



Ruby's Pantry line up

The care lineup for Ruby's Pantry at CLC stretched more than a mile. See page 10a. Photo by Mark Anderson

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 12	79°	62°	P. Cloudy
Aug. 13	81	65	M. cloudy
Aug. 14	82	64	M. Cloudy
Aug. 15	76	54	P. Cloudy
Aug. 16	73	52	Sunny
Aug. 17	75	52	Sunny
Aug. 18	74	57	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 12	68°	56°	Cloudy
Aug. 13	70	58	Cloudy
Aug. 14	71	53	P. Cloudy
Aug. 15	76	55	Sunny
Aug. 16	80	56	Sunny
Aug. 17	75	54	Sunny
Aug. 18	74	57	Sunny

Average Temps:

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Rain for Week: .73"

Year total rain: 14.10"

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WCCO's Staples area

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Public Notices

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Garage Sales 5A

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Phased start for Staples-Motley

The Staples-Motley School District will begin the school year with a phased start, bringing in half of the grades the first two days of school, Sept. 8-9, with the other half on Sept. 10-11. All grades will report to school the following Monday, Sept. 14, for a full day of school.

A school message was sent to families stating; "This will provide staff and students the time needed to adjust to the new expectations of this school year."

The schedule for the first week of school will be:

- Tues Sept. 8 -Wed Sept. 9, Grades 1, 2, 5, 7, 8.
- Thurs Sept.10-Fri. Sept. 11 Grades K, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12.

Monday, September 14, all students will attend a full day of school.

School start times are: 8:15 a.m. elementary, 8:20 a.m. middle/high school, 8:30 a.m. school readiness. Times are subject to change.

Childcare for essential workers will be provided at the SM Early Education Center on non-scheduled days during the first week of school. To request care for your child/children on those days, call 218-894-5400 x3300.

The school's web site has a dedicated COVID-19 page at isd2170.k12.mn.us/covid-19.

Communication key to school board plan

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At their Aug. 3 work session, the Staples-Motley School Board gave input about the new Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP).

Staples-Motley Staff Development Director Deb Ferdon told the board that the elementary school has developed action steps based on the CIP, which are specific to their building and the needs of their students.

One example of the action steps is "We will make relationships a priority by creating opportunities for family engagement and creating a sense of belonging for all students, staff and families."

Ferdon said the next step is to develop measurable goals to make sure the action steps are being met. She said the high school is undergoing the same process and asked the school board what they would like to see from the CIP.

The board started to focus on career and technical education (CTE). Board member Bryan Winkels pointed out that the community had passed a referendum to boost CTE and he wanted the community to know those dollars are being spent in an effective way.

Board member Chad Longbella said CTE today has a very different look than shop classes of the past. "It's a whole different language. Now we have the food program and gardens, we have a machine shop, ag class and small engines," said Longbella.

Board member Brad Anderson said there may be a disconnect in transparency and communication.

Superintendent Shane Tappe agreed that could be part of it, saying "we just put brand new welding booths in, it's up to us to tell those stories." He suggested putting more stories into the Staples World newspaper.

Board member Greg Frisk asked about putting more stories in the Morrison County Record, pointing out that about one third of the students are from the Motley area. He said the Pilgrimage School District sends their quarterly newsletter out to students in the Staples World newspaper.

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New owner, refurbished space

Devin Becker is the owner of Beck's Burger Co. in Staples, the bar and grill formerly known as Twisted Sisters. Since purchasing the building, Becker has re-

furbished the space, including installing large windows and knotty pine throughout the interior. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Beck's Burger Co. in Staples opens Aug. 14

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Beck's Burger Co. in Staples will hold its grand opening Friday, Aug. 14, serving up a variety of food items and drinks.

Burgers and wings are their specialty, says Devin Becker of Staples, the 29-year-old owner and operator of the new bar and grill. Their menu also offers 12 new taps, as well as craft and local beers.

Located at 119 3rd St. NE, Beck's Burger Co. was formerly home to Twisted Sisters bar and grill. Becker learned that the space was for sale from his former boss who owns a number of bars and restaurants in the area. "He thought this would be a really good fit for me and a good opportunity," Becker said, mentioning that his own background is in management and marketing (he owns a digital marketing company called MN Marketing Agency).

Although he was excited about the possibility of owning his own restaurant/bar, Becker said that with the onset of Covid-19, he was cautious at first. "I needed to know if this was the right plan for me."

In the end, Becker felt it was indeed a good next step in his career and he went forward with purchasing the spacious eating establishment.

He enlisted the help of his family and in two months time they had transformed the place. "We didn't hire anyone to do the work," Becker said, noting the major changes inside. Knotty pine now lines the walls to the ceiling at Beck's Burger Co., plus new large windows have been installed, which bring in

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Outside dining available

Owner Devin Becker brought in tables with umbrellas for the patio area of his new bar and grill in Staples, Beck's Burger Co. The grand opening is Aug. 14. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Lakewood announces partnership with Minneapolis Heart Institute

As of Aug. 5, Lakewood Health System, Staples, is now partnering with the Minneapolis Heart Institute (MHI) at Abbott Northwestern, part of Allina Health, for cardiology services.

Minneapolis Heart Institute is the highest ranked cardiology group in the Twin Cities, according to the recently released US News and World report rankings. Cardiologists will be providing weekly coverage at Lakewood.

Minneapolis Heart Institute is recognized as one of the world's leading providers of heart and vascular care. Their cardiologists are highly skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the heart and blood vessels, including coronary artery disease, heart failure, valve disease and electrophysiology.

MHI cardiologists will work directly with you and your primary care provider to manage all aspects of your care. Tests performed at Lakewood include:

- Echocardiograms
- Exercise treadmill tests
- Stress echo tests
- Nuclear stress tests
- Holter and event monitoring
- CT calcium scoring

"We are excited to partner with MHI to provide our patients with state-of-the-art care," said Lakewood's Chief Medical Officer, Dr.

Christine Albrecht. "This collaboration will not only enhance patient care but will do so in a way that fits the friendly, interpersonal style our community has come to know from Lakewood. Having the cardiologists on site and having their team of advanced specialists available for consultations and specialized procedures will really benefit our patients."

For more information on MHI, their cardiology providers and their partnership with Lakewood, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com"](http://www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com) www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

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Motley's new fire truck has arrived

The Motley Fire Department's new Rosenbauer pumper tanker (above, far left) recently arrived from South Dakota where it was custom built at Heiman Inc., a process that took approximately 14 15 months. The department's former primary truck (center) will now be used as backup. Bryan Stevens, MFD 1st Asst. Chief, said that they will be transferring equipment from the old truck to the new one. Additional new equipment for the truck is expected to arrive in the near future. Stevens went on to say that the new truck holds 2,000 gallons of water, whereas the former truck held 750 gallons. At far right (lower photo) is the MFD's old Mack fire truck, which is mainly driven in parades these days. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Motley Police Department, MCSO reports

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

July 30 - Aug. 4 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Skyler Stickels, 26; Nathan Ramberg, 19.

Aug. 1 - The MPD assisted state patrol with a traffic stop where the driver fled on foot. A search of the area was done but the subject was not located. The incident took place at 16 Hwy 10 South in Motley.

Aug. 1 - The MPD received a couple of complaints about fireworks being shot off late at night in Motley. While speaking to some residents about this situation, the MPD observed fireworks being shot off near the 300 block of Main St. W., Motley. He stopped and spoke with those residents, who stated they did not know it was illegal to shoot off aerial fireworks. They were advised of the state laws as well as the city's ordinance about this.

July 31 - The MPD arrested Danielle Renee Hannahs, 51, during a traf-

fic stop for driving after cancelation - inimical to public safety. Hannahs also had a warrant out of St. Louis County.

July 30 - The MPD assisted state patrol and MCSO with a single vehicle rollover on Hwy 10 south of Motley.

Aug. 4 - The MCSO received a request from Cass County to page Motley Fire for a ditch fire at the 5000 block of 120th St. SW, Motley.

Aug. 2 - The MCSO received a request for traffic control from Scandia Valley regarding a fire

at Hwy 10 and Ridge Rd., Motley. While the deputy was enroute, he received notification that the fire was out and they were returning to base.

July 30 - Upon locating a subject walking on 330th St. near Dogwood Ln. in Motley, the MCSO arrested Samantha Jo Martin for her felony warrant out of Crow Wing County. The deputy then transported her to Pillager where he met with a Crow Wing deputy and turned her over to them.

July 30 - The MCSO received a complaint from the Holiday gas station

in Motley regarding an intoxicated subject who attempted to steal a second sandwich while paying for one sandwich. The responding deputy located the subject, Garrett Wayne Gustafson, and asked him about the ordeal. He stated he was drunk and it was a simple mistake. He then stated he just wanted to sleep at Veterans Park until the sun came up so he could ride his bike back to Little Falls. He was advised that Orton's Holiday station did not want him to come back over there and he agreed to stay away.



Supplies for food shelf

The Staples Motley Women of Today gathered to create laundry detergent packets to donate to the Staples Food Shelf. Pictured from left, Nicky Anderson

Liz Koskiniemi, Janet Kiley and Lorrie Becker. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Radar signs helping slow traffic in Motley

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Solar-powered Radar signs located at each end of Motley have been helping to keep motorists traveling at the posted speed limit.

Motley Police Chief Jason Borash said, "Radar signs are very effective in assisting motorists in slowing down and obeying the speed limit. Since the new sign went up two years ago by Countryside Restaurant, there has been a drastic reduction in the number of vehicles speeding through town. We still get some speeders through our town, but the sign has proven to be very effective."

Borash went on to say that, "Speed is a leading cause of vehicle crashes and other accidents." He noted that there are a number of pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles that cross Highway 10 in Motley on a daily basis.

The radar signs provide them more safety, as drivers traveling at the posted speed limit have the necessary reaction time needed to stop.

One of the solar-powered signs is located on the south end of Motley near Countryside Restaurant. It has been mounted there for a couple of years. The new radar sign is located in the eastbound lane of Highway 10 across from BRICKS Travel Center.

The signs are currently programmed to show a driver's speed, to flash the vehicle's speed if it is going over 35 mph and also flashes 'Slow Down' alternately with the vehicle's speed if it is over 40 mph. The signs run on solar power throughout the day and at night use an internal battery which is recharged each day from the solar panel. Both signs were made possible from grant money, along with city funding.



New radar sign

A new solar-powered radar sign has been installed near the eastbound lane of Highway 10 in Motley, thanks to grant money from Sourcwell and the Staples Motley Community Foundation. In addition to flashing the speed of an approaching vehicle's speed, the sign also has programmed messages such as 'Slow down.' In lower photo, Paul Eisel watches from his family's yard as the numbers on the radar sign change with the traffic. He once spotted a semi truck roll on by as the sign flashed 72 in the 30 mph zone. Eisel's parents were longtime owners of the house located off Highway 10, on the south side of the sign. They recently sold their property, which means Paul won't be watching traffic as much when he stops by to visit them. He's got more exciting things to do, Paul laughed, adding that he turns 50 years old on Aug. 13, and plans to spend the day with his son camping and skydiving. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Minnesota Sheriffs' Scholarship Program

Sheriff Tom Burch of Cass County recently announced commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2020. Sheriff Burch announced that the MSA Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for the awarding of up to 15-\$600 scholarships for this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota.

The Members of MSA gives special recognition to the financial needs of students attending the peace officer skills course, or one of the two or four year law enforcement degree colleges. "The Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform," said Sheriff Burch. MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice. MSA recognizes some students need outside help in meeting the costs of

such training, even though they excel academically.

The scholarship committee, in making its selection of awards, intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced by Dec. 28 of the same year. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Cass County Sheriff's Office. Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

- Mandated POST Skills Program
- In their second year of a two year law enforcement program.
- In their third or fourth year of a four year college criminal justice program.

Students meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application form from their local sheriff's office or online at [HYPERLINK "http://www.mnsheriffs.org"](http://www.mnsheriffs.org) www.mnsheriffs.org.

Local relief funds through city, county

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The City of Staples is expected to receive approximately \$225,000 in relief money from the CARES Act. At the July 28, 2020 Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) meeting, the board discussed how the city will be able to spend that money.

There are specific COVID-19 related items that the city can spend their grant money on, but Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said there may be funds that can supplement county grants that were recently approved.

Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said Todd and Wadena counties have taken different approaches to spending their relief funds. Todd County is limiting grants to businesses that were required to shut down because of COVID-19. Wadena County has opened their grant to all businesses. “Wadena is looking at it as every business was affected at some level,” said Radermacher.

Radermacher said they are looking at scenarios if the county could give \$2,500 to a business, then the city might also be able provide the same amount. “There’s a lot of discussions about

how those things can work,” said Radermacher.

If a business received a state grant for \$10,000, they are not eligible for the local grants.

Daycare expansion

Radermacher said that Magic Forest Daycare is moving forward with their expansion plans. The building, which is owned by Lakewood Health System and the daycare pays rent. SEDA board member and Lakewood President Tim Rice told the board that they were able to take an analysis from the daycare and work out adjustments in rent and terms. It was brought it to the finance committee, which approved the plan and allocated the funds for expansion. “There’s a need for daycare for our employees and in the community,” said Rice. “There was no board opposition to the project.”

“This is a huge step forward for us,” said Radermacher. “It will be amazing for our community, something we need.”

In other news, Radermacher said there’s been interest in the McKechie building at the Staples Industrial Park, also some interest from the Business Venture Network of businesses looking to open in Staples.

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Pool, darts and big screen TV’s at Beck’s Burger Co.

natural light.

The back patio at Beck’s, complete with umbrella-covered tables, offers outdoor dining for customers. Inside, patrons can play a game of pool or darts, or watch the game on one of the big screen TV’s. For those who like to dance, Beck’s plans to bring in a DJ on the weekends.

The downstairs space is still being refurbished. In time, it will be available to rent for private parties or meetings.

The menu, which Becker designed, is loaded with mouth-watering items such as the Southern Style Slaw Burger, Steakhouse Mushroom & Blue, Cuban Wrap, Wings with Hot Buffalo sauce; and Lava Cake for dessert. There’s something for kids, too, including

the White Cheddar Mac & Cheese entree.

He’s excited for the opportunity to open Beck’s Burger Co. in his hometown. The son of Mike Becker and Sandy Becker, Devin grew up on a farm in rural Staples, graduating from Staples-Motley High School in 2009. The logo of Beck’s Burger Co. features a long-horned steer, a shout-out not only to the great burgers available for order, but of the Becker family’s background raising cattle. Mainly, “I just liked it,” Devin said of the logo which is prominently displayed both inside and out of the bar and grill.

Beck’s Burger Co. is open Mon. - Thurs., 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. - 1 a.m.; and closed Sunday.



Catchy logo

A long-horned steer is featured in the logo of Beck’s Burger Co. in Staples, the new bar and grill located at 119 3rd St. NE. Pictured above, finishing work on one of the outside signs prior to the upcoming grand opening Aug. 14, is Bret Masters of Pierced Arrow sign company of Brainerd. At right, metal artwork by Wade Bendson of Staples (owner of Staples Precision Metalcraft) features the logo on the stairwell inside Beck’s Burger Co. The new bar and grill is owned by Staples native Devin Becker. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



75 YEARS Ago - 1945

• Aug. 16, 1945 - President Harry S. Truman announced to the United States the complete surrender of Japan on Aug. 14.

In Staples, the news of the end of the war came as a relief to many people who had displayed more or less of a nervous tension for the past four days since the Japanese government signified they would accept the peace terms, with provisions. The delay in transmitting the news to the world was due to certain little decrees which had to be “ironed”

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out by the Allied nations before the final news came through.

No particular celebration was held in Staples on Tuesday evening. The fire siren, locomotive whistles and the church bells told of the coming of peace. Small groups of the younger folks were marching in the residential sections with flags, singing patriotic songs. The city fire department chemical engine patrolled up and down the business and residential section, decked out in flags, but otherwise. Religious services were held at the Staples auditorium at one o’clock Wednesday afternoon and there a fine program of songs, prayer and patriotic addresses was given.

A more or less subdued expression is on the faces of most of the people. Within them there is a great feeling of relief, and a certain joy, but this is overshadowed by the fact that there is a great sadness with some of the people, some of those parents whose sons will never return, some whose sons will return, carrying with them the scars of battle.

People of Staples are glad the war is over, but the sympathy and kindness goes from those who are rejoicing to those who have suffered a direct loss of a loved one during the ravages of the war.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

• Aug. 20, 1970 - A guitar-vocal duet by Pam Quance and Natalie Wise was judged as the first-place winner in the first of three weekly talent quests last Friday evening under the direction of the special events committee of the Staples Chamber of Commerce, headed by Robert Rego, James G. Randgaard and Melvin A. Mueller.

Competing with seven other acts the two girls sang, “I’m Leavin’ on a Jet Plane” and “It’s a small World.” Pam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Quance and Natalie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wise. Norman Card, chairman of last Friday’s talent quest, presented the girls with 10 Staples Dollars for their first placing. Judges for last Friday evening’s talent

selections were Mrs. John Gorton, Mrs. T. J. Lelwica and Mrs. Pat Glynn.

• Aug. 20, 1970 - The Staples World featured a number of ads from area restaurants offering week-end menu specials, as well as entertainment:

- At the Colonial Hall in Pillager, a Dance was advertised for Saturday, Aug. 22, featuring Freddie Dean & His Orchestra (Modern and Country Western); and on Sunday, Aug. 23, the Top Band out of Fargo, The Curdells, would be playing Country Western, Old Time and Modern Rock ‘n’ Roll music.

- The River Inn in Aldrich offered a Fish Fry on Friday, Aug. 21, for \$1.50, serving 5 - 10 p.m. A free dance was advertised as well, with music by the Country Ramblers. Also mentioned in the ad, ‘Air Conditioned.’

- The Ambers Club in Aldrich advertised a dance Saturday Night with Music by Jimmy Jenson. Also mentioned in the ad is that the restaurant was under new management - Ted and Gen Ludovissie.

“Ten Hi” Liquors in Motley (also an Air Conditioned space, according to the ad) advertised a Dance on Saturday, Aug. 22, featuring music by Rollie and the Tradewinds.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

• Aug. 17, 1995 - An eye-opening experience and a trip of a lifetime was how a group of area students described their ten-day stay last month in Mexico.

Theirs was not a Club Med vacation at Acapulco or some other trendy resort. Instead, they spent their own money to travel by bus to Saltillo, a city of about 500,000 people in the mountains above Monterrey.

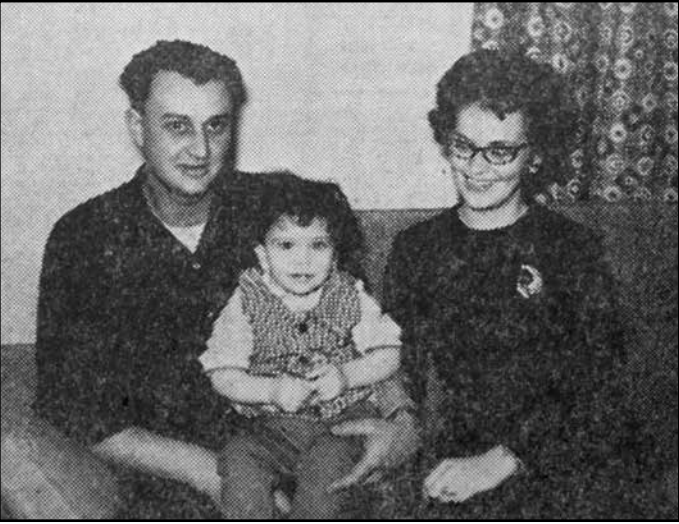
The kids, from several different churches, “went as Christians. We all left our denomination titles at the door of the bus,” according to Ken Taylor, pastor at the Verndale Assembly of God Church who has been taking this trip for four years. The local youngsters included Amy and Lara Neidhardt, Kelly Schmidt, Cory Henrickson, Krista Hayenga, Lori Rothstein, Rachel Jackson, Tina Tichy and Hope and Joy Tabor. Dot Schmidt of Motley was also one of the group.

• Aug. 17, 1995 - Mable Chipman and Joyce Thiel, both of Staples, were honored Friday with their selection as the two Outstanding Senior Citizens in Todd County for 1995.

Both will be nominated for the Outstanding Male and Female Senior Citizen of Minnesota, an award announced annually at the State Fair.

• Aug. 17, 1995 - Amber Fellman, 10-year-old daughter of Rudy and Lynnette Fellman of Staples, was one of six people chosen by PBS Channels 9 and 22 to participate in a zucchini cooking marathon. “Z is for Zucchini” first aired Saturday, Aug. 12 and will be aired

Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our Feb. 25, 1965 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? 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.

again Saturday, Aug. 20.

Amber, the youngest viewer chosen, prepared a mock apple pie using zucchini.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

• Aug. 19, 2010 - In 1995, the high school football field saw the beginnings of the Staples Car Show. Comprised of fourteen cars, all owned by Still Cruisin’ Car Club members, it has now grown into the largest car show in the lakes area. The 15th Annual Ride the Dream Car Show, will be held Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Over the last 15 years, it’s grown by more than 20 percent each year, with over 600 cars shown in 2009. This year between 700 and 1,100 hot rods, muscle cars, trucks and motorcycles are expected, according to club

member Russ Jenkins.

• Aug. 19, 2010 - Captains for the Staples Motley High School cross country teams are Emma Pogreba, Tayha Smith and Emily Fuhrman, girls; and Brandon Steriker and Justin Ziegler, boys.

• Aug. 19, 2010 - The combined congregations of St. Michael’s Parish in Motley and Sacred Heart Church in Staples held their annual ‘Polka-Mass’ Aug. 7, at Uncle Bern’s Campground in rural Motley.

Fr. Ronald Schmelzer led the service, with music provided by Cathy Erickson Music Ministries of Middle River. Dinner was served in the Party Barn after Mass, followed by an old-time dance.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the Aug. 6, 1970 edition of the Staples World featured Robert Pederson (left), the newly appointed officer in charge at the Staples post office; and Postmaster Elfred M. Williams who was retiring after 35 years of service with the United States Post Office Department. A total of 21 of those years were spent at the Staples post office, the article stated.

Kevin Grondahl of Staples correctly identified both men as well as the situation, writing in to say, “I know who the mystery folks are...Bob Pederson, my old Sunday School teacher and Bud Williams. I believe this picture was kind of a changing of the guard as Bud was retiring as Staples Postmaster and Bob was taking over.” Judy Todd of Eagan and Barb Rach of Verndale both correctly identified Pederson. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Assessments to remain on city properties

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council agreed that a utility assessment should remain on a property but were more open to allowing a nuisance assessment to be forgiven on a new purchase of a lot in Staples.

A request came to the council at their July 28 meeting, from Julie Kenyon wanting to buy a lot that had outstanding assessments, including \$232 for nuisance clean up and \$452 for street and utility assessments.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said there is a distinction between the two assessments, since a street assessment adds value to the property.

The council agreed, saying they were willing to forgo the nuisance assess-

ment.

Council member Doug Case said there is an advantage to having the utility lines on the property and other homeowners pay for theirs. “You get caught in a trap if you start forgiving things,” said Case.

Council member Rachel Johnson said she didn’t want an assessment to deter people from building homes, and asked if the council could come up with a strategy for helping potential buyers get past roadblocks.

Mayor Chris Etzler said sometimes it is best to take it case by case. He said in this instance, if the lot is purchased, the city will eventually get the nuisance costs back, but it would take much longer for the utility costs, especially if a house doesn’t get built for a while.

The council tabled the

request until a later meeting.

Utility use

Public Works Director Scott Grabe said the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a decrease of utility usage, but the city should be okay financially because they are close to 95 percent of last year’s usage. He said residential usage has dropped to 90 percent of last year’s level, and commercial is at 75 percent. He said municipal use is at 55 percent, much of it because the Staples Community Center had to close during the state shutdown. Grabe said industrial usage is up 12 percent, which brings the total back up to 95 percent.

“We’re not hurting as bad as some others are,” said Grabe.

National COVID-19 happenings affect local

Tim Rice, President & CEO
Lakewood Health System
Staples, MN

Our past editorials have been focused on COVID-19 in our area, but this week we need to talk about what is happening across the country as it is directly impacting us.

Fortunately, until now, Lakewood Health System has had minimal positive COVID-19 tests and hospitalizations. Our testing capabilities have increased and improved. We're still being cautious with our supplies and personal protective equipment because, just like every other health-care system in the country, we do not have an infinite supply. We have purchased new technology which allows us to do different kinds of COVID-19 testing here, but the access to swabs and test kits requires prudent decisions to be made. We are given a limited number of rapid tests every month for which the results are available the same day. We use these for hospitalized patients or emergency situations. The other tests,

which take a longer time to get results back, are used for everyone else who needs to be tested for COVID-19. If we're to test everyone requesting one for things like traveling, vacations, work or state requirements (such as Alaska), that would put us in conflicting situations and deplete our supplies quickly. Therefore, we must ensure our tests are prioritized for the right situations and people.

The significant increase in COVID-19 cases in different states for various reasons is taxing health systems - including personnel and supplies. When that happens, valuable resources such as supplies and equipment are sent to the areas that need them the most, which impacts our access to the things we need. We are working diligently to protect and preserve resources for our communities and ensure the distribution of these supplies is fair. Minnesota, specifically central Minnesota, has formed an organization who is working on this and we have designated staff from Lakewood Health Sys-

tem who are working daily with this group.

Masking requirements have been mandated now in Minnesota and various other cities, states and businesses around the country. We have been endorsing masking, social distancing and hand washing since the beginning - and still do. We don't take political stances or get into debates; we are just focused on health and are concerned about doing our part to protect community members who are vulnerable or cannot wear masks due to health reasons.

We are all learning and adapting to a new norm. I am proud of the resilient, creative people I work with who can get these things done and not let obstacles or challenges stop us from being our best. Just like you, we have been significantly affected by the pandemic, have had to make operational adjustments accordingly, and continue to keep tabs on what is happening nationally. We are also diligently working to ensure your best interests and needs can be met to the best of our abilities.

Newspapers are renewable energy for democracy

By Reed W. Anfinson
Swift County Monitor-News, Benson, MN;
President National Newspaper Association
Foundation

Print is dead. We've heard it too often.

We've heard dinosaurs mentioned in the same sentence as print. Buggy whips, too. Print is obsolete, having outlived its usefulness in the face of the digital revolution, it is said. Social media—Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram—are now the primary source of “news” for many youth. A fair number of older adults also turn to the internet for their “news.”

A friend of ours recently asked a group of young people if they read the local newspaper. The looks on the faces communicated a single message: “You are kidding, aren't you?” Facebook. That's where their news came from.

Obviously, we don't believe print is dead. Nor do we believe that a person can get the news needed to be an informed citizen through social media. What passes as news today is entertainment, gossip, rumor, and the latest crime news. Give a person who doesn't read the local newspaper a quiz on the most important news stories in their community and they will fail miserably—but they don't care.

Not all old technology is buried by innovation. In its simplicity the windmill remains relevant through refinement. At its core, it is the same but with enhanced productivity. Drive around the country and you will see giant windmill blades sweeping slowly in circles pushed by the wind creating clean energy that feeds into the nation's electric grid.

Standing windmills have been used for more than 800 years. They are an ancient technology that provided water for human consumption, for livestock and for crops. They were used to grind grain into flour. It was in 1888 that the windmill was first used to generate electricity.

As the nation turned to coal, hydroelectric dams and nuclear energy, with a nationwide grid connecting their power to homes and businesses, windmills disappeared from the landscape. Why the resurgence of this ancient technology? Because its simple design has been improved to provide cheap, clean energy at a scale that allows it to replace more expensive and polluting sources of power.

We like to think of print newspapers as windmills. Print is still relevant.

Print book sales continue to rise going up every year since 2013 while sales of digital books have flattened out. Even with significant price breaks on the digital books, people still want the print edition.

Studies have shown that while students prefer to get their textbooks digitally, they do better when their books are in print. Multiple studies have shown reading print increases a person's retention and understanding of what they have read while digital reading leads to shallow comprehension.

Then there are all those catalogues you get in the mail. There is a reason L.L. Bean sends a catalogue in the mail regularly. It knows that if it stops sending magazines and relies on emails or its website to try to get you to shop with them, you'll soon forget they are still around. Competitors like

Eddie Bauer will then dominate the market.

They know they must constantly keep their brand fresh in your memory. They know you will page through their magazine and maybe see something you like, then go to their website to buy it. They know that constant reminder of the magazine sitting on your coffee table will prompt you to go to their website when you are sitting with your computer in your lap.

While the wind is free, the technology to turn it into renewable energy is not. Windmills cost money. They must be repaired when their generators or gears wear out. The powerlines that bring electricity to homes and businesses must be serviced.

Essential to our continuing to provide information fundamental to sustain citizen knowledge essential to an informed electorate, is revenue provided by advertising and subscriptions. They are the wind, the water, and the sun, that sustains us.

Now Google, Facebook and other internet sites hoard and block our sources of energy. They are a blight on democracy, eroding our sources of news. Rather than creating a sense of community, they isolate and divide us.

The coronavirus' impact has been devastating to newspapers in America at a time when they were already seriously wounded. As businesses have had to shut down, or dramatically cut back on expenses during the pandemic, they have eliminated or reduced their print advertising.

What has been happening underscores the imperative to separate newspapers from reliance on subscribers and advertising. Newspapers are a public good and must be financed with the help of citizens.

We are not self-sustaining in today's digital world though we remain the most important source of news gathering and reporting in America. In many of our communities, we are the only source of local news.

Like newspapers, democracy is not self-sustaining.

“We also may have become too complacent, too sure of democracy's robustness or of its long-term viability,” Margaret S. Branson and Charles N. Quigley wrote in a piece for the Center for Civic Education. “History, however, teaches us that few countries have sustained democratic governments for prolonged periods, a lesson which we as Americans are sometimes inclined to forget.”

They go on to paraphrase the writings of Alexis de Tocqueville, a French student of American democracy in the 1830s. “Each new generation is a new people that must acquire the knowledge, learn the skills, and develop the dispositions or traits of private and public character that undergird a constitutional democracy,” they write. “Democracy is not a ‘machine that would go of itself,’ but must be consciously reproduced, one generation after another.”

We are clean energy for democracy—we don't pollute citizen knowledge with false information. We don't print vitriolic rants filled with bitterness that polarizes friends, neighbors and fellow citizens. We inform, educate, entertain and hold power accountable.

What happens to democracy without us?

Elections 2020 reporting will have different format

The Staples World now prints on Monday afternoons, so the results of Tuesday's elections will not come until next week.

By, Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State

In a letter to news outlets, Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon announced that this year all election results reporting will come later than usual.

As every one of our institutions is tested in this time of pandemic, the role of the news media is more important than ever. The citizens of Minnesota expect trusted sources not just to inform, but to characterize and contextualize. Those who know me know that the fair and secure administration of elections is the highest priority of my mission in public office. I hope the following information helps guide your coverage in this historic election year.

More and more Minnesotans every year have chosen to vote by absentee ballot, as many as 24 percent in 2018. But in 2020, during the global COVID-19 pandemic, we're expecting far more than that to vote absentee,

which will require a massive effort on the part of the counties, cities and townships that run the elections. Processing, storing and tabulating a significantly greater number of mailed-in ballots, with only a couple of months to prepare for this emergency, presents an incredible challenge to these local governments and to our office. We know they'll be ready to provide the service that makes Minnesota elections the envy of the nation.

I'm asking for patience. From you, your readers, listeners and viewers. We have all gotten used to knowing the results of the election at 10 p.m. on election night, sometimes the morning after. It's going to be different this year. It may take a few days, or up to a week until ballots are all in and counted. This doesn't mean that anything has gone wrong. For the primary, the Minnesota Legislature granted 48 hours of relief after Election Day to allow election officials sufficient time to count ballots. When you see the delay in reporting, know that it is by design, by law. Our commitment to accuracy and maintaining our

longstanding system of safe, secure elections remains strong. This year, it's just going to take more time.

Reporting Minnesota election results in 2020

On Election Night:

- We **will** know the final number of absentee ballots requested by voters.
- We will know how many voters voted in person at the polling place.
- We will know, as of election night, how many absentee ballots have been returned at that point.
- We will **not** know how many absentee ballots are outstanding. Some counties have indicated they will not be reporting any numbers on election night, as they have until Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at midnight to do so. Additionally, counties canvassing on Friday, August 14, will still be accepting ballots on Thursday, August 13, 2020.
- Due to the extended processing time, results will be updated as we receive them, and it may be difficult to infer the results of specific races until ballots are fully counted.

Masks keep economy open

Commissioner Steve Grove, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Over the last months, we've heard repeatedly from Minnesota businesses that we need to continue to control the spread of the coronavirus in order to sustain the economic rebound underway. Our state's businesses know that in order to keep making strides in bringing our economy back, we've got to take care of each other – and the easiest

way to do that is to wear a mask.

In recent weeks, more and more Minnesota businesses have led the way on this requirement. From big chains like Target, Best Buy, and Cub Foods, to local shops and establishments across Minnesota, business owners know that masking helps keep our economy open and could get us closer to opening it further. The data shows this too, a Goldman Sachs study recently published showed that a masking mandate alone in our country could prevent up to a five percent loss in GDP that would come from additional lockdown measures.

Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan announced an executive order requiring masks in indoor businesses and other indoor public places to slow the spread of COVID-19, and allow us to continue our safe path toward further business reopening – with the goal of bringing more Minnesotans back to work soon. The order went into effect July 25.

In making this decision, we consulted hundreds of businesses, labor groups, and community organizations to create our masking policy. We also reviewed policies from dozens of states and cities across the country, including many cities right here in Minnesota. Already, leaders in 30 other states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico have issued similar mandates.

Minnesota's statewide masking mandate is based

on a set of core principles:

- Individuals are responsible for wearing a mask
- Businesses need to be partners in that effort
- Smart, common-sense, exceptions need to be made to get this right
- Enforcement is a pathway to target flagrant offenders; the ultimate goal is compliance

We want to do everything we can to help businesses get started with this new mandate and we know that no business wants to turn away a paying customer because they forgot their mask at home. That's why we worked with the State Emergency and Operations Center and the Minnesota Department of Administration to help businesses get a start in this journey by providing over four million disposable masks as a one-time shipment to businesses. We're partnering with local and ethnic chambers of commerce and councils across the state to disburse masks to Minnesotans later this week.

We want to open up more of the economy and to stay safe while doing so. If followed, this masking order helps lay the groundwork for that to be possible. We're grateful to work with business on this effort and will continue to follow their lead on making sure we get this right across Minnesota.

For more information, visit the Minnesota Department of Health website.

Together we'll keep Minnesota safe, and keep our recovery moving.

Letter to the Editor

Freedom isn't Free

A bit of American history:
1770s...Revolutionary War - Protest of American Patriots for their freedom
1850s...Civil War - For

the rights and freedoms of slaves
1920s... Women received the right to vote after years of protests
1940s WWII - Fight for lives and liberties of Jews and others
1960s...Civil rights and so much more

So many more fights and protests for freedom, civil rights, liberties. Americans have always fought for civil rights and liberties for all.

Now again - BLM. Can we get it right this time?

Norma Elvine
Staples, Minn

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Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday.....5:00 p.m..
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....10:45 am.
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)
.....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
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
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

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1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor/Youth Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Facebook Live.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....6:30 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
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-7:30 p.m.

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.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Melvin Greenwaldt

Melvin Greenwaldt, 86, US Army CWO3-Ret. of Kerrville, Texas passed away July 19, 2020 at Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio.

Interment of ashes by his family will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas, later this month.

He was born in Otter Tail County, MN in April, 1934 to Elmer and Rachel Greenwaldt. As a young man he was always diligent to send money home to help provide for the well-being of his younger siblings. Mel was baptized on December 31, 1955 at First English Lutheran Church in Staples. He and June were married there the next day.

Military service took Mel to Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam, before retiring in El Paso. Medals he earned included the Bronze Star Medal w/1st OLC, Army Commendation Medal (2nd and 3rd OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Ribbon, UN Service Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, 4 O/S Bars, Meritorious Service Medal. Mel obtained a BS in Business Administration while in the Army and opened two small businesses with



his family upon retirement.

He loved reading, strawberry shakes and was a huge fan of Clint Eastwood and Westerns. Mel would often stay up late with other VA residents watching movies and relaxing with a cup of coffee.

Mel's family is grateful to the staff at Kerrville VA Medical Center for their excellent care, dedication and service to him and fellow veterans. The Kerrville community, the DAV and other veteran support organizations continue to care for vets the entire year. Mel's family is grateful for such a caring community. Cara, Kathleen, London, Robert, Venesha, Rebecca and Lari were some of his special nurses and caregivers from the civilian side. He had many angels in human form during his journey and was blessed.

Mel's children and their families are: Milo and Jewel Greenwaldt (Tiffany), Gene and Anita Stoudt (Matthew and Brittany Ferrell-Briley, Bella), (Steven and Allison Ferrell-Zachary, Tucker), Diane Greenwaldt and Anise Schmidt (Lantz), Paul and Shari Greenwaldt (Holly Langhorst, Angel and Amanda Salas-Mathias).

He is survived by two brothers, Richard and Peter Greenwaldt; three sisters Verona Aleshire, Ardith Doroff and Dorothy Schmidt along with many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; ex-wife, June (Sampson) McElroy; three brothers, Lester, Gordon and Herman Greenwaldt; one sister, Frances Potter; four brothers-in-law, Mel Aleshire, Gary Schmidt, LeRoy Doroff and Warren Potter; two sisters-in-law Lucille and Delores Greenwaldt.

Mel will be forever missed by his large family and friends. His family is grateful to Wright Funeral Parlor, Kerrville for their compassionate professionalism throughout this period of time.

Condolences for the family can made to www.wrightfuneralparlor.net

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"9.815"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

This devotion has a "responsibility" theme to it. In the midst of God's lavish grace, responsibility is not an antithesis to His grace. In fact, God's "unmerited favor" toward us through His Son's death on the cross in our place, actually is our only true hope and motivation to live responsibly.

There was already a dangerous teaching in the first century A.D., even shortly after Jesus' resurrection, that somehow God's grace gave a free ticket for irresponsibility. It came in the form of the trumpeted proclamation: "Let's sin so that grace can abound!" (Romans 6:1). The apostle Paul said emphatically, "God forbid!" Or, "By no means!" Titus 2:11-12 (NASB) says "For the grace of God that brings us salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, ad to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age."

Why is the above true? Well, before we answer that, think for a moment of what truly is the result

of our unbridled living. When I "live as I selfishly please," destructive results come from that orientation. When I "shoot off my mouth," people get hurt. When I spend without restraint, fiscal irresponsibility grows with a domino effect. When I cast restraint off in sexuality, distrust, disease and devastation result (especially to children). When I overeat, I'm on the path to heart issues. There are so many other examples.

So, there is a better way...a far better way. It is the way of being transformed by being forgiven in God's grace at the cost of His Son on the cross in each of our places. We are freed to live responsibly in grateful response to God's lavish love for us. There is no pill for this. Rather, it is embracing true living. I will welcome taking care of the body God has given me (9.815 positive changes happen after just nine minutes of exercise!). I will welcome my regular quiet time with God. I will welcome being responsible in God's life-giving ways!

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School sports teams ready to play with modified seasons

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Football and volleyball will be played in the spring, while cross country, girls tennis and girls swimming will have shorter seasons with fewer contests due to COVID-19 spreading in the state. No announcements were made regarding post-season competition and state championships.

When the Minnesota State High School League announced the new regulations on Aug. 3, Staples-Motley sports coaches commented on what that means for their programs.

The Staples-Motley football and volleyball will have spring seasons for the first time ever. Both teams are willing to adjust their schedules to be able to play.

"We are happy that we still have a season, we have had a lot of participation and effort put into our summer programming in preparation for the season," said Staples-Motley Football Coach Chris Kappler. "There was a sense

of relief that we will get to play," said Volleyball Coach Gretchen Bestland. She noted that the MSHSL had to vote four times on whether to move the season to the spring or cancel it altogether. "We have girls that have put in a lot of time and effort into continually improving their skills. They will be a fun team to watch and hopefully by March we can have fans in the stands. It will feel different, but we need to keep in mind that we are making history, and that's pretty cool."

Cross country may have the biggest changes. While most meets are run with 10 or more teams participating, the new state rules allow for only three teams at a meet.

Cross Country Coach Bruce Fuhrman said he understands that safety is important, but this will be a drastic change for the sport. The team has been practicing this summer and he told the runners "We are living through some extraordinary times and how we react, participate, and move through this time will be

something we likely remember the rest of our lives. It is important to do things right and perform at our highest level. Our teams will be safe, take precautions, and work to be our best."

The girls tennis team has also had an active summer in preparation for the season. The new MSHSL rules only allow for head to head competition, there will be no large tournaments allowed.

All of the coaches are trying to make sure the abbreviated seasons are still worthwhile for their athletes.

The football team is keeping a positive attitude, "which is largely due to our players and their passion," said Kappler. "I am especially happy for our seniors that have put in so much work, it would be a shame not to let them have their shot. We will do what we can to keep our players involved and active leading up to our new spring season."

"Not too many Minnesota high school volleyball teams will be able to say

they played their season in the spring," said Bestland. "I'm going to hold on to the sentiment that good things come to those who wait."

Fuhrman said coaches have submitted ideas as to how a meet could be set up with the new rules.

"Obviously, there is some disappointment, frustration, and questions we will address," said Fuhrman. "Things are still a bit unknown as to what the season will look like. This activity provides great learning opportunities in areas applicable to the development of life skills in mindset, ethics, teamwork, and accountability. I certainly hope it doesn't take on an intramural flavor. If one looks at the development of kids on our teams, it would be highly disappointing."

Kappler said "Like anything new I'm sure there will be challenges and growth required from all of us, but I am optimistic that we will be ready and excited for when we get to compete."

Season postponed, but players keep playing

Staples-Motley youth volleyball players practiced at a summer camp before the state high school league pushed the varsity season to the spring because of COVID-19. At the camp, players wore masks entering the building but were able to take them off after entering the gym area. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Track and field jamboree

Staples-Motley Summer Recreation's track and field jamboree had young athletes trying out different events. Pictured, long jumpers fly into the sand and shot putters throw water balloons instead of heavy shot puts. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Sportsmen, outdoor devotees score major, if unexpected, legislative win

With the signature of President Trump on Tuesday of last week, the Great American Outdoors Act of 2020 became law, a legislative package that some are calling the most significant piece of conservation legislation in a half century. The average "man-on-the-street" may have been unaware of this, considering the focus of our nation on the coronavirus pandemic in general, and pending legislation to provide citizens and businesses more financial relief in particular.

But while coronavirus relief has stalled in stalemate, the Great American Outdoors Act sailed through Congress. Regardless of who was paying attention before, "the Act" is widely seen as a crowd pleaser in terms of the benefits envisioned for a broad swath of outdoor interests. The Act makes available almost \$3 billion annually to be spent on improvements and maintenance at national wildlife refuges and forests, national parks and recreation areas, on trails and campground facilities, upgrading previously-acquired wild lands for public use, and providing public access to lakes and rivers. Also included are funds to protect historic and

cultural sites, as well as unique natural landscapes.

Key to accomplishing these things is financing for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which was established by Congress in 1964. This program uses earnings from private industry lease payments to the federal government for offshore oil and natural gas extraction—sites not owned by the firms that extract these valuable resources. As a result, the conservation benefits of the LWCF have not been financed with individual taxpayers' dollars, but by industries that profit from oil and gas exploration at sites that technically belong to all U.S. citizens.

The history of funding LWCF since 1964 has been hit-and-miss. Only once before has the LWCF been funded at the maximum level that was authorized in 1964. Instead, much of that potential conservation funding has been diverted for other purposes, reflecting the fact that conservation has been regarded by some lawmakers as a luxury, rather than a priority.

Still, Minnesota—and those who actively avail themselves of our many and varied outdoor recreation opportunities—have benefitted over the course of the past 56 years. These benefits have included expenditures for Voyageurs National Park, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. An example of expected impacts

of the Act just signed into law, is development of historic sites within Voyageurs National Park. The LWCF also has partnership dimensions that fund conservation activities on private lands; fortunate, since far more land is in private ownership than is owned by the public.

An indicator of how significant for conservation the Act may prove to be is the enthusiasm with which its enactment has been received by some of the most respected conservation-focused groups in the nation. The list of organizations that have expressed joy in its enactment represent a who's who of national sportsmen's and environmental organizations. Some are what might be called "hard core" sportsmen's groups, others might be identified more as "nature" groups. Among those praising it are Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, the Nature Conservancy, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, National Audubon Society, and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, to name just a few.

One possible reason this legislation may have taken many by surprise—apart from our focus on the coronavirus pandemic—is the policy turnabout it represents. Over the past three years, the country has seen new regulations issued to re-interpret and weaken enforcement of the federal Clean Water Act, efforts to open up more federal wild lands to oil and natural gas exploration, and a parade of proposed removals of

animals and plants from the Endangered Species List. The current administration has not advocated full funding in any of its past budgets.

Some speculate that lawmakers in Congress were looking for a popular, headline-making accomplishment in this important election year. Two such lawmakers, Senate Republicans from Montana and Colorado—who are believed to be in very tight reelection races—were the primary Senate sponsors. The conservation-related projects this legislation will finance have been estimated to create as many as 100,000 jobs.

Still, proving that politicians are never far-removed from political behavior, only Republican senators were present at the bill's signing ceremony at the White House, even though the only "no" votes cast in the Senate—25, about half of their party's 52—were cast by Republicans.

Yet, at the end of the day, regardless of any political gamesmanship that might have been attached to enactment of this legislation, its importance to wildlife and wild places—and those of us who enjoy and use them—will overshadow the public relations games. It's still a very big win.

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CITY OF STAPLES

Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

DISTRICT INFORMATION	TIF 5 STAPLES SQUARE	TIF 6 PRAIRIE VIEW	TIF 7 STAPLES TOWNHOMES	TIF 8 HOTEL	TIF 9 CARDINAL PINES	TIF 10 MEDICAL OFFICES
Current net tax capacity	\$4,048	\$14,706	\$40,753	\$99,054	\$370	\$817
Original net tax capacity	\$9	\$25	\$730	\$10,788	\$370	\$817
Captured net tax capacity	\$4,039	\$14,681	\$40,023	\$88,266	\$0	\$0
Principal and interest payments in 2020	\$0	\$25,000	\$64,202	\$127,950	\$47,649	\$12,470
Tax Increment received in 2019	\$7,005	\$24,572	\$66,758	\$146,987	\$0	\$0
Tax increment expended in 2019	\$7,005	\$24,572	\$66,254	\$146,119	\$0	\$0
Month and Year of first tax increment receipt	Jun-2005	Jun-2006	May-2018	May-2018	May-2020	May-2020
Date of required decertification	12/31/2030	12/31/2031	12/31/2043	12/31/2026	12/31/2045	12/31/2028

Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS June 16, 2020

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 16th day of June, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motions and resolution were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2020 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT - BIG LAKE SPORTSMANS CLUB

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Big Lake Sportsmans Club through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Big Lake Sportsmans Club to hold a raffle event at the Big Lake Sportsmans Clubhouse in Turtle Creek Township at the address 33513 County 16, Cushing, MN on August 15, 2020.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie

Lions Club at the address of 24257 Riverside Drive (Long Drive In), Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective July 15, 2020.

To approve the resignation of Jordan Host as PT Correctional Officer effective 06/08/2020.

To approve the resignation of Jose Martinez as PT Correctional Officer effective 06/15/2020.

To approve the resignation of Grant Allen as Custodian effective June 19, 2020.

To approve the hire of Emily Berscheid as Seasonal Solid Waste Help.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400669 through 400693 in the amount of \$63,158.20 and (Regular) 53593 through 53640 in the amount of \$11,142.37 for a total of \$74,300.57.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800748 through 800807 and (Regular) 706782 through 706841 for a total amount of \$200,479.80.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600201 through 600216 and (Regular) 515854 through 515886 for a total amount of \$81,044.88.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by

unanimous vote: To adopt the Todd County Election Emergency Plan as presented.

City of Long Prairie

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Redevelopment Agreement in Master Development District No. 1 and Tax Increment Financing District No 1-16.

Public Works

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT STUDY ON COUNTY ROAD #11

WHEREAS, some Todd County residents have expressed concerns over the appropriateness of the 55 mile per hour regulatory speed limit on County Road 11 from the Stearns County Line to Ada Drive in Kandota Township; and;

WHEREAS, by Minnesota Statute 169.14, Subdivision 5, local authorities can request the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to authorize a speed limit on a local (non-trunk highway) roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby request the Commissioner of Transportation to make the necessary investigation to determine the reasonable and safe speed limit, as provided in Section 169.14, Subdivision 5, of the Minnesota Statutes, on Todd County Road 11 from the Stearns County Line to Ada Drive in Kandota Township.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Cooperative Construction Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021 Construction for the proposed 2021 Projects on CSAH 38 and CSAH 56.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of the Watchguard redaction software.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve final platting of the Sibells Subdivision Three plat with conditions on parcel 10-0003900.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority with Commissioner Becker, Erickson, Kircher and Kneisl for and Commissioner Neumann against: To approve the establishment of preliminary plat on parcel 03-0024600 with the proposed conditions.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve a Conditional Use Permit for Temporary Family Living on parcel 25-0029901 with the proposed conditions.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve a Conditional Use Permit to establish a sheet metal fabrication, retail sales, and metal machine shop on par-

cel 20-0036502 with the proposed conditions.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve a Conditional Use Permit to open a previous gravel pit in Shoreland Zoning with the proposed conditions.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: That we have reviewed the draft Redeye One Watershed, One Plan and recommend to the Redeye Watershed Policy Committee that this plan be submitted to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for their approval, as stated in the BWSR Operating Procedures 2.0 and the Redeye 1W1P Planning Memorandum of Agreement.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUPPORT FOR THE COVID-19 RELIEF PARTNERSHIP EMERGENCY FUNDING APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Todd County Health & Human Services is requesting funds to sustain its COVID-19 response; and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners fully supports Todd County Health & Human Services in collaborating with Sourcewell to implement this application to provide necessary supplies and equipment to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Todd County Board of Commissioners further supports Todd County Health & Human Services in submitting a COVID-19 Relief Partnership Emergency Funding application to Sourcewell.

Jackie Och, HHS Director presented an update on the COVID-19 Situation for discussion.

Administration

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Geotechnical work and mortar sample and testing through Chosen Valley Testing.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Change Order 13 to replace existing overhead doors at east and west gable ends of the Expo Building.

Discussion was held and overall update provided of the Expo Building project's progress.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To implement Phase 2 of Reopening which would include the following:

- Open Justice Center on June 15, 2020
- Open Historic Courthouse and Public Works on June 26, 2020
- Continue high volume service by appointment only, such as driver's license
- Continue providing all other services online, by phone, email and drop box and by appointment only
- Continue public meetings

See **TCC** on page 5a

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Staples City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on August 25, 2020 at 122 6th St. NE to consider and possibly adopt assessments for non-payment of utility charges against property.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

Diane Archer, City Clerk
Published 8-12-2020

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TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

215 1st Ave. South,
Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, or via phone conference call. Please email or phone your wish to be included in the meeting at 320-732-4420 **toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us** to consider the following Variance applications:

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of the July 2020 BOA minutes
- Board introduction and process review
 - The applicant is introduced
 - Staff Report
 - Applicant request if staff report accurately represents the request
 - Public Comment
 - Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. **Approval of new criteria questions and after-the-fact criteria questions.**

2. **Dale Peterson:** NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 16, Township 132N, Range 32W in Fawn Lake Township
Site Address: 30696 416th St, Browerville. PID: 08-0016100

1. After-the Fact Request to reduce the setback in AF-1 to the South property line from 30 to 0 feet due to existing structure built on property line.

2. Request to reduce the side yard setback in AF-1 zoning from the South side yard property line from 30 to 25 feet for future deck addition.

3. **Joseph Kauffman:** SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 22, Township 131, Range 34 in Eagle Valley Township
Site Address: 35447 205th Ave, Clarissa. PID: 07-0025300

1. Request to reduce the setback in AF-1 zoning from feedlot to schoolhouse to be less than ¼ mile.

4. **Mark Wimmergren:** 1.44 Acres between County 104 & Enchanted Loop near Differt's subdivision in Section 16, Township 128, Range 32, Burnhamville Township
Site Address: 31474 Enchanted Loop, Burtrum. PID: 06-0021900

1. Request to reduce the road ROW setback from a County Road in Shoreland-RD Zoning from 20 feet to 17.5 feet

5. **Benjamin Vanden-Wymelenberg:** Part of E2 of Government Lot 1, Section 2, Township 131, Range 32 in Turtle Creek Township
Site Address: 38514 Northstar Drive, Cushing.

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REAL ESTATE

Apartments for Rent

DOWNTOWN STAPLES: One BR apartment with large living area. Heat, garbage, parking included. \$425/mo., avail. Sept. 1. Contact: 218-820-3049 or 218-894-3353. 33-35c

COZY 2 bdrms., quiet building, great location, welcome: 218-296-3807. 29ffc

STAPLES: Downtown, 1 - 2 bdrms., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking, 218-894-3108. 6ffc

VERNDAL: 2 bdrms. upstairs duplex. \$500 + util.,

PID: 24-0001000

1. Request to reduce 150 feet setback in Shoreland-NE zoning to as close as 100 feet for building of research and storage facility with living quarters.

6. **Richard and Lois Humbert:** 0.39 Acres between County 47 and Big Birch Lake in Section 20, Township 127, Range 32 in Grey Eagle Township

Site Address: 11099 County 47, Grey Eagle. PID: 11-0030800

1. Request to reduce the Shoreland-RD Ordinary High Water setback from 100 feet to 70 feet for new house construction.

2. Request to increase the maximum height for dwellings within minimum setbacks in Shoreland Zoning from 18 feet to 26 feet for same new house construction

3. Request to increase roofed structure limit from 15% to 15.4% for same new house construction.

7. **Rocky and Dianne Karnes:** Government Lot 1 in West Union Township (12-127-35)

Site Address: 16148 County 2, Sauk Centre. PID: 27-0009900

1. Request to increase the maximum accessory structure height in Shoreland-NE zoning from 18 feet to 21 feet for purpose of building 40 foot by 140 foot storage shed.

8. **Darryl Gerads:** Lot 7 and part of Lot 6, Scenic Shores Subdivision (11-127-32) in Grey Eagle Township
Site Address: 33134 Cottontail Drive, Grey Eagle. PID: 11-0070600

1. Request to reduce side lot line setback in Shoreland-RD zoning from 10 feet to 5 feet for building of 14 foot by 16 foot storage shed.

2. Request to reduce road Right-of-Way setback in Shoreland-RD zoning from 20 feet to 19 feet.

9. **Thomas Bense:** Part of NE4 NE4 (24-127-32) in Grey Eagle Township
Site Address: 34741 County 2, Grey Eagle. PID: 11-0035000

1. Request to reduce rear lot line setback in AF-1 zoning from 50 feet to 20 feet for building of 40 foot by 80 foot shed.

10. **Jeremy Freudenrich:** Part of Government Lot 4 (20-127-32) in Grey Eagle Township
Site Address: 11133 County 47, Grey Eagle. PID: 11-0029700

1. Request to reduce the setback in Shoreland-RD zoning from 100 feet to 92 feet for building of garage addition.

2. Request to increase maximum building height for accessory structures in Shoreland- RD zoning from 18 feet to 21 feet.

11. **Matt and Beth Streit:** 51.5 Acres of SE4 and NE4 NE4 (26-131-32) in Turtle Creek Township
Site Address: 33311 County 16, Cushing. PID: 24-0026800

1. Request to increase maximum building height for accessory structures in Shoreland- RD zoning from 18 feet to 19 feet, 10 inches.

Adjournment.

Next Meeting:

September 24, 2020

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheid, Chair

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Due to Covid-19 we ask that you RSVP to attend the auction.

Please call the main line 320-732-4469.

Location could change due to the volume of RSVPs.

PPE/Mask are Required!

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Ave. So, Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347. Telephone: 320-732-4469, or online at: www.co.todd.mn.us/departments/auditor_treasurer/forfeiture_land

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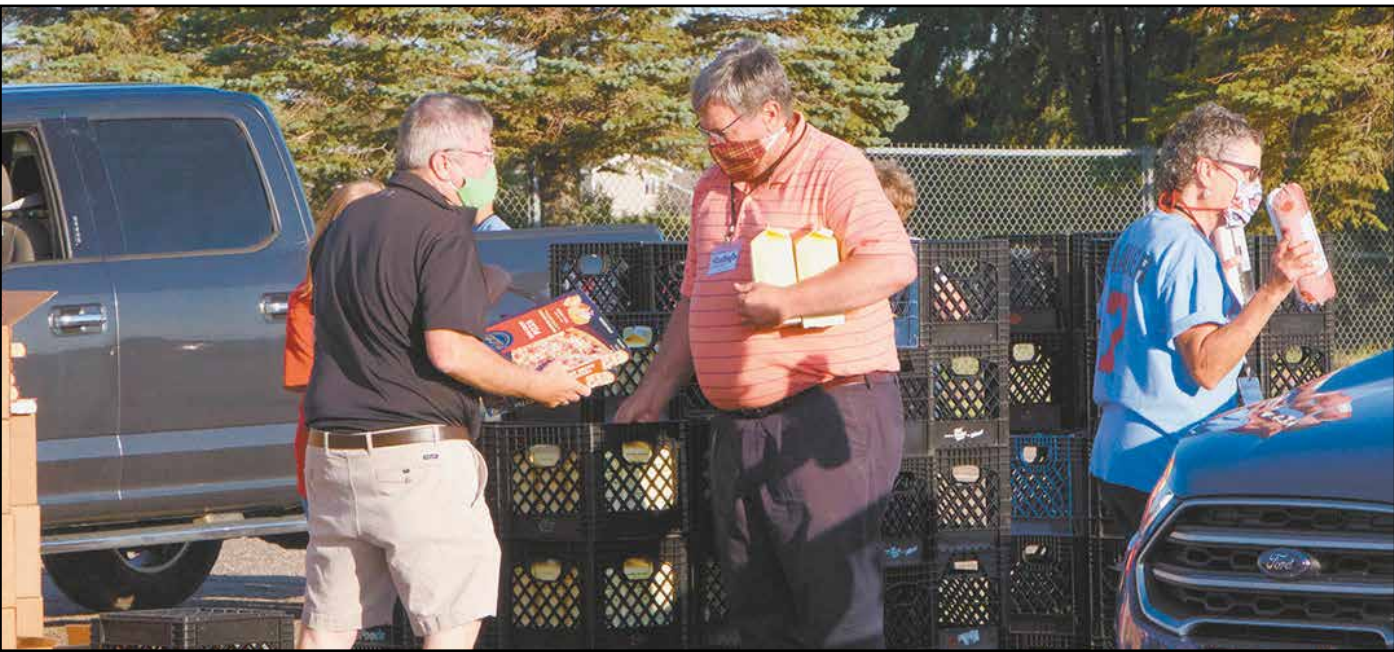


Ruby’s pantry food distribution

Volunteers haul boxes of food to waiting vehicles as Ruby’s Pantry supplied food for a drive-through pop up pantry on Aug. 4. By the end of the day, 554 households were served multiple boxes of food. Some vehicles had to wait an hour and a half in the line that stretched from the CLC parking lot to Warner Road.

The work crew included volunteers from CLC, Sta-

ples United Methodist and community volunteers. CLC plans to hold a Ruby’s Pantry food event on the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 5:30. If anyone would like to volunteer, contact CLC Student Life Director Erich Heppner at 218-855-8260. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Officer Bren Davis now full-time at SPD

This past June, Bren Davis became a full-time officer with the Staples Police Department (SPD). She had been a part-time officer with the department since 2019.

Prior to joining the SPD, Officer Davis worked at the Aitkin County Jail. “This is my first job on the road,” she said of her work in Staples.

Davis grew up in the Brainerd area, going on to attend Central Lakes College after high school where she earned a degree in law enforcement.

“The main reason I got into this line of work is because I needed a job that was ever-changing and would make me hold myself to a higher standard,” Offi-

cer Davis said, going on to mention that she also wanted to be held accountable for her work. “The fact that I get to interact with the community and be social is an added bonus to the job, though,” she said. She hopes to continue to get to know the community better on a more positive note.

Officer Davis went on to say that she is “super grateful that my first job on the road ended up being at a place where I see myself finishing out my career as well. It’s been an awesome experience and I’m blessed to be surrounded by such great partners who are always willing to help and a sergeant and chief who support us along the way.”



Interacting with the public

Staples Police Department Officer Bren Davis chatted with Parker Eggert during the annual Random Acts of Kindness Rally in Staples, an event sponsored by JCI Staples. Davis has been with the department since 2019 and recently became a full-time officer. (Submitted photo)

SMACF Relief Fund helps 17 local businesses

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) has wrapped up their Emergency Relief and Response fund, which was created in response to COVID-19. Through the fund, grants of \$2,000 each were given to local businesses and nonprofits who were adversely affected by the pandemic. In total, \$27,364.25 was awarded to 17 organizations.

The Emergency Relief and Response Fund was made possible through \$17,670 of local donations of from community organizations and individuals.

“We are overwhelmed by the level of support we received from our neighbors,” said Katie Heppner, SMACF Chair. “It showcases that we, as a community, have a vested interest in the success of our local small businesses and appreciate the important role that they play in our local economy and our local identity.”

To oversee the grant-making process, the SMACF formed a sub-committee of three representatives from the community foundation, as well as two representatives from the Staples Economic Development Authority and one representative from the community-at-large. “As a community foundation, we were well-versed in working with local non-profits, but did not have experience working with for-profit organizations. To increase our legitimacy and knowledge, we needed people at the table who had the expertise and solid reputation for working well with our local businesses,” stated Heppner.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is a turn-key fund of the Initiative Foundation. To learn more about their work, visit staplesmotleyfoundation.org.

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. included:

July 27; Staples Police investigated a report of criminal sexual conduct.

July 28; Staples Police were notified of a bike that was found on the walking path on the 1500 block of Airport Rd. The bike was taken to the impound garage.

July 29; Staples Police responded to a report of a harassment/restraining order violation. SPD is investigating.

July 31; Staples Police responded to Lakewood Health System’s emergency room for a report of a disorderly patient. Police arrested Joseph Dvorak, 55, of Cushing, for disorderly conduct and damage to property. He was taken to the Todd County Detention Center.

July 31; Staples Police assisted the Todd County

Staples Police report

Sheriff’s Dept. with a report of a call involving a gun on 305th Ave. Staples. Police, along with the Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept. separated the parties involved until the Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. arrived.

Aug. 1; Staples Police responded to a report of a loose/ aggressive dog running at-large in the 300 block of Dakota Ave. SE. Police made contact with a neighbor who was able to capture the dog and notify the owner.

Aug. 1; Staples Police assisted the MN State Patrol, in Motley, with a traffic stop involving a stolen vehicle. SPD learned the driver fled on foot and a passenger was in custody SPD assisted in searching the area for the driver.

Aug. 2; Staples Police received the report of a road rage incident on the 300 block of 2nd Ave. NE.

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Board promotes college

ples-Motley district.

“You can walk to the mailbox and have something in your hand,” Frisk said about the value of a newsletter.

Frisk also said that a large percent of the district is empty-nesters, people whose children are no longer in the school system. “We are not reaching those people,” said Frisk.

The board noted a few aspects of the school that could be promoted more, such as the number of college credits offered in the school for free, Little Cardinals Academy and the policy of no fees for sports and activities. Board

member Mary Freeman added giving recognition to the people who do grant writing, to show how the district reaches out beyond the community. She also suggested the CIP look at equity among students and behavior management.

Board member Brad Anderson said the CIP should focus on developing a positive culture and promoting the anti-bullying work the school has done. Superintendent Tappe said those elements were discussed during the CIP development, which resulted in priorities of integrity and respect.

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To schedule a visit with an MHI cardiologist at Lakewood, call 218-894-8894.