



Dino Park art project
Students at Magic Forest Preschool draw artwork that will be incorporated into the Lakewood Dino Park crosswalk project. See story, page 12a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 21	44°	30°	P. Cloudy
Apr. 22	58	37	Sunny
Apr. 23	52	29	M. Cloudy
Apr. 24	46	29	P. Cloudy
Apr. 25	46	35	M. Cloudy
Apr. 26	53	41	M. Cloudy
Apr. 27	54	39	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 21	40°	20°	Sunny
Apr. 22	60	32	M. Sunny
Apr. 23	57	30	M. Cloudy
Apr. 24	64	34	P. Sunny
Apr. 25	67	33	P. Sunny
Apr. 26	68	41	Sunny
Apr. 27	70	46	Rain

Average Temps:
H = 58° Low = 38°

*Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher*



Stellar speller
Arabella Moore, an eighth grader at Staples-Motley Middle School, was the second runner-up at the Virtual Regional Spelling Bee hosted by Sourcewell in Staples. She had previously taken first place at the District Spelling Bee, organized by Dawn Weite, teacher at Staples-Motley. In addition to her certificate, Moore received a glass trophy following the competition. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Arabella Moore places at Regional Bee

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At this year's Regional Spelling Bee, held virtually due to the pandemic, Staples-Motley's Arabella Moore was declared the second runner up. A total of 18 students participated in the recent contest, hosted by Sourcewell in Staples.

Moore is an eighth grader at Staples-Motley Middle School, where she is active in sports, as well as having a talent for spelling words. She's excited to have been part of the state champion cross country team this past fall, and now, with her recent success at the spelling bee, Moore has another certificate and trophy to display at home.

She'd been encouraged to enter the district level spelling bee by her English teacher, Val Turner, after misspelling only one word in a spelling test. Moore went on to take first place at the district bee.

It was exciting, Moore said, of that first place win, with the news she'd be going on to represent Staples-Motley at the regional bee.

According to information at Sourcewell's website, "For 2021, the Scripps National Spelling Bee developed a virtual platform for schools and sponsors that allowed bees to be held safely and securely via online tests."

Participants were given a 24-hour window to complete the 30-minute regional bee exam.

"I was nervous," Moore said of the virtual spelling bee, going on to note that she found this format more difficult than an in-person competition. For starters, there is not an opportunity to ask any questions about the word you've been given to spell. Moore described the process of pushing an audio button and hearing a computer voice speak the given word. On the plus side, contestants were told if the word was plural or not. There was also an opportunity to type the word out and hear it spoken in different accents, Moore said.

She was thrilled to learn that she was one of the top three spellers at the regional bee. "I spelled 30 words right out of 50," Moore said, adding that the other two tied for first place by correctly spelling 33 out of 50.

All in all it was a great experience, and helped make her first year at Staples-Motley a special and memorable one.

"We moved here from Clovis, New Mexico," Moore said, adding that her parents had both been in the military. They decided they were "done with the desert" when it came time

See **MOORE** on page 12a

School referendum voted down

Staples-Motley area residents rejected a bond referendum that would have allowed the school district to invest \$64.4 million in renovations and expansions to the middle/high school and elementary school.

The referendum was proposed by the Staples-Motley School Board to address aging infrastructure at the schools, modernize classroom and technical education spaces and improve accessibility and building security.

Unofficial final vote totals stood at 910 (37 percent) in favor of approval, and 1,555 (63 percent) against.

Comparing this referendum to the 2019 referendum, there were fewer overall voters but the percentage of yes and no votes was within one percentage point. In 2019, there were 2,072 votes (64 percent) against and 1,164 (36 percent) in favor.

"While we are disappointed in the result of this election, we respect the decision made by voters and thank everyone who took this opportunity to make their voice heard," said District Superintendent Shane Tappe. "Our district will continue to provide our students with a high quality education, and we will continue to explore other ways to improve our facilities."

Under the referendum plan, the elementary school would have transitioned to accommodate grades preK-6, with the high school serving grades 7-12. Renovations to both buildings would have addressed deferred maintenance needs, updated classrooms and improved building accessibility and safety.

"The challenges with our school buildings are not going away and will need to be addressed," said Bryan Winkels, the chair of the Staples-Motley School Board. "The school board prepared for this scenario by approving 'Plan B.' We will continue to work with our community as we move forward with that plan."

The board-approved \$14.5 million piecemeal "Plan B" will address a portion of the most significant infrastructure needs, such as air quality, heating and roofing updates. It will not result in educational improvements inside the classroom, nor will it address all of the district's deferred maintenance needs.

Owners of residential homes in the district worth a median value of \$125,000 will see an estimated \$12.67 per month increase under the alternative plan. Limited funding sources to make these improvements mean taxpayer investment only completes about 20 percent of the needs identified in district building assessments, for about half the tax impact. Future and ongoing investments will be necessary to address facility needs.

Message to families
Staples-Motley Superintendent Shane Tappe sent the following message to Staples-Motley families who have children in the school district:

Staples-Motley School District residents voted to reject the \$64.4 million bond referendum on Tuesday. The plan would have renovated and expanded the middle/high school and elementary school.

While we are disappointed by the outcome, we respect the decision of local residents and would like to thank everyone who participated in this election.

As we move forward the school board and district leaders will continue to work with parents, staff and community members to explore alternative ways to meet the challenges of our aging school buildings. This includes implementing "Plan B" - a school board approved, piecemeal plan for \$14.5 million to address a portion of the most significant infrastructure needs such as air quality, heating and roofing updates. This investment will not result in educational improvements inside classrooms nor will it address all of the district's deferred maintenance needs.

After "Plan B" is implemented, the school board will evaluate the next steps in improving our facilities, moving on to "Plan C and beyond. This will continue to be a conversation throughout our communities for years to come, as our facilities needs are too great to ignore.

For now, I simply want to express my gratitude to everyone who provided insight, questions and suggestions throughout this process. Your participation is deeply appreciated, and I look forward to working with you to create a promising future for our students.

School makes big plans for summer education

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

"It's where you are and how you can get better," she said. They are also creating it to be fun and exciting. "They won't even know they are learning so much about reading and math," Johnson said.

The Staples-Motley School District is creating a bigger summer rec and enrichment program for students, with the expectation that federal funding will allow the school to offer more opportunities this summer.

At the April 5 school board work session, Superintendent Shane Tappe said for three weeks in June and three weeks in July, the programs will provide active morning sessions such as summer rec sports. In the afternoon students will have enrichment or academy-based activities, with creative and artistic learning. The Adventures program will also be a part of the summer programming.

Tappe said the learning will be centered around ensuring grade progression, so students do not have learning loss during the summer. Elementary Principal Kathy Johnson said the programming is for all students, not just those in danger of falling behind.

students will show up. The school will provide transportation and are planning bus stops in Leader Scandia Valley, Motley Aldrich, and Staples.

School budget
Also at the April 5 work session, Business Manager Chuck Herdegen said the school budget is being reduced through attrition. As staff are leaving through retirement or changing jobs, the school may not replace the position. Herdegen said the are working on "right-sizing" the district to fit student needs. Because of this, the school will have a \$700,000 budget reduction and "there will be minimal if any, layoffs" this coming year.

Principal Schmidt said even with staff reduction the school will not be losing any programs. "We are offering a lot for our kids we have fuller electives," said Schmidt.

Principal Johnson said the elementary school will be able to keep up with their social/emotional learning with targeted interventions for students who need help.

Public Notices

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Obituaries

Denise Young
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Motley's June Fest back on the schedule

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

June Fest will take place Saturday, June 19, in downtown Motley, with a full slate of activities planned from daylight to dusk.

Back by popular demand is the Lumberjack Show, with three performances scheduled, as well as the parade, car show, bean bag tournament; and the one and four mile races.

There are a number of activities geared toward young people, including a pedal pull, water wars hosted by the Motley Fire Department, laser tag, a bounce house and kids' games.

New this year is a skate board show at the town's skate park, led by a professional skateboarder. Fireworks at dusk will close out the annual event.

Food and crafts vendors will be on site throughout the day; and a 50/50 raffle is on the agenda as well. More details will be provided at a later date.

The annual June Fest celebration was cancelled last

summer due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but as case numbers have dropped in recent months (as well as vaccinations now available to the majority of the population) government restrictions have eased. And, with June Fest taking place outdoors, the risk of being exposed to the coronavirus is greatly reduced.

Committee members began meeting in early April and will continue to meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Ten-Hi in Motley. Committee Chair Amy Brichacek said that anyone is welcome to attend these meetings, especially if you're wanting to help with the event.

Previously, June Fest was sponsored by the Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce, but since the City of Motley is no longer a part of the chamber, the annual event is being led by community volunteers.

For more information about volunteering or being a sponsor, email Motley junefest@gmail.com or call Amy Brichacek at 612-910-6595.



June Fest committee members at work

Amy Brichacek, center, chaired the Aug. 14 meeting of the June Fest committee, held at Ten-Hi in Motley. Other members in attendance included Tyler Ehrmantraut, Don Delude, Bruce Brotherton, Pat O'Regan, Derek Holst, Tony Brichacek, Stephanie Jordahl, Jaelyn

Jordahl, Jason Borash, Brenda Borash, Bryan Stevens, Rod Enberg, Mary Koenig, Kevin Swecker, Melaine Swecker. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Ten-Hi. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Casting their votes in Motley

Al and Linda Selvaag, residents of Cass County, cast their votes for the Staples-Motley School referendum April 13, at Motley City Hall. Seated, from left, are election judges Sherry Frisk, Linda Michalson and Karen Bart. Townships that voted at the Motley location includ-

ed Poplar, Moose Lake, Byron, Meadow Brook, Becker, May and Motley. Several voters from Villard Township had shown up, based on incorrect information they'd received, but were redirected to Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

April 8 - 14

April 12 - The MCSO received a report of a two-vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Bison Road in Cushing.

According to the sheriff's office, 39-year-old Tracy Guck of Randall was traveling south on Bison Rd and 46-year-old Delayna Nitz of Bemidji was traveling east on Hwy 10. Guck's vehicle failed to yield and pulled out in front of Nitz's vehicle causing the crash.

Nitz was transported by Mayo Clinic Ambulance to St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls with unknown injuries. The MCSO was assisted at the scene by Randall Fire and Rescue and Mayo Clinic Ambu-

lance.

April 7 - The MPD issued a citation to Martin Moreno, 34, for expired registration and no proof of insurance.

April 10 - The MPD conducted a traffic stop and the driver had a felony warrant out of Crow Wing County. The subject was transported to Pillager and turned over to a Crow Wing County Deputy.

April 10 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Peter Vogt, 79; Dhruv Kalra, 35; Kyle Martin, 18.

April 10 - The MPD issued a citation to Jason Muellner, 34, for tires extending beyond the fenders. Both the front and rear bumpers were over the 25 inch maximum height; and the vehicle did not have mud flaps.

April 12 - The MCSO received a report of a suspicious vehicle that drove into the yard of a residence at the 34000 block of Dove

Rd., Cushing.

April 12 - The MCSO stopped a vehicle for speeding on Hwy 10 in Motley. The deputy reported that no one in the vehicle could speak English or understand him. The deputy then spoke with Border Patrol and was advised to take photos of all of their ID cards and the vehicle plate number and send them to him. He advised he would run them and deal with the situation later. The subjects were heading to Bemidji to do a roofing job.

April 11 - The MCSO paged out Scandia Valley Fire Department for a possible gas leak at the 4000 block of Bay View Trl, Cushing.

April 9 - The MCSO received a call from Lincoln Gas & Bait reporting a gas drive-off.

April 9 - The MCSO issued a citation to Robert Longen, 36, for driving with a revoked license.

Hunting opportunities through WIA land

Minnesota DNR's Walk-In Access (WIA) program provides new hunting opportunities on private land. Enrollment opens for Minnesota's Walk-In Access program which pays private landowners to allow public hunting on their lands. To learn more about

enrolling your land visit <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/walkin/enroll.html> or call your local Soil and Water Conservation District.

All sign-ups are done at the local Soil & Water Conservation District office. Todd County landowners interested in learning more

about enrolling in the WIA program can contact Todd Soil and Water at 320-732-2644.

Walk-In Access (WIA) provides public hunting opportunities on private land and rewards landowners for keeping their land in high quality habitat.

Traditionally a "grasslands" program, with new funding the program is interested in expanding into eastern counties.

WIA land is for hunting only. No target practice, trapping, dog training, camping, horseback riding or fires are allowed.

No motorized vehicles are allowed on WIAs.

A \$3 WIA validation will be required when using WIAs. This validation is available at all ELS agents.

Eligible lands should be 40 acres or larger and include high quality wildlife habitat.

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) work directly with landowners for program enrollment. In return, SWCDs are compensated for each contract they enroll.

Recreational use laws provide extra liability protection for WIA acres under MN State Statute 604A.20 to 604A.27. Private leases are not covered under this statute.

The future of WIA depends on participation from local landowners, responsible use by hunters and quality partnerships with local government units.

For more information about the WIA program, enrolled lands and the WIA Code of Conduct for Hunters, visit www.mndnr.gov/walkin.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• April 18, 1946 - Five Staples men reported at Long Prairie Tuesday morning of this week, from which place they went to Fort Snelling for their pre-induction physical examination. Those going were William Jensen, Gordon Lee, Gordon Midthun, Charles Westin, and Merton Ingebritson. Staples men who left for induction into military services on April 18 were: William Barrus, Lloyd Mertens, Edwin Hoemberg and Leonard Robinson. William Galvin also of Staples enlisted in the United States Army and is on his way to

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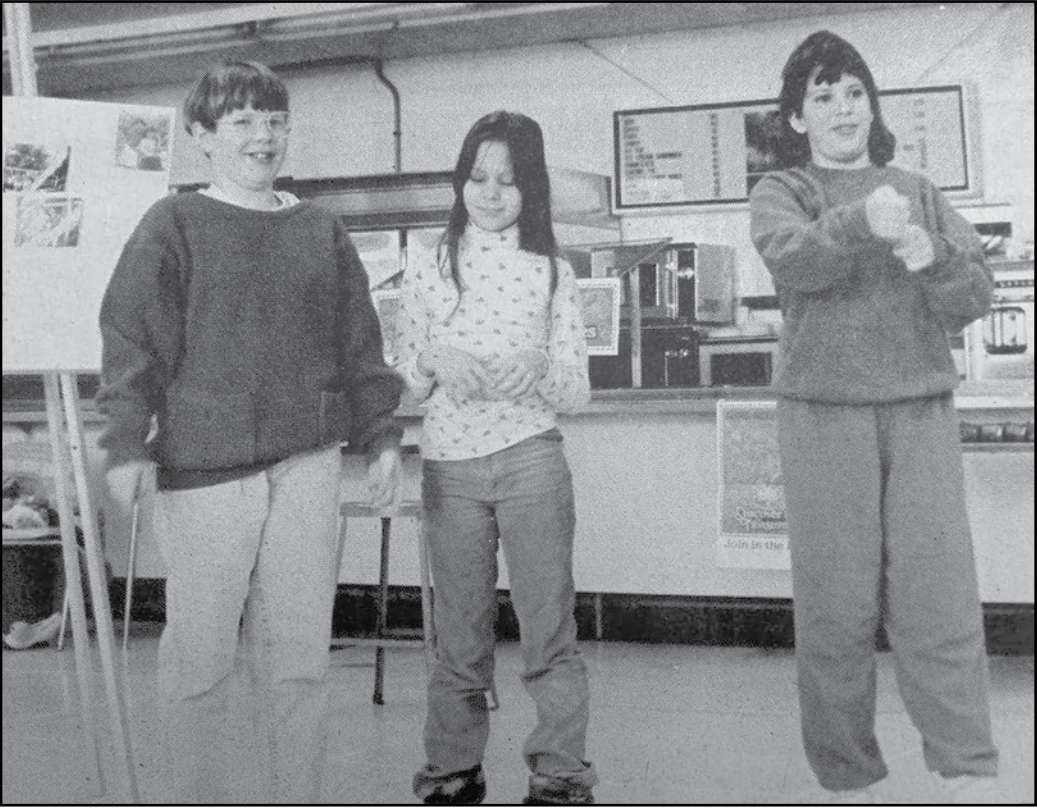
Camp Buckley in Colorado for training. Lloyd Mertens of Staples enlisted in the United States Navy. • April 18, 1946 - The Motley Fire Department was called out twice last week. About 4 p.m. last Thursday, they were called to the home of Mrs. Peters when neighbors noticed smoke and flames coming out through the roof of her woodshed only a very few feet east of her home. Grass burning in a neighboring yard, presumably thought out, was said to have caused the fire. Mrs. Ira Lamb sent in the alarm to the department which quickly extinguished the fire, which had burned thru the roof of the woodshed and badly charred the building. About 10:45 last Saturday evening the fire siren again sounded an alarm, taking townsfolk to the north side of town, where a wood shed was on fire, caused the same way as the fire at the Peters home a few days previous, by neighbors burning off grass in the yard. The building was saved, but the roof was burned thru and badly charred. • April 18, 1946 - Showing at the Staples Theatre Friday and Saturday, April 19 - 20, "Adventures of Tarzan" with Herman Brix and the famous Chimpanzee "Jiggs". Taken in Guatemala Jungles. 50 YEARS Ago - 1971 • April 22, 1971 - Three girls have earned the top scholastic honors of the graduating class of 1971 from Staples high school, William Uhrich, principal, said this week. Earning the number one

ranking in class is Linda Winter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Winter. She will graduate as valedictorian. Ranking second in the class and who will be the co-salutatorians are Julie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller and Patricia Nagel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nagel. • April 22, 1971 - With a cast of many, the Staples high school choir, under the direction of Stanley Carlson, will present two performances of Lerner and Loewe's musical, "Paint Your Wagon." The first presentation for the public will be given at 8 p.m. April 23, and the second will be at 3 p.m., April 25. Both performances will be given in the Staples auditorium. • April 22, 1971 - Dr. T. J. Lewica, physician and surgeon at the Lakewood Clinic, was elected president of the Staples Lions Club for the 1971 - 72 year at the club's regular meeting Monday evening. Dr. Lewica will assume his duties June 7 and will succeed Robert C. Lee. Officers chosen by the membership to serve with the new president are as follows: James D. Randgaard, first vice-president; Nels Japke, second vice-president; Vern Seipkes, secretary-treasurer; Frank Leidenfrost, Lion Tamer; Don Dravis, Lion tail twister; and Larry Huebner, assistant Lion tail twister. Charles Mayer and Dr. John Gorton were elected to two year terms on the Board of Directors. • April 22, 1971 - The eighth annual Staples Rotary Art Show will be held Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25, in the high school cafeteria. Stan Carlson, chairman of the event, said that exhibits will be set up Friday. There is no charge for admission. 25 YEARS Ago - 1996 • April 18, 1996 - Stella Larson is showing her stuff this weekend at the Rotary Art Show because she's a tight old Swede who can't throw anything away. Nearly 50 years ago, her daughter, Jeanne Sterriker of Staples, gave her a paint by number set. "When I finished painting those horses, I had some paint left, and, being a tight old Swede, I couldn't throw anything away," Stella said in her living room, filled with some of her 187 paintings.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 15, 1971 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. The Rotary Art Show is set for April 20 and 21 at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. • April 18, 1996 - The Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars fundraising auction went overtime and over the top in the money raised for scholarships. Over \$5,000 was raised Monday night at the event which combined a live auction with the familiar telephone call-in that Dollars for Scholars has sponsored the past few years. Auctioneer Daryl Larson kept the momentum going for five hours with the help of National Honor Society students, Dollars for Scholars committee members and an active bidding audience. • April 18, 1996 - Charges are pending against one adult and at least one juvenile following a homemade bomb incident in Staples early Saturday morning. According to the Staples Police Department, officers were called to a mobile home on First Street a few minutes after midnight with a report of possible shots fired. Police Officer Trevor Larson reported that at least two people and possible others had been involved in making and exploding the homemade bomb, which went off outside the trailer. There was just one explosion, he said. Larson said there were no injuries and no damage. He added that alcohol was also involved in this incident. 10 YEARS Ago - 2011 • April 21, 2011 - Ephrem Shaffer will serve for the pope during Good Friday, one of the most sacred days in Christianity. "This is a great and very humbling honor for me, because I in no way deserve it," Shaffer said in an email from Rome. Shaffer, a graduate of Staples Motley High School, attends the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and is in Rome this semester as part of the university's Catholic studies program. • April 21, 2011 - Frank Odell, Chairman of the Staples Host Lions Committee "Veterans to Washington DC II" thanked the communities of Staples, Motley, Aldrich, Leader, Baxter, Verndale, Wadena and Browerville areas for collectively demonstrating love, support, gratitude and thankfulness to all veterans that answered the call 'to serve.'



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Feb. 1, 1990 edition of the Staples World, featured Girl Scouts who shared their camp experiences at a Cookie Pep Fest that kicked off Girl Scout cookie sales. From left are Aubrey Noska, Brandy Braford and Monica Weber. Heidi Swenson Napolitano of Edmonds, Wash. correctly identified all, noting that she and the girls all graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 1998. Trisha Morales and Michelle Collison-Lundquist, both of Staples,

correctly identified all as did Robbyn Watlund, a postal carrier in Staples who shared that she and the girls were all in grade school together. Monica Weber of So. St. Paul identified herself and Aubrey (Noska) Archer (now of Big Lake), noting they were from the SM Class of 1998, but fourth graders at the time of the photo. She incorrectly identified Brandy Braford (now Poppe) as Jenny Harris. Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Brandy Braford and Monica Weber. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Erosion help

From Todd County SWCD

Are you tired of seeing soil and wind erosion? How about all the large rain events we have seen recently? It would be nice for that rain to infiltrate instead of running off. Are you concerned about a drought? The more water your soil can hold will pay dividends in a dry year. Ever think about how much it costs to feed a beef cow through the winter? It might be more than you think. Have you ever said to yourself "WOW, my fertilizer bill was really expensive this year!"? What if your soil could provide more nutrients than you give it credit for? Are you just tired at the end of the day because you had to get the field prepared before you can plant? Have you ever thought about what it might mean to have more family time as opposed to spending countless hour doing fall and spring tillage? If any of this has ever crossed your mind, pay attention, it might be time to learn about the 5 principles of soil health and how it can improve your operation. Principle one: Soil armor. Simply put, always keep the ground covered. This will help cut down on wind and water erosion. Residue left on the soil surface acts as an insulator; it protects the soil from large temperature swings. Still concerned about a drought? Leaving residue on the surface will reduce evaporation rates, leaving more moisture for your crops. Principle two: Minimize soil disturbance. Notice I did not say eliminate, although that would be the final goal. Anytime we can reduce our soil disturbance, the soil is improving. Fewer disturbances allow soils to maintain or improve soil structure, aggregation, increase pore space, and build organic matter. Fewer disturbances mean less tillage passes. That means more time for other things. Principle three: Plant diversity. How would you like to eat the same food year after year? Your soil feels the same way. Not only does it break up weed and insect cycles, a good crop rotation or a diverse blend of cover crops feed your soil life what it needs. It has also been shown that adding a small grain to a corn-soybean rotation can improve yield. Add that to the benefit of being able to plant a cover crop after small grain harvest and it's a win-win. Principle four: Continual live plant. This just builds on the previous principles. A continuous living plant will harvest sunlight and CO2, growing roots, which in turn builds organic matter. More organic matter means more nutrients available to your crop. Last but not least, Principle five is: Livestock integration. Getting livestock back on the landscape can provide numerous benefits. Let talk about the one that can make you more money. Livestock grazing on crop residue or cover crops can decrease winter feed costs. What's not to like about that?

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Front L to R: Sarah Griffith, Jaci Gran
Back L to R: Katie Paine-Santos, Aly Twardowski, Lindsey Kirk

Sarah Griffith, RN, BSN, Certified Wound & Ostomy Nurse
Nominated Anonymously
"I was notified by my insurance company that they denied a medical supplies claim and that I was responsible to pay over \$2,000. When I met with Sarah for an appointment, I told her about my issue with getting my supplies. Sarah asked if she could look at the paperwork. After numerous phone calls to the supply company and reviewing my paperwork, Sarah learned the paperwork was completed incorrectly. She redid the paperwork and submitted it to my insurance company which corrected the problem. My insurance company paid the bill in full and the supplies were delivered to me. I am so grateful to Sarah for being willing to take the time to do this for me. She is a very committed and dedicated employee and only has the patient's best interest at heart."

Jaci Gran, Phlebotomist
Nominated by Karen Trosen, RT, RM, Radiology Tech
"Jaci goes above and beyond in her job as a clinic lab phlebotomist. She cares about each patient and their lab orders. Many times, I have seen her stop and call, and research a new test to make sure the patient gets the accurate tests for what their provider is looking for. She instills a positive attitude in her co-workers. She can find a silver lining even in a gray cloud. In the midst of the chaos of COVID-19, she is uplifting and makes me feel validated. Also, when others in the satellite clinics have an issue or a question about a test, they call Jaci, because she has the answers or will find the answer for them. Jaci runs the lab in Pillager with patient/provider satisfaction as her motivation. I am proud to work alongside Jaci."

Katie Paine-Santos, RN,
Care Center Assistant Director of Nursing
Nominated by HOPE Committee
"Katie is the infection control nurse at the care center. She has been working diligently on keeping up with the ever-changing demands of COVID-19. This is no small task as guidance is changing constantly. In preparing staff, she has been doing videos for education to keep everyone up-to-date and competent with new practices and procedures. When we had our surge, she was on top of getting all wings and rooms supplied with proper PPE and equipment to ensure appropriate infection control measures were in place. Katie also helped call resident families to update them of any changes and answer questions they have during this time, freeing up floor nurses to work with the residents. Katie manages to continue to have a smile on her face and keeps a positive, up-beat, bubbly personality. During stressful times, Katie showed us who we know her to be, a fun person always looking to brighten someone's day. Thank you, Katie, for being a champion for us and our residents."

Aly Twardowski, Marketing Generalist
Lindsay Kirk, MSW, Social Services Outreach Coordinator
Nominated by Lonna Dille, MSW, Care Center Social Worker & Volunteer Coordinator
"Lindsay, Aly and the hospice and palliative team came together this year to figure out how to best hold our annual Season of Lights ceremony, where we honor our hospice and palliative care patients who have passed away in the last year. This has always been a beautiful and amazing event to help those who have lost a loved one. This year we had to get more creative without the usual in-person event. Lindsay and Aly went above and beyond to support these families and make it a meaningful ceremony. Each family received a personalized ornament and DVD honoring their loved one. Each DVD had a picture of their loved one along with the staff that cared for them hanging their ornament on the tree. These DVD's were sent to each family to view and share. They put in so much time and effort to make this great and I can't say enough good things about the event. Lindsay and Aly demonstrated compassion, quality and innovation to make this happen."

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Accolades for an avian outcast

One of the exciting things about spring is the visibility of wildlife that are courting, forming pair bonds, and beginning the task of raising the next generation of their kind. The most visible—hands-down—are the colorful waterfowl that have arrived on our northern lakes, rivers, marshes, and ponds. At this time of year I carry binoculars, or a camera with a long lens, whenever my travels might take me past a lake or wetland. If I was a bumper sticker sort of guy, I would have one that reads “This vehicle makes frequent stops to watch wildlife.”

For the better part of a week I’ve been watching a large band of ducks on a local lake. At times I’ve estimated their number at 150, perhaps more. When waterfowl gather in such numbers you can’t be sure of the identities of all. But my binoculars revealed that most were of a variety known as common mergansers. Most of these birds will only be transient visitors, and the majority will nest farther to the north in Minnesota, or in Canada.

Like people, some wild creatures bear nicknames, and the common merganser is cursed with the nickname “fish duck.” It is descriptive of the way they make a living, for a large share of their food is secured by diving beneath the surface and capturing fish, including minnows of various kinds, and the immature and smaller members of some rough fish and game fish.

Mergansers are well-suited to this lifestyle, with a bill that is unlike the broad, flat bills of most ducks. Theirs is narrow and studded with tiny tooth-like nubs that are perfect for grasping swimming, wriggling prey. If you’re familiar with the electrical connectors called alligator clips, you have a very good idea of what a merganser’s bill looks like. This unique adaptation has also earned mergansers—there are three types common to North America—the name “sawbill.”

Humans have a selfish streak when it comes to things we want for ourselves, and that includes fish. A merganser can engulf and swallow fish significantly larger than its bill would suggest. Farther north, many will nest and raise their young near streams and rivers, some of which are trout streams and salmon rivers. This does not endear them to salmon and trout fishermen, in the same way that some of us resent the fact that wolves prey on deer, hawks prey on ruffed grouse, or a roving skunk will make a meal of mallard eggs. With limited exceptions, such predator-prey relationships don’t threaten a population as a whole, or claim a share that should be ours. All life doesn’t exist entirely for our benefit.

The common merganser is looked down upon for other reasons, at least by some. Their fish-eating lifestyle gives the common merganser’s flesh a stronger flavor than many other ducks. Many waterfowl hunters shun them for that reason, though our own food consumption peculiarities—anchovies or liver, for instance—might disqualify us from being too judgmental.

In poor light, or due to inexperience or excitement, a hunter might shoot before positively identifying a duck over his decoys—it happens more frequently

than it should. When the hunter or his canine companion retrieves the fallen, and the hunter sees the narrow bill studded with tiny tooth-like serrations—unmistakably a merganser—you might hear an oath or profanity expressing displeasure. Some duck hunters would conceal, rather than reveal, their downing of a “fish duck.”

There are other ducks that feed heavily on fish, snails, and other underwater life from the animal kingdom, a habit that makes them strong to the taste, too. But somehow mergansers have come to be most associated with shortcomings on the table; especially if the diner is used to eating mallards, wood ducks, or teal—which eat mostly plant foods. Mergansers and some of the other “diving ducks” will test the boundaries of your taste buds, or your skill at disguising flavors.

Notwithstanding this liability in the taste department, I find the common merganser appealing. I’ve watched this large flotilla riding the whitecaps over deep water in heavy wind, their strung-out flights skimming just above the wave tops, communal mating displays, and their diving to feed in shallow water, popping back to the surface like corks before diving again. Mergansers seem especially social birds, even at a time of high competitiveness when every breeding age male is vying for mating rights, and the opportunity to pass on its genes to the next generation.

For a duck that is so often “dissed,” the common merganser is uncommonly handsome. Drakes have a dark, green-black head, and predominantly white plumage contrasting with black that gives them a tuxedo-like appearance. Hens, as in most birds—including most waterfowl—are more subtly plumed, with

a reddish brown head and gray back and flanks that grade into a white belly and breast. Female and juvenile common mergansers have an unusual, almost comical, Woody Woodpecker-like tuft of feathers projecting rearward off the top of their head.

In flight the common merganser’s wings appear longer than the stubby wings of other diving ducks, beat rapidly but in a shallow arc, and the drakes flash highly-visible patches of white on their upper wings, a reliable identifying mark.

Common mergansers share some loon-like characteristics, not surprising since both are so well adapted to a life of catching fish. Both loons and mergansers will often be seen swimming with their head half submerged, looking beneath the surface—“up periscope” in reverse—a strategy for spotting swimming prey before diving in pursuit. Both common mergansers and loons have a more elongated, streamlined body than most waterfowl, a hydrodynamic advantage when swimming underwater in pursuit of prey. Mergansers will sometimes paddle and splash along the surface in a group, herding prey fish to enhance their capture prospects.

Soon most of this large gathering of common mergansers will depart for nesting areas to the north. Perhaps surprising for a mallard-size duck, most will nest in a hollow tree cavity if they can find one, another good reason not to cut down a large tree just because it’s dead and decaying.

Despite my affection for the common merganser, it’s unlikely that I’ll intentionally harvest one during the hunting season. If I do make that mistake, I’ll pull out the recipe file labeled “Gamey Ducks,” and make the best of it!

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Letter to the Editor

Playing the odds

Covid-19 is a hot button topic for me. I am a survivor who thought he was going to die, and I believe I have long term (load haul) symptoms. What does this have to do with playing the odds?

People told me that they are not going to get vaccinated because 246 residents of Michigan caught Covid-19 and 8 died after being vaccinated. There were 1.8 million people vaccinated and just a bit more than 0.01 percent (%) caught covid. During the same timeframe there were approximately 200,000 new cases of unvaccinated people and 2,000 deaths. The numbers from

Michigan are better than what was expected. The vaccines are rated at 90 percent effective, which means that up to 10 percent could catch Covid-19.

If I had a chance of betting on a baseball game and had a 99.9 percent chance of winning, I would bet a very large amount. Put in another way, “The race does not always go to the fleet or the match to the strong, but that is where the smart money goes”. Why would I do different with Covid-19 which affect my life and health?

Getting vaccinated not only protects you, it also helps protect you loved ones and friends.

A. John Peters
Browerville, Minn

Pandemic pause

The Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) urges all Minnesotans to remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19, practice good health and take a pandemic pause – stay home if you can, gather outdoors rather than indoors and avoid any unnecessary trips.

The more than 12,000 physicians and physicians-in-training of the MMA are encouraged to see the increasing pace of vaccinations in Minnesota but are equally concerned about the virus’s spread. Virus variants are more contagious and are making younger Minnesotans sick. Hospital admissions are up and ICU beds are nearing capacity.

“We need to allow Minnesota’s healthcare workers to get out in front of this and lessen the severity of a fourth surge,” says MMA President Marilyn Peitso, MD. “We want this pandemic to end as much as the rest of Minnesota. Together, we

need to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19.”

Minnesotans are urged to get vaccinated and continue to practice good health by wearing a mask, staying socially distant, washing hands, staying home when sick and seeing a physician when ill.

Those who have received COVID-19 vaccinations are also asked to do their part. Per CDC recommendations, vaccinations can be protective, especially when getting together in small groups with other vaccinated people, but being vaccinated should not be considered a green light for high-risk activities like attending large events indoors where others are not wearing masks or staying socially distant.

“Vaccination not only protects you, but it also protects your family and the entire community,” says Peitso. “Vaccination is the pathway back to some form of normal life.”

House bonding bill overlooks critical needs for greater Minnesota

Statement from Greg Zylka, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities President and Little Falls Mayo, on the Minnesota House capital investment bill, HF 337

This year in particular, we have been advocating for a capital investment bill that will serve as the foundation for economic recovery in all corners of our state as the COVID-19 pandemic recedes. Unfortunately, this is not that bill.

In a bill that totals more than \$1 billion, we are dismayed that it directs only a small fraction of the funding toward needs in Greater Minnesota. While the bill includes money for

several statewide programs that could see some dollars make their way to our communities, they are not programs that target Greater Minnesota’s unique infrastructure needs nor ones that will do much to support future economic growth.

Our greatest disappointment with the House bonding bill is the underinvestment in clean water infrastructure; \$15 million for the Public Facilities Authority is simply inadequate to address the critical water needs of our entire state. State agencies project more than \$11 billion is needed statewide over the next 15 to 20 years to address water pollution and replace aging infrastructure, yet this bill

fails to make clean water a priority.

The one bright spot in the bill is the inclusion of \$5 million for child care facilities in Greater Minnesota, which is vital to combat the child care shortage in rural communities. However, the bill fails to invest in other critical needs for Greater Minnesota such as workforce housing, economic development programs, and parks and trails. In contrast, there is significant funding for the metro in all these areas. While we do not begrudge funding for the metro area, we urge the Legislature to craft a better bonding bill that makes targeted investments in Greater Minnesota as well.

From the Freedom Foundation of Minnesota

For 36 years, Minnesotans have figured out how to get from Minneapolis to Duluth without Amtrak. And we saved money and time while driving or taking a bus to that destination – all without the help of a government-run train company.

We learned this week, however, that the Biden Administration wants to revive the out-of-date train trip to Duluth. They proposed the most audacious Amtrak to Duluth plan yet: four trips daily between Target Field in downtown Minneapolis to the Depot in downtown Duluth with four stops, including Coon Rapids, Cambridge, Hinkley and Superior, Wisconsin.

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1985: Amtrak shut down the train from Minneapolis to Duluth because of lack of ridership. Since that time, the legislature has waged considerable battles over how to pay for the maintenance (much less expansion) of existing transportation infrastructure that prior to COVID-19, was widely used and often congested even on weekends.

Minnesota Representative Jon Koznick of Lakeville perfectly summed up our transportation problems that will only be exacerbated with the additional of four daily trips to Duluth via Amtrak: “It’s not fiscally responsible to keep adding more to our responsibilities when we’re falling behind on our roads, bridges, buses and other obligations.”

In 2020, Amtrak’s nationwide passenger load was only 17 million (compared to 925.5 million air passengers in 2019) and the majority of those rail riders could be found on its most “successful” line, the Northeast Corridor, that runs between Boston and Washington, D.C.

Travelers aren’t foolish when it comes to figuring out how to get from Point A to Point B. There are a number of factors that influence what mode of transportation will best serve the traveler including cost, time and convenience. On all three points, driving makes the most economic sense and allows the driver to have greater freedom once they arrive in Duluth – with some additional money left in their pocket. 37 years ago, the vast majority of Minnesotans traveling to Duluth figured this out with relative ease. To bring back an undependable, bankrupt and unnecessary rail line after it has proven to be a failure is, well, as the president would say, pure malarkey.

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1,000 books read

Above: Briggs Meyer recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Staples Public Library. Librarian, Angie Johnson presented Briggs with his certificate, a new book and stuffed animal.

Below: Harrison Underhill completed his 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program and received his book, matching stuffed animal and certificate from Johnson.

Parents may register their child for the program at the Staples Public Library. They receive a free canvas bag. Books read can be recorded in the record book or with an easy scan in the Beanstack app. The goal is to have parents read to their children from the time they are born until they begin school and beyond. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. (Submitted photos)



Staples-Motley's Chamber Choir sings at contest

Nathan Thelen, Staples-Motley High School Choir Director, led the Chamber Choir in singing "Time After Time" at the school April 14. The choir was performing for a few spectators and well as judges during a contest

event called, "Our Voice, Our Song." The Chamber Choir received superior ratings, as did the A cappella and Concert Choirs. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Cardinal singers receive superior ratings at contest

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Thanks to funding from the Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC), music students at Staples-Motley High School were able to participate in a contest for large groups and solos/ensembles April 14.

"I was super proud of these students," Nathan Thelen, SMHS Music Director, said of the choral event. He went on to say that it had been almost two years since they'd had a music contest of any kind, adding, "Last year our contest got cancelled due to the pandemic."

The Cardinal Choirs were really excited to participate in a contest this year, made possible because of the SAWC, which is also directed by Thelen. They had received a grant from the State of Minnesota, Thelen said of the SAWC. In addition to the Staples-Motley Choirs, the grant funded contests at other area schools as well, including Pillager, Menahga, Pequot Lakes and Pine River.

At Staples-Motley, there were three choirs and 39 solo/ensemble entries that participated in the contest, Thelen said, adding that the students were in grades 9 -12.

"All of the choirs received superior ratings," Thelen said. Out of a possible 40 points, the Chamber Choir received two 39s; the A cappella received a 37 and a 38; and the Concert Choir received a 35 and a 36.

Of the 39 solo/ensemble entries, 30 received superior ratings and nine received excellent ratings.

"Both of the judges were fantastic," Thelen said, mentioning Brian Stubbs, Choir Director from Brainerd High School; and Dr. Charlette Moe from North Dakota State University. "The kids received great feedback from them."

Mark Your Calendar

April 21

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wednesday, April 21, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples. Public invited, masks required. To attend via Zoom, contact Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

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

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Born to Megan and Casey Gwost of Little Falls, a baby boy, Braxton Gene weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on April 6, 2021.

Born to JeriAnn and Don Kosloski of Crosslake, a baby girl, Avery Lynn weighing eight pounds, five ounces on April 6, 2021.

Born to Bridget and Ryan Ruckdashel of Lake Shore, a baby boy, McCoy Robert weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on April 8, 2021.

Born to Riplee and Aaron Peeters of Brainerd, a baby girl, Estelle Dawn weighing nine pounds, three ounces on April 12, 2021.

Born to Camryn Lucksinger and Ryan Minten of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Kaizlee Mae weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on April 12, 2021.

Born to Heather and Anthony Maule of Motley, a baby boy, Eli Thomas weighing

eight pounds, 12 ounces on April 12, 2021.

Born to Felicia and Allen Pitschka of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Lillian Riley weighing five pounds, 11 ounces on April 13, 2021.

Born to Jessica and Ryan Bodell of Pilager, a baby boy, Bryson Wayne weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on April 14, 2021.

Born to Tina and Justin Boe of Deer Creek, a baby girl, Jacksyn Joan Grace weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on April 14, 2021.

Born to Emily and Garrett Streitz of Eagle Bend, a baby boy, Forrest Thomas weighing eight pounds, one ounce on April 15, 2021.

Born to Kayla and Jason Kneisl of Verdale, a baby girl, Julia Rose weighing seven pounds, four ounces on April 15, 2021.

Born to Chelsea Line and Dustin Kanieski of Browerville, a baby girl, Ahryah Jade weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on April 16, 2021.

Obituaries

Denise Young

Denise Young, 63, of Staples passed away April 14, 2021 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Funeral arrangments are pending. A full obituary will be included in next week's issue of the Staples World.

Verie Zillmer

Verie Grace Zillmer, 90, of Staples, passed away April 9, 2021 at the Lake-wood Care Center.

Memorial services were held April 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples.

Verie was born March 18, 1931 to Henry and Kate Broers. She was raised on the family farm near Gary, one of 15 children. Verie was proud of her German heritage. She worked as a salesperson for Batch-er's Department Store in Staples and later sold antiques until her retire-ment. Verie enjoyed social-izing with customers and ensuring everyone found what they needed and more. She enjoyed garden-ing, bird watching, garage saleing and playing cards. Verie walked strongly in her Christian faith and was a member of Trin-ity Lutheran Church. She taught her sons honesty,

integrity and the value of being a Christian. Verie was witty, loving and caring and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Verie is survived by three sons, Vernon "Junior" Rinerson of Staples, Roger (Sharon) Rinerson of Elk River and Steven Sorkness of Buena Vista, GA; three grandchildren, Vernon Rinerson, III, Nicole Blanch-ette and Megan Rinerson; many great-grandchildren; several great-great-grand-children; siblings, Delores and Dudley; many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 12 siblings, Marie, Walter, George, Agnes, Frank, Kath-ryn, Dorothy, Harry, Evelyn, Helen, Leo and Beverly.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples

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
firststrongcoustaples@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
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 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
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SUNDAY
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WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

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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
847 3rd Ave. S, 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 Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne 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
Childrens' 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
Info. 218-837-5690 ..Open by arrangement

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paign.

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Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

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This past Easter, the lilies were opened in our sanctuary as if they were speaking to us this good news; the trees in our church lot were beginning to bud and show us their life that had come through their wintry sleep; and the numerous birds outside the church walls were sharing their song of life for us from early in the morning until twilight. In each

case the message that they were sharing was that Christ is risen. He has been raised; He is not here."

In each of our lives, let this become our message. Let us put aside our self-imposed gloom and become an Easter people, a people that centers our lives in the faith, hope and joy of the One who defeated death and Who opens the doors of life for each of us.

Dear Heavenly Father, lead us to the grave that is empty, into the garden of the Resur-rection where we may meet our risen Lord. May we always live in the faith, hope and joy of the new life which You give to all creation. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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Staples World



Erholtz opens golf season with a big win

Beck Erholtz shot 64 over 18 holes to win the 2021 Earlybird golf invite at Detroit Lakes on April 15, finishing ahead of some of the top golfers in Minnesota and North Dakota.

The Staples-Motley team earned fifth place in the 11 team invitational.

Other varsity scores

were Carter White 74, Grant Bestland 75, Adam Oberlander 77, Payton Mithun 85 and Keller Anderson 91. In the junior varsity match, Chase Swenson shot 76.

Team scores: Fargo Davies 273, Detroit Lakes 275, Minnewaska 282, Sheyenne-West Fargo 286, Staples-Motley 290, Fargo

North 291, Pequot Lakes 303, Pine River 334, Crosby-Ironton 335, Crookston 353, Park Rapids inc.

The Staples-Motley girls team finished fourth out of six teams at Pequot Lakes on April 15. No individual scores were included in the results.



Basketball awards

Staples-Motley girls basketball awards, from left, Brianna Bendson, Most Improved; Haley Cichos, MVP Offense;

Ashley Robben, Most Improved; Tabetha Allen, MVP Defense. (Submitted photos)



All Conference basketball

Haley Cichos, left, was named to the Mid State All Conference team, with Tabetha Allen earning All Conference Honorable Mention.



Clearing the bar

Jacob Schmitz arches his back to get over the bar in the high jump at the meet in Pequot Lakes. Schmitz also

scored points for the team in the 400 meter dash and the triple jump. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals take off on track and field season

The Staples-Motley track and field team opened their season with the Frostbite Invitational at Pequot Lakes April 16. Both the girls and boys finished second as a team.

Individual winners for the girls were Aften Robinson in the 400, Kyanna Burton in the 1,600, Jayce Kobliska in the 300 hurdles and Tabetha Allen in the shot put. The girls also had wins in the 4x100 relay and the 4x800 relay.

Boys individual winners were Remy Converse in the 100, Emmet Anderson in the 1,600 and 3,200 and Tanner Robben in the long jump.

Girls results

200 - 7. Abby Dukowitz 31.11, 14. Camden Anderson 32.72, 17. Bailey Weiland 33.85
400 - 1. Aften Robinson 1:01, 3. Dukowitz 1:10, 6. Sabina Moe 1:16

800 - 3. Addison Lorber 2:55
1,600 - 1. Kyanna Burton 5:29, 3. Ashley Robben 6:06, 4. Naila Mikhaeil 6:26, 6. Addisyn Cichos 6:44

3,200 - 2. Burton 11:38, 3. Audrey Brownell 12:25
100 hurdles - 3. Jayce Kobliska 19.88, 6. Weiland 21.34,

7. Leah Danilyuk 21.70, 10. Beatrice Bonazza 24.59
300 hurdles - 1. Kobliska 55.39, 3. Lauren Ruten 1:00
4x100 relay - 1. Staples-Motley 55.17
4x200 - 3. Staples-Motley 2:09
4x400 - 2. Staples-Motley 4:52
4x800 - 1. Staples-Motley 11:05

Long jump - 8. Anderson 11'10", 9. Brownell 11'8", 11. Madysen Hull 11'0", 12. Weiland 10'11"

Triple jump - 3. Kobliska 29'4"

Shot put - 1. Tabetha Allen 28'2", 3. Hull 25'11", 7. Grace Jennissen 22'3", 12. Frankie Hanson 17'1"

Discus - 2. Allen 80'11", 4. Hull 75'6", 5. Jennissen 69'11", 12. Hanson 41'7"

Team scores: Pequot Lakes 64, Staples-Motley 47, Walker-Hackensack-Akely 23, Nevis 17

Boys results

100 - 1. Remington Converse 12.07, 4. Corey Hansen 12.53, 6. Connor Judd 12.84, 9. Ashton Johnson 13.02, 10. Noah Greenwaldt 13.03, 11. Grant Jonshon 13.06, 12. Ramiro Gallardo 13.29, 15. Dakota Hennagir 13.81

200 - 3. Converse 25.42, 4. Hansen 26.06, 6. Johnson 27.41, 8. Eli Carlson 30.06, 10. Owen Winter 31.40

400 - 3. Jacob Schmitz 1:03, 5.

Reid Judd 1:16
800 - 5. Will Dolezal 2:40, 6. Blaine Plattner 2:41
1,600 - 1. Emmet Anderson 4:40, 3. Isaiah Tabatt 5:02, 4. Logan Robben 5:09, 6. Plattner 5:55, 8. Dolezal 6:15
3,200 - 1. Anderson 10:01, 3. Dillan Robben 11:41, 4. Tanner Robben 12:08

110 hurdles - 3. Thien Nguyen 20.84, 5. T. Robben 26.18
300 hurdles - 5. Lyle Brownell 51.38, 6. Nguyen 55.28, 7. Robben 56.25

4x100 - 2. Staples-Motley 47.94

4x200 - 2. Staples-Motley 1:52, 3. Staples-Motley 1:57

4x400 - 2. Staples-Motley 4:10

4x800 - 2. Staples-Motley 9:31
High jump - 2. Hunter Miller 5'6", 4. Schmitz 5'0"

Long jump - 1. T. Robben 18'4", 2. C. Judd 17'10", 7. Deven Kadus 14'10", 8. Gallardo 14'4"

Triple Jump - 2. Greenwaldt 36'1", 3. Schmitz 32'9", 4. Benjamin Long 27'4"

Shot put - 11. Bendguz Pali 31'3", 12. Sawyer Ferdon 26'8", 13. Eli Carlson 25'0", 15. Blake Neelan 20'8"

Discus - 11. Pali 68'8", 12. Long 66'5", 13. Ferdon 65'8", 14. Carlson 62'6"

Team scores: Pequot Lakes 80, Staples-Motley 48, Nevis 17, Walker-Hackensack-Akely 13

Runners in action

Left, Abby Dukowitz takes off in the 400 meter dash; Remy Converse cruises to a win in the 100 meter dash. Right, Logan Robben and Issiah Tabatt pass a runner in the 1,600 meter run. Below right, Addisyn Cichos hands the baton to Naila Mikhaeil in the 4x400 meter relay. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Undefeated basketball season

The Staples-Motley 7th grade boys basketball team finished their season with a 10-0 record. The team won all of their games by 15 points or more. The coaches described them as "a hard working team that plays as a team, unselfishly." They are coached by Tj Rutten.

Pictured after their last game of the season, from left, Avandre Brandt, Conner Kuhns, Peyton Jares, Matthew Larsen, Eli Rutten, Reed Olds, Reid Judd and Noah Larson. (Submitted photo)



Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS March 2, 2021

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 2nd day of March, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the removal of item 12.2 2021 LELS Contract.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes and Joint Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2021 as presented.

To approve a one year Club On Sale & Sunday Liquor License for the American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) at the address of 16268 County 50, Long Prairie, MN in Little Sauk Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for T.J.'s Diamond Point Inc dba Diamond Point Supper Club/Lounge at the address of 12867 Bayview Dr, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve a One-Day Dance License for T.J.'s on Diamond Point, Inc. for May 29, 2021 at 12867 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for DT Lisson Inc dba Double Eagle Golf & Grille at the address of 31886 County 3, Eagle Bend, MN in Burleene Township effective April 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Sauk Centre Country Club dba Greystone Golf Club at the address of 10548 Andrews Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve an Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for MB Thomes Enterprises LLC dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve a Setup License for MB Thomes Enterprises LLC dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve an On Sale Wine License including strong beer for MB Thomes Enterprises LLC dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Hub Supper Club LLC dba The Hub Supper Club at the address of 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN in Burnhamville Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale & Sunday Li-

quor License for the Rohdes Midway Gas Bar & Grill Inc dba Midway Bar & Grill at the address of 17908 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Round Prairie Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Full O Fun LLC dba Saukinac Campground at the address of 21914 Bay Loop, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Shady's Golden Eagle at the address of 13218 County 103, Burtrum, MN in Grey Eagle Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To hire Angela Chamberlin for Administrative Assistant, start date pending in the Sheriff's Office.

To hire Latesha Harden for FT Correctional Officer, start date March 2, 2021.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the February 2021 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 901340 through 901397 in the amount of \$1,007,665.17, (Manual) 607 through 611 in the amount of \$66,231.53 and (Regular) 234043 through 237199 in the amount of \$678,564.76 for a total of \$1,752,461.46.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401079 through 401099 in the amount of \$38,045.05 and (Regular) 54502 through 54552 in the amount of \$66,176.89 for a total of \$104,221.94.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 801445 through 801454 and (Regular) 707599 through 707631 for a total amount of \$44,152.52.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600350 through 600357 and (Regular) 516222 through 516238 for a total amount of \$58,644.25.

County Attorney

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2021 Contracts for City Prosecution Services for Grey Eagle, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Bertha, and Hewitt.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority acknowledges receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Pete Bosl to clean a section of CD33 on Parcel 20-0037300, Reynolds Twp., Section 33.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority acknowledges receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement Petition from John Deprez to maintain a section of CD32 located on this property in Turtle Creek Twp., Section 8.

Public Works

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

MNDOT AGREEMENT 1045958 – TRUNK HIGHWAY 71 DETOUR
WHEREAS, the Minne-

sota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) plans on performing multiple bridge replacement projects on Trunk Highway 71 in the City of Browerville in the summer of 2022, and;

WHEREAS, MnDOT requires a detour to carry Trunk Highway 71 traffic to County State Aid Highway 14 and County State Aid Highway 11 during the bridge projects, and;

WHEREAS, MnDOT is willing to reimburse Todd County approximately \$11,518.79 for the road life consumed by the detour as hereinafter set forth, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §471.59 subdivision 10, §161.25, and §161.20 subdivision 2(b) authorizes MnDOT and Todd County to enter into this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County enter into MnDOT Agreement 1045958 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of Todd County State Aid Highway 14 and County State Aid Highway 11 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway 71 from 0.234 North of junction of County State Aid Highway 21 to 0.90 miles North of the junction of County State Aid Highway 14 under State Project No. 7708-42 (T.H. 71=004).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners and the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer are authorized to execute Agreement 1045958 and any amendments to the Agreement.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve attached quote from Frontier Precision for the purchase of a new Trimble R12i Model 60 GPS Unit for \$25,463.45.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve attached Engineering Agreement from Widsethor Bridge 77509 Replacement Project located on CSAH 14 in the City of Browerville.

Planning & Zoning

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

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL –

“REM PROPERTIES”

WHEREAS, Applicant Robert Mayers and property owner Marc Brinkman applied to subdivide a property that is described as Part of Government Lots 1 & 2 of Section 26 in Birchdale Township with the plat to be known as ‘REM Properties’,

WHEREAS, REM Properties consists of 1 riparian and 1 non riparian lot that are not to be sold separately; Block 1 Lot 1 10,888± square feet, and Block 2 Lot 1 32,573± square feet, located in the Recreational Development Shoreland zoning of Little Birch Lake in Birchdale Township,

WHEREAS, On April 4, 2019, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

SECT-26 TWP-127 RANG-33 GOVT LOTS 1 & 2 LYING BETWEEN TWP RD & EASEMENT RD, EX PART PLATTED AS DAVID BRINKMAN ADDITION & GREEN ACRES & EX COMM AT NE COR OF SEC 25, THENCE W 2037.93 FT TO BEG, THENCE SW 894.01 FT, NW 71.66 FT, NE 739.33 FT, E 346.69 FT TO BEG & PART OF GOVT LOT 1 DESC AS: COMM AT NE COR OF GOVT LOT 1 W 2037.93 FT SW 247.37 FT

SW 293.31 FT SW 214.28 FT SW 138.45 FT NW 71.66 FT TO PT OF BEG; THENCE SW 56.47 FT NW 195 FT TO SHORELINE N-RLY ALONG SHORELINE TO PT 184 FT W OF BEG E 184 FT TO BEG 26.20 ACRES

WHEREAS, On April 16, 2019, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the “REM Properties” preliminary plat with conditions:

1. Soil boring logs be completed and submitted prior to final plat approval.

2. Structures must meet all setbacks.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of “REM Properties” be approved as presented.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the license to the following haulers: LPS, Alex Rubbish, Tom's Refuse, G&T Sanitation, West Central and Waste Management.

Health & Human Services

Katherine Mackedanz, Community Health Manager provided an update to the County Board on the COVID-19 situation and vaccination availability.

Administration

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the pay increase for Seasonal or Temporary Employees to \$14.00 per hour as well as \$1.00 per hour addition for each employee who returns the following year for the Solid Waste and Public Works Departments.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Becker abstaining: To approve the County Relief grants as presented today, extend the County Relief Grant Program to the March 15 special board meeting date, and change the parameters of the County Relief Grant Application to a 20 percent (%) loss for any quarter within 2020.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurers reported on the upcoming elections for Townships on March 9, 2021, Staples-Motley School District on April 13, 2021 and Upsala School District on May 11, 2021.

County Commissioner's Report

Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator has nothing to report.

Recess

Chairperson Becker recessed the meeting until March 16, 2021.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	2,224.00
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	1,277.94
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	55,542.64
US BANK.....	5,616.85
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	1,570.10
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	37,228.07
EBSO INC.....	222,672.43
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC.....	2,000.00
HILDI INC.....	5,790.00
LEADSONLINE LLC.....	2,463.00
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC.....	3,462.75
M & I LOCKBOX MCCC.....	10,910.00
MINNESOTA DEPART. OF HEALTH.....	2,870.00
21 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	6,872.74
ACTIVE911	2,878.75
ANOKA CO GOV'T CENTER	8,375.00
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN, LLP.....	12,127.50
IVERSON REUVERS LLC.....	2,354.40
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	3,977.36
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	6,626.50
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A. ...	4,140.00

PHEASANTS FOREVER	7,312.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	82,386.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,575.30
VERIZON	4,738.70
30 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	9,680.66
BRANDON COMMS	2,987.10
CENTRA CARE	10,983.33
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY.....	5,578.00
COUNTRYSIDE RESTAURANT	3,575.40
DOHERTY STAFFING SOLUTIONS	6,117.95
EBSO INC.....	224,386.78
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK	5,010.76
HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL	5,284.64
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	3,039.92
METRO SALES INC	2,030.32
MEYER/JACOB JOHN	4,025.26
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT.....	15,384.72
MORRISON COUNTY.....	27,055.97
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC.....	65,974.74
PHILIP'S REPAIRABLES & COLLISION CENTER	5,026.70
STEP.....	9,744.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	5,062.66
VOYANT COMMS, LLC.....	3,814.79
WARNER LAW, LLC	5,624.78
47 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	19,581.64
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	6,642.70
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	2,119.83
CITY OF GREY EAGLE	2,104.11
CITY OF STAPLES	13,897.95
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC.....	2,000.00
HILLIG AUTO CENTER	4,846.25
MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS BOARD	7,700.00
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	2,844.00
PSST LLC.....	2,085.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170	20,773.56
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753	4,208.22
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786	4,239.67
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS	2,531.90
TENVOORDE FORD	72,036.48
TOWN OF BARTLETT	20,336.56
TOWN OF BERTHA	24,523.30
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE.....	21,053.14
TOWN OF BRUCE	22,521.03
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TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE.....	26,158.00
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TOWN OF WEST UNION.....	14,981.14
TOWN OF WYKEHAM	25,081.69
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THAN \$2,000	18,270.64
Total	\$1,752,461.46

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66 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	20,437.59
Total	\$104,221.94

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
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DHS - SWIFT FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT.....	13,297.00
PERISH/ALAN.....	2,620.06
WILLIAMS DINGMANN FAMILY FUNERAL - LP	3,500.00
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THAN \$2,000	6,259.08
Total	\$44,152.52

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 2, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 16, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AT 819 KANSAS AVE SW

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St. NE, to consider the application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at 819 Kansas Ave. SW to sell guns in a Residential zone.

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

Dated: April 14, 2021

Diane Archer, City Clerk
17pnc

NOTICE TODD COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's Annual Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunrose Courts, 300 Linden Ave. S, Browerville, MN 56438.

Kim Wallace
Todd County HRA
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NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP ROAD TOUR

Fawn Lake Township will hold its Annual Road Tour on Monday May 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Interested parties should meet at the town hall prior to 9:00 a.m., as the road tour will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Any questions, please call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
17-18pnc

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will conduct a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at the Staples Government Center located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples to receive public input, consider and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding a proposed amendment to Section 109 of the Zoning Code related to solar energy systems and solar structures becoming an accessory use in all zoning districts and establishing standards for solar installations.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard on this matter or submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the hearing. For a copy of the proposed amendment, contact City Hall at 218-894-2550.

Dated: April 21, 2021

Diane Archer, City Clerk
17pnc

NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: MOWING SERVICES TODD COUNTY FORFEITED PROPERTIES Closing Date: May 7, 2021

Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 7, 2021 by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at 215 1st Avenue S, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the Mowing Services of Todd County maintained Tax Forfeited Properties. At the time of publication, the primary service location is located within the City of Staples containing five (5) parcels.

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Disaster resources available to veterans

Veterans Notes

By David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran
Service Officer

Notice: Due to recent legislation, copayments for medical care and pharmacy services provided by Veter-

ans Health Administration during the period of April 6, 2020 through September 30, 2021 will be canceled. All copayments paid to VA for medical care and prescriptions for the period of April 6, 2020 to present will be refunded.

Veterans and their fam-

ilies should be focused on their health and safety during the natural disasters," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VA is taking action to give those with pending debts greater flexibility during these challenging times."

Health Care Assistance

If you have questions such as where to go for care or how to receive prescribed medications, VA has established a tollfree number for assistance in areas that have been impacted by disasters. Veterans or their families can call the VA Veterans Disaster Response

line 24 hours, seven days a week at 1-800-507-4571.

Debt Relief

- If you are affected by a natural disaster, have a VBA benefit debt and need temporary financial relief, please contact VA's Debt Management Center at 1-800-827-0648 to request assistance.

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- Apply for \$500 grant for your damaged primary residence (on a first come, first serve basis subject to funding)
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- National Resource Directory - Search for local resources for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.
- FEMA - FEMA helps with temporary housing, repair or replacement of existing homes.
- American Red Cross - The American Red Cross offers emergency financial

assistance to the most impacted counties. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to see if you qualify.

- Disaster Assistance – An easy way to determine if your zip code has been declared a disaster and eligible for assistance. The website also allows users to complete an online application and the ability to check FEMA application status.
- Disaster Distress Helpline - The Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

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Whether you're just getting out of the service or you've been a civilian for years now, the VA Welcome Kit can help guide you to the benefits and services you've earned. [Source U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs 09/19/2020]

As always please see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us and as always have a great week.



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Two Staples-Motley students named ‘Students of Character’

Forty-five students were the stars of the show at the 30th annual Students of Character Celebration, held virtually on April 14.

Also making a stellar impression a stellar impression at the Students of Character Celebration was the record \$27,000 given in scholarships to the honorees, along with several door prizes.

Sourcewell took to Facebook Live to honor students from 23 high schools in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties at the virtual recognition event. The Students of Character Celebration is held each year to recognize students who are quiet, behind-the-scenes leaders and may otherwise be overlooked for recognition.

“Many of the students we will recognize tonight are no strangers to adversity and adapting to change,” said Sourcewell Executive Director and CEO Dr. Chad Coauette. “They’ve risen above the discomfort and inconvenience of change and loss. And regardless of what life has thrown at them, they’ve come out stronger and wiser.”

Recorded earlier and at separate times, the educators who nominated each student were interviewed and shared why their student was deserving of the recognition.

Representing Staples-Motley were Alex Brings and Alexis Tweeter, seniors who were introduced at the virtual event by Middle/High School Principal Mike Schmidt.

In his comments about Brings, Schmidt shared that, “Over the years we’ve witnessed Alex strive for his own empowerment. To say he’s ‘overcome’ would imply he felt there was ever

anything in his way. Alex is a student, artist, athlete, and speech champion at Staples-Motley High School. He’s also a credible example of ‘if you want it, go get it.’ I’ve only known Alex to attempt and succeed at the goals he sets. Despite his lack of sight, his vision on life and his goals are in clear focus. Alex, your perseverance is inspiring to us.”

Regarding Tweeter, Principal Schmidt said, “Through her time with us at Staples-Motley High School, Lexi has taken on her obstacles and overcome them with tremendous hard work and resiliency. She’s done so by believing in family, the teachers, and support staff of whom from day one recognized her smile, gentle demeanor, and kindness as characteristics worth reaching for and embracing.”

“Lexi, your trust in us and your growth have not only validated the staff’s belief in you, you’ve empowered us to believe deeper in ourselves. You’ve been referred to as a ‘leader and achiever’ by so many. You’re the example so many should review for success. We wish you the best as you soar into your future.”

Each of the 45 students was awarded a \$600 scholarship thanks to the generosity of area businesses, organizations, and individuals. Ten students with plans to attend Central Lakes College after graduation received a \$500 scholarship from the CLC Foundation. All students had a chance to win door prizes, also provided via donations. Staples-Motley’s Alex Brings was the recipient of the grand prize.



Kudos from the principal

Staples-Motley Principal Mike Schmidt (pictured above in a screenshot) shared comments about SMHS students Alex Brings and Alexis Tweeter during the recent ‘Students of Character Celebration’ hosted by Sourcewell. Below are screenshots of Brings and Tweeter.

Alex Brings

Over the years we’ve witnessed Alex strive for his own empowerment. To say he’s “overcome” would imply he felt there was ever anything in his way. Alex is a student, artist, athlete, and speech champion at Staples-Motley High School. He’s also a credible example of “If you want it, go get it.” I’ve only known Alex to attempt and succeed at the goals he sets. Despite his lack of sight, his vision on life and his goals are in clear focus. Alex, your perseverance is inspiring to us.

Alexis Tweeter

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First responders at work in Staples

Staples Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz and Staples Ambulance paramedics tended to a man who had fallen along 2nd Ave. NE in Staples April 14. The man was

transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

DNR seeks comments on Foot Hills trails

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages people to learn about and comment on potential trail revisions within the Foot Hills State Forest in Cass County during an online public meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 26. Comments and ideas may also be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14.

As part of its Minnesota State Forest Trail Revision project, the DNR is considering a number of measures to improve trail sustainability and enhance user experience for both motorized and nonmotorized uses within the Foot Hills State Forest. Potential measures include adding connections to facilities and amenities, adding new trails, and rerouting or closing unsustainable trails.

The Foot Hills State Forest is popular among off-highway vehicle users, hunters and cross-country skiers. Existing trail opportunities include the 26-mile Spider Lake OHV Trail System and 25 kilometers of cross-country ski trails. The potential revisions do not involve changes to forest-wide motor vehicle use classifications, other state forest recreation facilities like campgrounds or day-use areas, or state corridor trails specifically authorized in statute.

During the April 26 public meeting, DNR Parks and Trails staff will present a summary of the project answer questions and take written and oral comments. Meeting participants are encouraged to use the online comment form.

Visit the Minnesota State Forest Trail Revision Project webpage for links to information on the project and meeting details. Meeting attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing foresttrailplanning.dnr@state.mn.us.

For those who cannot attend the meeting, comments and ideas can be submitted via fax to 651-297-1157, by email, via the online comment form or by mail to: Joe Unger, Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota DNR, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4039.

For more information, contact Dave Schotzko, area supervisor, Parks and Trails Division, 218-308-2367, or visit the Minnesota State Forest Trail Revisions Project web page.

People who require a special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact Joe Unger by April 21.

COVID-19 bouncing back

The statewide surge in COVID-19 cases is reaching area communities. The Pillager area showed 19 new cases when zip code information came out April 15, Wadena had 18, Staples 15 and Long Prairie 11. The other area communities were in single digits for the week.

Tri-County Health Care of Wadena reported an increasing positivity rate in Wadena County, stating “this influx of new cases is reminiscent of the surge that occurred in the fall of 2020.”

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Staples makes solar energy easier to install

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council met April 13, with various items on the agenda.

The council approved changes to the solar energy ordinance, changing solar installations to a zoning ordinance, instead of requiring a conditional use permit. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said this will help lay the groundwork for future solar energy, and will allow property owners to enter an interconnection agreement with the Staples utility, to be able to push extra electricity back onto the local grid.

Public Works Director

Scott Grabe said the city disputed some of the electrical charges from Missouri River Energy, which supplies electricity to the city system. As a result, they will get around \$25,660 back.

Grabe said the city had undercharged some of the demand customers for two months, the second rate misapplication this year. He said they will pull random utility bills and manually check them to make sure the correct rates are being applied by the utility billing software. The city is looking at getting a new billing software contract through Missouri River Energy.

Grabe said a customer is building a shed or garage

on the south end of the city's service territory, so they will have to build a three phase power line to the building. Grabe said he is writing language for how to accommodate that type of request in the future.

A group named All Aboard Minnesota asked the council to endorse a proposal for a second Amtrak line to run between Chicago and Minneapolis, with the expectation that it will eventually continue to Fargo, so it would go through Staples. The council agreed they would support the proposal.

The council approved grant from MnDOT for improvements at the Staples Municipal Airport.



Safe Walk to Dino Park art project

Artist Heidi Jeub helps Magic Forest Preschool students Tambree Mudek and Emerson Douts with their coloring project for Safe Walk to Dino Park in Staples, a public safety project that will use children's artwork to create a safe crosswalk for pedestrians on Prairie Ave. NE,

between the Lakewood Care Center and the Dino Park across the street. Lakewood is teaming up with artists Jeub and Peg Churchwell to work with the community to design and paint a colorful art concept in the crosswalk. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Referendum voters in Staples



Staples-Motley School District #2170 residents from Todd and Wadena counties, stopped by the Staples Community Center April 13 to vote on the school's referendum. Above, Rebecca Thorne (right) of Wadena County receives her ballot from Rita Gaugert, election judge. At far left is Stacy Dukowitz, election judge. In lower photo, Todd County residents Mary and David Wetzel sign in with election judges Kathy Robben (left) and Julie Polak. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Blending colors for public project

Magic Forest Preschool students used a ruler to draw straight line shapes on their paper, then chose magic markers to color each shape. They used a paint brush and water to fill in the shapes and blend colors like a watercolor paint-

ing. Pictured, Griffin Meech and Maryn Kropuenske start their painting portion, while Tristan Thorne and Brixton Nelson, with their back to the camera, finish their coloring.



Hungry artists

Following the art project, the preschoolers were rewarded with snacks and juice. From left, Tambree Mudek, Emerson Douts and Odin Meech.

MOORE continued from page 1a

Student takes advantage of opportunities at Staples-Motley

to retire, and moved to Minnesota, settling outside of Motley, Moore said. She has one older brother and three younger brothers, she added.

"I like that the wind here does not blow dust," Moore said. She also likes the fact that snakes in Minnesota are not poisonous. In fact, she actually likes snakes. "They're adorable to look at."

There were not a lot of sports opportunities at her

old school in New Mexico, so Moore has been happy to be a part of some Cardinal teams already. Cross country was a highlight, she mentioned again, adding that her best friend, Naila Mikhaeil, was also on the team. Now, softball season has begun and she's looking forward to playing some games with the Cards in the near future.

In a word, Moore's first year at Staples-Motley has been E-X-C-I-T-I-N-G.

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- Remington 870 Wing Master 12 ga. 2-3/4" or shorter, full choke, S.N. 744120 V
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- J.C. Higgins Model 20, power Pac choke, proof tested, 12 ga., 2-3/4", 28" barrel, no S.N.
- Stevens Arms and Tool Co. Model 225, 12 ga., double barrel hammer gun, 32" barrels, no under forearm, A 4260
- Merridan Firearms Co., 12 ga. single shot Damascus steel
- L.C. Smith Field Grade 12 ga. double barrel, 30" Armor steel, no visible No., no forearm
- New England Firearms Pardner Model 581, 410, 3" full choke, S.N. NG409088
- Sears Roebuck and Co. 2-3/4" - 3" pump, no visible S.N.
- Gaspar Arizaga Elbar Dahn Gun Co., 20 ga., double barrel, 27-1/2" barrels,
- Enders Special Service 20 ga. double barrel, 28" barrels, 04612
- Winchester Model 370, 12 ga., 2-3/4" - 3" single shot, 30" barrel, full choke, S.N. C370311
- Spartan Remington SPR 100 Balkal Russia 12 ga., single shot, no under forearm, 0506037R1
- Thasca Gun Co., 10 ga. double barrel Damascus, exposed hammers, right hand, S.N. 37606
- Bolt 12 ga. over under, 2-3/4", 28" barrels, S.N. 10708
- Cannon Breech 12 ga., single shot, 2-3/4", 30" barrel, S.N. 12755
- Noble Model 60 pump, 16 ga., 2-3/4", 28" barrel, no visible S.N.
- Winchester Model 1400 MKII 12 ga., 2-3/4", 28" vent rib barrel, S.N. N 718127
- Mossberg Model 935 camo, synthetic 12 ga., 28" vent rib barrel, 3-1/2", S.N. U.M. 461615
- Mossberg Model 935 12 ga., 3-1/2" semi auto, camo syn., 28" barrel, S.N. AM48240
- Browning Magnum 12, 12 ga., 3" semi auto, 28" vent rib barrel, S.N. 21912 NX151
- Remington Model 1100 12 ga., 3" Mag semi, auto, 30" full choke vent rib, S.N. M333304M
- Ross 12 ga. double barrel, 3" Coach gun, exposed hammers, 20-1/8" barrels, S.N. T56252
- 2" windup AK47 75-round drum mags, loaded unround

10-Gun Cabinet

Russell Lee, owner, Staples

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HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Crosley refrigerator, works

Corner cabinet

Desk with top shelves

China cabinet

2 Dressers

Old chair

End tables

Small dresser

Flat TV

Storage bench

Knives and silverware

Misc. pots and pans

Knick knacks

Shelf

Old jewelry

Printer

Puzzles

Turn table and cassette

Croquet set

OLDER ITEMS

Cast iron pot with stand

Old Bread box

Crystal glass

Knick knack shelf

2 sm. beds

Cabinet

Dry sink

Desk

TV stand

Day bed

Fans

Quilt rack

Lamps

Dishes

Shelf

Sorel boots, sz. 9-9

Hunting clothes

Christmas items

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Old wheelbarrow

TOOLS/ LAWN/ SPORTSMAN

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Ryobi 10" table saw

Apr/Fab 10 cu ft lawn cart

30# bear bow & arrows

Handmade fishing poles and nets

Misc. shells

Hunting clothes, orange and camo.

Lang handle tools

Some hand tools

Work bench

2 Big Buddy heaters

2 hunting blinds

Wt. 3100 weed eater

Battery charger

6" alum. step ladder

Coleman stove

Elec. weed eater

Live trap

Snow rake

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