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Cardinal cookoff

Staples-Motley students Alex Morlock, Caleb Jasmer, Kenzie Erickson Caitlin Jasmer compete in the ProStart State Invitational. See story, page 11a.

Weather

This Week's Forecast			
High	Low	Cond.	
Apr. 28	62°	40°	M. Cloudy
Apr. 29	57°	34°	M. Sunny
Apr. 30	60°	42°	M. Sunny
May 1	71°	47°	M. Cloudy
May 2	70°	46°	M. Cloudy
May 3	65°	43°	M. Cloudy
May 4	61°	42°	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2020			
High	Low	Cond.	
Apr. 28	49°	46°	Rain
Apr. 29	62°	37°	Sunny
Apr. 30	68°	32°	Sunny
May 1	65°	53°	M. Cloudy
May 2	67°	47°	Sunny
May 3	64°	38°	Sunny
May 4	53°	33°	M. Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 62° Low = 42°
Total Rain:
For week: .10"

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

Public Notices

Todd Planning: 9A

Obituaries
Rodrick Ladd
Allen Haugen
Delores
Hutchison
Emily Tholl
MaryAnn Webster
Denise Young



School referendum numbers approved

The Staples-Motley School Board canvassed the school bond referendum and released precinct information. The April 13 referendum was voted down 1,555 to 909. There were more no votes in every voting precinct except the Wadena County portion of Staples. Following are precinct information, broken down by what county the voters

are from:
Motley (Cass) 306 no, 86 yes
Motley (Morrison) 118 no, 32 yes
Scandia Valley (Todd) 115 no, 33 yes
Scandia Valley (Morrison) 282 no, 86 yes
Staples (Todd) 541 no, 355 yes
Staples (Wadena) 193 no, 317 yes

Todd County Commissioners look at repair costs at the fairgrounds

Karin L. Nauber
Todd County Correspondent

At their April 20, 2021 meeting, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved two further actions to keep the fairgrounds buildings in good condition. Enhancements to the Todd County Fairground and buildings, has been ongoing the last few years, with extensive changes to the Expo building. The first action was to approve a budgeted request to redo the roof of the grandstand, to the low bid of \$16,253.44 from Miller Brothers Construction with a July 2, as a completion date. An insurance claim of \$7,282 on the roof will also be applied. This date will ensure that the project is completed before the Annual Todd County Fair begins the following week. The second item was a bit more contentious and two motions failed for a lack of a second before the board approved the budgeted request to redo the exterior of the Methodist food stand building with LP Smartsite at the low bid of \$11,502 by the same deadline of July 2, to be installed by Miller Brothers Construction. Commissioner David Kircher was opposed. Some of the disagreement came from whether the building should be repaired or taken down. There was also a less expensive option, but Facilities Director Mitch Johnson felt that this steel siding option could have the potential to cause injury. There's some commercial-grade equipment in the building that can be used. Johnson is also a master plumber and said that he and his crew will do the required work to set up the commercial sink that is needed to meet the code.

In other board business

- Approved a gambling

permit for Little Sauk American Legion Post #417 to hold gambling activities at Thunder Lodge in Long Prairie Township effective April 20.

- Approved a gambling permit for Struttin Blackbeards-NWTF to hold a raffle event at Thunder Lodge on August 27.
- Approved Jaden Evenson as one of the summer workers in the public works department.
- Approved the resignation of Child Support Social Worker Taylor Triebenbach effective April 9.
- Acting as Ditch Authority, the board acknowledged receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Jeffery Lopez to clean a section of County Ditch #15 in Bertha Township, Section 28.
- Made a proclamation designating the week of April 18-24, 2021 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Todd County.
- Approved a three-year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and amendment with the University of Minnesota (U of M) Extension Educator programs. This MOA and addendum are for the term of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2024, and have the same positions of one FTE county 4-H educator and 0.75 FTE county agriculture educator, and a summer 4-H intern provided by Sourcewell.
- The contract price includes: all costs of educator wages, fringe benefits costs, mileage, professional development, supervision and payroll accounting services, these are costs of the U of M.
- The MOA addendum includes the summer 4-H intern position, paid primarily by Sourcewell at the rate of \$12 per hour, with supplemental funds from the County Extension budget.
- Awarded the contract for pavement striping projects in various areas of the county to Traffic Mark.

See **BOARD** on page 3a

Rose purchased The Vintage to make golf welcoming, fun again

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A championship level golf course with a welcom-

ing, hometown feel. That's the vision Ernie Rose has for The Vintage golf course in Staples, that he and his wife Katie purchased this

winter and continue to work on that vision. The Roses bought a home in the area a year ago and come here most weekends with their four children. "We fell in love with the people, how laid back and easygoing it was," said Ernie. Their place is on the Crow Wing River, not far from the golf course. Rose said he's been a friend of local golf pro Bill Israelson and learned the course was looking for a new owner. "There's always a need for a golf course in town the same way I grew up in a small town in Australia, he said. Rose played on the PGA Tour of Australia for years before coming to the United States. Here he has been a college coach and PGA Tour caddy for 20 different golfers, including Tom Kite, John Harris, George McNeill and fellow Australian Matt Jones. For twelve years, he has run Ernie Rose Golf in Eden Prairie, the biggest golf simulator facility in the Twin Cities. His business hosts leagues and clinics. See **ROSE** on page 11a



Starting out at The Vintage

New owner of The Vintage golf course, Ernie Rose, stands on the first tee box, symbolic of his first year at the golf club. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples Chamber plans new events, changes for RR Days

The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce is planning several events for this summer and beyond.

- The first event is the May 15 Pink Party, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Staples Depot. This is an event for women who are not participating in the statewide fishing opener.
- The Annual Chamber Dinner will be held June 3, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center. This will be an informational event with a featured speaker and chamber updates.
- Bark in the Park is being planned for Saturday, July 17. This is for area dog owners to get together and meet new friends. More information on the time and location will be coming.
- Staples Railroad Days is moving to a new week, August 16-22. This is the third week of August instead of the fourth week. Instead of the Chili Cook Off, the chamber is planning a kebab cook off, and will move the Chili Cook Off to another event in the fall.

Events scheduled so far: penny wars, the Lakewood Health System Golf Tournament, Women of Today Car Show, Sisters with Sass 5k fun run, grand parade and street dance. Chamber Director Maddi Johnson said they are working with groups who would like to sponsor events, and the chamber is open to any new ideas that a group would like to add to the schedule. Contact Maddie Johnson at chamber@gmail.com.



Chamber meetings started up again

At the April 21 Staples Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, from left, Chris Etzler, Rachel Johnson, Renee Kroll, Mary Greenwaldt, Chamber Director Maddi Johnson, Sandy Knosalla and Roxanne Hejhal. Not pictured, Staples Economic

Development Director Melissa Wyman attended the meeting via the online option. The chamber is planning on meeting once a month, the third Wednesday of each month, at Timbers Restaurant, Staples (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Motley’s annual audit presented, accepted

During their regular meeting Aug. 12, the Motley City Council voted to accept the 2019 audit report, as presented via livestream by Jon Archer of Schlenner Wenner & Company, certified public accountants from Little Falls. Council members pictured, from left, included Jace Carlson, Mayor Al Yoder and Pat O’Regan. Archer noted that the audit process went smoothly, the city employees were easy to work with, and that they did not find any mistakes or other issues in any of the financial statements. (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 16 - 20

April 20 - The MPD arrested Tyler Paul Yetzer Tucker, 22, for a body only felony drug warrant. He was also issued a citation for driving after revocation.

April 16 - The MPD issued hands free violation citations to Scott Gottschalk, 65; Blaine Hay, 58; and Nicholas Sonsalla, 39.

April 15 - The MPD issued a citation to Nicholas Kist, 34, for a seatbelt

violation. After the police chief told him to drive safe, the driver proceeded to swear at him.

April 15 - The MPD issued a citation to Ricky Abbas, 45, for driving after revocation and for speeding.

April 20 - The MCSO received a report of a vehicle all over the road with no headlights on at Dove Rd and 330th St., Cushing. The responding deputy located the vehicle in question, which was having battery problems, and assisted them with a jump.

April 20 - The MCSO received a report of a trailer theft at the 2000 block of Circle Dr., Motley.

April 20 - The MCSO responded to a report of a domestic situation at the 3000 block of Azalea Rd., Motley, and subsequently arrested Chad Mark Birkholtz, 40. The subject was later transported from the emergency room at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples to the Morrison County Jail.

April 17 - The MCSO received a report of a gas drive off at Lincoln Gas & Bait in Cushing.

April 17 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to a juvenile. Subject was clocked at 85 miles per hour on Highway 10, Cushing.



Update from Lakewood Health System

Lisa Bjerga, Chief Financial Officer at Lakewood Health System (LHS) in Staples attended the Motley City Council’s regular meeting April 12, during which time she presented Lakewood’s 2020 Annual Hospital District Report. Council members pictured, from left, include Mayor Al Yoder, Pat O’Regan and Steve Johnson.

Bjerga noted that despite the Covid-19 pandemic and losing \$1 million a week during the government shut-down, LHS has remained strong. The financial portion of the report indicated that Operating Cash increased \$30.7 million during 2020, there was no levy and there have been no price increases in seven years.

In terms of Covid-19, there have been employee challenges (some out due to the virus and redeployment of staff) and LHS reported six hospital deaths and

three care center deaths because of Covid-19. As of April 12, staff had been able to administer 7,220 Covid-19 vaccines.

Bjerga shared that after 43 years at Lakewood Health System, Tim Rice, President/CEO, will be retiring Dec. 31, 2022. Immediate and long-term succession planning has been completed. Other board/administrative changes include the district board resignations of Barb Peterson (Villard Township - Amy Brichacek started Jan. 1, 2021) and Donald Sirucek (Poplar Township - Susan Peet started Jan. 1, 2021); and the retirement of System Board Chair Jim Hofer on July 31, 2021. Curt McIlravy has been appointed as System Board Chair-Elect.

Bjerga said that so far, 2021 has been a good year for Lakewood. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars awards night is May 5

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars (DFS) organization will hold their annual scholarship awards night Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

In addition to the many scholarships that have previously been available through the Staples and Motley DFS, seven new scholarships have been added this year. A new logo is soon to be added as well, thanks to Heather (Hasselberg) Erholtz of Staples, a Staples-Motley alum who gifted her artistic/marketing talents to the organization as they work on rebranding.

Last year’s event was held virtually, due to the pandemic. This year, in-person seating is back, but will be limited to students who are receiving a scholarship, their parents and grandparents. The event will also be broadcast live on the Staples and Motley DFS Facebook page.

Bryan Winkels, DFS Chair, noted that since their start in 1986, the organization has awarded \$1,789,015 in scholarships to Staples-Motley students.

New scholarships

This year, seven new scholarships have been added, providing even

more opportunities for Staples-Motley students hoping to further their education. These scholarships are listed below, along with descriptions of each provided by Winkels:

- Cardinal Sound Booth Scholarship - Co-sponsored by Jordan Haglin, a 2016 SMHS graduate; and Principal Mike Schmidt. Haglin was a ‘go to person’ for Schmidt when it came to sound booth, audio-video productions, dances, etc. As a result, they’ve teamed up to offer a scholarship to a SM senior that has been “behind the scenes” or “up in the booth” and played a trusted role in school activities.
- Dave Hasselberg Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship will be awarded to a SM senior planning on pursuing a degree in a trade such as machine trades, robotics, electronic technology, electrician, lineman, welding, diesel mechanics, automotive technician.

Hasselberg was a 1965 graduate of Staples High School. He earned a degree in tool design at Staples Area Vocational Technical School, now known as Central Lakes College. He went on to gain a career as a tool designer and established a successful partnership in Performance Tool and Die in Lakeville. Contin-

ing education to pursue a trade was always important to Dave and he made provisions in his estate plan to establish this scholarship fund in his name. It is a great pleasure of Dave’s surviving wife, Sandy, to see his legacy provide financial educational assistance in his memory.

- Enberg Logging Scholarship - This scholarship was started after the death of Rod Enberg’s wife, Lynn. Lynn had a 40-year career in elementary education and her mother, Jessie Pudil, a 27-year career as an elementary school teacher. Rod, along with the help of Lynn’s sons, wanted to share Lynn’s love for teaching and learning to someone pursuing a career in education.
- Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship - This scholarship will be awarded to a SMHS senior who will be enrolling in a CNC Technologist Training or CNC Machining-based engineering program at the post-secondary level.
- Schmidt Family Scholarship - This scholarship is offered to a student planning on continuing their education in a technical field of study. Preference will be given to students pursuing an electrical, plumbing, pipefitting, carpentry or related field of study. This scholarship is

sponsored by Ray and Sue Schmidt in honor of Mike and Heidi Schmidt.

- Staples Fire Department Relief Association Scholarship - These scholarships will be awarded to individuals furthering their education in Emergency Medical Services including EMT, Paramedic, Firefighter, and/or law enforcement.
- Staples Police Department Law Enforcement Scholarship - This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at SMHS who is seeking an education in law enforcement.

Winkels went on to note that the Staples and Motley DFS is also bringing back the Non-Traditional scholarship. This scholarship will be offered to a non-traditional student age 25 or older, a resident of the SM School District and pre-enrolled in a trade school, college or university of their choice.

All of the DFS scholarships are merit-based, not need-based, Winkels said. Many of the scholarships are offered on a year-to-year basis, and some are permanently endowed. The DFS Committee is grateful to all who’ve stepped up to make monetary donations toward these scholarships. Winkels mentioned that from May 10-24, Ace Hardware in Staples will be conducting

their ‘operation roundup,’ giving customers an opportunity to round their bill to the nearest dollar, with the excess going to SM Dollars for Scholars. Last year’s Operation Roundup raised at least \$1,000.

Winkels also noted that scholarship recipients have two years to utilize the funds. So, students thinking about taking a ‘gap year’ should not hesitate to apply.

DFS Committee members

The current Staples and Motley DFS Committee members include: Bryan Winkels, chair; Bobbe Anderson, vice chair; Missie Daniels, secretary; Lisa Giza, treasurer; Mike Schmidt, Mary Kobliska, Kellie Erickson, Holly Tappe, Dale Williams, Amber Houselog, Dr. Julie Benson, Abby Dunn, Jennie Dolezal.

The Staples and Motley

DFS Student Representatives include: Cole Winkels, Max Strickland, seniors; Madysen Hull, Bo Erholtz, juniors; Topanga Braith, Jason Trantina, sophomores; Keller Anderson, Addisyn Cichos, freshmen; and Estella Bock, Miranda Schotzko, incoming freshmen reps.

Future changes

In addition to their new logo, Winkels said the Staples and Motley DFS is hoping to revamp their website in the future. They’re always happy to add more board members to their roster, and would especially love to have people join who are skilled in social media and marketing.

For more information about Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars, visit their website at www.staples-motley.dollarsforscholars.org.



Motley Food Shelf donation

The Leader Lions Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Motley Area Food Shelf. Above: Sherry Frisk, Motley Area Food Shelf and Deb Alexander, Leader Lions. (Submitted photo)

HEAT OR FOOD



You don't have to choose.

The Todd County Energy Assistance deadline for new applications and crisis assistance for current participants has been extended to September 1st, 2021 AND the income guidelines for new applicants have increased for qualification by 10%. Please see the table of the new guidelines below to see if you and/or your family may qualify.

APPLY FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Contact your local Todd County Energy Assistance Provider at
Phone 320-732-4516 Toll Free 888-838-4066
<https://www.co.todd.mn.us/> • eap.desk@co.todd.mn.us

For EAP, your household income cannot be more than these income guidelines for three months:

Household Size:	Income:
1	\$8,479
2	\$11,088
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4	\$16,307
5	\$18,916
6	\$21,525
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8	\$22,503
9	\$22,992





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Staples World DEADLINES

Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising:

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• April 25, 1946 - An ad for Baby Chicks from the Staples Hatchery reads, "Once more we call your attention to the probable shortage of poultry and eggs next fall and winter. Prepare now for a good profit later by raising poultry. Order your baby chicks now. Visit our fine new modern hatchery and see the fine chicks being hatched.

We have a splendid selection of fine started chicks on hand and at reasonable prices. Look them over.

• April 25, 1946 - The Senior Class of Motley High School will present their class play in the auditorium of the Motley High School

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May 1 and 2, beginning at 8:15 p.m.

This year's play "Twixteen" is a school story and is full of good comedy and plenty of action. The scene is laid in the bedroom of Rodney Wells and the trials and tribulations of teenagers is certainly brought forth in three acts of hilarious fun. The cast includes: Clem Coverston, Jr., Melvin Aleshire, Milford (Andy) Rosvold, Harvey Marohn, Beverly Thomson, Joyce Mack, Hazel Dahl, Gwendolyn Anderson, Donna Dubbels.

• April 25, 1946 - Staples Theatre is showing "Dakota" starring John Wayne and Walter Brennan on April 26-27. Admission prices are 12 cents and 30 cents, including tax. Showing May 1-2, "The Corn is Green" with Bette Davis (Her Greatest Performance).

• April 25, 1946 - The Senior-Thespian group of the Staples high school will present their annual spring play at the high school auditorium on May 2, with the opening curtain billed to be at 8 o'clock.

"Spring Fever" is a three act farce under the direction of Miss Muriel Hagstrom of the music department of the school.

Taking the leading role of the male characters is John Larson, a senior. Miss Donna Greeno has the leading feminine part, and

they are ably supported by Patrick Mulloy, Clarence Fogelstrom, Francis Peirce, Joseph Steindel, Edward Sadusky, Donna Gordon, Avis Gudim, Elaine Reichelderfer, Audrey Fuller and Loretta Lorentz.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• April 29, 1971 - Three farm girls from this area will be representing Staples in the Todd County Dairy Princess Contest, James Hofer, president of the Staples Chamber of Commerce, said last Saturday.

The Staples entrants will be Diana Gaugert, Julie Miller and Linda Winter.

Miss Gaugert is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaugert. She is a 1970 graduate of Staples high school and is presently attending Bemidji State College.

Miss Miller is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller. She will graduate in May as the co-salutatorian of the Staples class.

Miss Winter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Winter and she is the valedictorian of the 1971 graduating class from Staples high school.

• April 29, 1971 - The members of the Staples Lions Club will entertain their wives at their meeting May 3.

The Ladies Night event of the Lions Club will be held at the River Inn, Aldrich, with a social hour starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m.

Arrangements for the event are being handled by B.C. Blessing, Lambert Klose, L. G. Lundeen, Gordon Scharf, Douglas Grossman and Orville Meyer.

• April 29, 1971 - Patrick Sullivan has been named valedictorian and Leonard Cronin is the salutatorian of the 1971 graduating class at Motley high school, R. G. Berg, superintendent, said this week.

Patrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan and Leonard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Cronin.

• April 29, 1971 - David Blanchard, a seventh grader at Staples high school, was named as the second alternate in the Region Six Speech festival held last Saturday at Fergus Falls.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 29, 1982 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.

Blanchard competed in the category of storytelling. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Blanchard.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• April 25, 1996 - Plans for new owners at Pine County, Inc. got a big boost Tuesday night when the Staples City Council voted to participate in a loan package through its revolving loan fund.

The city agreed to loan \$50,000 to Norb Johnson and Gary Emfield, who are proposing to purchase the Pine County garment manufacturing business and expand operations by adding 30 new jobs in the near future. They will pay the city back at 6 percent interest over 5 years.

Jerel Nelsen, city economic development specialist, noted that the current owner, Harold Moffett, has been seeking a buyer for several years. He and a partner have operated the business since 1983, when they purchased what was formerly known as the Carter Ringer plant. The plant has specialized in sewing of coats and outerwear in the past.

• April 25, 1996 - A telephoned bomb threat emptied the Staples Motley High School Wednesday, April 17, but classes resumed after about a 2-1/2 hour break.

Since then, a student has been suspended by school officials and possible criminal charges are being considered against a 17-year-old boy who allegedly made the call.

The bomb threat was received by a student answering the phone in art instructor Dave Beaman's office at around 10:30 a.m., indicating there was a bomb in the art department.

• April 25, 1996 - The top students in the Class of 1996 have been named at Staples Motley High School, with

five students sharing valedictorian and salutatorian honors.

High school Principal Bruce Pederson last week announced that Eric Kramer and Sarah Auker have been named the valedictorians for the 1996 graduating class. Classmates Lori Rothstein, Craig Kaste and Jason Becker will share the salutatorian honor.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• April 28, 2011 - After the Staples World ran a photo of the 1961 school bus accident that claimed the life of 13-year-old Jean Statema, it sparked the memory of Al Card of Staples.

Card recalled the May 11 accident in Staples, when a grain truck, loaded with 49,000 pounds of barley, collided broadside with the bus. Of the 39 students on the bus, 11 were hospitalized after the accident and later in the week, Statema died.

The bus was later buried on land in Staples that had once been owned by Al Card's dad, Pete Card, who had owned a salvage yard where the Freshwater Education District building now sits. Today, a grove of trees covers the spot where the bus was buried.

Fifty years later, the story of the bus became news again because the land was subsequently purchased by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the purpose of rerouting Hwy 10 to that area. Now that the highway has been routed one block south instead, MnDOT is looking to sell the land. The Staples EDA is helping find buyers, but the story of a buried bus kept cropping up.

Sourcwell funding approved for mental health initiative

ing Services, Inc. of Maple Lake based on their low bid of \$158,978. These are the ground-in, wet-reflective stripes.

• Awarded the contract for pavement markings located on various highways to AAA Striping Service Co. of Saint Michael based on their low bid of \$53,954.

• Awarded the contract for dust control on various highways to Knife River Corp. of Sauk Rapids based on their low bid of \$113,332.

As with the other bids in public works, the bids were again all very close in amount. County Engineer Loren Fellbaum said he was pleased by the competitive bids.

• Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) is again conducting the County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant for \$10,000.

The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; to enhance the operations of the County Veterans Service Office, as specified in Minnesota laws.

• The board approved a request for the correction of a job title that had been submitted and brought to the personnel committee for consideration. The title of Office Manager was approved to be changed to Office Assistant - Solid Waste.

This had been previously submitted as "administrative assistant" and was tabled at the April 6, meeting due to concerns about confidentiality. This position was evaluated through the Baker Tilly Classification Study and will remain Grade 8. There will be no change in grade.

• A motion to extend an application by 60 days to allow for additional review of a subdivision request to establish a 10 lot preliminary plat in Kandota Township was approved. The application was submitted on March 2, and was reviewed by the planning commission during the April 1, meeting.

According to Planning and Zoning Director Adam Ossefoort, during the meeting, concerns were raised about the existing location of Akley Drive. He said that the planning commission did not have adequate information available at the meeting to make an informed recommendation

to the commissioners. The planning commission has made a request to extend the application an additional 60 days in order for additional review of Akley Drive.

The initial decision deadline was set to be on April 30. Granting this extension sets a new decision deadline of June 29.

• Approved a resolution establishing support for seeking \$240,000 in funding from Sourcwell for a regional program for an intensive mental health service option for youth in Region 5.

The funding would allow collaboration with Collaborative Intensive Bridging Services (CIBS) to increase the therapeutic skill level of county agency staff and therapeutic partner staff in Region 5 to provide intensive mental health services for youth eight-17 years of age.

The CIBS program is supposed to save counties money by having fewer out-of-home placements. This program not only works with the children but the entire family.

Kircher said that mental health is a priority that needs to be addressed and that treating the core issue of mental health will help in dealing with the problem.

• Authorized the hire of one social worker to provide Children's Mental Health-Targeted Case Management. This could work hand-in-hand with the CIBS program if they receive the grant to fund it.

• Approved; reconsideration of a job classification request for; chief deputy sheriff, which has been completed in accordance with Todd County Personnel Policy Article 6 and analyzed based on the components of the SAFE Job Evaluation System.

The analysis and reassessment of points moved the position from a Grade 15 to Grade 16. The personnel committee has reviewed this and recommends the change.

Following the county's current policy of adding four percent to the current wage and placement on the next step would be Grade 16, Step 5 effective April 25, 2021. This will be a \$2.36 increase per hour.

• A closed session was held for department head evaluations for the following: Chris McConn, Solid Waste Director; Loren Fellbaum, Public Works Engineer; Adam Ossefoort, PZ/SWCD Division Director; Chris Odden, Assessor; Mitch Johnson, Facilities Supervisor; Pete Berscheid, Veterans Services Officer; and Jackie Och, HHS Direc

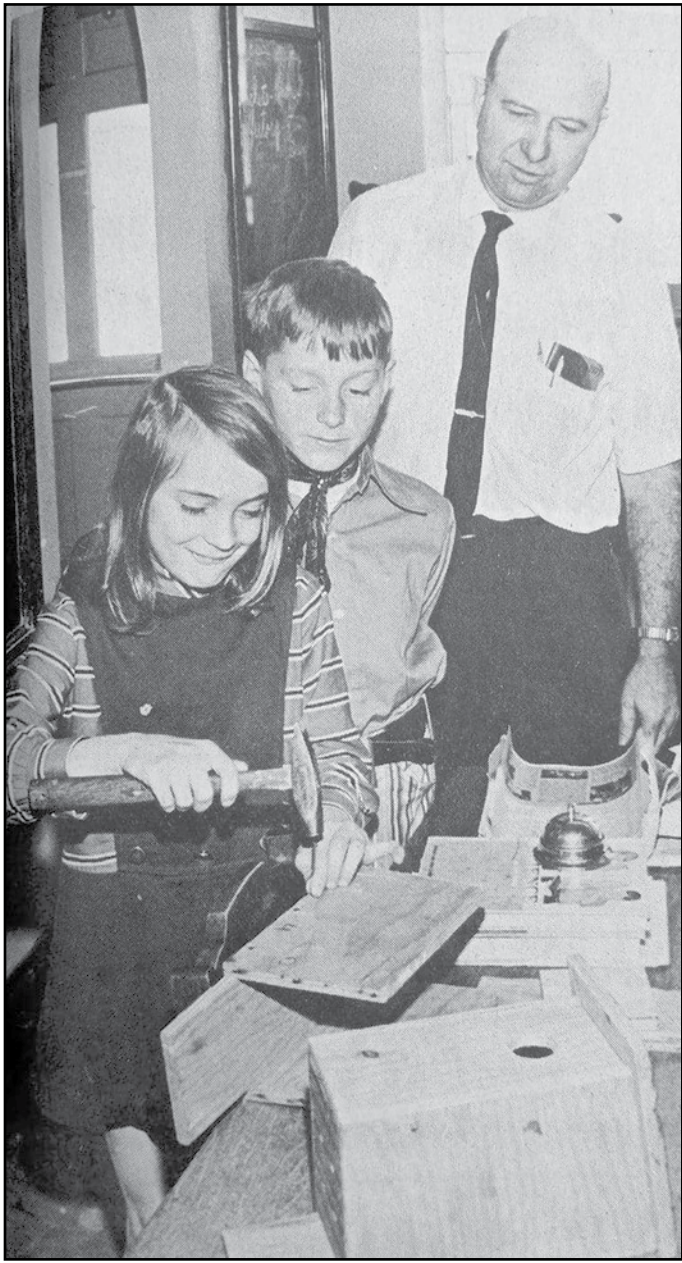
COVID-19 still a factor in area

The Wadena area had 21 new cases of COVID-19 this past week, which is higher than in previous weeks, it is the highest number in the area for the week.

The virus continues to spread in the area, without

breaks in area communities every week.

Long Prairie; 14 new cases, Pillager; 10, and the other local communities were in single digits, including Staples with nine and Motley with seven.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the April 15, 1971 edition of the Staples World, featured fifth grade students at Sacred Heart School in Staples who were learning conservation measures. Pictured from left, Patty Jay, 11, pounds a nail into a bluebird house. Looking on are Todd Hess, 11; and Al Lauer, vo-ag instructor at the Vocational school in Staples, who demonstrated how to build bird houses.

There were no responses to last week's mystery photo.

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The changing structure/ challenges of law enforcement

By Melissa Birkholtz
Staples Police Chief

I feel very fortunate to work in this community where we are so strongly supported. While our jobs are challenging at times, it is reassuring to be serving people who understand that we are doing the best job that we can and at the end of the day, we are all human beings who sometimes make errors. I couldn't be prouder of the job that the men and women of our departments do, and the fact that they are meeting these challenges with open minds and dedicated work ethic. We all love our community and want it to stay safe and healthy.

For the last several years, the Minnesota legislature and the MN POST board have updated training mandates for law enforcement. We meet these with a will-

ingness to practice what is a constantly changing career. Minnesota police must now have certifications in different training requirements to include implicit bias, mental health de-escalation, autism awareness, among others. We also have updated training mandates relating to the use of force and the use of deadly force. Many of these courses are now required for licensing of peace officers and also need to be re-certified every three years when our licenses are renewed. We recognize that we can always improve and adapt to meet the needs of the people we serve and protect. Additionally, there has been more focus on the mental health of officers and healthy coping strategies for dealing with the trauma we are faced with.

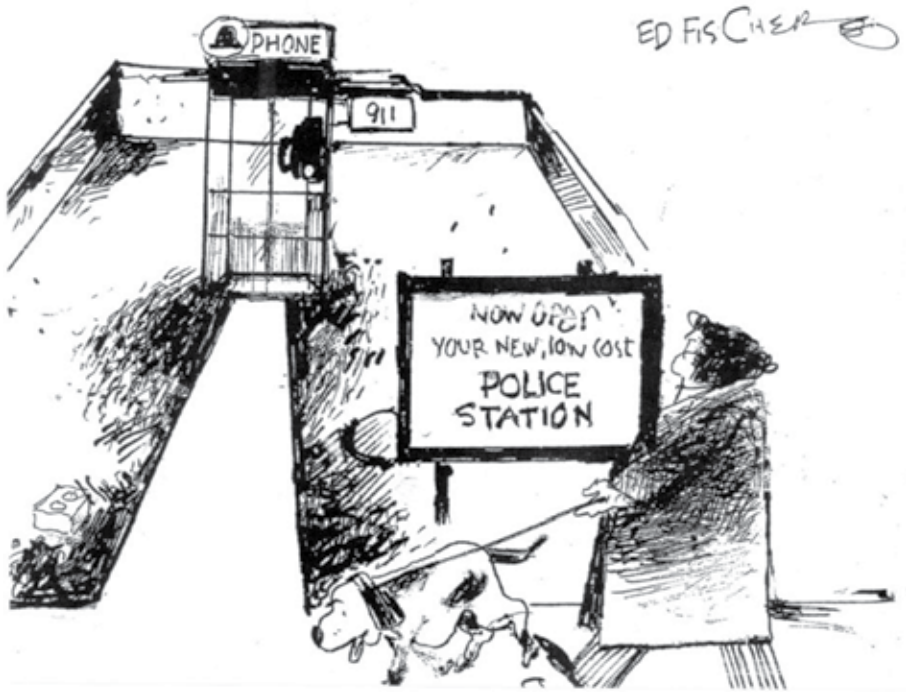
One of the biggest challenges the law enforcement field is currently facing is a shortage of qualified applicants. It is no surprise that with the heightened scrutiny, many people are choosing other career fields. In turn, at a time when we are under more examination than ever before, we have a smaller pool of applicants than ever before. This presents challenges in

hiring and retaining officers for all the departments across the nation. There are still many incredible men and women joining law enforcement, but any administrator would tell you that it would be very helpful if there were more available candidates. Police work is still a noble and honorable profession and we are anxiously awaiting the training academies to be full again.

In rural Minnesota, we rely heavily on our partnerships with area departments. We have great cooperation and collaboration with our local partners in both responses to calls for service as well as training. We work together and have the same goals and objectives to keep our communities safe and healthy. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and professional partners to work with.

Although the job is constantly changing, we are still dedicated to the ideals that make law enforcement one of the best jobs a person can have. We have integrity, grit and our genuine love for our community that we serve. We are proud to serve.

Thank you for your continued support during these trying times.



CLC education enhances the learning experience

By Paul Preimesberger
CLC Dean, Enrollment Management and Student Success

Central Lakes College is determined to provide students with not only an excellent education and exceptional value, but also an enriching campus experience full of opportunity, fun and fulfillment. CLC students will find chances to form friendships, build lifelong connections and progress toward their future goals.

Experience Learning. Gain the confidence that comes through learning new information and skills. Our instructors in both Liberal Arts and Career and Technical Education programs love to teach, and they know their subject matter. You'll find yourself challenged and energized by new knowledge, dynamic presentations and real-world applications. You'll meet professionals in the field and have the chance to connect with our established alumni. Our classrooms, labs, technology and facilities are second to none. And because our classes are small, you'll get to really know your instructors, who will guide and support your learning. Plus, you'll form

lasting friendships with your peers.

Experience Campus Life. Student life at CLC is as expansive as you make it. Opportunities abound to meet other students who share common interests through our wide array of student clubs—28 at last count! Unable to find one that matches your interests? No problem. Starting a new club is simple and straightforward. Our Student Life program also sponsors field trips, campus events and shows, not to mention a thriving student government. CLC's athletic programs are some of the top in the state. With the expected return of football, volleyball and basketball, along with baseball and softball already in action, there are many opportunities to cheer for your CLC Raiders! CLC is a regional standout when it comes to arts events, too. Students can experience live music, theatre and gallery events throughout the year.

Experience Support. CLC has a full spectrum of free supports and resources to help students through challenging times. Whether a student is facing anxiety or mental health issues, food insecurity, emergency financial needs, we are resolved that these challenges do not prevent students from

attaining their educational and career goals. We have personal counseling on campus and virtually accessible cognitive behavior therapy and telepsychiatry, along with academic support and student case management professionals. Financial aid, scholarships and emergency funding provide students with the funds to assure that their financial investment is sustainable.

Experience the Path to Your Future. Our team of knowledgeable and personable professionals will help see you toward your educational, career and life goals. From campus tours to admissions to course and program registration, we will guide you all along the way. Whether you choose an Associate of Arts, a Transfer Pathway, or a technical diploma or certificate, we have people and services to help you with transfer and career placement. Furthermore, our long-term relationships with alumni, program advisory boards, business and community groups provide students with access to real-world expertise and supportive career networks.

So many exciting experiences are waiting for you at Central Lakes College. Now is the time to pursue them. I'll see you on campus.

Crisis on American border... with Canada

By Michelle Fischbach
U.S. Representative

Americans on the northern border are in crisis.

For more than a year, crossing the Canadian border has remained off limits for all but “essential” travel. But what began as a temporary restriction to slow the spread of COVID-19 has morphed into an indefinite closure, upending life in a region that relies on cross-border travel for everything from medical care to employment to tourism.

Nowhere have these prolonged restrictions been more difficult than in Minnesota's Northwest Angle, the only point in the contiguous United States located north of the 49th parallel. Surrounded by Manitoba on one side and Lake of the Woods on the other, the only way to reach the Angle by land is through a remote 40-mile stretch of Canadian highway.

At first, the border restrictions were an inconvenience, not dissimilar from mitigation efforts around the world as public health authorities learned more about the pandemic. And until very recently Angle residents could travel back-and-forth across the border, with proper identification, for essential trips.

But despite the wide-

spread availability of multiple safe, highly effective vaccines and treatment options, the Canadian government has inexplicably continued to tighten the restrictions.

About a month ago, the Canada Border Services Agency announced that all individuals crossing into their country by road — regardless of circumstance or duration — are required to test negative for COVID-19. A rapid test will not do; individuals must present a negative result from a molecular test, which can take days to obtain.

The 200 or so residents of the Northwest Angle — fellow Americans — have been left reeling by the restrictions, feeling abandoned by their own government and increasingly losing hope for a solution.

Together with Rep. Pete Stauber, whose Eighth Congressional District also includes border communities, and with our counterparts in the Canadian House of Commons, I met with affected residents recently. We heard story after story of families separated, lives and livelihoods on hold, and generational businesses brought to the brink of bankruptcy.

In an economy that is largely tourism-based, the prolonged closure has been catastrophic for local busi-

nesses in the Northwest Angle. One resort owner said he collected a total of only \$3 in sales tax last May, June and July — bringing his family-owned business near bankruptcy. Another Angle resident spoke of a neighbor who have not seen their spouses in more than a year. A third person spoke of the inability to perform basic tasks, such as buying groceries or receiving medical care, for fear of being left stranded away from home.

People are desperate, and I don't blame them.

With the eyes of the national media focused on the chaos at America's southern border, few have any idea this problem exists. To be sure, illegal border crossings at an all-time high, and the southern border crisis merits significant attention.

But the northern border is in crisis, too, and these are American citizens that need help from their government.

This is going to require a bilateral solution at the highest levels, but that will not happen until the Biden administration acknowledges the problem.

So far, there has been resounding silence.

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April 29

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

April 30

DRIVE-THRU SPRING CHICK-EN DINNER Friday, April 30, from 4:30 - 6 p.m., at the Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S. To pre-order, call 218-352-6466 on Tuesday or Wednesday from noon - 4 p.m., or email mail@motleyumc.org with name and number of diners by 5 p.m. on Thursday.

May 3

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

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

May

- **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS AWARDS NIGHT** May 5, 7 p.m.
- **COMMENCEMENT CONCERT** May 21, 7 p.m. Grades 10 - 12
- **BACCALAUREATE** May 23, location/time TBD.
- **FINALE CONCERT** May 24, 7 p.m. Grades 6 - 9.
- **CORDS AND AWARDS** May 28, 10 a.m.
- **GRADUATION** May 28, 7:30 p.m.
- **No SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY** May 31.

June

- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** June 4.
- **TEACHER WORKDAY** June 7.

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

BookEnds Online to feature Severson

Julie Jo Severson, author of “Secret Twin Cities”, will be the featured guest on this month’s BookEnds Online Edition, Saturday May 8 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. BookEnds Online Edition is a monthly literary event connecting readers and writers on the second Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Julie Jo Severson is a

versatile journalist, editor, and author of the brand new local guidebook “Secret Twin Cities: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure”. She is based in the Twin Cities and specializes in feature writing for local magazines, nonprofits, and small businesses. She is also available to work with individuals to record, tran-

scribe, and shape their life stories and family heritage information into written legacies for future generations.

Come meet her on BookEnds Online Edition via Zoom, May 8 at 11:30 a.m. The Zoom meeting ID is 867 0338 5655. For more information email 603wchs@arvig.net or call 218 631-9079.

Check our website www.WadenaCountyHistory.com for more information about BookEnds and access to recordings of previous programs featuring outstanding writers. This year’s programs include Debra Eckerman Pitton, Peter Geye, Mary Logue, and David LaRochele.

Dezi Trana annual nursing scholarship benefit

The 2021 Dezi Trana Nursing Scholarship Benefit will be held Saturday, May 8, at Lefty’s Bar in Staples, beginning at noon.

On the agenda is a corn hole (bean bag) tournament, raffle and a BBQ style lunch. Sign-up for the tournament begins at 11 a.m.

Dezerae (Dezi) was born and raised in Staples, the daughter of Dennis and Mona Trana. She graduated from Staples Motley High School in 2002; and continued her studies at Central lakes College in the nursing field, eventually working as a nurse at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

She passed away in 2017, at the age of 32.

The Dezi Trana Nursing Scholarship Members said that, “We look forward to a fun filled day raising money for a great cause and in honor of an amazing woman.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal 5:30 p.m.
Family Night 6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study 7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July 9 a.m.
July - January 11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
facebook live 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

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

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal 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 Hofferf
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Verndale

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

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

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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“Still Paying Premiums”

Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

To most people, the great depression of the 30’s has been forgotten in the wave of present day prosperity. Out of those hard times, however, came a story which has a strange ending yet teaches us a powerful lesson.

A tired, timid old lady approached the first desk she saw in an insurance office in Minneapolis. When asked what she wanted, she showed them a policy and explained she was unable to make additional payments on it. She said that it was hard for her to get work and what little she did get was hardly enough to clothe, feed her and keep a roof over her head. After quick investigation, the clerk saw that the policy was very valuable. He warned the old lady that she was making an unwise move to stop payment, besides, did not her husband have anything to say? It was his policy, made out to her benefit. Her husband? She quickly explained that he had been dead for three years. Immediately the

company officials went into action. They soon discovered that she was telling the truth. Consequently, far from owing them money, they were obligated to refund the premiums that she had over-paid, plus the full amount for which the husband had insured his life in her favor. The money was sufficient to keep her in comfort the rest of her life. She had not realized that she was entitled to the face value of the policy as soon as her husband had died.

Listen! The greatest benefit of all time became due when Jesus Christ died on the cross! Thousands of people continue trying to make payments on their own salvation, while all they need to do is accept the immeasurable gift that is theirs through the death and resurrection of our Savior.

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--Author Unknown

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Born to Miranda and Travis Richards of Hewitt, a baby boy, Austin Gordon weighing seven pounds, four ounces on April 16, 2021.

Born to Sheri and Garrett Zylka of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Griffin Stone weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on April 18, 2021.

Born to Sarah and Josh Clews of Bemidj, a baby boy, Zane William weighing six pounds, one ounce on April 20, 2021.

Born to Jeanne and Marshall Thelen of Hewitt, a baby girl, Evelyn Ann weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on April 21, 2021.

Born to Brook Ratcliff and Carter Kaufman of Wadena, a baby boy, Zayden John weighing seven pounds, five ounces on April 21, 2021.

Born to Mary and Brandon Oftedahl of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Raelynn Rose weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on April 22, 2021.

Born to Cassy Berndt and Terry Disterhaupt of Pilager, a baby girl, Maya Paige weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on April 22, 2021.

Born to Amanda and Steven Hinson of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Gabriella Gail weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on April 23, 2021.

Obituaries

Denise Young

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

A memorial service was held April 24 at the Church of Christ in Staples with Rev. Barry Klein officiating. Interment was at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Denise was born June 5, 1957 to Patrick and Bertha (Lee) Young in Staples. Denise graduated from Staples High School in 1976 and was a member of the Staples Church of Christ. After graduation, she attended the Staples Vocational Technical Institute for Commercial Writing. She held various jobs throughout her lifetime including; as a proofreader at the Staples World, working at the Rising Phoenix, housekeeping at the Wadena Inn and was self-employed as a caregiver. Demose volunteered as a teacher's assistant for five years and enjoyed working with children. Denise enjoyed nature walks, gardening, loved her pets dearly and was a



talented artist. She will be dearly missed.

Denise is survived by one brother, Tony (Dorothy) Young, Staples; two sisters, Gwendolyn (Clarence) Schoon, Sebeka and Marcy Young, Litchfield and one sister-in-law, Judy Young, Staples, eight nieces and five nephews.

Denise was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Toby and Mort Young.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

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MaryAnn Webster

MaryAnn (Mudick) Webster, 78, of Philbrook, passed away April 18, 2021.

Mass of Christian burial was held April 22 at the Sacred Heart Church in Staples.

MaryAnn was born March 25, 1943 in Staples. Her parents were Lucille and Harry Mudick. She married Gerald Webster on June 17, 1961 at St. James Catholic Church in Philbrook. Together they had three children, Melissa, Patricia and Richard.

MaryAnn is survived by one daughter, Patricia (Chuck) Grant; three granddaughters, Carlene (Shane) Breckenridge, Courtney (Kory Hoheisel) Carlson and Candice (Zach) Boutin; nine great-grandchildren, Lucas, Jaidyn, Jaxson, JaciAnna, Clara, Nicholas, Peyton, Liam and Amelia; and one brother, Dale (Rae)



Mudick.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald; parents; one brother, Jerry; one sister, Carol; one daughter, Melissa; one son, Richard Webster and infant twin grandsons.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Rodrick Ladd

Rodrick David Ladd, 53, passed away peacefully at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. He was surrounded by the love and comfort of his sister, Teresa, his two daughters, Aryn and Emily and their mother, Kyra.

In lieu of a funeral, there will be a celebration of life in Washington hosted by Rod's sister and the spreading of his ashes in Texas by his daughters. For those who knew and loved Rod, please continue his legacy by remembering him fondly and thinking of him often.

Rod was born on November 7, 1967, to Clifford and Barbara Ladd in Ellensburg, WA. He has a younger sister, Teresa, who he loved spending time with growing up. After graduation from high school, Rod moved to Phoenix, AZ, where he attended DeVry Institute. He began a very long and successful career with MCI and in 1987, he relocated to Austin, TX, for a management position. During his career, Rod was promoted many times and his job allowed him to travel for business throughout the world, during which time he met and experienced many new people and cultures firsthand. Ultimately, Rod became one of a handful of Directors within MCI/WorldCom and was recognized many times throughout his career with numerous national awards within the company.



In May, 1993, Rod married Kyra Odden in Austin, TX. They were blessed with two amazing daughters, Aryn in 1994 and Emily in 1997. Rod loved his girls very much. Rod's job moved his family around and they lived in Phoenix, AZ, Arlington, VA and finally Austin, TX, a place Rod loved very much. Rod enjoyed tinkering in the garage fixing things. He also enjoyed golfing, spending time at the lake, making memories with friends and helping others. Rod's entrepreneurial spirit allowed him to be involved in many start-up companies. He always had a vision for the next great thing.

He is survived and lovingly remembered by his mother, Barbara; one sister, Teresa and her daughter, Kenzi; two daughters, Aryn and Emily, their mother, Kyra and many other loving family members and friends.

Rod is preceded in death by his father, Clifford.

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Delores Hutchison

Delores Mae (Dibble) Hutchison, 92, of Staples passed away peacefully April 21, 2021.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 28 at the Staples Church of Christ with Rev. Barry Klein officiating. Friends may gather from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. prior to the services at the church.

If you wish to attend the service but are not comfortable gathering with others you may listen to the service in the church parking lot, tuning to FM 87.7.

Delores was born on August 8, 1928 (8/8/28 if asked) to Henry and Elizabeth Dibble in Fairmont, one of 10 children. DeDe, (her high school nickname), was a 1948 graduate of Fairmont High School. She married Melvin Carl Hutchison Nov. 21, 1948 after the fall harvest season. The union was blessed with five children and 71 years together, after Melvin's passing in the fall of 2019.

Delores lived her life by the words written on the front cover of her Bible: "Work for Christ. What You Believe, You will Practice." Delores loved her 14 grandchildren and holding a new baby, grand or otherwise, was the highlight for her. DeDe was game for Kings Corners, Solitare with any of her grandchildren, but the time could not interfere with her "shows". Delores often kept her fingers busy while watching her shows by crocheting items for any milestone: births, birthdays, graduation, weddings or just because. Delores looked forward to the opportunity of eating out because no cooking was required, as she didn't enjoy cooking. Delores AKA: DeDe, Mom, Grandma, Itty Bitty or (insert nickname you recall).

Mom will be missed by five children, one son, Dennis of Staples and four daughters, Karen (John



Mehr of Paynesville, Peggy of Cokato, June (Pat) Pawelk of Howard Lake and DeeAnn (Lawrence) Hayes of Akeley. Grandma found delight upon the birth and watching the growth of 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren, the youngest due in August.

Delores was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin; all of her siblings (four brothers and five sisters) and her parents.

Delores wishes for her final resting place to be with her Daddy in Fairmont. Her family extends gratitude for the care, time and loving patience shared by all with both Delores and Melvin during their stays at The Manor, Lakewood Care Center and Hospice, Staples in addition to the Staples Church of Christ (Pastor Barry). Melvin and Delores were surrounded by caregivers and friends whom seemed more like family.

In remembrance of Delores and Melvin, the family prefers donations to The Manor, Lakewood Health System Care Center and Hospice, Staples, to honor the support and care shared with Melvin and Delores during the last chapter of life.

Cremation and services provided by Taylor Funeral Home and the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St, Staples. More information available at www.taylorfunerals.com.

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Allen Haugen

Allen Olaf Haugen, 81, of Staples passed away peacefully March 1, at Harmony House in Motley where he had resided for the past 15 months.

Services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, Sat., May 8 at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Allen will be laid to rest in Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples following the service. Lunch will be served at the church after the military tribute at the cemetery.



Allen was born July 19, 1939 to Olaf and Hazel (Holsapple) Haugen in Staples. He was a star athlete in Staples along with friends Bob Peterson, Ron Beachy and cousin, Roger Haugen. He excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track. He graduated from Staples High School with the class of 1957. He attended Concordia College in Moorhead for one semester before enlisting in the Navy in 1958. His military service was spent mostly overseas aboard the ESSEX-class Aircraft Carrier the USS Ticonderoga in the Pacific around Japan, Okinawa and Guam. He flew in several planes on the carrier as a Radar Operator. Allen served four years in the Navy before being honorably discharged in 1962.

Allen worked different jobs before working as a dewaterer for SubSoil Dewatering for over 20 years. He was then employed by Northern Dewatering in Blaine as a job foreman for ten years. Besides Minnesota, Allen worked in the states of Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Arizona, New Mexico and California before retiring in 1993.

Allen enjoyed his job and spending the winters in Arizona with his sister, Geraldine and brother-in-law, Jerry. After retirement, Allen could be seen walking 10 miles a day around Staples in one of his famous jumpsuits carrying his big, red sippy cup filled with cappuccino. He was always willing to help anyone who needed help. He loved talking with people and buying things for all the little kids he knew

whether they were related or not. He was a big man with a big heart who will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him; a very caring, generous and fun loving brother, uncle and friend to many.

Allen will be sadly missed by two sisters, Linda (Mike) Heier of Staples and Shirley Peterson of Fergus Falls; four nieces, Stephanie Heier of Waconia, Michele (Ron) Nichols of Concord, North Carolina; Sheri (Wayne) Kimber of Hewitt; Kristi (Shawn) Kelley of Fargo; four nephews, Christopher (Anita) Heier of Rothsay and Matthew (Sally) Heier of Little Falls; Kevin (Brenda) Peterson and Kurt (Julie Rasmusson) Peterson of Fergus Falls; 11 great nieces and seven great nephews; Alexis, Kendra, Tyler and Alyssa Nichols of Concord, NC, Tanner, Kinsey and Brooklyn Heier of Rothsay, and Tay, Kyce, Jaya and Ady Heier of Little Falls; Jeff Simon of Texas; Shaun (Jessica) Kimber of Moorhead and Daniel (Amanda) Kimber of Deer Creek; Holly Diestler and Heidi (Ryan) Drows of Fergus Falls; Kaitlyn Kelley of Minneapolis and Kristen Kelley of Fargo; eight great-great nieces and two great-great nephews.

Emily Tholl

Emily "Emy" Ann Tholl, 66, passed away peacefully April 18, 2021, at her home near Leader.

Emy requested no funeral service. Join us for a Celebration of Life at Ten-Hi Bar in Motley on Sat., May 22 from 2 to 6 p.m. Food and refreshments will be served. Bring any pictures or good stories of Emy that you would like to share.

Emy was born June 18, 1954 to Woodrow "Woody" and Shirley "Margie" Shake in Staples. She grew up on a farm near Leader and graduated from Staples High School in 1972. Emy was married to Steve Tholl of Motley from 1973 - 2012. They owned Steve's Club bar and restaurant in Pilager for 30 years. They lived on the Long Prairie River in Motley. Emy went to vocational school for accounting, was on the Lakewood Health System Hospital Board and was a longtime member of the Swan Valley Lutheran Church, Leader. She loved reading and always had her nose buried in a good book. She said it was her way of traveling anywhere in the world. She enjoyed the outdoors, planting flowers, swimming, horseback riding, sightseeing and traveling to warm places. She loved her family, friends, especially helping others and was a caretaker at heart and always stepped up to take care of



those around her. Emy had a smile that could light up a room, a heart of gold and truly touched many lives. Emy was thoughtful, sweet, caring, selfless and held her ground when she was passionate about something. Emy will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Emy is survived by two daughters, Chastity (Roger) Winslow of Big Lake and Taija (Jake) Peck of St. Cloud and one son, Ryan Tholl of Nisswa; six grandchildren, Zyanne, Devin, Wyatt, Mariyah, Maizie and Jack; four siblings, Betty (Steve) Lorber, Jo Pollock, Denise (Steve) Bickford and Larry Shake and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Gary and Steve; one sister, Sherry Shake and one grandchild, Courtney Winslow.

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Cardinals golfers win pre-section meet

The Staples-Motley boys golf team positioned themselves as the favorite in the section, by winning the Section 6AA pre-section meet on April 22.

Beck Erholtz shot 39 on the front nine and 40 on the back for a total of 79 for 18 holes, putting him in third place as an individual. Carter White was ninth with 85 and Grant Bestland 11th at 88. Adam Oberlander shot 95 to place 25th and Isaiah Schultz was 42nd at 103.

Section 6AA pre-section meet
Staples-Motley 347, St. Cloud Cathedral 353, ROCORI 356, Pequot Lakes 359, Osakis 375, Pierz 375, Paynesville 388, Albany 397, Melrose 400, Foley 403, Milaca 405, Kimball-Eden Valley/Watkins 413, Little Falls 419, Sauk Centre 470



Jayce Kobliska hands the baton to Lauren Rutten in the 4x100 relay.



Chase Mikel clears the bar in the pole vault.



Corey Hanson runs the 200.



Madysen Hull sets her personal best to win the discus.

Cardinal boys earn track win

The Staples-Motley track and field teams competed at the Pillager John Reimer Classic on April 22.

The Cardinal boys team finished first in the meet while the girls were second.

Two seniors had improved performances to earn wins at the meet. For the boys, Tanner Robben won the 300 hurdles in 48.93 seconds, and on the girls team, Tabetha Allen won the shot put with a throw of 31'5".

Siblings Lyle Brownell and Audrey Brownell had mirror performances, each winning the open 800 and running on the winning 4x800 meter relay teams.

Team results
Pillager John Reimer Classic
Boys results
Team scores: Staples-Motley 118, Pillager 110, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 80, Browerville 47, St. John's Prep 11

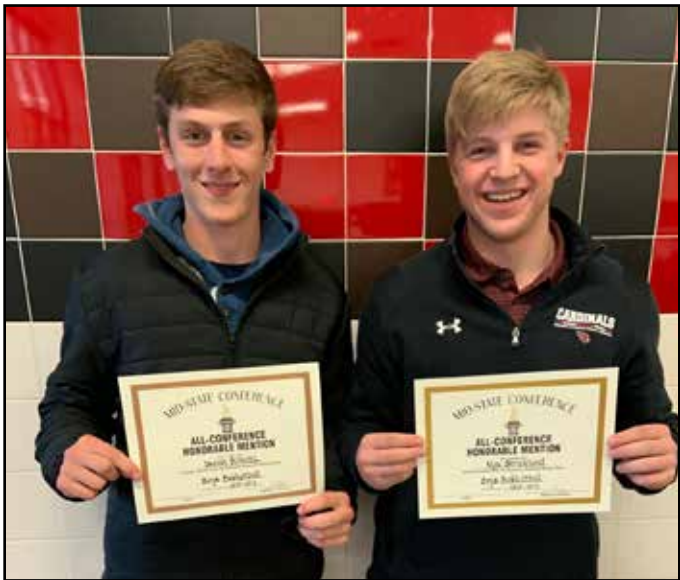
4x800 relay - 1. (Lyle Brownell, Will Dolezal, Logan Robben, Issiah Tabatt) 9:42
100 - 3. Remington Converse 11.96, 4. Corey Hanson 12.27, 5. Austin Weite 12.57, 9. Ashton Johnson 12.75, 10. Wyatt Kobliska 13.05, 14. Ramiro Gallardo 13.78, 15. Owen Winter 14.60
4x200 - 2. (Noah Greenwaldt, Odin Trif, Deven Kadus, Blake Neelan) 1:49, 4. (Caden Dobsen, Ramiro Gallardo, Ben Long, Dakota Hennagir) 1:52
1,600 - 1. Emmet Anderson 4:45, 2. Issiah Tabatt 5:03
4x100 - 1. (Converse, Hanson, Johnson, Weite) 47.31, 6. (Ben Long, Gallardo, Trif, Winter) 54.70
400 - 7. Dolezal 1:10, 8. Dillan Robben 1:10
300 hurdles - 1. Tanner Robben 48.93, 3. Brownell 50.38, 5. Thien Nguyen 53.63
800 - 1. Brownell 2:27
200 - 3. Converse 25.17, 4. Hansen 25.19, 6. Johnson 26.25, 7. Kobliska 26.99, 8. Blake Neelan 27.07, 11. Trif 28.99, 12. Eli Carlson 29.34
3,200 - 1. Anderson 10:12, 2. Logan Robben 11:07, 5. D. Robben 11:55, 6. T. Robben 12:09
4x400 - 3. (Kobliska, Deven Kadus, Chase Mikel, Greenwaldt) 4:23
High jump - 2. Hunter Miller 5'6", 5. Jacob Schmitz 5'0", 6. Hennagir 4'9"
Pole vault - 1. Mikel 8'0"
Long jump - 3. Converse 18'3", 6. T. Robben 17'2", 11. Kadus 14'5"
Triple jump - 1. Greenwaldt 38'4", 6. Schmitz 34'3", 9. Gallardo 29'7"
Discus - 6. Bendeguz Pali 69'10", 9. Carlson 60'4"
Shot put - 4. Pali 33'8", 14. Carlson 27'6", 16. Neelan 22'4"
Girls results
Team scores: Bertha-Hewitt Verndale 120, Staples-Motley 113, Pillager 101, Browerville 16, St. John's Prep 14
4x800 - 1. (Audrey Brownell, Naila Mikhaeil, Ashley Robben, Aften Robinson) 10:49
100 hurdles - 4. Jayce Kobliska 18.31, 6. Leah Danilyuk 19.70, 9. Lauren Rutten 21.88
100 - 4. Danilyuk 14.93, 8. Cami Anderson 15.06
4x200 - 2. (Abby Dukowitz,



Leah Danilyuk in the 100 hurdles.



Bendaguz Pali throws the shot put.



Three Cardinals earn All-Conference

Sivert Klefsaas was named to the Mid State All Conference team, while Max Strickland and Isaiah Schults were All Conference Honorable Mention. Team awards were also announced, with Klefsaas winning the Of-

fensive MVP, Strickland named the Defensive MVP and the Coaches Award to Josh Schimpp, right. (Submitted photos)

Lindgren in rowing event

Staples-Motley alumni Molly Lindgren competed at the Iowa Rowing Regatta on April 24.

The No. 16 Minnesota Gopher rowing program swept the Varsity Eight races, ending the competition with two wins at Lake

MacBride.

Lindgren was coxswain for the second novice eight.

The next competition for the Gophers will be Saturday, May 1, with the Dale England Cup, hosted by Indiana.

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Attention to:
Lori Murdock, Director of Special Education
Freshwater Education District
EBD Teacher
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 6th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via phone conference call to consider the following applications.**

Please email or phone your wish to be included as the meeting is not allowed open to the public. Phone 320-732-4420 or Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us.

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Introduction of Planning Commission Members.
- Approval of the April 1, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. Sunrise Estates: BMW Properties- Matt and Shelly Winters: Sections 22 & 27, Kandota Township

Site Address: TBD Akley Trail, Sauk Centre
PIDs: 14-0025801. 14-0026000, & 14-0026100

1) Request for Preliminary Platting of 10 buildable lots and 1 outlot in Shoreland- RD Zoning (Sauk Lake).

2. Dismas Acres: Darrell Bacon, Angelo Smieja, and Jacob Wiener: Section 18, Round Prairie Township

Site Address: TBD, Long Prairie. PID: 21-0018900

1) Request for Preliminary Platting of 4 buildable lots in R-2 Zoning.

3. Samuel Bontrager: Section 20, Eagle Valley Township

Site Address: 17842 352nd St, Clarissa. PID: 07-0023300
1) Request for Conditional Use Permit for building Hunting Shacks.

4. Phil Bahl: Section 10, Kandota Township
Site Address: 20244 Balsam Drive, Sauk Centre. PID: 14-0009800

1) Request for Rezoning of SW4 SW4, Section 10 from AF-1 to AF-2 for purpose of constructing additional dwelling.

5. David Yoder: Section 17, Germania Township
Site Address: 18451 430th St, Bertha. PID: 09-0012201

1) After-the-fact request for Conditional Use Permit for building hunting stands and cabins for wholesale.

Adjournment –

**Next meeting:
June 3, 2021**

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

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

18pnc

NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Mark Strom
Secretary

18-19pnc

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.

Please direct any inquires to the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office at 320-732-4469.

17-18pnc

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 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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 31, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$189,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Crystal A. Johnson and Chris L. Larson, both single people

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on November 1, 2017 as Document Number 506644 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Home Point Financial Corporation by assignment recorded on December 28, 2020 as Document Number A523086 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 36, Township 132 North, Range 35 West, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00 degrees 21 minutes 24 seconds West along the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 744.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East 526.93 feet; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds East 744.04 feet

to the north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds West along said north line 526.95 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 9.00 acres more or less. Subject to an existing township road easement of record over the westerly portion thereof.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 39718 155TH AVE, EAGLE BEND, MN 56446

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$195,758.16

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Home Point Financial Corporation
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Home Point Financial Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 02-0030300

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100661190001530663

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then se-

cured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on December 10, 2021.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERLY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: April 14, 2021

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TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/

***N. Kibongni**

Fondungallah, Esq.*

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25 Dale Street North
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(20-0795-F001)

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18-23pnc

Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #13 Feb. 8, 2021, 6 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Winkels, Freeman, B. Anderson, Lund, Reeck and L. Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen and Regan; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; several other employees and community members; representation from ICS, JLG, and Rapp Strategies; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Lund, seconded by B. Anderson, to adopt the agenda. MC

Standards for School Board Leadership, which are provided by MSBA regarding the Role of the School Board, were distributed and reviewed. Standards include: Conduct and Ethics, Vision, Structure, Accountability and Advocacy and Communication.

Todd Rapp, of Rapp Strategies, went over appropriate roles for Board Members during a referendum. His presentation indicated that Board Members play two roles, School Board Member and private citizen, and they must be careful to keep the two separate. Members should be prepared for questions from the community.

Board Members indicated which community meetings they would be attending:

Tues., Feb. 23: Scandia Valley Town Hall, noon - 1:30 p.m. (Lund, Freeman, L. Anderson)

Tues., Feb. 23: Early Education Building/Motley, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Reeck, L. Anderson, B. Anderson)

Weds., Feb. 24: Leader Community Hall, noon - 1:30 p.m. (Freeman, Winkels,

Lund)

Weds., Feb. 24: MS/HS; 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Reeck, B. Anderson, Lund)

Motion by Freeman, seconded by B. Anderson, to adjourn at 6:32. MC

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ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #14 Feb. 22, 2021, 6 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Freeman, Lund, Reeck and B. Anderson present (comprising a quorum). L. Anderson was not present. Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen and Regan; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; several employees and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by B. Anderson, to adopt the agenda. MC

Recognize the Public - Chair Winkels recognized the public and thanked everyone for attending.

Community Forum – none

COVID-19 Meeting action

Approve holding remote or teleconference meetings in the future AS NEEDED.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Reeck, to approve holding meetings electronically or by teleconference AS NEEDED. MC

“Due to the health pandemic and pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, until further notice, all school board meetings may be held by teleconference or other electronic means.”

Taking this action does not inhibit school board members from personally attending a school board meeting, it just provides notice that some or all of the school board members may be participating in the meeting from a remote loca-

tion. M.S. 13D.021 does not require that a physical location for each school board member be posted.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Reeck, seconded by B. Anderson, to Approve the Resolution to accept donations and In-Kind Contributions in the amount of \$600. MC

Finance Items

Financial Report was presented by Mr. Regan

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Freeman, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Election

Motion by Lund, seconded by Reeck, to pass the Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the April 13, 2021 Bond Referendum Special Election. Roll Call vote was taken with Winkels, Lund, Freeman, B. Anderson and Reeck voting in favor. Opposed: none Motion Carried

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to pass the Resolution Authorizing the Absentee Ballot Board for the April 13, 2021 Bond Referendum Special Election. Roll Call vote was taken with Winkels, Lund, Freeman, B. Anderson and Reeck voting in favor. Opposed: none Motion Carried

Other

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar MC

Reports

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Principals - written reports were available

Superintendent Tappe updated the Board on several items that are in legislation.

SMEA

Community Ed Advisory Council Minutes

Adjournment

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. MC

18 pnc

Public Notice

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS March 15, 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 15th 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 with Commissioner Kneisl absent.

Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Becker reaffirmed the agenda as the one agenda topic provided.

Administration

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve County Grant Relief Pro-

gram grant awards as recommended by the Grants Committee in the amount of \$236,399.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the special meeting was adjourned.

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 15, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 6, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Rose family

Ernie and Katie Rose with their children Ryder, Porter, Hattie and Oscar. The family plans to take advantage of the youth golf opportunities that will be at The Vintage this year.

ROSE continued from page 1a

Junior golf tournament scheduled for high level high school golfers

ics, and has many youth programs that include lessons, camps and tournaments. More than 70 students from his academy have gone on to play college golf.

Rose plans to bring that same golf expertise and focus on youth to Staples, but that's still not the main focus of his venture.

"We want to make golf fun. Golf can be a stuffy game, that's not what we want at all. We want it to be a place to come out, to be welcoming and a fun environment," said Rose. "We will be an inclusive club."

When he checked out the course for a possible purchase, that was one of the reasons he liked it so much.

"It has a small town feel, people are friendly, I want to bring that feel to The Vintage," he said. "Some of the best little courses are in a small town."

Knowing that the Brainerd area has some of the top golf courses in the state, Rose is investing in new equipment to get the course into better shape.

"I'm confident our course conditions will be a real attraction," he said.

There will be an increased focus on weekly junior golf opportunities during the summer and Rose plans to host senior golf events as well.

The first junior tournament is already scheduled for August 16-17. Rose said most tournaments are just one day, but they wanted to give the golfers an opportunity to play 36 holes and

enjoy the area for a day. He said this tournament will focus on golfers planning to join college teams in the fall. This is the first event so far, which Rose hopes to grow into more and bigger events in the future.

"We want to attract kids from all around Minnesota and from other states," said Rose.

There are new personnel in charge of the course, with Jeff Yungbauer as the grounds manager and Tyler Holbrook as the new club golf pro.

Another change is online tee times, which can be made at vintagegolfclub.com.

Rose also has plans for entertainemt nights, where there might be a band or other entertainment and he is working with local restaurants to provide food for the evening.

Despite the changes, much of the day to day operation will be the same at The Vintage. Rose said they are keeping memberships and rates the same for this first year.

"We want it to be affordable, a place where community can come and enjoy," he said.

They will continue with the Wednesday night golf leagues and the Thursday discounted rates.

It all goes back to the original purpose of making a fun, welcoming place.

"I want to give back to the community, give back what the game did for me," said Rose.



Cardinal cooking competition team at first contest

The Staples-Motley ProStart team competed in the ProStart State Invitational at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa on April 15. This was the first time Staples-Motley has competed in the event. To prepare, the team had been working out their special recipes, techniques, seasoning and perfect timing. The competition presented the chefs with two mystery ingredients, jalapeno and rutabaga, as well as a limited pantry. The team presented the

judges with a hand ground jalapeno juicy Lucy, rutabaga potato tots and pickled red onion salad. The judges were thrilled with the dish and said they are excited to see what the team can do next year.

Pictured from left, ProStart teacher/coach, Tina Mitts, with ProStart team members Alex Morlock, Amy Rollins, Kenzie Erickson, Caitlin Jasmer and Caleb Jasmer. (Submitted photos)



Caleb Jasmer frying the juicy Lucy.



Kenzie Erickson preparing rutabaga-potato tots.

National award for CLC

The Natural Resources Program at Central Lakes College and the Baxter Field Office of the National Resource Conservation Service were honored Wednes-

day with the Chief's Field Office National Earth Team Volunteer Award. This national award, handed out by the United States Department of Agriculture, recognizes the outstanding work of only one group of volunteers from across the nation.

The unique partnership project stems back to 2019 when Natural Resources students and the Baxter NRCS field office spent a day on a producer's facility near Jenkins. Students took part in silvopasturing projects, pasture assessments, and

toured the dairy farm operations. NRCS field office staff brought in a variety of resource professionals to work with students, giving them a very broad perspective on the issues discussed.

"The goal was to incorporate agriculture experiences into our program," said Kent Montgomery, Natural Resources instructor. "This was a great start and we are adding more experiences, including working to develop a stackable certificate for our NR students that would allow them

direct entry into a NRCS position with their two-year degree from CLC."

Keith Olander, Executive Director of AgCentric and Agricultural Partnerships with Minnesota State and Central Lakes College added, "I am thrilled to be a catalyst and supporter of the NR program as instructors Kent & Bill engage students directly with agriculture producers. Our relationship with NRCS is growing in a positive way to serve our students for their long-term success."



First tee off

Despite numerous hours working on improvements at The Vintage golf course, Ernie Rose said he had not teed

one up at the course yet. So the former pro golfer took the opportunity to let one fly on April 22.

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Left to right: Makia Longe, Karly West, Keira Mevissen, Elliott DiGiovanni, Gauge Holst, Spencer Olsen, Beau Carlson, Ryan Heifort, Hunter Vogt, Jaxon Macheel.



6th grade Cardinal Coin winners
Left to right: Tristan Harvey, Chase Blue, Thomas Johnson, Carter Sarbaum, Philip Rapp, Gavin Cowles, Sophie Schlosser, Chloe Trantina, Kylie Wenzel, Allison Dukowitz.



7th grade Cardinal Coin winners
Front row: Nathaniel Seamann, Ashton Anderson, Skyla Tepley, Emmalee Dobson, Avery Japke.; back: Adelaide Toepper, Annie Schlosser, Georgia Kobliska, Alaina White, Jameson Harvey.



8th grade Cardinal Coin winners
Left to right: Jackson Braith, Aliza Qureshi, Ethan Graton, Abigail Simon, Lily Tyrrell, Jessica Lundquist, Payton Mithun, Steven Petrich, Hayden Rutherford, Jacob Becker.

Winning mindsets

“A winning mentality means one has enough self-belief in their abilities to know they can achieve what it is they’re setting out to do. Oftentimes, that doesn’t come naturally but the good news is that this can be developed.”

-Gene Zannetti

By Colbe Tappe and Coach Kappler

In the Staples-Motley Middle-High School, Coach Novak and Coach Kappler are starting a new and exciting group for our students focusing on strengthening the mental attitude of our students. Although primarily focused on athletics and how to approach competition and training, the materials are useful for everyone and anyone is welcome.

Kappler and Novak are working on developing the mental toughness of our athletes through training sessions that allow students to develop individual goals, assess factors that may interfere with goals, and look at ways to overcome daily life obstacles in pursuit of success.

When asked why they are building this program, the coaches explained they both

have experiences in highly competitive programs as well as college athletic backgrounds, and felt that this was an area where we needed more practice. “To be good at any skill requires practice, and this is one area where we can use more of it,” said Kappler.

In each session, students identify short term goals that they work on weekly that are working towards long term goal success. The group talks about core traits to mental success including defining clear goals, self-confidence, self awareness, internal strength, and self discipline to name a few.

In the first session they had 20+ people. They hope to see the numbers increase the next few weeks and continue to impact athletic programs into the future.

The group meets weekly, Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. in room 707.

Making maple syrup

By Elijah Greenwaldt

Making maple syrup is a very fun hobby that can become more than just a hobby. It is very time consuming and you have to be very dedicated to it.

It starts with tapping a tree: first you drill a hole in the tree, for most spiles (maple tree taps) you can just use a 1/4 inch drill bit.

Next you hammer the spile in gently until it makes a higher pitch sound, then you can buy sap sacks to put on it, plastic hoses that go to a five gallon pail, or we even cut holes in empty Folgers cans. Spiles can be stainless steel, plastic, or you can even make your own out of wood.

Next you can store it in a cooler, tote, or anything that will store it, keep it



Generic photo

clean, and can keep it cold. We use totes then put snow up on the sides.

When you boil you want there to be at least two inches of sap in the pan at all times. If you have less than two you could burn the sap and if you have more than five it will take forever.

You can use a turkey boiler to start, but it is

expensive to buy that much gas. We cut the top off a fuel barrel then put a stainless steel pan on top. The fire goes in the fuel barrel and then the sap in the pan. Syrup boils at about seven degrees hotter than water and that is about when it is done, once it is at 219 degrees Fahrenheit for about a minute. Then you can jar it and use it.

You have to boil off about 40 gallons of sap to get one gallon of syrup. It is a lot of work, but it tastes way better than store bought syrup, and you can make some money. It goes for about \$20 a quart, that is the same as \$80 a gallon, and to get the stuff it is pretty cheap.

So have fun and go make some syrup.

Staples-Motley Middle School *Third quarter Students of the Month*

Fifth grade:

Beau Carlson is the 5th grade team’s student of the quarter. Beau is an amazing 5th grade student. He is always prepared for class, on task, polite and respectful. Beau often goes above and beyond our requirements, he is not afraid to dive into a challenge assignment. Keep up the great work Beau!

Sixth grade:

Corben Berg. Corben demonstrates good leadership qualities. He participates in a positive manner. He is a role model for his peers and is a fun kid to have in class. Way to go Corben!

Seventh grade:

Abby Brichacek. Abby is helpful and willing to work with all students in class. She has tenacity to work through class material to ensure she has an understanding of the material. She is kind and respectful to all staff and students. Abby is a role model student.

Eighth grade:

Lilly Tyrrell is the 8th grade Student of the Quarter. She is an awesome problem solver and hard worker. She is kind and supportive when working with her peers and turns in quality work. We can expect great things from Lilly in the future!


Keira Mevissen is the 5th grade team’s student of the quarter. Keira is a role model 5th grade student. She is dedicated to her learning, putting forth extra effort and energy to make sure all her assignments show her best effort. Keira is a great friend to her classmates and is willing to help anyone who might need an extra hand. Keep up the great work Keira!


Brooke Bendson. Brooke is a quiet leader in class. She does her job without complaint and turns in good, quality work. Keep up the great work Brooke!


Elijah Greenwaldt. Elijah is very responsible and respectful. He goes above and beyond the expectations with assignments. He is open to feedback and uses that to improve his work. He is a positive role model in and out of the classroom.


Grant Bestland is the 8th grade Student of the Quarter. Grant is an exceptional young man. He is driven to do his best in all he is involved with. He is bright, conscientious and curious, and a positive role model for his peers. Keep it up, Grant!

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