

Bernie at the depot

The figure that looked so out of place during the inauguration in Washington, D.C., looks right at home in Staples, thanks to photoshop. The Bernie Sanders photo launched a million memes online, and inspired creativity locally. (Depot photo by Dawn Timbs, photoshop by her niece, Linnea Carlson)

Staples man arrested on drug charges

Staples resident Dyllan Burton, 29, was arrested Jan. 19 on drug related charges following a search and investigation of a home at 1507 4th Street NE in Staples. Sheriff's Office, executed a search warrant at the home. The search warrant was obtained after an investigation by Staples Police into the sale of controlled substances from that location. Police arrested Burton and transported him to the Wadena County Detention Center. He is charged with four counts of 5th degree possession of controlled substance for possessing meth, marijuana, marijuana wax and marijuana oil. Burton was also charged with two counts of child endangerment and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cardinal Chronicle



Making homemade ice cream

In Mrs. Odden's Project Lead the Way class, middle school students got to make homemade ice cream. To make it, students added milk, heavy cream, and vanilla in a bag. In a bigger bag, they put ice and ice cream salt to make the ice colder. Then, students put the bag with ice cream ingredients in the ice bag and shake it until it becomes ice cream. "The hardest thing about making it is not eating it right away," 8th grader Ryan Neelan says. The students learned how to be food chemists and food engineers. They learned about phase changes like solid to liquid and about the gas that comes off of the ice and salt. They learned about the chemistry behind creating your food and practiced measuring skills that can be used anywhere. (By Alex Schultz)

Drug bust in Staples

The Staples Police Department initiated a home search on Jan. 19, under Staples Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Conditions placed on shoreland lot request

By Karin Nauber
Todd County correspondent

A request from Douglas and Carol Lien to plat 30.36 acres into 20 non-riparian lots to be known as DC Lien Addition in Shoreland-GD Zoning was approved by the Planning Commission on Nov. 5, 2020.

This was brought before the Todd County Board of Commissioners on Nov. 17, 2020 where it was remanded back to the Planning Commission.

The item was then further reviewed by the Planning Commission on Dec. 3 and again on Jan. 7, 2021.

The final recommendation of the Planning Commission was to approve the Preliminary Plat with conditions, including a wetland delineation plan, storm water management plan, a public right-of-way (ROW) turn around area at the east end of Fawn Drive, 6. no residential development on lots 1 through 7.

When it came before the county commissioners again at their Jan. 19 meeting, it was discussed at great length with particular concerns about the cul-de-sac and the increase of traffic through the area.

Chair Barb Becker said that they could not get a recommendation from Leslie Township because they were not meeting until that evening.

Attorney Jason Kuboushek fielded several questions related to cul-de-sac changes.

Commissioner Randy Neumann explained that

Fawn Drive is a public road ROW that is partially privately maintained on one side of the ravine and the other is a public road ROW that is maintained by the township.

"We are not the road authority there. The township is," said Neumann.

He added that the commissioners were trying to do what was right, but that they couldn't keep using 1930s mentality because people didn't want traffic.

Kuboushek said that while the county could request that a developer pays for a portion of a road upgrade, they could not ask that the developer pay for all of it. He also said that because a culvert should be put in at the ravine, the county would have a hard time rationalizing making the developer pay for that.

Neumann said his parents had been told they had to put in and pay for a cul-de-sac when they were making their plat. Kuboushek said that the developer would be bearing the cost for the cul-de-sac.

With only ten days left of the 120 days that the county has to make a decision on a preliminary plat, Becker asked if they should meet on Friday, Jan. 22 as this would give time for Leslie County to hold their meeting and make their recommendations.

Commissioner David Kircher said that no one from the township had returned a call to him thus far.

He asked if because this was a "preliminary plat" if they could wait until the

final plat to put further conditions on the plat.

Kuboushek said that during this stage, the board has the most power to be able to set conditions. He stated that the final plat process is for making sure the conditions have been met and that conditions had to be set at the preliminary stage.

Neumann expressed concerns that the Planning Commission had to make decisions on plats without having all of the information and then they send it to the board of commissioners and "we don't have all of the information."

Commissioner Rod Erickson asked about the DIRT team meeting.

Planning and Zoning Director Adam Ossefoort said that on Dec. 1 they held a meeting with the DIRT team. The township had been notified at least three times as well as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources among others. He said that Leslie Township had been involved in the Dec. 1 meeting.

If the commissioners were to not approve the preliminary plat by Thursday Jan. 28, the plat would pass without any conditions.

So while the recommendation from the Planning Commission was to approve the preliminary plat, the commissioners tabled any action until they would meet again on Jan. 22.

In other business
• Approved a gambling permit for Midwest Out See **COUNTY** on page 3a

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 27	10°	-3°	M. Sunny
Jan. 28	16	8	Cloudy
Jan. 29	24	22	Cloudy
Jan. 30	32	21	Snow
Jan. 31	27	12	Cloudy
Feb. 1	27	17	P. Cloudy
Feb. 2	30	23	Cloudy

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 27	17°	13°	Cloudy
Jan. 28	23	9	Cloudy
Jan. 29	27	18	Sunny
Jan. 30	28	20	M. Cloudy
Jan. 31	30	22	Snow
Feb. 1	26	14	Snow
Feb. 2	29	22	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 22° Low = 3°
Total Snow:
For week: .5"
For year: 32"

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Public Notices

Evergreen Hill Cemetery: **8A**

Obituaries

Patricia
Hendrickson
Ruth Huss
Mary Motl



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SMACF offering more relief grants to local businesses

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) is offering a second round of Emergency Relief and Response grants to area businesses who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. To be eligible for funding, businesses must be in industries listed in Executive Order (EO) 20-99 and be operating within the boundaries of the Staples-Motley School District, ISD 2170. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 5, at noon and can be found at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=ifound>.

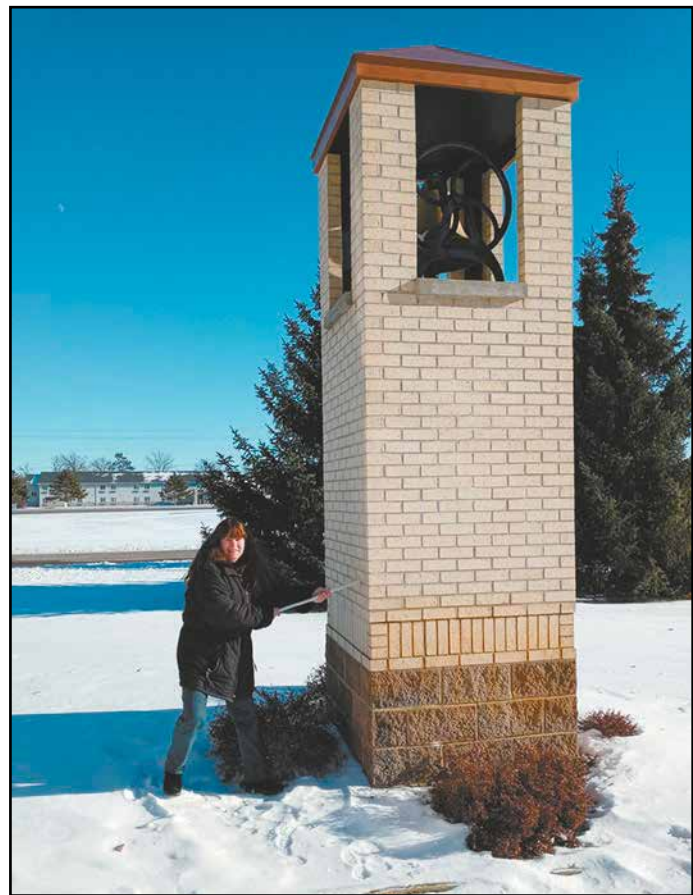
Eligible businesses can use the grant funds to cover reimbursable expenses occurred during the dial-down period, which started on Nov. 20, 2020. Examples of such expenses include, but are not limited to, utility

bills, inventory purchases, and ongoing expenses that could have been paid had the business not be shut down. If accepted to receive a grant, businesses will be asked to submit a receipt for their expenses before funds are distributed.

"Our local businesses play an important role in shaping our community," said SMACF Chair, Katie Heppner. "The Emergency Relief and Response grants are our way of showing them our appreciation and support during this difficult time. We'd like to ask that others show their support by eating and shopping local."

For more information about the grants, contact Katie Heppner by phone at 218-929-3015 or by email at smacf@ifound.org

Church bells and helping hands bring hope



The sound of hope

Robin Kramer rings the bell outside of the Motley United Methodist Church, something she has been doing on Sunday mornings since the onset of the pandemic. “It sounds like hope to me,” Kramer said of the bell’s ringing. On Jan. 19, Kramer joined with others around the nation who rang the bells to remember those whose lives have been lost due to Covid-19. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

If you drive through Motley on a Sunday morning, you just might hear the sound of a bell calling out above the Highway 10 traffic noise, its peals cutting through the howls of the cold winter wind. “Church bells sound like hope to me,” said Robin (Thorn) Kramer, who’s been ringing the brass bell at Motley United Methodist Church religiously for the past few months or so. When in-person worship closed for several weeks during the Covid-19 surge last year, Robin said one of the things she missed most was hearing the sound of the church bell. She mentioned this to her pastor, Greg Leslie,

explaining to him that bells mean ‘hope,’ something she felt was sorely needed at this time. He gave her his blessing, and she’s been ringing the bell on Sundays ever since. It doesn’t erase the pain in the world, but, as Robin says again, the sound of the bell represents hope for tomorrow...much needed hope. No, it hasn’t been the easiest year, as is evidenced by the number of news stories pertaining to the pandemic and political unrest. Most everyone you talk to these days would like to brush off remnants of 2020, sweep them under the rug and pray that the new year brings happier memories. That could certainly be true of Robin, whose 2020 calendar was filled

with its own share of difficult moments, including a run-in with Covid-19 this past November that kept her home sick for two weeks or so. Undoubtedly, the two most difficult happenings in her life during 2020, however, would be saying ‘good-bye’ to her beloved husband Tom at his memorial service in early January, and four months later learning that her son-in-law John had been in a tragic motorcycle accident that left him paralyzed. Some days are harder than others, Robin said recently at her home just south of Motley along the Long Prairie River. She and Tom had moved back to the area a decade ago, having lived in Anoka for 36 years. “We were high school sweethearts,” Robin said, noting she had graduated from Motley High School in 1972. They were looking forward to spending their retirement years together in their hometown, Robin said. They were active in their community and church, loved spending time outdoors, and theirs’ was the place their children and grandchildren loved to visit in any season. Having Tom get sick in the fall of 2019 with what they initially thought was pneumonia, only to have him die two days before Christmas after being diagnosed with lung cancer, was nothing she could have prepared for. In the midst of this time of grief, the pandemic hit, with warnings that people needed to isolate to help reduce the spread of Covid-19. Eventually, her church was closed as well, which meant she no longer had the opportunity to socialize with her friends during coffee hour each Sunday. And then on May 5, she got the call from her daughter, Jackie, about John’s

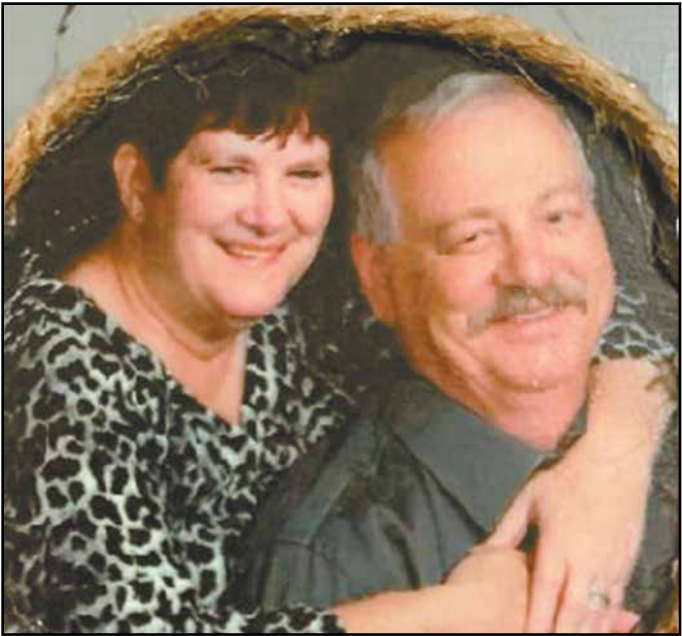
tragic motorcycle accident. Thankfully, her son-in-law lived. Robin recalled the many prayers offered on his behalf, and how grateful their family was to the medical staff who attended to John during that traumatic time. However, the accident left John paralyzed from the chest down, as well as sustaining a broken back and ribs. During his three months in the hospital he also developed pneumonia and had a tracheostomy procedure to help him breathe. It was difficult to see John in this condition, and to see the pain in the eyes of Jackie and their children as they watched the man they loved suffer. Prior to this, John, in his 40s, worked as a tile layer and had his own company in the Anoka area. That would all change. Throughout John’s time in the hospital and rehabilitation facility, Robin said she was amazed at the kindness shown to their family by a variety of people... some they had never even met. She went on to share that after learning about John’s accident, Myhers Construction in Ramsey volunteered to build a maintenance free deck and ramp system for John and Jackie. Along the way, they received support from Grundstrom Construction, WJC Remodeling and Home Depot...ensuring that everything would be handicap accessible when John returned home. They even put in new landscaping, Robin said. All at no cost to the family. Somewhere along the way, Robin learned that Jesse Grundstrom of Grundstrom Construction, was the son of Toni, a woman she’d offered to make curtains for years ago. Robin went on to explain that Toni’s house had very



Thankful for family

Robin Kramer (back left) of Motley is pictured with her daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and John Stockhausen of Anoka, last summer at her home along the Long Prairie River. A couple of months earlier, John had been in a motorcycle accident which left him paralyzed from the chest down. (Submitted photo)

high ceilings and she’d had trouble finding curtains to fit. She’d been very happy with the curtains Robin made as a gift to her. When Jesse Grundstrom learned of the connection, he shared with Robin that his mother was now in a wheelchair, due to Multiple Sclerosis. “Isn’t it a small world?,” Robin recalled him saying to her as they looked at the deck he’d helped build for John and Jackie. No, it hasn’t been the easiest year by a long shot. But in the midst of a pandemic, with the loss and injury of loved ones endured...these stories of kindness and the good in humanity have helped give Robin hope for tomorrow. That, and the sound of her beloved church bell.



True love

High School sweethearts Robin and Tom Kramer, both Motley natives, were married 47 years before cancer claimed Tom’s life on Dec. 23, 2019. She misses him everyday, Robin said of her one true love. (Submitted photo)



The kindness of strangers

Construction workers from Myhers Construction in Ramsey helped build a new maintenance free deck and ramp system for the Stockhausen family of Anoka, following John Stockhausen’s motorcycle accident which left him paralyzed. In addition, crew members provided yard clean-up and new landscaping, all with no cost to the Stockhausen family. They even saved a tree which had been planted by Jackie Stockhausen’s father, the late Tom Kramer of Motley. (Submitted photo)



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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• Jan. 24, 1946 - Mrs. Norman L. Olson (Delilah Sarff) and her fifteen-month old daughter, Leilani Deeanne, arrived in Staples on Jan. 3, from Honolulu, Hawaii. Mrs. Olson had lived in Honolulu and Pearl Harbor for the past two years.

The ocean voyage was made on the U.S.A.T. Evangeline which docked at San Pedro, Calif.

Mrs. Olson and her husband, the late Norman L. Olson, were civilian employees of the navy department

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in Pearl Harbor. She and her daughter will make their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Sarff, of Staples, for an indefinite time.

• Jan. 24, 1946 - Little has been published to date relative to the remodeling of two buildings in Staples which will house the New Red Owl Store and a New Gamble Store in this city.

The Red Owl company leased the Fred Hoernberg building at the corner of Fourth Street and Second Avenue, and remodeling operations have been going on there for the past several weeks.

The Grant building on Fourth Street, formerly occupied by Anderson Hardware, has also been undergoing remodeling in preparations for the opening of a new Gamble store in Staples, by Paul Patsy of Minneapolis.

• Jan. 24, 1946 - The next meeting of the Motley Study Club will be on a Saturday afternoon in February with Mrs. Fred Henry as hostess. Roll Call will be answers by current events on Mexico; Program - Customs and Social Life of Mexico by Mrs. DeWitt Roberts; Poetry - Mrs. Knut Kristenson; and English Drill by Mrs. Ed Morey.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• Jan. 28, 1971 - Break-ins at four separate places in Staples over the past couple days were reported by the Staples Police Department.

Police Chief William Card said that the Benson Optical Company was entered, as was the Lincoln Model Nongraded School and two break-ins at the Staples Elementary School.

The break-in at the Benson Optical Company was noticed Monday morning when Kenneth Richardson, plant manager, went to the cigarette machine and noticed all the cigarettes missing. A steel ruler from the shop area of the firm was used to pry loose the machine, Card said.

At the Lincoln Model School, four new Craig Cassette tape recorders were stolen Friday evening or early Saturday morning of last week. Don Droubie, principal, said that it appears that the person or persons went through all the classrooms of the building, pop was spilled on the floor and paper was strewn around.

The first break-in at the Staples Elementary School apparently happened Friday evening, Jan. 22. Entrance to the building was gained by kicking out a window casing on the southwest side of the building. Monday evening, Jan. 25, the building was entered again, the police said. About three tape recorders, all new, were taken, desks were rummaged, lunch chips were stolen and papers had been gone through, school officials reported.

• Jan. 28, 1971 - Motley's 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Lillian Lawrence. Lillian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lawrence of rural Leader.

The Staples High School's 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Deborah Ann Adamek. Deborah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adamek.

Both girls were selected for their performance in a



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Oct. 27, 2005 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from

written knowledge and attitude examination administered to senior girls Dec. 1. They each received a specially designed award from General Mills, sponsor of the annual education program.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• Jan. 25, 1996 - Staples area residents were among the rest of Minnesotans affected last week as a major winter blizzard brought virtually all activities to a standstill Wednesday night and all day Thursday.

Area schools canceled classes and people for the most part stayed home Thursday as approximately 12 inches of snow fell across central and northern Minnesota.

• Jan. 25, 1996 - The Staples Fire Department has a new slate of officers, including a new chief, following annual elections held Jan. 11.

Jim Sadusky, a 23-year veteran on the fire department, assumed the role of the fire chief following the election night action. Doug Case, fire chief for the past

six years, had asked not to be re-elected. Sadusky, 57, has served as either first or second assistant chief for about 15 years.

• Jan. 25, 1996 - Candidates for the titles of King and Queen for the SnoDaze events this week at Staples Motley High School are these members of the senior class: Queen candidates include Ann Gallant, Lori Rothstein, Mindy Olander, Kelee Knosalla, Kari Huebsch, Melissa Lemmer, Chris Lorentz and Dawn Wells. The king candidates include Tom Brichacek, Ross Rychner, Jesse Smith, Raye Ludovissie, Erik Kramer, Ryan Windschitl, Craig Noska and Dan Mueller. Spirit week events are being held each day this week, with coronation at 6 p.m., Saturday, at Centennial Auditorium.

• Jan. 25, 1996 - Staples Motley High School will host the Sub Section One-Act Play contest this Saturday. "The Wall; A Pilgrimage" written by Jan Stuckey, is the play produced by the SM students, under the direction of Frank Odell.

Cast members include

Justin Windschitl, Melissa Miles, Scott Smith, Maria Brenny, Stacia Sams and Chris Schock. The technical crew includes Steve Hoernberg, Jack Lund, Monica Weber, Andy Knosalla and Tom Vasecka.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• Jan. 27, 2011 - According to the sign at Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank in Staples Jan. 21, the temperature at 8 a.m. was 21 degrees below zero. A few hours earlier, temperatures had plunged to nearly 30 below zero.

• Jan. 27, 2011 - Staples Elementary School Principal Jason Luksik introduced the top finishers in the school spelling bee on Jan. 19. They included Stephanie Wacholz, champion; Bryn Williams, second place; Cassidy White, third place; and Toni Brings, fourth place. The top three will compete in the district spelling bee.

• Jan. 27, 2011 - Showing at the Staples Cinema Jan. 28 - 30, 7:30 p.m., "True Grit" and Saturday Jan. 29, at noon and 2 p.m., "Yogi Bear,"



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Jan. 21, 1971 edition of the Staples World, featured Mel Nefstead (left) stepping forward to receive his award as the Outstanding Young Man for 1970 in the Jaycee-sponsored event. He received the award from Dr. T.J. Lelwica (right), last year's winner.

The eight other nominees, from left, are James Hofer, Lee Jenkins, Donald Dravis, Douglas Bates, Fred Bergsrud, Frank Leidenfrost, Dr. William I. Mennis and Donald Droubie. Upon being named the 1970 winner, Nefstead said, "I am highly honored that the people felt that I should even be considered for this award, without mentioning that I emerged the winner. My thanks go to the entire Jaycee Chapter and to the many fine people who have cooperated to the utmost in making this city the finest place to live. I also thank God that I do have the strength and the courage to become involved, for without Him this would all be impossible."

Mary Sperley of Staples correctly identified all except Don Dravis; and Kevin Roline of Nevis correctly identified all except Fred Bergsrud. Both Sperley and Roline thought the men all might be members of the Rotary Club.

Sherrie Crampton Beal of Min-

neapolis (and frequent visitor to Staples) recognized Dr. Ted Lelwica and Dr. Bill Mennis. She went on to note that her mother, Betty Crampton, was a nurse at the hospital in Staples for many years, starting around 1948. She worked with Dr. Lelwica for many of those years and considered him a friend.

Brian and Lori Bates of Staples recognized all but two. They incorrectly identified Fred Bergsrud as Stan Carlson, and Dr. Lelwica as Morrie Lundgren. Judy Wolak of Staples identified all except Doug Bates and Fred Bergsrud. She also noted that Nefstead was the Chair of the United Hospital District Board at that time.

Bev Nelsen of Staples guessed that it was a Jaycee event and correctly identified all except two. She guessed Doug Bates to be Nick Hasselfelt and Frank Leidenfrost to be Ken LeVasseur.

Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified Nefstead, Hofer, Jenkins, Dravis, Leidenfrost and Droubie. He thought Nefstead was accepting an award from a state representative.

Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

COUNTY continued from page 1a

Buildings fund started

doors Unlimited - Prairie Partners Chapter to hold a raffle event.

- Accepted the resignation of Sue Prill from the assessor's office effective Dec. 31.
- Adopted a resolution for the approval of all county departmental change and petty cash funds. This will help the county to remain compliant with state auditing standards and statutes.

The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund requested to increase their main drawer from \$60 change to \$300 change. This update would allow cash paying customers to have change made easily.

Some customers have been bringing in \$100 bills on Saturdays and they have not had enough petty cash on hand to make change.

- The Todd County Board of Commissioners established a building and grounds improvement fund with the objective that the funds be utilized for current and future expenses and held within the county general fund.

The remaining balance of this account as of Dec. 31, was \$398,019. State Auditors have recommended to approve by resolution a commitment of this fund balance on an annual basis for transparent financial reporting.

The commissioners approved it.

- The commissioners approved the 2021 budget appropriation for the support of the Todd County Development Corporation in the amount of \$67,000.
- The board approved the resolution for the 2021 Todd County Parks and Trails appropriation of \$9,000.
- The Todd County Auditor-Treasurer is responsible for the county motor pool and the replacement schedule of vehicles used within the pool. While funds were allocated in the 2020 budget for vehicle replacements, due to unforeseen circumstances created by COVID-19, the vehicles were not purchased within the 2020 calendar year.

The board approved the 2020 county motor pool budget carryover in the amount of \$58,181.

- Appointed Shirley Moberg to a three-year term on the County Extension Committee from Jan. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2023 with three options for renewal for a total of nine years representing District 5.
- Scheduled the 2021 Todd County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for June 21, starting at 6 p.m. and not ending before 7 p.m.
- Sheriff Steve Och reported that his office received \$31,561 in donations for the Canine Donation Fund. They also received \$250 in the Drone Donation Fund.

They expended \$20,389 on the purchase of a canine, training, and vehicle upgrades. The commissioners also approved a carryover of the Canine Donation Fund and Drone Donation Fund from 2020 to 2021 in the amount of \$11,392.

- Approved the carryover of sheriff's office funds in the Forfeiture Fund, Contingency Fund, and Canteen Fund for a total amount of \$28,986.
- Approved the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe from Ranger Chevrolet of Hibbing. The price of the vehicle is \$38,837.76 on the state contract bid. This squad is a budgeted item in the 2021 budget.
- Approved the purchase of a 2021 Polaris 1000XP Northstar Crew from Northland Sports Center located in Eagle Bend. The price of the 2021 Polaris with tracks and mounts is \$28,049.

The Sheriff's Office will be trading a 2002 Polaris Sportsman 500 towards

the purchase, trade value of the Sportsman is \$2000. The total purchase after the trade, including license will be \$26,167.

There are some other forfeited items that will be sold to make up the difference in price.

- Approved the final plat for a subdivision to establish a two lots. The preliminary plat had been approved with one condition.

1. No further subdivision of the approved plat.

Planning and Zoning has completed the review of this preliminary plat and determined that all requirements have been met for final platting.

The board approved final platting of the Illies Estates plat with the one condition listed. There was a variance done for this property.

- Authorized the carry forward of Planning and Zoning funds in a total amount of \$87,541 in multiple funds.
- Approved the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) biennial contract addendum second year 2020-2021 for program administration by Todd County.
- The board received an update on COVID-19 in the county.

Todd County Health and Human Services (HHS) Community Health Manager Katherine Mackedanz, MPH, talked about the speed at which the 290 vaccine appointments to anyone 65 or older in Todd County were snapped up.

Not only do they hope to be able to do more than one day of vaccines in the future, they also hope they are able to get more doses.

She said they should find out next week about additional doses.

HHS Director Jackie Och said that they get the Pfizer vaccine and that the county doesn't get communications from them or the State about their vaccine numbers.

They are hoping to have a system for doing a better job of notifying the public when more doses are available at the county.

- The Todd County Negotiations Team met with the Jail Dispatch Union representatives and have reached a tentative agreement. Highlights of the agreement include no change to health insurance premium cost sharing, a 2.0 percent general wage increase for 2021, elimination of the separate check for holiday pay, elimination of the sick leave bonus and an increase of clothing allowance for jailers of \$50.

The board approved the contract.

- The Todd County Negotiations Team also met with the Sheriff's Supervisory Union representatives and have reached a tentative agreement. Highlights of the agreement include no change to health insurance premium cost sharing, a 2.0 percent general wage increase for 2021, and moving the records coordinator position to this union.

- Additional funds have been received from the State to provide relief to businesses and non-profits affected by Executive Order 20-99 and related closures. The Todd County Economic Development Director Rick Utech has created a County Relief Grant Program with an application and guidelines to disburse the funds to eligible businesses and non-profits who meet the criteria.

The total funds is \$474,904. Becker abstained.

- The board heard an update on the men's room in the Expo Building. There was only 35 inches between a sink and a shower. The sink has been reinstalled and now meets the handicap accessibility guidelines at 36 and a half inches.



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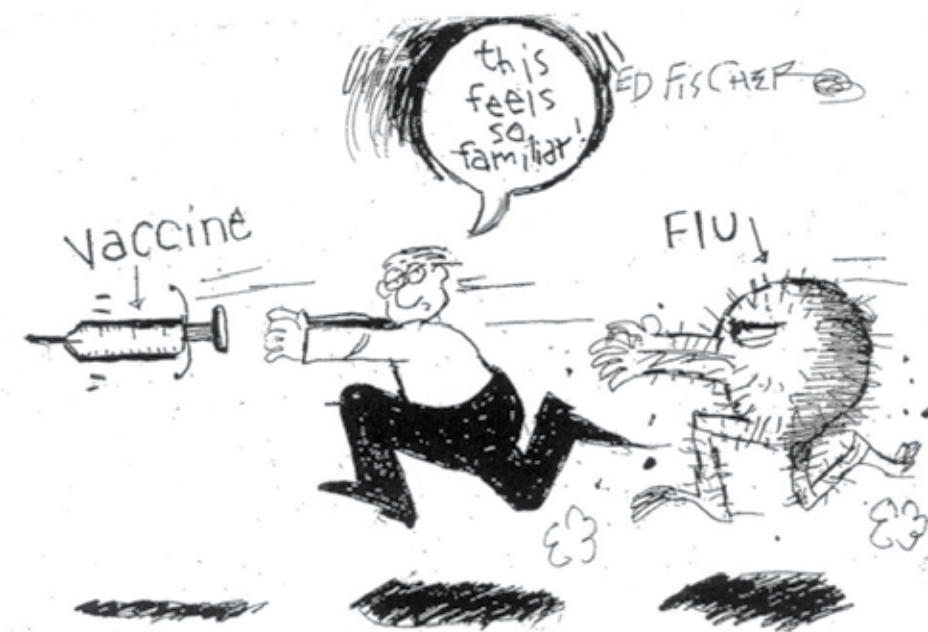
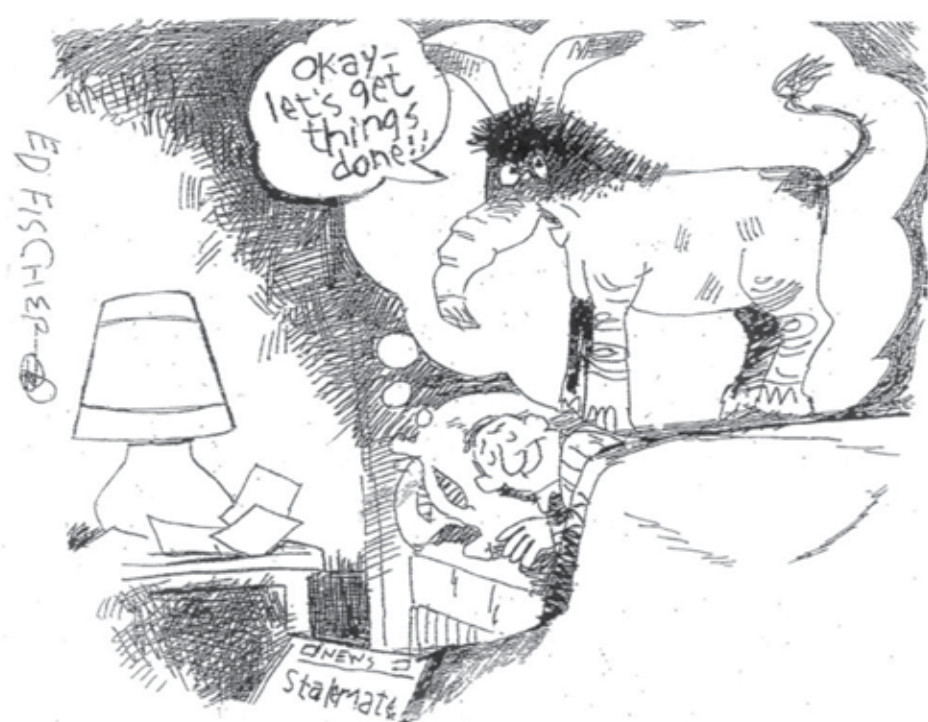
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Excited to take on their new role

Lexi Clark (left) and Kelly Craig are the new owners at Countryside Restaurant in Motley, a role they assumed in November of 2020. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

New owners at Countryside Restaurant in Motley

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

As of Nov. 1, 2020, the Countryside Restaurant in Motley has new owners: Kelly Craig and Lexi Clark, both of the Brainerd area.

"We've added a few new items to the menu," Clark said, adding that customers can still expect the good, down-home cooking they've been known for.

Although the title of "owner" is new to them, neither Clark or Craig are strangers to the Countryside Restaurant, located

in both Motley and Long Prairie. Regulars in Motley most likely recognize Clark, who's waited tables there for a few years; and Craig was a cook at the Long Prairie location, working alongside long-time owner Rod Haften for some time.

Most recently, Craig worked as a cook at the 371 Diner in Baxter. He's excited to now be utilizing his kitchen cuisine skills at the Countryside in Motley.

"We're both pretty excited for this opportunity," Clark said of their new venture in Motley.

Upon taking over own-

ership, they'd only been open two weeks before the mandatory shutdown due to Covid-19. Craig and Clark used that time to work out menu details, clean the restaurant and do other things necessary to ensure they were ready to go Jan. 11, when restaurants and bars opened back up. "It's been a good transition," Clark said.

The Countryside Restaurant is located at 880 Hwy 10 S, Motley. They are open daily from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. For more information, call 218-352-6777.

Random Acts of Kindness event February 17 - 20

Sponsored by JCI Staples

JCI Staples invites the community to join them in celebrating National 'Random Act of Kindness' Day from Wednesday, Feb. 17 - Sunday, Feb. 20.

During this five-day event, JCI Staples is challenging people to do something kind for somebody who isn't expecting it. This could be a neighbor, friend, coworker or even a stranger.

Some 'random acts of kindness' ideas include:

- Donating used books to your local library
- Shoveling your neighbor's driveway or sidewalk
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- Leaving quarters at a laundromat or vending machine.

Additional ideas will be posted at the JCI

Staples Facebook page.

Participants are asked to submit their 'Random Act of Kindness' to JCI Staples by Sunday, Feb. 20. One participant will receive an act of kindness from JCI Staples and have the opportunity to pay it forward.

Submissions can be made by the following ways:

- Mail a note to JCI Staples, PO Box 253, Staples, MN 56479
- Call Ashley Hanson, 2021 JCI Chapter President, at 218-838-7622
- Post at the JCI Staples Facebook page, Days of Kindness event, using the hashtag "#jci kindness"
- Email jci Staplescommunityinput@gmail.com

When submitting, explain what you did, how many people your 'random act of kindness' impacted and how it made you feel. Include photos if you would like.

Central Lakes College announces Fall Honors List

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

The released honors list does not include students who have requested no release of information. Local students named includes:

Motley

Tiffany Achermann, Abigail DiGiovanni, Beck Erholtz, Marissa Hernesman, Samantha Mrazek, President's List; Joshua Carlson, Farrah Miller, Caleb Nurnberger, Hailey Owen, Corrina Schmidt, Dean's List.

Pillager

Dylan Christensen, Britany Janke, Lane Jensen, Shaylyn Johnson, Benjamin Krall, Keelie Shafer, Logan Stearns, President's List; Brady Bordwell, Jaydon Friedel, Aaron Jacobson, Daeja Nylund, Alijah Peterson, Maija Statz, Malachi Stroot, Dean's List.

Staples

Michelle Boyer, Rebecca Brown, Chad Fishman, Macy Judd, Rylie Juliana Rau, Brooklyn Rudrud, Chelsea Weishair, President's List; Carter Beckler, Tyler Davidson, Katrina Eckenrode, Madysen Hull, Jordan Kirscht, Tristan Pierce, Emmitt Winkels, Zaynie Zigmund, Dean's List.

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Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Jan. 7 - 13

Jan. 7 - 13 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Richard Corona, 51; Erik Schmidt, 37; Keaton Wilson, 19; Allan Maciej, 60; Hamza Hussein, 20; Nathan Fischbach, 25.

Jan. 9 - The MPD issued a citation to Steven Fog, 39, for hands free violation/texting.

Jan. 8 - The MPD issued a citation to Lonie Sayers, 39, for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance.

Jan. 11 - The MCSO responded to a trespass complaint at the 33000 block of 80th Ave., Cushing.

Jan. 9 - The MCSO responded to a report of a gas theft at Lincoln Gas & Bait in Cushing.

Jan. 9 - The MCSO responded to a call regarding mailbox tampering at the 33000 block of E. Shamin-eau Dr., Motley.

Jan. 8 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Corey Eckel, 38.

Jan. 14 - 20

Jan. 19 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Susana McCormick, 28; Reyna Weber, 31.

Jan. 15 - The MPD received a call from Holiday gas station in Motley reporting the theft of a deli sandwich and candy bar. They stated that an assistant manager confronted the suspect before he left the store and that he became very confrontational and denied taking anything. The store's surveillance video shows the suspect taking the items. The suspect has not been identified.

Jan. 15 - The MCSO assisted MPD with a runaway adult. The subject was located and willingly returned home.

Jan. 14 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle that had lost control while driving north on Dove Rd. in Pillager, went into the ditch and hit a tree. The road was covered with snow/slush. No injuries reported.

Jan. 14 - The MCSO was dispatched to a school bus in the ditch near 60th Ave

and 230th St., Cushing. The children on the bus had been picked up by another bus by the time the deputy arrived on the scene. The deputy provided traffic control until the bus was towed.

Jan. 14 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle off the road near 260th St. and 20th Ave., Cushing, with a subject sleeping inside. The responding officer made contact with the person asleep, who was also the registered owner of the vehicle. The subject stated he had hit the ditch because his puppy dog was on his lap. The subject was stuck in the ditch and his cell phone was left in his fish house. The subject was given a ride home and the truck towed later.

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TODD COUNTY Grant Relief Program for Small Business and Non-Profits
Jan. 19, 2021: The Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the Todd County Grant Relief Program for Small Businesses and Non-Profits.
The Minnesota Legislature and Governor previously passed legislation authorizing funding to Minnesota counties to distribute relief grants to local businesses and non-profits impacted by an executive order related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
The grant program is for small businesses and non-profits directly or indirectly affected by EO 20-99 or other executive orders causing closures by the COVID-19 pandemic. The application form and program guidelines have been posted on the Todd County website under the Business Resources page, located at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/business-resources>.
The information can also be found on the Todd County Economic Development page, located at <http://www.toddcountydevelopment.org/>
The Todd County Grant Relief Program Guidelines explain the required documentation, eligibility criteria and where to send the applications. Grants will be awarded to eligible businesses and non-profits who meet the criteria of the application and provide all supporting documentation. Grant amounts are listed on the application and are subject to change based on need and availability of funds. Previous grant awards are required to be disclosed but do not disqualify an organization from applying. Grant funds awarded must be used for operational expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.
The application period is January 19, 2021 through February 19, 2021.
Applications received will be reviewed and based on funding available; those found eligible will be approved on or before March 2, 2021.
For questions regarding the grant program or grant application, contact Rick Utech, Todd County Economic Development Corporation, 320-732-2128 or by email: rick.utech@co.todd.mn.us.

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Obituaries

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Eva and Dan Ehnert of Sebek, a baby girl, Sara Rose weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on January 15, 2021.

Born to Lacole Borders and Gavin Longie of Motley, a baby girl, Oaklynn Marie weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on January 16, 2021.

Born to Katie Bird of Brainerd, a baby girl, Finley Rose weighing five pounds, 14 ounces on January 16, 2021.

Born to Destinee Halverson and Brady Beach of Brainerd, a baby boy, Kyran Andrew weighing six pounds, six ounces on January 19, 2021.

Born to Katrina Scheve and Josh Luberts of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Novalee Faye weighing seven pounds, three ounces on January 19, 2021.

Born to Elaine and Edward Mahana of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Oliver Joseph Kenneth weighing four pounds, five ounces on January 20, 2021.

Born to Amanda and Keith Roush of Pillager, a baby boy, Deegan James Herbert weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on January 21, 2021.

Born to Miranda and Jacob Engebretson of Pine River, a baby girl, Clara Beth weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces on January 21, 2021.

Born to Sofia Heesaker and Reid Peterson of Crosslake, a baby boy, Michael Reid weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on January 22, 2021.

Ruth Huss

Ruth Doris (Schmitt) Huss, 96, of Chaska, passed away January 16, 2021, at her home in Chaska.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 21 at the Parish of Saints Joachim and Anne in the Church of St. Mark.

Interment was at the Catholic Cemetery, Shakopee.

Ruth was born in Evanston, Illinois on July 5, 1924, to Alois and Anna (Schmitt) Schmitt. She graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel Academy in Mankato and attended college at St. Catherine's for a little over a year. She married Harold Huss in Shakopee on Nov. 13, 1947 and they welcomed five children into the family.

She was an extraordinary woman who was smart, financially savvy and the glue who held not only her family together but who also in her role as a "career" woman when many did not work outside of the home. She joined Stern Rubber Company at its beginning, as the office/business manager when it opened in 1969 and she remained in that role until her retirement at the age of 62. When Stern's moved from Savage to Staples, she created many new friendships, helped her son run their bowling alley and fine dining restaurant where she would be the hostess, bus tables, run the dishwasher and handed out bowling shoes when she was not playing on her bowling

league. She loved a good game of Bridge and spent many hours playing cards regularly with her friends. She was an active volunteer at the Staples Public Library where she used her writing skills to write a weekly article on library events for the Staples World newspaper. When she was in her 50's she took a college psychology class at St. Catherine's on weekends, just to prove to herself that she could do it.

She was a devout member of the former St. Mary's Church in Shakopee until she moved to Chaska. Most of all, she loved her family, in her later years, she always looked forward to visits from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also had the joy of having her sister, Beverly, as her best friend for nine decades.

She will be deeply missed by four children, Stephen (Paula) Huss of St. Anthony, David (Lee) Huss of Shakopee, Michael (Mary) Huss of Wyoming and Patricia (Ken) Sheveland of Chaska; 13 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren who brought a smile to her face each time she saw them.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Gregory; former husband, Harold; one grandson-in-law, Bill Groby and one granddaughter, Jessica Rein.

Arrangements were with McNearney-Schmidt Funeral and Cremation, Shakopee, 952-445-2755. Condolences may be shared at www.mcnearneyfuneral-home.com.

A recording of the service can be found on McNearney-Schmidt website. Memorials are preferred to Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato.

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Mary Motl

Mary Donna (Neznik) Motl, 68, of Little Falls, passed away January 17, 2021, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A memorial service will be held Sat., Jan. 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service at Taylor Funeral Home. As per the family, masks are required.

Interment will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, near Little Falls, with her beloved husband, Jim.

Mary and her twin brother, Michael were born September 30, 1952 to Joseph and Monica (Belinski) Neznik in Minneapolis.

Mary loved music and her beagle dogs. Her smile and infectious giggle will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mary is survived by two sons, Brad (Jennifer) Neznik and Josh (Keeli) Iten; mother, Monica (Mona) Neznik; four siblings, Jo (Tom) Swoverland, Tom (Pat) Neznik, Jan (Dick) Lorentz and Darlene Bartle; one sister-in-law, Deb Neznik; five grandchildren, Dawson, Ava, Liam Cruz, Grayli and Haze and many nieces and nephews.

Mary is preceded in death by her father; husband, James; one sister, Diane Burrows and two brothers, Michael and Joe.

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Patricia Hendrickson

Patricia Lynn Hendrickson, 62, of West Fargo, North Dakota (formerly of Wadena) passed away January 18, 2021, at the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND.

A celebration of life was held January 23 at Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena. Pastor Jim Johnson officiated. Musical soloist was Jessie Endres. Honorary pallbearers were Pat's grandchildren.

Patricia "Pat" Lynn Imgrund was born November 23, 1958, in Staples to James Edward and Marguerite Annette (Irgens) Imgrund. Pat graduated from Staples High School with the class of 1977. After high school, she graduated from the Staples Vocational Technical Institute. Pat was blessed with children, Bennett "BJ," Nicole and Travis.

In 1988, Pat made her home in Wadena and was united in marriage with Stephen Dale Hendrickson on May 5, 1994. In 1999, Pat and Steve moved to Richville to be near her beloved lakes.

At the age of 50, Pat attended M-State in Wadena and received a degree in medical coding. In 2013, Pat and Steve moved to their home in West Fargo, ND.

Pat always had a way of making people feel special; as if they were part of her family. She was known for her special love of her grandkids. Pat made time for the people she loved and knew and her family was her priority. Whether it was traveling to grandkids hockey games or babysitting



so her kids could enjoy a night out, Pat was there with a smile. She was the first person to drop everything for any of her family or friends in need. Through the toughest times, Pat was always there. She was the adopted mom who would allow any of her kid's friends to stay over and offer words of wisdom and unconditional support. It was common to find her with a cat or dog on her lap, reading a book or working on a puzzle.

She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Pat is survived by her loving husband of 26 years, Stephen Hendrickson; children, BJ Fink and Niki (Andy) Worden, both of Wadena, Travis (Jessica) Gentz of Tucson, Arizona, Grayson, Asher, Brady, Parker, Mason, Jordan, Zella, Korbin and one on the way, Gabriella; one brother, James Imgrund, Crystal; four sisters, Nancy Stevens and Kathy Imgrund, both of Staples, Judy Robinson, Chaska and Kim Martin, Becker; along with many other relatives and a host of friends.

Preceding Pat in death were her parents and daughter-in-law, Darcy Fink.

Visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave a message of comfort.

Arrangements were by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena.

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

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

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongrourcstaples@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 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 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:45 a.m.

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218-575-2449
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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.

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Check with your church to be up-to-date on service options. Many offer remote services.

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316

Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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"The Deep Need of Physical Human Touch"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

I recently had the privilege of having two of our young granddaughters taking turns sitting on my lap in the recliner as we were watching a children's DVD. I have always appreciated those times together. You always need to do it on their terms. But in our ongoing Covid-19 world of social distancing" that has curbed handshakes and hugs, I was savoring all the more the incredible gift from God that appropriate-boundary-human-touch is.

It is remarkable to see how this ties into Jesus' miraculous healing powers as so often recorded in the New Testament. There are times in some of His miraculous healings, that he profoundly speaks/ wills the healing to take place and it happens, sometimes long distance as in John 4:43-53 and in Matthew 8:5-13.

Then, there are other healings where, His touch isn't required, but it's very much a part of the "total" healing. Let's look at a few of these examples. In Matthew 8:1-4, Jesus encounters a man with leprosy. We need to remember that lepers were social outcasts. There were stringent guidelines that a person who

was stricken with leprosy needed to follow. It was a whole other level of "social distancing and quarantining!" It was remarkable that he even made it physically to Jesus. But, in fact, the man makes it right to Jesus. Then, Jesus does the unthinkable. In Matthew 8:3 we read, "Jesus stretched out His hand and touches him..." An 'untouchable' was touched. Jesus didn't need to do this to accomplish healing him physically. But the man needed both medical and human touch healing. In Matthew 17:7, Jesus physically touched fear-ridden disciples. Jesus' touches the children in Matthew 19:15. Matthew 14:36 sees yet another angle of how people longed to touch Jesus to be healed.

I know we need to continue to be careful, but as the old phone commercial once said, "reach out and touch someone" in ways that minister to people's isolation needs like cards, phone calls, food drops, invitations to church worship services, running errands for people and... human touch in appropriate ways in our world that right now continues to limit those opportunities. People need human touch!

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Wrestling seniors put on a show for home crowd

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The first home wrestling match of the season might as well have been Senior Night on Jan. 22, as all five Staples-Motley seniors had impressive wins during the triangular meet, leading the team to victories over Walker-Hackensack-Akeley-Nevis, 54-21, and Osakis, 57-24.

Against Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, Logen Weite and Sam Jennissen built up big leads before winning with pins. In the upper weights, Alex Giza and Cole

Winkels earned quick take-downs that they turned into pins. Against Osakis, Conner Dobson controlled his match against a quality opponent, didn't give up any big moves and won 4-2.

The Cardinals also had a triangular meet Jan. 19, at West Central Area/Ashby-Brandon-Evansville. They lost to the host team 63-15, then fell in a close match against United North Central (Sebek and Menahga) 39-35.

Against WCA/ABE, Colby Tappe and Conner Dobson won by fall, while Jason Trantina had a 6-3

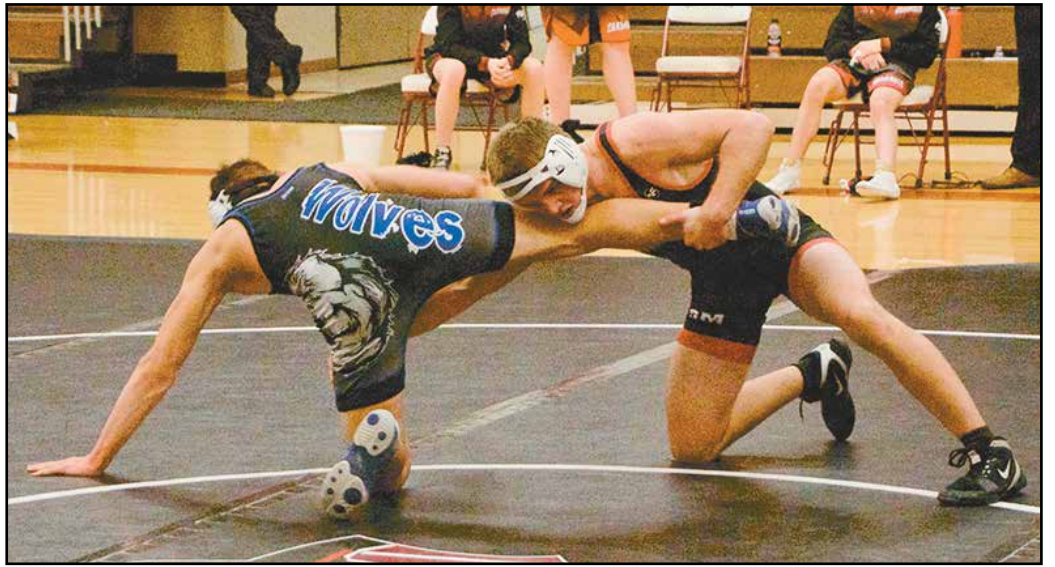
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Against UNC, Staples-Motley recorded four pins, by Chase Mikel, Aiden Winter, Dalton Wells and Alex Giza.

Team results

Staples-Motley 35, United North Central 39

106 Chase Mikel W fall, 113 Aiden Winter W fall, 120 Owen Winter L fall, 126 Colby Tappe W 9-2, 132 Dalton Wells W fall, 138 Blake Neelan L fall, 145 Conner Dobson L 9-5, 152 ff, 160 ff, 170 Logan Weite W 6-3, 182 Sam Jennissen W 16-1 TF, 195 Hunter Martin L fall, 220 Alex Giza W fall, 285 Cole Winkels L fall



Controlling the match

Above, Logen Weite pulls an opponent's leg as he slips behind for a take-down. Below, Conner Dobson keeps the

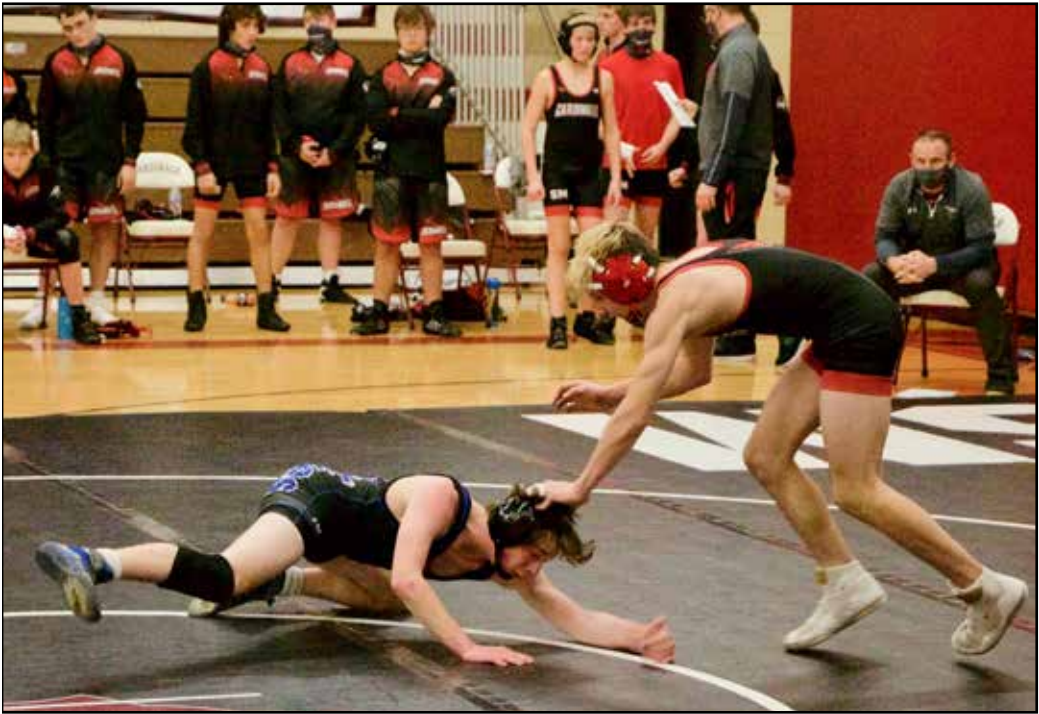
pressure on to immobilize his opponent. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Making a move

Above, Sam Jennissen comes over the top to start his pinning sequence. Be-

low, Colbe Tappe avoids a shot by his opponent.



Schultz, Klefsaas, Oberlander score in double figures in win

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team earned their first win of the season on Jan. 18 with a 63-53 victory at Menahga. In the first half, Isaiah Schultz and Sivert Klefsaas scored 12 points each as the Cardinals took a two point lead. Adam Oberlander had 11 points in the second half to help the team pull away.

In their next game on

Jan. 21, Staples-Motley fell behind early at home against Pequot Lakes. Four three pointers by Schultz and two by Chandler Braith brought them back within 11 by halftime. In the second half, Max Strickland made a three point shot to bring the team within eight, but they could get no closer the rest of the way.

Team results

Staples-Motley 63, Menahga 53

Scoring: Isaiah Schultz 19, Sivert Klefsaas 17, Adam Oberlander 13, Max Strickland 9, Chandler Braith 3, Lyle Brownell 2

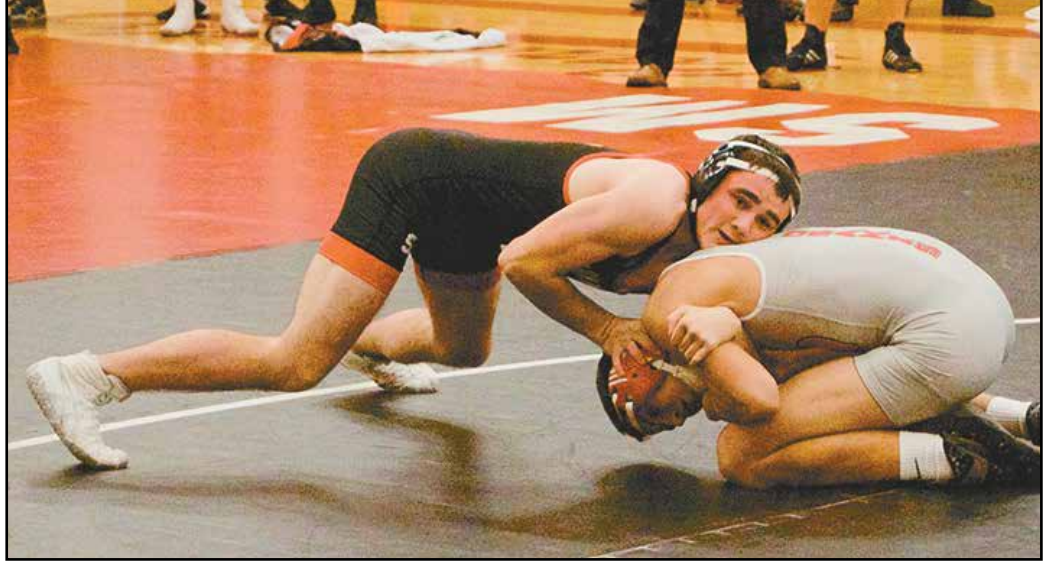
Staples-Motley 52, Pequot Lakes 77

Scoring: Schultz 21, Klefsaas 8, Oberlander 6, Braith 6, Strickland 5, Brownell 4, Dominic Gomez 2



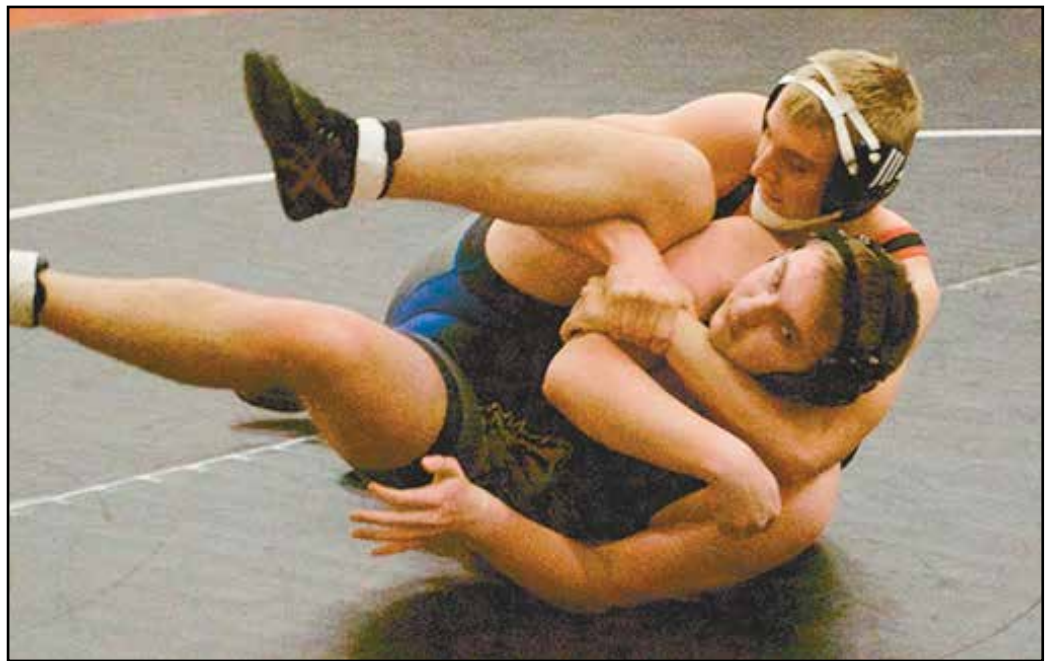
Basketball action

Left, Lyle Brownell goes through the lane for a score against Pequot Lakes. Right, Chandler Braith rises up for a three point shot. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Close to a pin

Right, Cole Winkels pushes an arm down as he turns his opponent over for a pin. Below, Alex Giza keeps tight control on a cradle hold as he earns a pin against Walker-Hackensack-Akeley-Nevis. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Cardinals learn from loss, earn a win

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team opened their season with a 63-37 loss at Pillager on Jan. 16, a 64-52 win at Upsala on Jan. 18 and a 76-44 loss at Crosby-Ironton on Jan. 22.

Coach Bruce Fuhrman said the first game was a learning experience for both coaches and player

"The girls team is loaded with very good athletes, quick, and perhaps a bit ragged in their style of play," said Fuhrman. "We are largely practicing together 9-12th grade the first weeks, evaluating potential roles, and then we will divide into three teams for games. Once we begin to develop some chemistry, we will begin to solidify our varsity rotations."

Against Pillager, the Cardinals kept the game close in the first half, but struggled on offense. "Pillager hit some three-point shots and our girls seemed to go into a panic mode, to play a bit out of control," said Fuhrman. "A person learns many things from a loss."

Against Upsala, the team was more disciplined, which resulted in a more balanced scoring attack. "We allowed too many open outside shots playing a person-to-person defense," said Fuhrman. Upsala was six of six from the three-point line in the first half. "We were fortunate our hustle on offense evened the score at 35 at halftime."

In the second half, the Cardinals upped their defense and created some key turn-

overs. "Tabetha Allen had a great second half rebounding, which resulted in great outlet passes to streaking guards for layups," said Fuhrman.

Upsala began a late rally, but Haley Cichos found Allison Knosalla for a left side layup and the momentum turned back to favor the Cardinals.

At Crosby-Ironton, the Cardinals exchanged baskets several times to start the game, with Knosalla and Cichos shooting well.

"This lasted until CI's pick-and-roll to the basket began to leave them with many open looks," said Fuhrman. "CI broke us down defensively, and we allowed too many easy baskets, to fall behind by twelve at the half."

In the second half, the Cardinals could not get a basket to fall for us early on. After Robinson and Cichos hit a pair of shots, but the team could not continue the rally.

Team results

Staples-Motley 37, Pillager 63

Scoring: Haley Cichos 9; Aften Robinson 6; Alli Olander 5; Lauren Rutten 5; Addison Lorber 5; Allison Knosalla 4; Aleeah Halverson 4; Kenzie Erickson 3; Grace Jennissen 1.

Staples-Motley 64, Upsala 52

Scoring: Robinson 20; Rutten 15; Allen 12; Cichos 7; Knosalla 6; Erickson 2; Halverson 2

Staples-Motley 44, Crosby-Ironton 76

Scoring: Cichos 15; Knosalla 11; Allen 7; Robinson 4; Rutten 3; Ashley Robben 2; Erickson 2

**NOTICE
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The annual Board of Audit for Becker Township will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. following the regular meeting. Social distancing and masks are required. Any questions please contact the clerk at 218-352-6498.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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The Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, annual meeting scheduled for February 2021 will be rescheduled due to Covid-19 restrictions

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Bob Reeck
Secretary/Treasurer

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Mark Strom
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**NOTICE OF
CANCELLATION OF
CONTRACT FOR DEED**

To: **Purchasers
Nolan A. Sellers, Jr.
and
Sheena M. Meyer**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED:

1. Default has occurred in the Contract for Deed ("Contract") dated February 4, 2016, and filed for record February 9, 2016, as Document Number 497856 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota, in which Neil A. Sirucek and LaNette K. Sirucek, husband and wife, as seller, sold to Nolan A. Sellers, Jr. and Sheena M. Meyer, as purchasers, the real property in Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Lots 3, 4, 5 and , Block 5, Donovan's Addition to the City of Staples, Minnesota, also known as Donovan's Addition to Staples, Minnesota.

Located at 207 Roosevelt Street Southwest, Staples, MN 56479 and identified as Todd County Tax Parcels No.: 38.0079600, 38.0079700 and 38.0079800.

2. The default is as follows:

a. Failure to pay installments of principal and interest of \$575.00, including interest at the rate of five and one half percent (5.5%) per annum, due and payable on the tenth (10th) day of each and every month. As of the date of this notice, twelve (12) installment payments are due and unpaid, for a total sum of \$6,900.00 in default as of the date of this notice.

b. Failure to pay real estate taxes and installments of special assessments due and payable on the above land in 2020. As of the date of this notice, the delinquent taxes total \$338.00 plus penalty and interest.

c. Failure to pay the premiums for liability, hazard and property damage insurance upon the premises, amounting to \$300.00.

3. For contracts executed after August 1, 1976, and prior to August 1, 1985, the purchase price was \$N/A and

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4. The conditions contained in Minnesota Statutes § 559.209 have been complied with or are not applicable.

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6. The name, address and telephone number of the seller or of an attorney authorized by the seller to accept payments pursuant to this notice is:

Charles J. Ramstad
() Seller
(X) Attorney for Seller
Address:
RAMSTAD, SKOYLES & WINTERS, P.A.
114 Holmes Street West
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Telephone: (218) 847-5653

This person is authorized to receive the payments from you under this notice.

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Sports

Strickland signs to play football at Concordia

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

On Jan. 15, family, coaches, friends and an online following watched Staples-Motley student Max Strickland sign a letter of intent to play college football at Concordia College in Moorhead.

"It was an easy decision, once everything was boiled down," said Strickland. "It has the academics, which is the most important, and it has the music program and athletics. Also I'm familiar with the area."

Strickland visited the campus and said he was "blown away" by the football facilities, the coaching staff and the team. He also has a good friend who will be on the team.

"It made me want to be a part of it," he said.

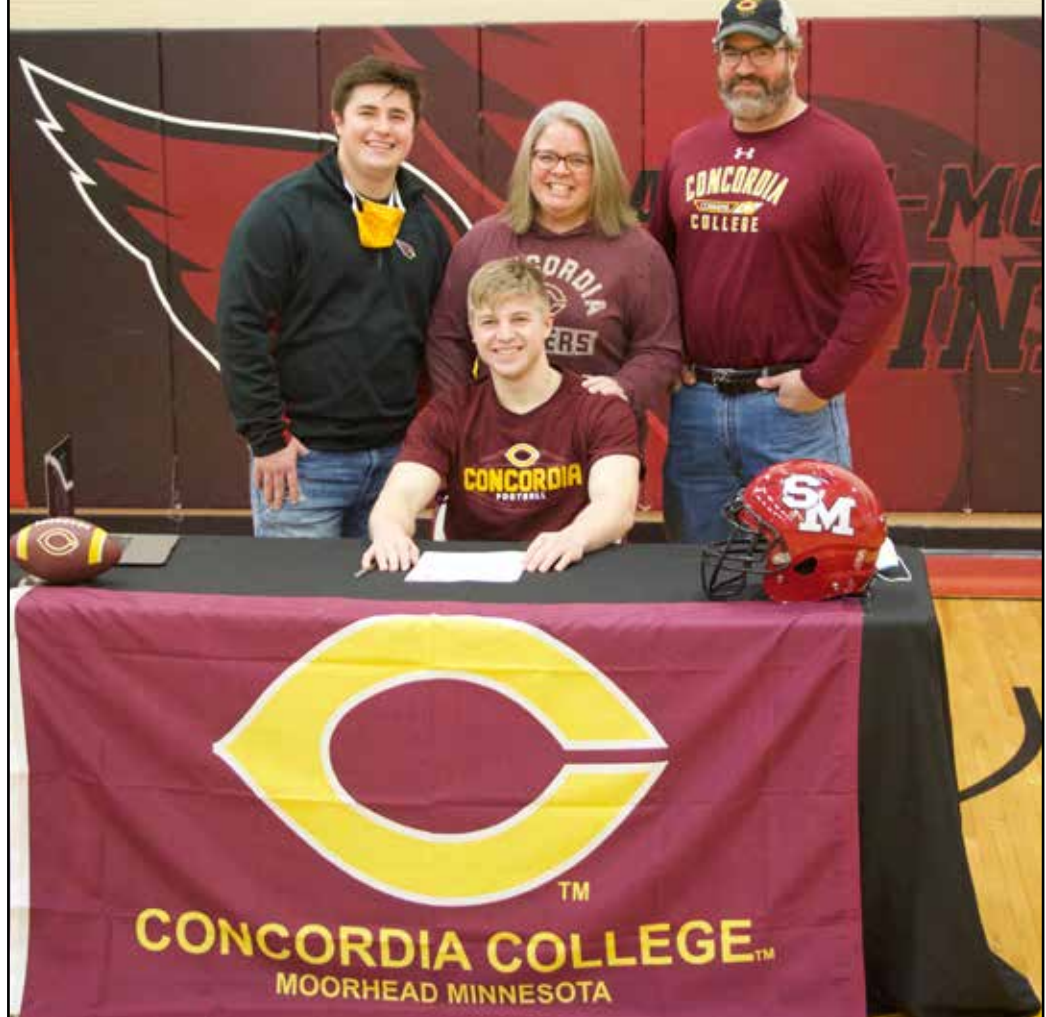
Strickland plans to major in either business, business marketing or education.

As for the football team, Strickland isn't sure what position he will end up playing, since he played many different positions in high school, including running back, quarterback, receiver, defensive back and line

backer.

"He did everything we asked for the last three years," said Staples-Motley assistant coach Nate Fischer at the signing ceremony "I want to tell you how proud we are to have him sign to play in college."

Staples-Motley Head Coach Chris Kappler said "We've watched him grow as an athlete. The amount of work he has put in is incredible. I am excited to see what he can do at the next level."



Strickland signing

Max Strickland signs to play college football with Concordia College, with his brother Scout and parents Jen and Kyle looking on. Not present, brother Zach

Strickland. Friends and fans logged on to the computer to witness the signing ceremony. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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