judges in these rounds. He received a bronze medal at the evening's banquet.

Doud was accompanied to the festival by Mrs. Lucille Miller, Henry Kopka, Constance Olson and Mrs. Kathryn Morey, instructors; and by Norman Drone, Debra Olstad, Joni Richardson and Karen Shea, speech students.

- April 30, 1970 - The top headline that week reads, "Man takes own life in Staples city jail." A young man from Minneapolis, formerly of Motley, was found dead in the Staples City jail last Saturday evening, April 25. About 45 minutes earlier he had been placed there by Staples Police on charges of drunk and disorderly conduct.

Dead is Bruce Frederickson, 23.

- April 30, 1970 - Dr. Duane R. Lund, superintendent of schools in Staples, was among the 33 members named by Governor Harold LeVander last Friday to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education for the Seventies.

- April 30, 1970 - The two top students for the Class of 1970 at Motley high school were named this week by R. G. Berg, superintendent.

The valedictorian for the 1970 graduating class is David Ehresman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Ehresman, Motley. The salutatorian is Esther Bonesteel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bonesteel, Leader.

25 YEARS AGO - 1995

- April 27, 1995 - Heidi Storbakken, a senior at Concordia College in Moorhead and 1991 graduate of Staples High School, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for a year of study and living in Europe, beginning this fall.

Heidi, the daughter of Ron and Sue Storbakken, will conduct her studies in Oberhausen, in Westphalia, near Cologne.

- April 27, 1995 - The Staples Motley High School speech team claimed another state champion this past week as Seth Sams won a first place in the Class A state speech tournament Friday, April 21, at Stillwater. Sams captured the school's third state speech title in three years with a reading called "The Speed of Darkness." It is a cut from a play about a Vietnam war veteran, now in his 50's, reliving some of his past experiences.

Another Staples Motley student, Adam Judd, finished fourth in the humorous category.

- April 27, 1995 - Brad Neznik has been chosen as the Boys State representative from the Staples area.

The junior from Staples Motley High School will participate in the citizenship experience June 11 - 17 at St. Olaf College at Northfield.

Skip Brenny and Nathan Gregg were chosen as alternates.

Neznik is the son of Monica Neznik, Brenny is the son of Jo Brenny and Gwen Litke. Gregg is the son of Bonnie and Mike Gregg.

The Ivan V. Sarff Post #70 American Legion sponsors the Boys State representative. Jack Wilson is the commander. The selection committee included Doug Anderson, Huck Holst and Russ Dahl.

- April 27, 1995 - Patrick Thorn, a senior music student at St. Cloud State University, will present his senior trumpet recital on Thursday, May 4, at 8 p.m. in the recital hall of the Performing Arts Center.

Patrick, a 1991 gradu-

ate of Staples Motley High School, is the son of Bill and Terrie Brown.

10 YEARS AGO - 2010

- April 29, 2010 - The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce has moved its offices from the former First International annex into office space adjacent to the Rainbow Realty office on Fourth Street. Members of the chamber's board of directors held their first meeting there on April 13. They included Amy Hunter, Chamber executive director; Sally Fall, First International Bank and Trust, Motley; Jolene Yungbauer, Simplicity Salon; Cheri Bodeen, First International Insurance; Lee Jenkins, president of the chamber; Autumn Pechan,

Curves; Rachel Johnson Lakewood Health System; and Mark Pagnac, Staples Express.

- April 29, 2010 - Senior Gemma Shaffer (Staples Motley) qualified for the final round of competition and won the fourth place medal in Storytelling in the Class A State Speech Tournament held April 24, at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

- April 29, 2010 - Cardinal Nick Forsberg finished second, just one stroke behind Brainerd's Sean Halverson, leading his Cardinal boys golf team to a sixth place finish in the Pequot Lakes Early Bird tournament Thursday and Friday at The Pines and Preserve golf courses.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the April 16, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured three members of the Staples FFA Chapter that received the State Farmer Degree, the highest degree given by the Minnesota FFA Association. "This degree is given to the top two percent of the state's 14,000 members, which means that 280 Minnesota FFA members will receive the gold charm at the annual banquet in St. Paul on May 4," the article said. Pictured, from left, are Dan Becker, Dallas Sams and Dan Korfe.

Roddy Sams of rural Staples correctly identified all, as did Dan Becker, who lives south of Staples, and Jim Hofer of Staples. Judy Wolak and Mike Koppes, both of Staples, correctly identified Becker and Sams; and Tom Crawford of Cushing correctly identified Sams and did his best to identify the other two by deciphering what was written on their jackets.

Roddy is a brother of the late Dallas Sams, who went on to become a Minnesota State Senator.

Dan Becker, a 1970 Staples High School graduate, recalled that the three of them had been elected from the Staples FFA chapter to be Regional FFA officers and that Jim Hofer was their advisor. He has a lot of great memories from that time, Becker said. He also shared that Dan Korfe now lives on a farm east of Bertha.

Jim Hofer said, "I had the privilege of being the vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor to these and many other outstanding youth during the time period in this photo."

Mike Koppes, SHS Class of 1971, noted that he knew Becker and Sams from school and that he grew up just down the road from Sams.

Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Lakewood continues to operate under new safety measures

At the time this article was written, Lakewood Health System (LHS) has confirmed eight positive COVID-19 cases. All eight of these patients have either already recovered or are recovering at home. None of these patients required hospitalization.



By Tim Rice
President and CEO

I want to reassure you we remain accessible to serve patients who need ongoing, face-to-face medical care and attention. Certain types of medical care should not be postponed and need to continue as scheduled.

We encourage everyone to follow the advice of your healthcare provider, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) when making the decision to come in for care.

Delays in getting care may be harmful to you, which is why your provider will work with you to ensure care is provided if needed. The stay-at-home order has allowed us to better prepare, obtain needed supplies and equipment, and ensure we can still provide the medical care you may need now.

We continue to prepare and put measures into place to ensure the health and safety of everyone who enters our facilities. Some appointments can now be done via telehealth or virtual visit formats, such as Zoom. We have designated separate entrances for sick and well patients. Our staff members are wearing masks and personal protective equipment at all times. And, in some cases, we are even doing home visits. We continue to look at new ways to provide safe, effective care for all our patients, especially those who are high-risk. Thank you for being patient and accommodating with these changes.

When you arrive at Lakewood Health System, things will look a little different than before. Upon entering, a staff member will ask you a few questions about your health, take your temperature,

assist you in putting on a mask if needed, and direct or escort you to your destination. These measures are done to protect everyone, prevent the spread of illness and make sure you get to the appropriate area quickly and efficiently. Our dedicated community members are to thank for many of the masks we are using in this process. They have been busy at home making cloth masks and donating other needed protective equipment and supplies. We are so grateful to you and appreciate all the hard work and hours you have put into this project! It is truly a team effort.

We are still offering a free Click Care (virtual) office visit if you have symptoms of an illness and aren't sure whether to come in or not. Several common, non-life-threatening conditions can be treated this way, without leaving the comfort of your own home. Visit www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com for information on Click Care. If you are ill and need non-urgent medical attention, we ask you to call 218-894-1515 before coming in, so we can be more prepared to serve you.

We have made a few operational changes at Lakewood to be good stew-

ards of our resources, and to meet the needs of the people we serve by providing the right care, at the right time, in the right place. This includes revising our hours of operation at the following facilities:

- LHS Motley and Eagle Valley clinics are closed until further notice. We will continue to assess the situation to determine when to resume normal operations. Patients can still receive care at Lakewood's Browerville, Staples and Pillager clinics.

- LHS Staples and Pillager clinic hours are now 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, until further notice.

- LHS Staples Saturday clinic hours will remain the same (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- LHS Main Campus Medical Marketplace hours are now 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, until further notice.

Although things at Lakewood look a little different these days, our commitment to your health and wellness remains the same. We appreciate the efforts to stay home whenever possible. It's not easy, but you are saving lives and ultimately helping those who can't stay home. And for those who need medical care and can't stay home, our doors are open.

Letters to the Editor

Seniors shine in essays

As chairman of the Lion's Education and Youth committee, I've had the opportunity to read the applications of those seniors who applied for the Staples Host Lions, scholarship. I was extremely impressed with the thoughts and efforts put in by the thirteen seniors who

applied. This made it very difficult for the committee to choose the recipients.

Through this process, I felt very proud to be a part of a community with such outstanding young people. Their writing skills, service to our community and concern for others is a credit to all of them and our school system.

Tom Honek
Staples Host Lions

Gave the shirt off her back

Tonight I heard a story on "All Things Considered" about a boy who asked a stranger to temporarily trade pants with him because he was not allowed to attend his lab class wearing shorts.

It reminded me of MANY years ago when I wore a "Staples" shirt to the Hopkins Theater and a young woman asked me where I got it. She explained that her mother lived in Staples and would love that shirt. I told her that it was a campaign shirt for my state senator, Emily Staples. But...I then went into the restroom, took off the shirt, put on a jacket that I happened

to have with me...and then gave it to the girl!

My husband said that he had heard about people who would "give you the shirt off their back" but didn't know that he was married to one!

Hearing the story tonight made me wonder if that girl's mother had ever worn the shirt and, perhaps, had some good laughs telling other people how her daughter had happened to get that Staples shirt for her!

It made me wonder if anyone in Staples had ever heard such a story and so, I decided to write and ask.

I am now 81 and a widow so it was fun to think back at a happy time.

Carole Rydberg,
Plymouth, Minn.

Community health is Staples priority

Many years ago I worked on the railroad in Staples. Before I left because of the run-through, Staples had proposed that they wanted to build a hazardous waste incinerator located in their town. This didn't sit very well with the people. Conversely, the chamber of commerce accepted the idea. So I helped spearhead an effort to stop the city from building this incinerator. I wrote many articles in a year's span in the Staples World about so many reasons why I opposed the idea. It took a referendum vote to defeat their plan easily.

One of my articles was quoted as saying "we've been crusaders for a healthy, safe and clean

America from the beginning." Back then this was a smaller movement.

Today, this should be at the forefront of all federal policies, because of this unforeseen COVID-19 virus.

We have to be awakened to this new smart enemy that's affecting the whole world. It has no boundaries, it threatens all races, genders, all ages, although mainly older people, all religions and politics. Our strongest armies can't even defeat this virus.

Let's get behind the health experts, science, the data and be smart before we open the economy. Be a crusader for a healthy, safe and clean America in today's world, our politicians have failed us.

Distancing ourselves from each other today is the only measure to defeat this COVID-19 virus.

Charles Decker
Fargo, ND

Declare an outbreak of peace

By Paula Green

The Secretary General of the United Nations issued a plea to the countries of the world to declare an immediate ceasefire. "The fury of the virus illustrates the folly of war," he said. "Let us dedicate ourselves to the real fight, which is not with each other, but is to protect our health and the health of our planet." Can we heed his plea, acknowledge more fully than ever our profound and indisputable interdependence, and seize this perilous moment as an opportunity for broad and deep societal change? How much more evidence do we need? Borders and boundaries do not protect us. Position and privilege may not keep us from harm. No country or village is too far away. We are all vulnerable to this virus.

Life offers each of us more than enough suffering without armed conflict. Let us require our governments to respond to the Secretary General of the UN with their national commitments to end armed conflict. We can put our trust in the tools of diplomacy and band together across nations to alleviate the anguish of wars. Seeing through the delusions of separatism so clearly helps us mobilize for the transformation to a human race at peace with itself and the planet we share. An aware and empowered populace will

hasten this change.

The current reduction of human activity forced by this coronavirus enables the earth, scarred with pollution and toxins, to begin to purify and renew itself so that in the future rivers will sparkle and stars glitter. Just as the soil, water, and air around us recovers from some of its poisons when we cease our frantic consumption, perhaps we humans, especially those with the privilege of slowing down, will accept the challenge to renew and liberate ourselves as well. This juncture provides an opening to rethink our values and behaviors, to recreate societies that reflect altruism and peace. Many whose lives are comfortable are now discovering how to live with a lot less, and as we diminish our greed, we reduce one of the major causes of war.

Might we now give up on the illusion that we are rugged individuals and proclaim our interconnectedness? We all crave contact, which we currently attain in dystopian fashion on Zoom. In being present for each other, even electronically, we strengthen our common humanity and social solidarity. We find ways to nurture and weave our precious human web, to remember that our human needs are universal, and that our generosity is a gift that ripples out and reproduces itself. As we engage locally, we extend our concern to those mil-

lions of us who are vulnerable, perhaps experiencing increased economic hardship, political repression, the scourge of racism, the pain of exclusion, or health difficulties.

The climate crisis, appalling inequality, the destruction of our earthly home and its flora and fauna, are all powerful evidence that our ways of organizing society are dangerously outmoded. Social change emerges slowly and invisibly, yet the new is always fermenting within the old. Eventually the old ways fracture, and new realities will burst forth. Our minds, burdened by the fear and endless battles of our politics, can take us to negative images of increased authoritarianism, militarism, xenophobia, and injustice. Many will be pushing for that kind of social order, and we have to organize mightily against their demands, beginning now. But we do

not serve ourselves or our society by focusing on our fears. Focus instead on what your awakened and discerning self can see and do. This planet-wide virus, tragic as it is, has the potential to galvanize multitudes. Once awake, there is no returning to delusions like walls, borders, hatreds, or an us-them mentality. Once conscious, we are all "us."

We are each citizens of the community of life and everything we do matters in the universe. Our visions and actions are the building blocks of the community and the world we deeply wish for. We prepare for its arrival as we make the most of this potentially transformative moment.

Paula Green is founder of Karuna Center for Peacebuilding and professor emerita at the School for International Training.

Quote of the week

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."
— Anne Bradstreet

Connie Nelson
Hands of Hope Resource Center

Let's be honest, sex is not a comfortable conversation for many and when you add the word violence to it, it becomes even more uncomfortable.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and over the years, we've had many different themes for our conversations about sex and sexual violence. Themes such as "Choose Respect", "Prevention is Possible", "Embrace Your Voice" and "I Ask". All these themes are meant to bring awareness to everyone about safe, healthy relationships and the crime of sexual assault. For some, this issue won't be a part of our lives, or will it? One in three females and one in six males will experience some type of sexual assault in their lifetime. These assaults are happening to: children, teenagers, adults and yes even senior citizens with an assault happening every 92 seconds in the United States. Reality is, two thirds of these assaults are never reported to anyone, as victims fear of not being believed, feeling ashamed and self-blaming. Some victims will however report, but then again survivors deal with disbelief, a lack of understanding as to "why did they wait so long to report" and also those who refuse to believe that anything like that could be happening in their com-

munity. One more factor that's difficult to comprehend, most offenders of sexual assaults are people that the victim/survivor knows, a friend, relative, teacher, intimate partner, which plays a huge role in a survivor's silence.

Sexual assault is defined as any sexual activity engaged in without explicit consent of the other party. No means no, not now means no, I'm tired means no, I'm not sure means no, silence means no. Anything other than "YES" means "NO". In our society, we need to learn to respect each other, value our right to make choices, respect those boundaries. Life would be much simpler for all. Survivors need to be believed, supported, and a clear message needs to be sent to everyone, that there's no disgrace in being a survivor of any crime #sexual violence, as that shame lies only with the aggressor.

If you or someone you know is struggling with a victimization due to sexual assault, feel free to call or stop by Hands of Hope Resource Center and allow us to provide you with free, confidential and knowledgeable services. Our phone number Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30: 320-732-2319, our crisis line is: 1-800-682-4547 is available 24 hours a day. We can also be reached via Facebook, or at advocates.handssofhope@gmail.com. I wish you safety always.

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Elisa Koreenne program available online



Elisa Koreenne

The Wadena County Historical Society's Spring Legacy programs have transitioned to online. Singer-Songwriter Elisa

Koreenne, who was scheduled to perform one of her song and story shows in Wadena on April 24. The historical society has provided a link to a program created earlier by Prairie Public called "Minnesota's Unsung History Stories".

The hour-long program features original songs by Koreenne that are focused on little-known, but historically relevant events and people throughout Minnesota. Songs include: Root Beer Lady, When Feathers Flew (about Herman Fink of Wadena), Mail Order Bride, Moonshine, Sandy Lake Tragedy, We Can Take It, Who Was I?,

Chaska, Courthouse Synagogue, Next Big Thing, Steamboats on the Red and Sister Lumberjack. Watch them all at once or enjoy one a day.

In a recent press release, the Wadena County Historical Society stated, "Thanks again to Prairie Public for graciously allowing us to feature this program."

A link is available at www.WadenaCountyHistory.org. For more information about this and other public programs visit the website or email 603wchs@arvig.net or leave a message at 218-631-9079.

Staples council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet on Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. Most members plan to attend online.

Items on the agenda include:

- Consider request to provide a credit to on-sale liquor licensees for COVID-19 business closure.
- Consider request from Timberlake Lodge for a 30 day deferral to pay tourism tax starting with their April, 2020 payment.
- Consider approving Resolution 1800 utility billing, collection and disconnect.
- COVID-19 pandemic update.

Cancellations in the Staples-Motley area

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the following events/activities have been cancelled:

• Staples American Legion Auxiliary #70 meeting April 30, has been cancelled. It will not be rescheduled at this time. Phone calls will be made to members regarding volunteering for Poppy Day Distribution. For info., call 218-894-2254.

These are the events that the Staples World has been made aware of. For other updates, call a representative of the entity in question directly.

Free potatoes to be given out April 23, in Staples

Ruby's Pantry out of Sauk Centre will be in Staples on Thursday, April 23, giving out a truck load of potatoes beginning at 5 p.m. They will be set up outside of the high school cafeteria on 3rd St. NE. All are welcome.

Conversation Starter of the Week
When do you feel most contented these days? Why?
 Brought to you by Todd County CAD

Wadena County Historical Society offers public programs online

The next several months, the Wadena County Historical Society will be offering their public programs online. BookEnds Online Edition launched April 11.

BookEnds, is a monthly literary program that connects readers and writers. The new online edition featured a youtube presentation by Allan Woodrow, youth author and humorist, talking about his recent book, "The Curse of the Werpenguin". It also featured a talk by Woodrow about his experiences as a writer. Both programs are now available through the website: www.WadenaCountyHistory.org.

BookEnds online edition, is held each month launching on or before the second Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Scheduled 2020 BookEnds speakers include: Margi Preus, Ann Lewis, Alex Messenger, J. Ryan Stradal, Gretchen Anthony, Freya Manfred, Lorna Landvik, and Barton Sutter.

For more information contact the Wadena County Historical Society at 603wchs@arvig.net or call 218-631-9079.

Five Wings offers online coffee klatsch

Five Wings Arts Council invites the public to join arts and culture workers (artists, arts leaders and FWAC grantees presenting arts and culture events in Region Five) for a fun Zoom'n Coffee Klatsch on Wednesday, April 22, at 1:30 p.m.

A Five Wings press release stated "Wouldn't it be perfection to sip a good cup of java (or tea, or soda, or wine or ?) and talk to someone else who feels your pain, shares your questions, and wants to hear what you have to say?"

"Share your story, tell us what you need, tell us what you dream. We'll take just a few minutes to tell you about how FWAC can

help now, but more importantly want to hear from you about what else YOU need to weather the storm of this COVID crisis. We'll also give you a preview of what to expect from the state funding system in the next six months.

"Plus, we know there are so many artists and arts organizations out there doing generous, creative work in response to the pandemic - all stories worth sharing. Let's hear those, be inspired and find ways to share those with others."

For more information call Call Vicki Chepulis at 701-200-1375 or go to fwac.org.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God Teleconferencing:
Toll-free: 844-855-4444, after the greeting, use Code 8742383#
No internet needed. Join us for a time of praise, prayer and Bible study.

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
 Pastor Roy Miles
 Discipleship Classes..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY
 Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
 Sunlight (Kids Program).... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
 Youth Group 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
 27343 490th St., Staples..... 218-894-2609
 Pastor Barry Klein
 Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
 Bible School (youth and adult).... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.... 6:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firsttongocstaples@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
 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. Gabriel Walz
 Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
 Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
 MASS:
 Thursday and Friday..... 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday..... 8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
 15940 251st Ave., Staples..... 218-894-3923
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

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
 Pastor Greg Leslie
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
 Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
 AWANA 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
 www.bethanylutherancushing.org
 Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Pancake Breakfast 11:45 a.m.
 2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
 1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449
 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
 Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
 Pastor: Jim Brown
 Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad

SUNDAY
 Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
 Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.
 Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
 Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

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.

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church
 Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
 Info. 218-837-5690 .. Open by arrangement

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
 33 Wellwood St. E
 Motley 56466 218-352-6888
 Pastor Jim Johnson
 Sunday Worship..... 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
 Kids Club..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.
 Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

St. Michael
 1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
 Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
 MASS:
 Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday..... 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley, MN 56466
 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
 218-746-3768
 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.
 (serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

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

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

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

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

Family Life Church
 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
 Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
 Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard

SUNDAY
 Discipleship Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
 Prayer 9:20 a.m.
 Coffee / Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Celebrate Recovery 6-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
 6:00 p.m.Meal 6:30 p.m.Groups

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 Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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

"Getting closer during social distancing"

Pastor Donald Reigstad, Lincoln Free Evangelical Church

There's an irony in the pandemic. While distancing from each other, we are realizing more than ever, how much we need each other. It's tough to be alone. In fact, after creating the world and declaring everything "good", Scripture says that God declared one thing "not good".

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone." -Genesis 2:18

You and I need "togetherness", now more than ever. So, go for it.

1. Get closer to God than you ever have been. Go for a walk with Him, chat with Him more, read His word and talk to Him about it. Think about God more.

2. Get "closer" to others than you ever have been. Sometimes being in close proximity to each other, gets in the way of getting closer spiritually. We take each other for granted and remain on the surface of life instead of plunging deeply into it. Call, text, write, FaceTime, whatever.

Keep the social distance; close the spiritual distance.

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Fire preparation

Above, a group of horses is led off a field to make space for the Minnesota DNR fire fighting helicopter to land while fighting a grass fire near Staples on April 14. The fire had spread to a wetland where vehicles couldn't reach.

Pictured at right, Staples Fire Department fills up a mobile truck that could reach the muddy roads the big trucks couldn't get to. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Elisheba and Zach Johnson of Staples, a baby girl, Ever Oakley weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 9, 2020.

Born to Shannon and Gabriel Wheeler of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Maren Mae weighing seven pounds, three ounces on April 9, 2020.

Born to Kayla and Zach Smith of Pillager, a baby boy, Jon Douglas weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on April 11, 2020.

Born to Andrea and Josh Wickstrom of Cushing, a baby girl, Hazel Ione weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 12, 2020.

Born to Dana Nordby and Kelly Lembeck of Browerville, a baby boy, Jayden Axel weighing six pounds, seven ounces on April 13, 2020.

Born to Jessica and Matthew Orr of Staples, a baby boy, Dean Alexander weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces on April 14, 2020.

Born to Elizabeth and Michael Horn of Bertha, a baby boy, William Michael weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on April 15, 2020.

SHS Class of 1980 to hold 40th reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1980 will hold their 40th reunion on Friday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Aug. 22, in Staples.

The celebration begins Friday at Timbers Restaurant & Event Center. Social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief program at 7 p.m. Classmates are asked to, "Come dressed in your '80s outfits" that evening.

An informal gathering will take place on Saturday at Pine Grove Park Picnic Shelter, beginning at 6:30 p.m. "Bring your own beverage and a snack if you wish."

To register online, go to www.SHS1980.classquest.com.

A block of rooms is being reserved at Timberlake Hotel in Staples, under 'Staples HS Class of 1980.' For more information or to reserve a room, call 218-895-1300.

For more information about the reunion, email 1980reunionshs@gmail.com, or call Lisa Essington DesMarais at 218-851-9220. Information is also available at Facebook: Staples High School 40th Class Reunion (Class of 1980).

Obituaries

Laurine Judd

Laurine Maxine Judd, 91, passed away March 21, 2020, at the Granite Falls Care Center in Granite Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Laurine was born September 22, 1928 to Lloyd and Hazel (Smith) Schmidt in Staples. She grew up in Staples and attended the public school there. When Laurine was younger she worked as a waitress. She moved to Washington for a few years. Laurine was blessed with eight children and she loved being a mom. While the children were growing up, she was able to stay at home and care for them.

In 1963, Laurine and her family moved back to Staples where she began working at the USPS as a postal carrier. She was also a teacher's assistant for a time. In 1998, Laurine moved to Granite Falls to be near family and would often winter in Oklahoma.

Laurine enjoyed baking, cooking, sewing and all things crafty. She loved to travel and would take her grandchildren and great-grandchildren on personal "special trips" such as a train ride to other states. These trips are treasured memories.

Laurine is survived by three sons, Lloyd Judd of Staples, Fred (Sheila)



Judd of Alexandria, Dan Judd of Wood Lake; one daughter, Marcy Judd of Granite Falls; daughters-in-law, Kathie Judd of Staples, Debi Judd of Cape Coral, FL; 18 grandchildren, Sheila, Brandy, Jason, Aaron, Jeremy, Mark, Stephanie, Ryan, Heather, Scott, Kalee, Sam, Todd, Chris, Katie, Mellissa, Charlotte, Alexandra; 46 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and many other relatives and friends.

Laurine was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel; father, Lloyd; step-father, Clement; four sons, Clifford, Gaylord, infant Mark, infant David; great-grandson; two brothers and one sister.

Arrangements are with the Wing-Bain Funeral Home of Granite Falls. For online guestbook, visit www.wingbain.com.

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Dena Carlson-Stumm

Dena Louise Carlson-Stumm, 49, of Pillager passed away April 10, 2020 with her mother, husband and sister by her side.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Dena was born October 9, 1971 in Staples to Dale and Barb (Allen) Carlson. She married the love of her life, Thomas Stumm, October 28, 2017. Dena enjoyed bear camp, hunting with her dad and Uncle Jim, attending her nephew, Mitchell Carlson's demo derbies, visiting with her aunt, Rose Marie and cousin, Cindy, shopping with her mom and sister, the Nail Game, vacationing with her husband, spending time with her German family, listening to it rain and having her dachshunds, Cooper and Buster, by her side.

Above all else, Dena's greatest joy came from making sure her friends and family were happy.

Left to cherish her memory are her mother, Barb Carlson; husband, Thomas Stumm; sister, Suzette Carlson; aunt and godmother, Rose Marie Pietz; nephew Mitchell Carlson; uncle Jim Carlson; lifelong friend Lori Robben; special friend Jolleen Yungbauer; her German family, father and mother-in-law, Fritz Stumm and Irene Stumm of Hellertshausen, Germany; sister-in-law, Birgit (Joachim) of Hottenbach, Germany; sister-in-law Sabina (Gernot) of Fischbach, Germany; brother-in-law Markus (Karina) Stumm, of Hellertshausen, Germany; 10 nieces and nephews, Malou, Finja, Jason, Jasmin, Martin, Malina, Amaju, Vanessa, Ian, and Sandro.

Dena was preceded in death by her dad, Dale; sister, Donette; grandparents; aunts; uncles; cousins and Dachshund, Sheldon.

Dena's loving and generous heart will be dearly missed. Rest in peace, Dena, we love you. Ruhe in Frieden, Dena, wir lieben dich.

Arrangements by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, www.brenny.com.

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Charles Steffen

Charles (Chuck) Steffen, 57, of Big Lake, died April 14 at his home.

Private graveside services were held April 17, 2020 at Riverside Cemetery in Moran Township (rural Todd County). Alan Judd officiated.

Chuck was born August 2, 1962 in Moorhead to Charles G. and Joann (Sinner) Steffen, Sr. He married Audra Tepley on September 17, 1994 in Anoka. Chuck worked as a machinist for JBT Machining, Inc. in Anoka until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Nicholas (Jenn Meine) Steffen; one daughter, Rachael (Eli) Dockendorf; mother, JoAnn McMullen of Osseo; two brothers, William (Kristin) Steffen and Matthew (Lisa) Steffen; one sister, Anastasia (Michael) Morrone.

He is preceded in death by his father Charles G. Steffen, Sr.

Arrangements were by the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Big Lake.

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Lynn Enberg

Lynn Maureen Enberg, 71, of Motley, passed away at Essentia-St Joseph's Medical Center, April 13, 2020.

Lynn was born in Pembina, North Dakota to Milton and Jesse (Wells) Pudil. She taught in the Pillager School district for 40 years.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Mark (Cecilia) Tholl, Justin Tholl and Jason (Melissa) Tholl and two grandchildren, Trajan Tholl and Anita Tholl.

Lynn is preceded in death by her parents. Arrangements by Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home.

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Nature helps relieve anxiety - 50 years of Earth Day

Studies show that walking in nature can relax heart rates and ease anxiety. On Earth Day, April 22, enjoy the nature we have all around us.

The first Earth Day was in 1970, after an oil spill off the coast of California triggered a movement that also created the Environmental Protection Agency.

While Minnesotans are under a stay at home order, they can still get outside to enjoy nature and reflect on the positive things of life. Pictured above, a flock of ducks fly from a pond near Staples. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Nature is still open

Minnesota's "shelter-at-home" order still allows residents to get outdoors and enjoy nature. Minnesota State Parks and recreation areas are open for day use, but campgrounds are closed. Pictured, a sandhill crane searches a grassy area near Staples.



Nature is close to home

There is always nature nearby for rural central Minnesota residents. Pictured above, the Staples water tower can be seen above a grassy field. Below, the

water retention pond near Airport Road is bounded by cattails.



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**NOTICE
CITY OF STAPLES
ORDINANCE 527**

**ADDITION TO
CHAPTER 20
OFFENSES AND
MISCELLANEOUS
PROVISIONS**

ARTICLE IV. Level III
Predatory Offenders
**Sec. 20-80 Findings
and Intent.**

Repeat predatory offenders pose a serious threat to public safety. Individuals designated by the Department of Corrections as Level III offenders typically have a significant criminal history and have a high risk of re-offense. Most predatory offenders commit numerous offenses, have many more victims than are ever reported, and are prosecuted for only a fraction of their crimes. This makes the cost of predatory offender victimization to society at large, while incalculable, unmistakably steep.

It is the intent of this Section to serve the City's compelling interest to promote, protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of Staples citizens by mitigating the concentration of Level III offenders as intended by Minnesota Statute 244.052, by requiring physical separation between the permanent and/or temporary residences of Level III predatory offenders.

Sec. 20-81 Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Section of the Staples City Code, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the following definitions, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Designated predatory offender. Any person who has been categorized as a Level III predatory offender under Minnesota Statutes Section 244.052, a successor statute, or a similar statute from another state in which that person's risk assessment indicates a high risk of re-offense;

Permanent residence. A place where a person abides, lodges, or resides for 14 or more consecutive days;

Temporary residence. A place where a person abides, lodges, or resides for a period of 14 or more days in the aggregate during any calendar year and which is not the person's permanent address, or a place where the person routinely abides, lodges, or resides for a period of four or more consecutive or non-consecutive days in any month and which is not the person's permanent residence.

Sec. 20-82 Predatory offenders prohibition: penalties: exceptions.

(a) Prohibited location of residence. It is unlawful for any designated Level III predatory offender to

establish a permanent residence or temporary residence within 1,000 feet of the permanent or temporary residence of any other designated Level III predatory offender.

(b) Measurement of distance. For purposes of determining the minimum distance of separation, the requirement shall be measured by following a straight line from the outer property line of the permanent residence or temporary residence to the nearest outer property line of the permanent residence or temporary residence of any other designated Level III predatory offender.

(c) Penalties. A person who violates this Section shall be punished by a fine of an amount not exceeding that set in accordance with Section 115 of this Code or confinement for a term not exceeding 90 days, or by both such fine and confinement. Each day a person maintains a residence in violation of this Ordinance constitutes a separate violation. Violations shall be reported to the Minnesota Department of Corrections and/or the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

(d) Exceptions. A designated predatory offender residing within a prohibited area as described in Section 20.82 does not commit a violation of this Section if any of the following apply:

(1) The person established the permanent residence or temporary residence and reported and registered the residence pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 243.166 and 243.167, or a successor statute, prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

(2) The person was a minor when he/she committed the offense and was not convicted as an adult;

(3) The person is a minor;

(4) The residence is also the primary residence of the person's parents, grandparents, siblings or spouse;

(5) The residence is a property purchased, leased, or contracted for and licensed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

Sec. 20-83 Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provision of this Ordinance, or application of any provision of this Ordinance due to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

This Ordinance is effective this 14th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:
Diane Archer, City Clerk
17pnc

**NOTICE
CITY OF STAPLES
ORDINANCE NO. 528
CHANGING DUE DATE
FOR UTILITY BILLS**

**AN ORDINANCE to
change the due date for
utility bills from the
10th to the 15th.**

**Sec. 32-36. - Billing,
payment and past due
bills.**

All municipal utilities shall be billed monthly and a utilities statement or statements shall be mailed to each consumer each month. All utilities charges shall be past due and considered delinquent if they are unpaid at the close of business on the fifteenth day following such billing, provided, that if the fifteenth day shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the time shall be extended to the close of business on the next succeeding day on which business is normally transacted. A penalty of ten percent shall be added to and become part of all past due utility bills.

(Prior Code, § 4.2.01)

Sec. 32-37. - Delinquent utility bills.

Charges for utility service shall be due on the monthly due date as specified by the city and shall be delinquent fifteen days thereafter. The city shall endeavor to collect delinquent accounts promptly. In any case, where satisfactory arrangements for payment have not been made, the utilities department may discontinue service to the delinquent customer by shutting off the water at the stop box and/or electricity at the meter connection box. When utilities to any premises have been disconnected, service shall not be restored to the same consumer except upon payment of all delinquent bills and a reconnection fee. The city clerk shall prepare an assessment roll on delinquent accounts as of September 1 of each year providing for assessment for the delinquent amounts against the respective properties served; provided, however, that this assessment procedure shall not be applicable in situations in which the consumer listed on the city records is only a tenant (lessee) and not the owner of the property. The assessment roll shall be delivered to the council for adoption on or before October 1 of each year for certification to the county auditor for collection along with taxes the following year. When the assessment is certified to the county auditor for collection, the amount is no longer considered delinquent.

(Prior Code, § 4.2.02)

Adopted this 14th day of April, 2020.

Diane Archer, City Clerk
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**TODD COUNTY
2020 GRAVEL
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May 12, 2020**

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- CP 20:89
- CP 20:107
- CP 77-20-05

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**NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION
Important Information
Regarding Property
Assessments
This may affect your
2021 property taxes.**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Villard Township will meet on April 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Villard Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Mary Trantina Koenig,
Clerk
Villard Township
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday May 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in the commissioners meeting room, **Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN, or via phone conference call to consider the following applications. Please email or phone your wish to be included, if the meeting is not allowed open to the public. 320-732-4420, toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us**

Agenda

- Call to Order.
- Introduction of Planning Commission Members.
- Approval of the April 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. Robby Lemke: SW4 SE4 & part of NW4 SE4 of Section 19 of Long Prairie Township

Site Address: 23067 Gingseng Road. PID: 18-0024800

1) On site gun sales and to engage in business for intrastate sale of firearms

2. Greg Marthaler: S2 SE4 of Section 30 in West Union Township

Site Address: 11780 Stearns Line Road. PID: 27-0022700

1) To construct a grain bin that will exceed 100 feet of height.

3. Tyler M. Schlieff: Part of N2 SE4 N of Hwy. 71 of Section 13 in Wykeham Township

Site Address: 36315 165th Ave. PID: 28-0010700

1) To establish a vehicle salvage yard, scrap metals salvage, and vehicle repair shop.

4. Darwin Sibell: Preliminary Plat 'Sibells Subdivision Three': Parts of Gov't Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Section 5 of Gordon Township

Site Address: 20826 Eagle Drive. PID: 10-0003900

1) To create a two lot plat with one lot to be an 'unbuildable outlot' in Shoreland GD Zoning and AF2 Zoning.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters. **If unable to attend, all correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Todd County Planning
Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson
17pnc

**Road construction
to limit access to
Lakewood's main campus**

Starting Monday, May 4, road construction crews will begin work repaving County Road 83 between Warner Road and Lakewood Health System's Main Campus entrance in Staples.

As a result, access to Lakewood's main clinic and hospital will be available only from the Hwy 10

exit between Staples and Motley.

This portion of the project is expected to be completed mid-June. Phase two will then redo the stretch of road between Lakewood's Main Campus entrance and the Hwy 10 exit. More information around this work will be made available in June.

**Todd County Sheriff's
Office reports**

All County buildings are closed to the public until further notice. The Todd County Sheriff's Office reassures you that Emergency Services will not be affected and we remain fully operational with modifications.

The main lobby is closed to the public. To request law enforcement assistance, there will be intercom/phone access to dispatch in the lobby foyer of the Sheriff's Office. Instructions will be posted as how to contact dispatch to make your request. The public can contact dispatch by phone at 320-732-2157 or 800-749-5733.

For emergencies, dial 911. Contact information for all Sheriff's Office departments is listed on the website at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/divisions/public-safety/sheriff/>

The following incidents were recently reported to the Todd County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) and dispatch:

April 14: Bryce Barthel, 18, of Swanville lost control of his vehicle on Cty Rd 31 near the Morrison Line Road, rolled into the ditch severely damaging the car. Barthel sustained minor injuries as a result of the crash.

April 14: TCSO received a 911 call reporting a structure fire at 28017 Olga Lane in Sylvan Shores. Vyacheslav and Nina Bushmich lost two storage buildings and all of their contents. The Staples Fire Department assisted the Browerville Fire Department with the call.

March 29 - April 4: TCSO responded to 206 calls for service including: 79 traffic stops, 8 traffic complaints, 4 civil process, 8 civil issues, 11 suspicious activity complaints, 3 assist other agencies, 10 disturbances/domestics, 3 welfare checks, 2 alarms, 2 accidents.

Todd County Dispatch received 88 - 911 calls during the week.

April 10: Brittany Dahlvang of Hewitt report damage to her tires. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the TCSO.

April 8: Lisa Meacham, 50, of Browerville was northbound on Cty Rd 9, when two deer entered the roadway, striking them both. The front end of vehicle was damaged; Seconds later the vehicle caught fire. Staples Fire Department responded, arriving on scene with the vehicle fully engulfed and distinguished the fire. No

injuries were reported.

March 29 - April 4: TCSO responded to 148 calls for service including: 50 traffic stops, 2 civil process, 11 suspicious activity complaints, 4 assist other agencies, 3 disturbances/domestics, 5 welfare checks, 3 accidents.

Todd County Dispatch received 82 - 911 calls during the week.

April 1: Approximately 2:10 p.m. TCSO received a report of a one vehicle rollover on Cty Rd 11 near 290th St. It was determined the vehicle was traveling northbound when it left the roadway, hit a field approach and rolled several times. The driver was transported to the Long Prairie Hospital by Browerville ambulance where he was later pronounced dead.

April 1: Bradley Arkell, of rural Eagle Bend, reported damage to his house. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Todd County Sheriff's Office at 320-732-2157.

March 22 - March 28: TCSO responded to 167 calls for service including: 55 traffic stops, 7 civil process, 12 suspicious activity complaints, 2 car/deer accidents, 3 assist other agencies, 12 disturbances/domestics, 5 welfare checks, 2 accidents.

Todd County Dispatch received 92 - 911 calls during the week.

March 15 - March 21: TCSO responded to 194 calls for service including: 87 traffic stops, 28 civil process, 8 suspicious activity complaints, 2 car/deer accidents, 3 assist other agencies, 6 disturbances/domestics, 5 welfare checks, 2 accidents and 2 burglaries.

Todd County Dispatch received 83 - 911 calls during the week.

March 8 - March 14: TCSO responded to 212 calls for service including: 84 traffic stops, 12 civil process, 8 suspicious activity complaints, 7 car/deer accidents, 5 assist other agencies, 5 thefts, 3 disturbances/domestics, 7 welfare checks, 5 accidents, 2 alarms.

Todd County Dispatch received 88 - 911 calls during the week.

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Todd County Dispatch received 96 - 911 Calls during the week.

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All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter.

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SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

205 Help Wanted

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Contact Cory
218-838-8330

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301 Good Things To Eat

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304 Livestock

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WANTED TO BUY

501

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•3 bedroom, \$1,100 per month

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Rent includes: Double attached garage, heat, water, sewer and trash

320-632-5918

605 Mobile Homes for Rent

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CENTRAL TODD COUNTY Care Center

Housekeeping and Laundry

A part-time position is available in our Environmental Services Department. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

CTCCC offers a wide variety of benefits, and is an equal opportunity employer.

Please contact us for options available for applying. Business Office hours: Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 218-756-3636 ext. 10

Central Todd County Care Center is located in Clarissa, MN

Central Todd County Care Center

Certified Nursing Assistants

We are searching for someone who is looking for a rewarding job in the Nursing field. Evening and Night shifts now available for CNAs. Must be a TEAM player and possess a special interest in working with Long Term Care residents, families, and visitors.

CTCCC offers a wide variety of benefits and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Contact Amanda Rickbeil, arickbeil@ctcccinc.com or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12

Pick up an application in the Business Office, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or after hours at the Nurse's Station.

CENTRAL TODD COUNTY CARE CENTER IS LOCATED IN CLARISSA, MN.

Minnesota

Read all about it: Minnesota is home to 12,000 loons and some migratory birds as well!

Psych! Minnesota is indisputably Loon Central with more than 12,000 of the birds calling the state home. Black and white and red all over (or at least in its eyes), the loon shares that description with Minnesota's newspapers! In fact, more than 3 million Minnesotans regularly read newspapers in the course of a week.

If you're a newspaper reader, you're not crazy at all! And if you're an advertiser, remember that Minnesota's newspapers may be the sanest place to spend your money.

Staples World MINNESOTA NEWS PAPER ASSOCIATION SandpaperMarketing

Sources: * Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Minnesota Newspaper Association

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All advertising copy is subject to the approval of the general manager. We will not accept ads from anyone with a past due account.

Regarding sex or age preference in help wanted advertising in accordance with the rules adopted by the Civil Rights Commission, the Staples World, Sunday Square Shooter and Heartland Market cannot accept help wanted advertising copy which in any way expresses a sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement unless the advertiser files an affidavit with the newspaper justifying the sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement.

All real estate and rental advertising in these publications is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which made it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin or any intention to make any such preference limitation or discrimination. These publications will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate or rental which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

HEARTLAND MARKET

Display ads: \$12.00 (per col. inch)

Classified Reader \$9.30 first 25 words; additional 35¢ each word (one week)

Auction Directory = \$3 per line; \$15 minimum. Inserts = \$65 per thousand * Color rates available.

Heartland Market deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday. Reaching over 20,585 homes; DISTRIBUTED in these paid NEWSPAPERS: Staples World; Barnesville Record-Review; Battle Lake Review; Clay County Union of Ulen; Northwoods Press, Nevis; Eagle Bend/ Bertha/ Clarissa Independent News Herald; Hawley Herald; Henning Citizens Advocate; Long Prairie Leader; Parkers Prairie Independent; Sebeka/Menahga Review Messenger; Verndale Sun.

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WANTED: ALL 1970S MOTORCYCLES	DISH NETWORK \$59.99	AT&T WIRELESS
Running or not. Titled or not. Prices will fall soon. Sell now while prices are high! Call Dan at 612/720-2142	For 190 channels! Add high speed internet for only \$19.95/month. Call today for \$100 gift card! Best value & technology. Free installation. Call 855/562-4309 (some restrictions apply)	Two great new offers! Ask how to get the new iPhone 11 or Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e on us with AT&T's Buy one, Give One offer. While supplies last! Call 855/332-0464
SEED/FEED/GRAINS	DONATE YOUR CAR	SAVE MONEY!
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from soybean white mold and SDS. Ask your seed dealer for Heads Up® Seed Treatment. Cost-effective. Proven results. headsupt.com/plant20 or 866/368-9306	MOBILEHELP	ENJOY 100% PERFECTLY TENDER
Advertise here statewides in 230+ newspapers in 230+ \$279 per week! Call 800-279-2979	America's premier mobile medical alert system. Whether you're home or away. For safety and peace of mind. No long term contracts! Free brochure! Call today! 855/610-5151	and 4 free burgers! 20 main courses plus get 4 free burgers. Order the Butcher's Bundle - only \$69.99. Call 844/331-1614 mention code: 61086TVG or visit www.omahastacks.com/dinner397

Looking for a gift idea? Consider a Gift Subscription to the Staples World newspaper.

*Gift cards available.

224 4th St. NE Staples, MN

Staples World

GARAGE SALES

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STAPLES A/G YOUTH ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW through May 8 for their upcoming garage sale for Missions. Call Kathy Miles, 218-296-1647 for drop off or pick up. 17-19c

DEADLINES

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

For publication in Saturday's Staples Square Shooter the deadline is **5 p.m. Wed.**



School project to make bird feeders

Staples-Motley Elementary students painted bird feeders that are now hanging at Lakewood Care Center and Lakewood Pines in Staples and Sunny Pines in Motley.

Above, kids painting the bird feeders, clockwise from top left, Addie Brenny, Blake Morgan, Vanessa Nelson, and Aubrey Lang. Staples-Motley Elementary paraprofessionals who helped with the painting project were Amanda Burton, Deb Eagle Tail, Mandi Weisher, Kayla Vejtasas and Crystal McGruder.

Children of essential workers are able to attend school and have been doing a variety of projects while there. Community sponsors have also helped out with free food, cookies, flowers, and popcorn. Donations of paper have also helped the school. Crystal McGruder said "elementary paraprofessionals want to express gratitude to the community members and local businesses who have shown their support at this time." (Submitted photos)



Painters all in a row

From left, Makenna Lang, Lylianne Nurnberger, Ava Roline and Libby

Mumm work on their bird feeders.



Construction crew

Putting the bird feeders out are Annie Capistrant, Kayla Vejtasas and Crystal McGruder. Other school employees

who helped on the project are Sara Trantina and Angie Tyrrell.



Bringing in the birds

Sara Trantina, right, puts up a feeder with Betty Farber.



Home feeder

Maryann Tarantina at Sunny Pines.

Swecker, Gosch earn Students of Character

Morgan Swecker and Tyler Gosch were honored as Students of Character by Sourcewell. Both are Staples-Motley high school students.

Combining creativity and technology, Sourcewell honored 43 students from 22 central Minnesota high schools at a virtual recognition banquet on April 15.

The Students of Character Celebration is held each year to recognize students who are quiet, behind-the-scenes leaders and may otherwise be overlooked for scholarships. However, due to stay-in-place regulations set by the State, Sourcewell had to find an alternative way to hold the event.

Swecker's description said "Morgan has been a quiet, steadfast, helpful force to staff, parents and young people in her school and community. She has worked hard to meet both her and her teachers' expectations while she takes classes at both the high school and as a PSEO student through Central Lakes College."

Gosch's description read "Tyler always treats others with respect. He is kind, funny and has the biggest smile even when things aren't necessar-



Morgan Swecker



Tyler Gosch

ily going well. He greets everyone in the morning, then sends them home at the end of the day with a "Have a good day!" He may not always like what he is asked to do, but he always does it with a huge grin on his face and with respect for everyone."

Each student was awarded a scholarship through Central Lakes College, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, area businesses and individuals. All students had a chance to win door prizes, also provided via donations.

"We know how much our teachers, the students to be recognized, their families, and even our community look forward to this event each year,"

said Sourcewell Executive Director and CEO Dr. Chad Coquette. "There was no way we could flat-out cancel this important celebration. And, thanks to a few creative minds in our marketing and multimedia department, we were able to find a way we could all still come together while being apart."

Recorded earlier and at separate times, the multimedia team was able to piece together all parts of the event and air them on Facebook Live for the public to enjoy.

Honored students are from school districts within Sourcewell's service area, including Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties.

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Inspired by local people, events

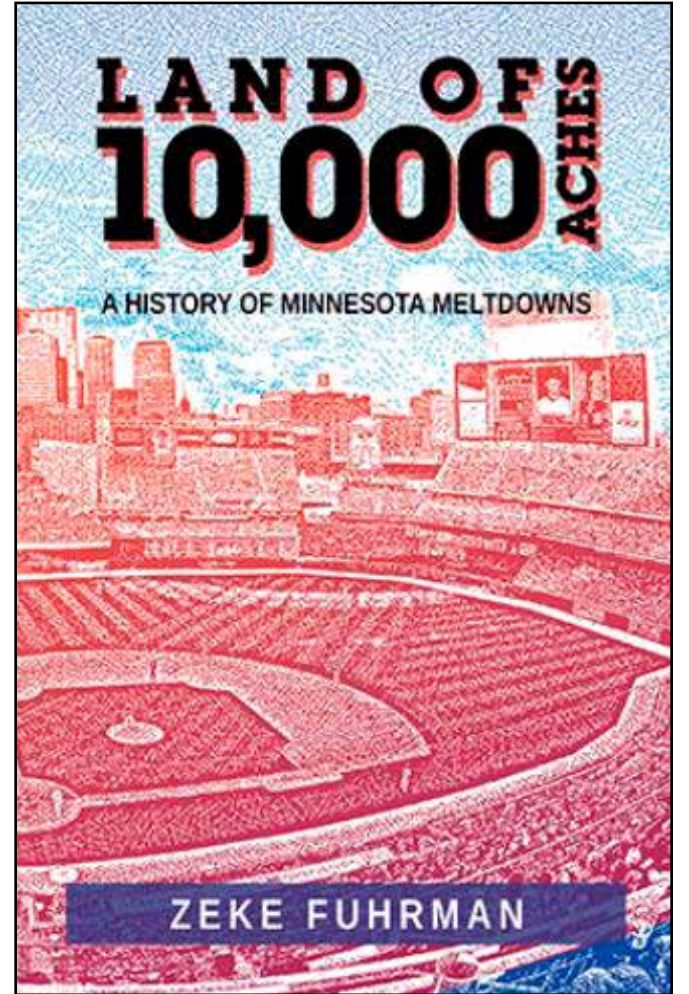
Fuhrman had posted a number of sports stories at his blog. As his fan base grew and the count of entries reached 200-plus, Fuhrman decided to turn his blog into a book, sharing his favorite entries. In addition to some humorous anecdotes, Fuhrman noted there are some serious chapters as well.

The angst of watching his favorite sports teams lose is something Fuhrman experienced early on. It's not included in his book, but Fuhrman said he remembers watching Staples-Motley lose the state basketball championship game to Minneapolis North in 1995. "I was at my grandpa's house in Milotona," he recalled of that painful day for Cardinals fans.

Perhaps he wrote about it for a class in high school, Fuhrman said, adding that he always enjoyed writing as a kid. He went on to say he'd been inspired by his English teachers Becky Hasselberg and Bob Shaffer. His love of sports he inherited from his dad, Bruce Fuhrman, cross country coach at Staples-Motley.

After high school, Fuhrman went on to first study journalism, and later received a degree in radio broadcasting at the University of Northwestern in St. Paul.

Along the way he married his high school sweetheart, Mandy (Heldman), a 2006 graduate of SMHS. They have two children, Esme, seven, and Judah,



Recently published

Zeke Fuhrman, 2005 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, recently published his book, "Land of 10,000 Aches." For online information, visit www.landof10000aches.com. (Submitted photo)

four.

The family currently lives in Detroit Lakes, where Zeke works as the program director for KDLM radio. He hosts a sports wrap weekday

mornings at 9:30 a.m. and is also the Morning Show host at Wave 104.1.

For more information about Zeke's book, visit his website at <https://www.10000aches.com/>.

TWEC approves new headquarters building

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative (TWEC) Board of Directors unanimously voted to construct a new headquarters building at their board meeting held March 26, 2020. TWEC has operated from its current facility since it was constructed in 1949, with an office addition built in the 1980s.

The decision comes in response to intense study and planning with appropriate experts to evaluate TWEC's needs and possible solutions to determine the state of the building, which has served the cooperative for 71 years. The evaluation examined the building's structure, sustainability, building needs, building inefficiencies and recurrent flooding issues.

The current facility offers little insulation, no ventilation and an inefficient HVAC system. The square footage of the facil-

ity is inefficient for office workflow. "As our current headquarters have served us well for the last 71 years, the board realizes it is cost prohibitive to carry us for the next 71 years," said Miles Kuschel, TWEC Board Chair.

The Board of Directors are working with Contegriy Group, a construction management company based out of Little Falls. The architects have developed designs and specifications based on input from TWEC. The final bids selected came to a total price of just over \$2.7 million, which was below the cooperative's estimated \$3 million project cost. The project will not affect members' rates.

"This decision has been given a vast amount of thought and due process over the years while taking into consideration the needs of our members and

staff," said Kuschel.

The new headquarters will boast hands-on displays for members to learn about energy efficiency, rebates and overall ways to interact with the cooperative. A small conference room will also be available in a private and comfortable setting where members can meet with TWEC staff.

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative (TWEC) is a not-for profit distribution cooperative that is owned and controlled by the members they serve. TWEC is located in Wadena, has 8,900 member services in 2,250 miles of line. TWEC's service territory includes a majority of the rural areas of Todd and Wadena counties along with portions of Becker, Cass, Douglas, Hubbard, Ottertail and Morrison counties.

\$280,627

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Steve & Laurie G.
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