



Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Staples, Minnesota

\$1

## New feature

Another item popped up on Highway 10 in Staples, the Cardinal Pride sign created by the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

## Weather

### This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 17	48°	32°	M. Cloudy
Mar. 18	50	28	P. Cloudy
Mar. 19	53	35	P. Cloudy
Mar. 20	56	40	Sunny
Mar. 21	56	44	Showers
Mar. 22	55	37	Rain
Mar. 23	48	32	Showers

### Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 17	35°	18°	Sunny
Mar. 18	37	32	Cloudy
Mar. 19	33	31	Cloudy
Mar. 20	25	9	Sunny
Mar. 21	30	5	Sunny
Mar. 22	36	28	Cloudy
Mar. 23	42	27	Sunny

**Average Temps:**  
**H = 40° Low = 23°**  
**Total Snow:**  
**For week: 6"**  
**Snow for year: 42"**

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

## Public Notices

City of Staples: **9A**

## Obituaries

**Fred Fleisher**  
**Allen Haugen**  
**Arlene Lewis**  
**June Noska**  
**Lois Zappe**



Thank you for subscribing!



## Cardinal pride: athletic state champions

Derek Holst, Mike Hajek and Kevin Swecker install the Cardinal Pride sign into place along Highway 10 in Staples, near the 6th Street stoplights. The sign represents the 30 team state champions and 63 individual state champions that Staples, Motley and Staples-Motley athletes have earned.

A lot of local pride went into building the sign. Michael Sedivy sandblasted and painted the sign, he is the brother of Mary Dravis, whose husband Don Dravis was the coach of many state champion wrestling teams and individuals represented

on the sign. Staples graduate Pete Card was the graphic designer. Wade Bendson from Staples Precision Metalcraft machined the aluminum plated numbers. Central Building Supply donated the base stone and support beams and Derek Holst from DHC constructed the base and led the sign installation.

Expecting more possible state championships in the future, the numbers on the sign are replaceable and Bendson has crafted the next few numbers for both team and individual champions. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Cardinal pride stems from athletic legacy

By Mike Hajek  
Chairperson  
SM Athletic Hall of Fame

The halls and classrooms of our school and the communities of Staples, Motley and surrounding rural areas make up the foundation of our school community. The pride of our community is deeply rooted and measured in a variety of ways. From a general perspective, community pride can be measured by the level of willingness to support initiatives that reflect the common good of the school and community.

The Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame program and the Cardinal Pride sign project are prime examples of our community pride. Reflecting the athletic legacy of our school's athletes, teams and coaches, rekindles memorable times of our school's historic athletic legacy. These memories tell the story of our athletic achievement and clearly united us, as we celebrate our athletic legacy as

a community. Our Cardinal Pride sign represents a level of commitment demonstrated by our athletes and coaches. To tell this story, the pride of our community stepped up. As a direct result from generous financial contributions from the Staples Lions Club and the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, we were able to move forward with the basic concept and construction. Originally, we were planning for a one-sided sign, visible only from the South and West. The First International Bank & Trust shared in our vision and generously committed to fully fund a second side of the sign, increasing visibility from the East and West. With this generous commitment, along with many other local financial supporters, we were able to launch the vision toward reality. Many more local efforts and talents were needed to finish the project. Pete See **PRIDE** on page 12a

## Olander inducted into Minnesota FFA Hall of Fame

Keith Olander, Executive Director of AgCentric and Agricultural Partnerships with Minnesota State and Central Lakes College, was inducted into the Minnesota Future Farmers of America Hall of Fame.

Olander and eight other inductees joined the 213 members that have been inducted into the Minnesota FFA Hall of Fame the past 17 years. The FFA Hall of Fame is a collaborative effort between the Minnesota FFA Association, Alumni and Foundation.

A selection committee consisting of FFA members, alumni, agricultural educators and foundation representatives selected the final inductees. "We were looking for individuals who have been influential and supportive of Minnesota FFA and who have demonstrated a high level of service and longstanding commitment to agriculture, agribusiness, and/or education in agriculture," said Steve Olson, co-chair, Minnesota FFA Hall of Fame Committee.

"I am honored and humbled to be recognized by the FFA Alumni Association with this prestigious honor," Olander said. "Agriculture and FFA have played a significant role in my career pathway. Much of the leadership skills I use daily



Keith Olander

originated in my FFA experience. I continue to support all youth pursuing career opportunities in food and fiber systems through my role in AgCentric. My desire is that our efforts can have a positive impact on youth to share in the rewards FFA offers. I believe this complements the work of the FFA Alumni."

Olander, who has spent years as an FFA member and advisor, is a longtime agriculture educator and leader.

Inductees were introduced at the 2021 Minnesota FFA Alumni Annual Meeting on March 6 at the virtual Minnesota FFA Alumni and Supporters Annual Conference.

The Hall of Fame Inductees are typically recognized

See **FFA** on page 3a

## Tower Pizza under new ownership

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Tower Pizza, a mainstay in downtown Staples since 1984, is now under new ownership.

It's still the place to go for customer favorites like the Northwoods Special, Pizza Toast and Calzones, but instead of being greeted by Roger Houselog, it's Eric and Alissa (Pesta) Neznik who'll be welcoming you to the Italian eatery.

He's excited to be passing the ropes to the Nezniks, Houselog said, adding that he'd always hoped when it came time to sell, someone would come along that knew the history of the place and wanted to carry on the tradition.

That person turned out to be Eric Neznik, along with his bride, Alissa. In fact, the two got married Feb. 28, 2021, and not long after saying 'I do,' signed papers to purchase Tower Pizza.

Roger felt it was "divine intervention" when Eric contacted him this past Christmas Eve to inquire about the possibility of buying Tower. In fact, the place had recently flooded and he was in the midst of redoing the floors for the second time that year. It didn't seem like the ideal time to have a showing, but that didn't seem to phase the Nezniks.

It was Alissa's idea to call Roger, Eric said. He'd contemplated the notion since moving back to his



## Passing the pizza paddle

Roger Houselog (right), longtime owner of Tower Pizza in Staples, passes the pizza paddle to the new owner, Eric Neznik. Neznik, along with his wife, Alissa (Pesta) Neznik, recently purchased the restaurant from Houselog. (Submitted photo)

hometown in 2018, but the timing hadn't seemed right early on. But, after that phone call last December, things started falling into place.

Both Roger and Eric adhere to the "If it's not broke, don't fix it," adage when it comes to Tower Pizza.

The restaurant was started by Rick and Marsha Herder in 1984. They ran it for four years before selling it to Roger and Sherry Rasmussen. Roger Houselog came on board in October of 2000, starting out as a

cook. In July of 2002, he and his wife, Laurel, bought the place from the Rasmussens.

In addition to the mouth-watering recipes that had been passed down Roger always liked the old building, steeped with his story. "To the best of my knowledge, it was built in 1897," he said.

He was 42 years old when he purchased Tower Pizza. Roger reminisced, adding that Eric is two months younger now than he was at that time. "I always knew I wanted to own my

See **TOWER** on page 12a



# ‘Thin Line Flag’ questioned at Motley City Council meeting

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Wayne Barros, Motley’s former Public Works Director, retired for the past six years, was back on the agenda at the city’s regular council meeting March 8.

This time, however, he wasn’t there to talk about the water plant, skid steer, or streets issues.

It’s the ‘Thin Line Flag’ flying in Veterans Park that’s been causing him concern as of late.

He sees it as an illegal move, Barros told the council, citing Minnesota Statutes and articles from the Legal Information Institute (LII) that prohibit altering the American flag in any way.

The Thin Line Flag, Barros argued, resembles the United States American flag, with its stars and stripes; but it has been altered from its original format to include a blue and green line along with the lone red line.

Barros went on to say that he feels it’s a double standard to enforce laws out on the streets, but to look the other way on an issue such as this. He described the Thin Line Flag as being a “violation” and a “disgrace to the American flag.”

He tried to contact the American Legion about this, Barros said, but did not get an answer. It’s an issue he believes the council should vote on, he added.

Motley Mayor Al Yoder said that Barros is the first person to complain about

the flag in Veterans Park.

The flag was donated to the city by the Motley American Legion, Post #124 in November of 2020, in honor of the city’s police department (blue line), fire department (red line) and the military (green line).

“These guys have had to put their lives on the line during Covid,” Mayor Yoder said of the city’s police and fire departments, adding that he felt this flag was a way to show them how much they are appreciated.

In reading the statutes Barros referenced, Yoder said he interpreted them differently. The mayor went on to say that he had contacted the city’s attorney about the issue and was waiting to hear from him.

Barros stressed that he was not wanting to stir up controversy, but felt this was a matter that needed to be looked into. In addition to his online research, Barros has contacted the Attorney General’s Office, he said.

During the public forum, members of the Motley American Legion and a Lincoln area businessman spoke up in defense of the Thin Line Flag.

Motley American Legion member Frank Vasecka asked Barros why he brought this up in the first place. “These guys deserve the credit we give them,” he said.

Tom Ladwig, Commander of the Motley American Legion, said that according to their flag code,

the Thin Line Flag is legal. Vasecka agreed, adding that the code states it must be smaller than the American flag, which it is.

John Brichacek, owner of 2 Tall Tavern in Lincoln, said what Barros brought to the council table “is an insult.” He went on to say that he is in full support of the police, military and fire departments, having donated at least \$100,000 to their organizations in recent years. He also pointed to the flag displayed in the city hall meeting room, noting that it had fringe attached to it. As that is altered from its original state, is that flag illegal? Brichacek wondered. One of the American Legion members answered that it was considered a parade flag. Brichacek ended by saying, “I support this community 100 percent and this flag, 200 percent.”

Mayor Yoder said that the council would wait to make any decision until they hear from their attorney.

During the council concerns portion of the meeting, council member Steve Johnson said that he agreed with what Brichacek had to say. And as the council liaison to the fire department, his heart is with them. His only concern, Johnson went on, is that if they allow this particular flag to fly at Veterans Park, what if another group comes in demanding that their flag be put up as well? “What do we do when that happens?” Johnson said.

Commander Ladwig said he didn’t think that should be an issue, because the Thin Line Flag represents entities within their municipality.

In other matters the council:

- HELD a public hearing in regard to a proposed building project by Horizon Health, Inc. (at Harmony House in Motley), subsequently approving the project and consenting to the issuance of bonds by the City of Pierz. The council also approved the closing certificate of the project, signed by Mayor Al Yoder and Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski.
- APPROVED the Motley Fire Department purchasing 12 new batteries for their radios for a price of \$660.
- APPROVED repairs to one of the MFD’s fire trucks, estimated to cost \$1,000.
- LEARNED the Motley Fire Department had a total of 17 calls during February.
- LEARNED the Motley Police Department had a total of 91 calls during February.
- LEARNED the Motley Public Works Department had no violations following test samples of the ponds at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- LEARNED from Bryniarski that the city’s water usage report was at two percent during February, which is very low.
- ACCEPTED Morrison County grant funds for Clean-Up Day and Recycling.
- APPROVED the fire contracts (pending receipt of signed contracts with no changes) for the following townships: Becker, Byron, Fawn Lake, May, Meadow Brook, Motley and Villard.
- APPROVED a request to give a \$500 donation to Faith in Action.
- APPROVED a resolution committing surplus funds from the 2020 budget in the General Fund to be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund which includes four accounts. Transfers will be made to the Police Vehicle Fund, Fire Vehicle Fund, Public Works Vehicle Fund and the Park Projects Fund.
- CHANGED the dates of the city-wide garage sales to Friday, April 30 - Saturday, May 1. It was noted that people often hold their sales a day earlier and/or later.
- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- HELD a closed meeting to conduct a performance evaluation for City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski.



## Flags at Veterans Park

Three flags were blowing in the wind at Veterans Park in Motley March 9. At the top is the American flag, in the center the POW (Prisoner of War) flag; and at the bottom is the Thin Line Flag, in honor of the city’s police department, fire department and the military. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## In their remodeled space

The Motley City Council held their first regular meeting in the newly remodeled meeting room at Motley City Hall March 8. In the back at the council table are, from left, council members Jace Carlson and Amy Hutchison; Mayor Al Yoder; and council members Pat O’Regan and Steve Johnson. The room provides much more space than their previous meeting room. New tables and chairs were purchased, along with a new sound system installed. Much of the painting and other remodeling projects were done by Bryan Stevens, Motley’s Maintenance Assistant, along with help from Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Supervisor; and Randy Nelson, from the Motley Fire Department. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Motley area law enforcement reports

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

March 10 - The MPD was advised of a person at Auger’s Motley Express who had been in the restroom for over a half hour and they were concerned for his welfare. The MPD arrived and made contact with the person, learning that he was a transient who had just walked there from Moorhead and was heading to Wisconsin. He stated he did not have any friends, family or a job. He told the MPD that he had a bad toothache which was causing his head to hurt. When asked if he wanted medical attention, he said he did. The MPD transported the man to Lakewood Hospital in Staples for an evaluation, and upon their clearance, the MPD transported him back to Motley, having arranged for him (via the Morrison County chaplain) to have a room for one night at the Eastwood Inn, as the weather was severe. The subject thanked the MPD for their assistance.

March 9 - The MPD responded to a call of a vehicle fire at the 1400 block of Azalea Rd., Motley. Upon their arrival the vehicle was fully engulfed, with a hay shed and tractor in

danger from the fire. The Motley Fire Department was notified.

March 8 - The MPD received a report from the Motley Public Works Department that someone had dumped a large amount of garbage in the dumpster at the city’s maintenance garage and left a sectional couch behind as well. In looking through the garbage, the MPD located mail belonging to the suspect. They proceeded to make contact with the subject who stated they had just moved to the area and had asked an employee at a local business about how to get rid of garbage and were told they could just dump it there. The MPD advised him that it was not a public dumping area and told him how to properly dispose of it.

March 8 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County regarding a shed on fire at the 6000 block of Sarah Dr., SW in Motley. The Motley Fire Department was paged.

March 7 - The MCSO responded to a medical with CPR in progress at the 28000 block of Bear Rd., Cushing. The MCSO assisted ambulance crews as needed and helped set up a landing zone for North Air Care. The subject was transported to the St. Cloud Hospital.



## Presenting his concerns

Wayne Barros, far right, presented his concerns at the Motley City Council meeting March 8, that the Thin Line Flag in Motley’s Veterans Park is illegal. Three members of the Motley American Legion were in attendance and expressed their disagreement with Barros’ beliefs during

the public forum portion of the meeting. The American Legion members, from left, are Commander Tom Ladwig, Frank Vasecka and Ron Unger, Sgt. At Arms. On March 10, the Staples World learned that Barros had withdrawn his complaint. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## Expansion project coming along

Crew members with Derek Holst Construction, LLC out of Staples were at work March 9, at Brichacek Electric, Inc., in Motley, putting the roof on an expansion project. Tony Brichacek, owner of the electrical business, said that the new addition is needed as they’ve expanded and have needed a place to store their equipment. He’s

a native of this area, Brichacek said, adding that he graduated from Browerville High School in 1998. Four years ago, he moved back from the metro area, bought out his business partner and set up shop at his current location, 132 Harrison St. West in Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

• **Join Our Benson Team!** •

• **Radiologic Technologist – Part-Time**  
32 hours/pay period plus call rotation

Responsibilities include scheduling all radiography exams and performing General Radiography, Bone Density, CT, and EKGs. The ideal candidate will possess a minimum of two years of experience. RT(R) required; CT and/or Mammography experience preferred. Rotating call nights, weekends, and holidays required.



Swift County - Benson  
HEALTH SERVICES



CarrisHealth  
CentraCare

1815  
Wisconsin  
Avenue  
Benson,  
MN

EOE

• 320.843.4232 • [www.scbh.org](http://www.scbh.org)



City of Appleton

NOW HIRING

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Full job description and application can be found at  
[www.appletonmn.com/employment](http://www.appletonmn.com/employment)

Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2021.  
Submit application via mail or email.

City of Appleton, 323 W. Schlieman Ave., Appleton, MN 56208  
[cityadministrator@appletonmn.org](mailto:cityadministrator@appletonmn.org)



• **Thousands of Satisfied Customers**

• **Transferable Warranty**

• **Licensed-Insured**

• **Providing Realistic Solutions**

MN License BC542636  
ND License #38488

**320-654-9900**

[www.safedrybasement.com](http://www.safedrybasement.com)

**Basement and Crawl Space Problems Solved**

Leaky basements made dry  
Drain tile & baseboard systems  
Buckling walls corrected  
Foundation repair & wall crack repair  
Egress window installation



**Basement Water Controlled**  
Providing Service Since 1967

EGRESS WINDOWS

Safe Secure Dry

HOLD-RIGHT™ WALL ANCHORS  
STABIL-LOC FOUNDATION PIERS



Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1946

• March 14, 1946 - Mrs. George Pappas is another English bride to come to the United States from her native England, where she was born in London, and grew up and was educated there.

On Feb. 9, Mrs. Pappas boarded the ship “Volcania” for the voyage to the United States, and it was early the morning of Feb. 10, that the ship sailed from South Hampton with a cargo of 700 war brides.

Mr. and Mrs. Pappas were married in Bedford in Nov., 1944. After being discharged

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

in Sept., 1945, Mr. Pappas started the routine work of getting his bride to the United States and it was not until Feb. 21, that she landed in Staples. When getting off the train in Staples, Mrs. Pappas coyly said, “Well, I am a little disappointed and relieved that the big brass band is not here to greet me, but oh, am I glad to be with my dear husband.”

Mr. and Mrs. Pappas are making their home on their farm two miles southwest of Staples, known as the Olson farm, where they will spend their time raising turkeys, in which both are greatly interested.

• March 14, 1946 - Staples high school basketball team will go to the finals of Region six basketball tournament to be held at Glenwood Friday evening of this week, this being made possi-

ble by business men of the city of Staples.

Headed by Ralph Martin and James Randgaard, a “subscription” was taken up among the business men and well over one-hundred dollars was raised to send the Cards to the regional tourney at Glenwood, and to the state tournament the following weekend in Minneapolis.

• March 14, 1946 - A radio news flash at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon told of the final settlement of the General Motors strike which has been going on for the past 113 days, and during which time many arbitrary movements were made by officials to settle the union strike. The company finally accepted the arbitrary wage increase of 18 1/2 cents per hour which was set by President Truman.

Needless to say Staples dealers who handled General Motors products of various kinds are pleased that the strike is finally settled, and they all hope that products of the company will soon be coming on to the market, and that they will be able to supply people with the needed articles which they have been asking for.

**50 Years Ago - 1971**

• March 18, 1971 - The Rev. Herbert Garland of Staples, who has served as missionary for the Christian and Missionary Alliance church in South America, will speak at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, March 21, at the Staples Alliance church.

The Rev. and Mrs. Garland, with their five sons, will be returning to Colum-



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our March 16, 1995 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.

bia, South America, for their third term of service in early July of this year. The Rev. Garland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Garland of Staples. He is a Staples high school graduate.

• March 18, 1971 - The 78-member Junior High Varsity Band, along with some solos and ensembles from the Cardinal Concert Band, will present a concert March 12, at 8 p.m., in the Staples Auditorium.

Mark Evans is the director of the bands, assisted by Mrs. Mary Giza.

• March 18, 1971 - The Cardinal and White clad basketball team of Staples high school, coached by Tom Wolhowe, captured the runner-up spot in the District 24 cage tournament, which was held last week on the tartan floor in the beautiful gymnasium of Brainerd high school. In the championship contest, Staples lost to the C-I Rangers 79 to 40, Senior members of the squad included Jack Kirk, Mark Penfield and George Smith.

25 Years Ago - 1996

• March 14, 1996 - Should the city get involved in operating a municipal golf course?

That’s a basic question facing the City of Staples after receiving a formal request Monday from the Terrace National Golf Club for the city to consider taking over ownership of the 65-year-old club.

A cautious approach was the reaction by the city council at the Monday night session of the council, a day earlier than normal due to schedule conflicts. “They had talked to us some time ago. There’s come things we need to consider before we go very far with this,” Mayor Frank Williams said.

• March 14, 1996 - Approximately 155 Motley Staples Middle School student participated both on stage and off in their “Wizard of Oz” production this week. Lead characters included Dustin Hjelmeland, Tim Woodman; Kurt Detloff, Cowardly Lion; Laura Anderson, Dorothy; and Amanda Hoffert, Scarecrow.

• March 14, 1996 - Author LaVyrle Spencer’s “Home Song” will air March 20 on

CBS television as a movie of the week at 8 p.m. CST. The movie stars Lee Horsley, Polly Draper and Deborah Raffin.

This is Spencer’s third book to be made into a movie. She currently has two books on the New York Times Bestseller list. Spencer was born in Browerville and is a graduate of Staples High School.

• March 14, 1996 - The Staples Motley Cardinals are Sub Section 24 champions for 1995 - 96, for the eighth year in a row and the 15th time in the past 17 years. The boys squad, led by coach Lynn Peterson, was awarded their Sub Section trophy after their 62-49 win over the Bertha Hewitt Bears. The win gave them a spot in the Section 6 tournament that started Tuesday at Concordia.

10 Years Ago - 2011

• March 17, 2011 - The new community events electronic sign has arrived in place on 2nd Ave. NE. Contact the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce office to get community messages posted on the sign.

• March 17, 2011 - ‘What ever happened to...Rick and Marsha Herder, former Tower Pizza owners, speech teacher,’ was a featured article that week.

The Herders opened Tower Pizza in Staples in 1984, and ran it for nearly four years before selling it to Roger and Sherry Rasmussen.

Rick Herder also taught English and speech (and coached speech and debate) at Staples High School from 1977 - 1985. He is now an assistant professor at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

• March 17, 2011 - Motley Staples Middle School students will perform ‘Annie, Jr.’ at Centennial Auditorium in Staples March 18 and 19.

Co-artistic directors for the play are Kevin Olsen and Matthew Olsen. Steve Hoemberg is the music director; and Cindy Koopmann is the accompanist and asst. music director. Gloria Palmer is in charge of costumes and Becky Haselberg, set design.

FFA continued from page 1a

Nine in 2021 MN FFA HOF

during the Minnesota FFA State Convention. The scope of the virtual convention this year is still very fluid, and the format of the Hall of Fame recognition is not yet planned.

The FFA Hall of Fame is a collaborative effort between the Minnesota FFA Association, Alumni and Foundation.

**Minnesota FFA Hall of Fame Class of 2021**

- Wes Anderson, Apple-

- ton
- Dennis Bjorklund, Victoria
- Sarah Dornink, St. Paul
- Michael Dove, New Ulm
- Mary Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye
- Donna Moenning, Hayfield
- Keith Olander, Staples
- Eric Sawatzke, Kensington
- Harmon Wilts, Kerkhoven

SMACF offering guidance for next grant round

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) is hosting a training event on how to use their new grant portal and how to successfully apply for funding for local projects. The event will be on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Motley City Hall. Social distancing and masks will be required.

The SMACF is a partner fund of the Initiative Foundation, established with the mission to develop and strengthen community resources and to enhance the quality of life of individuals, familie, and organizations in the Staples-Motley School District. Through local dollars, the SMACF provide direct grants to projects within the community that:

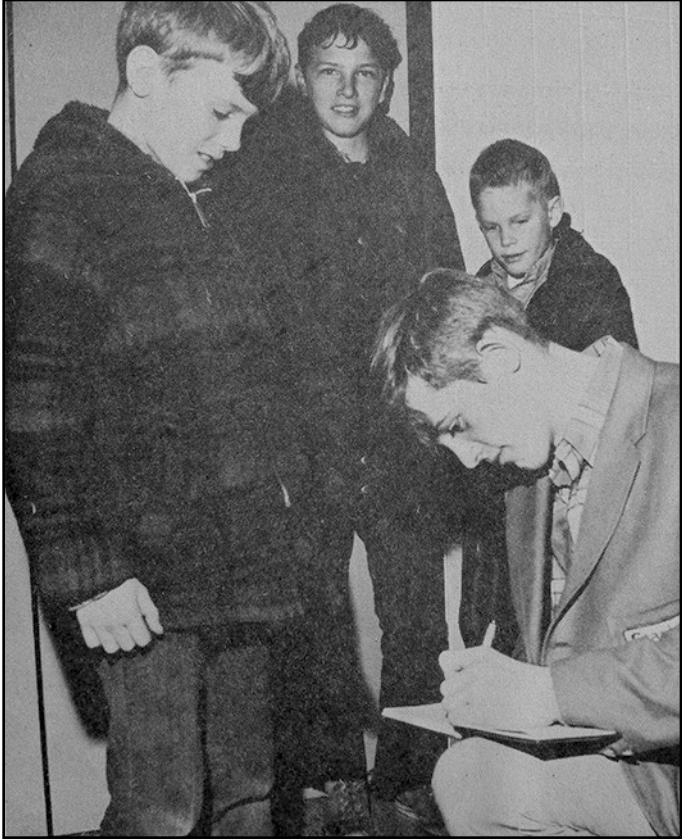
- Strengthen Youth and Families: Supplementing the endeavors of others in developing and implementing positive opportunities for youth and families.
- Improve Community Appearance: Making our community attractive and inviting to visitors and

improving the appearance of the community to make residents proud to live here.

- Increase Community Involvement and Leadership: Promoting citizen community involvement by developing and identifying leaders within the community in order to instill a sense of solidarity based on the assets of our community.

Grant opportunities are available to public, academic and nonprofit organizations that serve residents living and/or working in the boundaries of the Staples-Motley School District, ISD #2170. For full eligibility requirements, and to access the grant portal, please visit [www.staples-motleyfoundation.org](http://www.staples-motleyfoundation.org). The deadline to submit applications is April 15, 2021.

Questions about the grants available or the application process, can be directed to the SMACF Grants Committee Chair, Nick Trout, by phone at 218-296-2565 or email at [troutnicholas@gmail.com](mailto:troutnicholas@gmail.com).



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the March 11, 1971 edition of the Staples World, featured state wrestling champ Loren Bendson signing his autograph for Craig Redemske (far left). Bendson was part of the Staples High School wrestling team, coached by Don Dravis, that took home the third place trophy at the state meet that year.

*Ron Denning of Staples correctly guessed that Craig Redemske was getting Loren Bendson's autograph after winning state wrestling. He also identified Greg Dravis in the background (far right) and wondered if the boy in the center was Jim Crawford. Denning, Redemske and Dravis were all 1980 Staples High School graduates. Sue (Johnson) Griffith of Staples guessed the younger boys to be Craig Redemske, Jim Crawford and Greg Dravis. Her husband, Alex Griffith, thought the person signing the autograph was Tom Honek. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.*

COVID-19 numbers falling in area

COVID-19 is still present in area communities, but new infections have dwindled to single digit numbers over the past week.

The Staples area showed just three new cases after recording 26 the week before. Other area zip codes stayed low with Motley, six; Pillager, five; Wadena, two;

Browerville, one; and Verndale, four. Long Prairie has the only area community with double digits at 14 new cases.

Area counties also had lower numbers. Morrison County had the biggest drop, recording 13 new cases over the past week after seeing 40 the previous week.

During the full year of the pandemic, the Staples area saw around 9.9 percent of the population diagnosed with the virus. Motley’s total is 8.3 percent and Pillager is 8.2 percent. Wadena has the lowest infection

rate in the area at 6.8 percent, and Long Prairie has the highest number, at 13.4 percent. Browerville has 9.8 percent and Verndale 8.5 percent.





⌘

Letters to the Editor

⌘

School referendum is about community

It's time for us to rise. Vote yes.

I'm a local resident, "new" to the area (moved here 21 years ago). I've grown to love this "little podunk area in the boonies" as some might think of us. That's okay if they think that, in my time here I've found it to be a "jewel"; I've met so many hard-working, caring, involved people all around. We have a great community! It's home for us now; I love being a "Motleyite"; I love being a Cardinal.

One of the great assets of our community is our school system. The quality of it will determine the quality of our community.

We have staff in it who are busting their tails to love kids, guide them and educate them to success, presently and for their future.

Our school staff and hundreds of community members have developed the "Continuous Improvement Plan", to direct our schools as they educate, equip and empower all students to achieve their full potential, and succeed in the classroom and beyond. For that to continue, the great needs of our buildings and facilities must be addressed now.

You can vote from today through Tuesday, April 13. Make it a yes vote. Why?

Because with a yes vote, you are making an investment. That little boy or girl zipping down the playground slide will be a great man, a great woman in years ahead. Don't fail him. Don't fail her. We have received much; we must invest

for the future benefit of the students who come behind us.

Yes, it is all about the students in the end.

It's not about me skipping my favorite coffee drink, to invest for our students. Whether the school building location, or design, or color pleases me doesn't matter. How the design is laid out isn't about me. It's about the little Janies and Joeys who are dependent upon our school system to help their success.

It's about our community's future survival and thriving. It's time to rise. Vote yes.

Get your voting done and questions answered by calling our school office at 218-894-5400. Go to SMTIMEToRise.com for very helpful information.

Lois Johnson  
Motley, Minn

School facilities do not meet educational needs

I want to share a bit of my story...

My name is Ginger. Our family moved to this area about 16 years ago when my children were quite small, and a big reason we did was so that our children could attend school here. We wanted a safe community and a school with smaller class sizes with focused attention for the unique needs of our children.

I am happy to report, all these years later, that is exactly what we found here. I am so grateful for the Staples-Motley community. It has been a wonderful place to raise our children. Our school plays a unique and important role here.

I have worked for the Staples-Motley School District for the past 13 years. This is my 6th year teaching kindergarten here and it is my privilege. The children of our communities are some of the most amazing, funny, resilient, creative people I have ever known. They are the best of us.

They are why we need to have a conversation about our school. We are here for the children of this community. We all want to see them have every opportunity to learn in ways that make sense to them. In an environment that allows them to move and become creative problem solvers, a place where they can investigate and pursue their natural curiosities. A place where they can integrate technology and acquire a skill set that will prepare

them to be successful in life.

Perhaps it has been a while since you, your children or your grandchildren have attended or visited our school. Let me share with you some of our needs. The reality of our current situation is that our buildings are old. Facilities get old, that's not bad, it isn't anyone's fault, it's just the truth. A truth we cannot ignore. Our facilities do not meet our needs. We have been as creative as we can be with grade-level alignments and storage shortages, but our situation is less than ideal. Young children receive reading interventions in the hallway. We need a quiet space for teachers and children to focus on learning goals without interruptions. Our library has had to become our STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) classroom without a working sink. Library is on a cart. While this is effective, it is not a long-term solution that instills a love of science or literature. We can do better than this for our teachers and our students.

I am grateful for those who came before us and decided to say, "Yes". Yes, to building a school here. Yes to adding onto it. Yes to making difficult decisions during hard times. They left us a strong foundation and we can be proud of that. That took faith and hard work. The things that matter usually do. Their decisions made our lives better. We have reaped the benefits. Now it is our turn. There has been a legacy handed down to us from people, just like us, who decided to take action and to make a difference. We could do the same and leave this place even better than we found it.

As the time to vote on this new plan approaches, I hope

you will open your heart to the potential for greatness that we have, as we build on to what has been handed down to us. Allow yourself to become inspired by the ideas and the vision of what could take place right here. The proposed renovations and upgrades will breathe new life into our town. Interest rates are low; this is a smart time to build.

If you have questions, ask them. If you have doubts, worries, or fears let's talk about them. If we can come together as neighbors, as friends, we can do a lot of good. This is the time to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

It has been said that everything comes at a price, and that is true. It is also true that many hands make light work. When we shoulder a burden together it becomes lighter, easier for all of us to carry. If you are concerned about the impact on your taxes, please be sure you have complete and accurate information. A tax calculator and other information is available to you at SMTIMEToRise.com.

I want to ask you to dream big. Think of the possibilities. This is a chance for us to invest in a better world. It starts right here, right where we are. We can do this. It's time. Let's do something great. Let's pull together in a spirit of community and leave our own legacy that we can be proud of, that will change the way children learn and grow for years to come.

Who knows, we just might have a hand in changing the lives of children and families who haven't even moved here yet.

Ginger Stiner  
Staples, Minn

The good old days in the railroad town

By Mike Holst

I grew up in the small town of Staples. At that time, it was a railroad town and the town lived and breathed the Northern Pacific Railroad, later to become the Great Northern, but my dad still was a Northern Pacifier at heart and wasn't changing his belt buckle for another railroad for nothing, but he did work for them. At least half the town worked there and the other half fed off of the ones who spent their hard-earned money in that little town.

Striped railroad caps and red bandanas were the dress of the day. Osh Gosh was very popular. In the late forties and early fifties, the steam engines still roamed around the railroad yards and when you stuck your head out the door in the morning you smelled nothing but railroad. It was a stink somewhere between burnt coal and creosote.

It was that way in the house too because that's where dad hung up his overalls. If it snowed the whiteness of the new fallen snow was gone by the next day and all you had was sooty snirt and my mother crying over her dirty sheets she had hung out to dry on the clothes lines. She never had a dryer while I was there and never had a wash-

ing machine without those wringers.

It was a far different world in those days, crueler in one sense but better in others. We didn't have COVID-19 but we did have polio, chicken pox, mumps, scarlet fever and measles. With the exception of polio most of us just got sick, got over it and went on with life. If it got too bad there were three doctors in town to tend to the sick. Two drug stores in town too but just don't get sick on Sundays. We had our little Knob Hill up on Sixth Street where the well-heeled lived, merchants, doctors,' bankers and such and yes there were plenty of not so fortunate people scattered around but no one really had their noses in the air so we had a good thing going.

The police department was straight out of Mayberry, the volunteer fire department was mostly merchants that worked up town, who showed up at the fire station in their butchers' apron or greasy mechanics clothes or the guy from the lumber yard with his pencil still behind his ear. When the fire trucks headed out of town to the country it was a small parade that followed them. My dad would be about three cars behind them and then he would break away from the scene to be the first one back in

town to spread the news because the only other way you could find out what was going on was to call the telephone operator and get her to spill the beans.

Hobos would come to town to work for food and yes, I said work. They lived in their shacks out by Dower Lake but they made their way into town every now and then. My mom always gave them potatoes and coffee grounds and maybe a loaf of fresh bread if it was a baking day. They were a different breed than today's homeless people, not by their nature but their plight was mostly of their own volition. They just knew there wasn't any government programs for them, so they would mow a lawn or split some wood. It was seasonal because as soon as the snow flew, they were back on the freight trains for some place warmer.

I haven't lived in Staples for 60 years. I know the railroad isn't much anymore and the hobos quit riding the rails. The police have radios and college degrees and no one chases the fire trucks anymore. The doctor's have a fine hospital and clinic, the drug store is open on Sunday and there are a lot of nice houses that aren't on 6th St. and also, no one wears Osh Gosh.

Quote of the week

“People who wonder if the glass is half empty or full miss the point. The glass is refillable.”

— Simon Sinek

Minnesota ranks high as best state to live

From the office of Minnesota Governor Tim Walz

U.S. News & World Report has named Minnesota as the second best state in the nation. The Best States rankings evaluate how well each state serves their residents across a range of categories, including education, health care, and infrastructure. Minnesota is the only state to rank in the top three every year since U.S. News began ranking the Best States in 2017. This year, the state ranked in the top 10 for opportunity (#2), infrastructure (#9), and natural environment (#10).

"There is a reason Minnesota continually ranks as one of the best states in the nation," said Governor Tim Walz. "After an extraordinarily challenging year, our investments in education, health care, and local communities continue to make Minnesota a great place to live, work, and raise a family. I am committed to working across the aisle again



this legislative session to invest in the things that make life better for Minnesotans across the state."

"Although we have a long way to go to ensuring all Minnesotans have equitable opportunities to succeed, I am proud to continue building on Minnesota's history of serving its communities," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "We are committed to continue working toward building One Minnesota where your race or zip code does not determine your

quality of life."

As in past years, U.S. News & World Report ranked all 50 states based on data within 71 metrics and across eight categories. New to this year, U.S. News has also compiled data related to the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has affected states' economies and budgets. The annual rankings seek to inform citizens, community leaders, and policymakers about what's working and what isn't in each state across the nation.

StaplesWorld

Established in 1890. USPS 518-760  
©2020 RMM Publications  
Published Wednesdays by RMM Publications  
Office located at 224 4th Street NE  
Periodicals postage paid at Staples, Minnesota 56479.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 100  
Telephone: 218-894-1112 - Fax: 218-894-3570  
Toll Free: 1-888-894-1112  
www.staplesworld.com - E Mail: editor@staplesworld.com  
Deadline: 12 noon, Friday

Official Newspaper for:  
City of Staples, Staples-Motley School District,  
Freshwater Education District and Todd County.

Letters: Readers are encouraged to express their views by writing letters to the editor. Letters are verified for authenticity, so please include a name, address and phone number. Only the author's name and city will be published. Letters may be edited for spelling and grammar errors, libel, length and other factors. Private thanks, solicitations and libelous letters will not be published. Letters are printed on a space available basis. The editor reserves the right to reject letters.  
The deadline is 12 noon, Friday. Opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily represent the views of this newspaper.

Fairness: The Staples World tries conscientiously to report fairly and accurately. If you feel we fall short of this objective at any time, please direct your complaint to the manager whose name appears on this page.  
Note to Advertisers: Advertisers should check their ad following first publication. This newspaper shall not be liable for failure to publish an ad or for the typographic error or errors in publication except to the extent of the cost of the ad for the first day's insertion. Adjustment for errors is limited to the cost of that portion of the ad wherein the error occurred. The publisher reserves the right to cancel any advertisement at any time.

Publisher .....RMM Publications LLC  
Owners Rick Gail, Mike Kremer, Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor.....Mark Anderson editor@staplesworld.com  
Advertising Rep.....editor@staplesworld.com  
Photo Tech/production.....Janice Winter jwinter@staplesworld.com  
Bookkeeping/Circulation/  
Kathy Odden kodden@staplesworld.com  
Reporter.....Dawn Timbs dtimbs@staplesworld.com  
Front Office.....office@staplesworld.com

Subscription Rates:  
Local: (Todd, Wadena, Morrison, Cass Counties) \$41 per year  
Website: \$37 per year  
Minnesota: \$46 per year - Out of State: \$51 per year  
Foreign: \$61 per year Student Rate: (Sept. through Apr./in-state) \$31  
There is a \$5 charge for address change from local to out-of-state.

Member: Minnesota Newspaper Association, National Newspaper Association, Heartland Market Group, MCAN Advertising

School board contact info

Staples-Motley School Board

Bryan Winkels, Chair  
bryan.winkels@isd2170.k12.mn.us  
218-296-2425  
Bruce Lund, Vice-Chair  
bruce.lund@isd2170.k12.mn.us  
218-894-2202  
Brad Anderson, Treasurer  
brad.anderson@isd2170.k12.mn.us  
218-894-1411  
Mary Freeman, Clerk  
mary.freeman@isd2170.k12.mn.us  
218-296-2288  
Jeremy Reeck  
jeremy.reeck@isd2170.k12.mn.us  
218-639-0355  
Lisa Anderson  
lisa.anderson@isd2170.k12.mn.us  
320-360-3059

Shane Tappe, Superintendent 894-5400 x 3004  
shane.tappe@isd2170.k12.mn.us





## Staples-Motley Speech team second at Brainerd open

The Staples-Motley Speech team placed second at the Brainerd Open tournament held Feb. 20. The team placed second overall in the team sweeps event, with Willmar first. Micah Larson earned a first place trophy in Creative Expression; Torii Nienow, second in Original Oratory; Caden Mrazek, third in Humor and Keegan Bestland and Keegan Harvey, third in Duo. Fourth place winners were: Torii Nienow, Informative and Caden Mrazek, Storytelling; fifth were Iain Sams, Creative, Alex Brings, Great Speeches and Olivia Opheim, Informative; sixth place finalists were Brynn Bestland and Cecily Moe, Duo; Grace Allen, Ex. Reading and Keegan Bestland, Storytelling.

Honors Finals Champions were: Laken Hines, Hu-

mor and Walker Johnson, Ex. Reading. Honors finalists included Grace Allen, second in Poetry; Estella Bock, third in Informative; AJ Nienow, fourth in Humor; Bella Hines, fourth in Poetry; Jaden Johnson, fourth in Original Oratory; Cecily Moe, fifth in Drama; Evan Woodwick and Micah Larson, fifth in Duo and Brooke Ferdom, sixth in Discussion.

Above: front, left to right: Samantha Mrazek (coach), Brynn Bestland, Olivia Opheim, Cecily Moe, Bella Hines, Walker Johnson, Adelaide Toepper, Alex Brings, Laken Hines, Emily Olson (coach). Back: Travis Chaput, Micah Larson, Evan Woodwick, Torii Nienow, Caden Mrazek, AJ Nienow, Keegan Harvey, Keegan Bestland, Iain Sams, Brian Sams (coach). (Submitted photo)

## Staples-Motley school board referendum discussion open house; regular agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a Public Open House for Referendum Discussion on Monday, March 22 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples. The regular board meeting will follow starting at 6 p.m.

The regular board agenda includes a school/community forum for discussion on the Commissioner's Review and Comment on the proposed building bonds as required by M.S. 123B.71, Subd. 12. Other items are included.

Any individual or groups who wish to be on the Community Forum, must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting date.

Upcoming meeting schedule and dates:

**Mon., April 5:** Board Work Session, 6 p.m., district office.

**Tues., April 13:** Election day.

**Mon., April 19:** Regular board meeting/ Canvass election results, 6 p.m., district office.

**Mon., May 3:** Board Work Session, 6 p.m., district office.

# Todd County scheduling COVID-19 vaccines

Todd County Health & Human Services is currently scheduling Todd County residents who meet the current priority group criteria for COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Residents who would like to schedule an appointment should call 320-732-4500, and press option 1, on Fridays between the hours of 12 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Understand that there is limited vaccine available each week and not everyone who calls will be able to be scheduled for the following week. We encourage residents, who are unable to get an appointment, to call back each Friday to get scheduled for future vaccination clinics.

As of March 10, the following priority groups are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination:

- Minnesotans aged 65 or older
- Health care workers and people working at health care facilities
- Long-term care residents and staff members
- E-12 school and child-care staff
- People with specific un-

derlying health conditions

- Food processing plant workers
- People age 45 and older with ONE or more underlying medical conditions; or, age 16 and over with TWO or more underlying medical conditions\*
- People 50-plus in multi-generational housing
- Essential frontline workers

For more information on COVID-19 vaccination visit Todd County's vaccination webpage at: <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/vaxinfo/>.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccine safety, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html>.

## Mark Your Calendar

### March 17

**STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG** Wednesday, March 17, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. The meeting will be held live and via Zoom. Follow Covid-19 guidelines. The public is invited to attend. For Zoom login information, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

### March 18

**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.

### March 19

**CONCERT FOR THE FOOD SHELF** at Motley Free Methodist Church Friday, March 19, 6-7:30 p.m. Free will offering.

### March 22

**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

### March

• **POPS CONCERT - H.S.** March 29, 7 p.m.

### April

• **HIGH SCHOOL PLAY** April 6, 7 p.m.

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us) for up to the minute information.

**GRAND OPENING SPECIAL!!**

**SPECIAL:** 50% off the first month if registered by the end of the day on April 3rd

**Choose one of our great programs:**

- Children
- Teens
- Adults

**The Grand Opening is Saturday April 3**  
Enroll today for early enrollment savings!

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Fun classes every 30 minutes.  
Space is limited, call for an appointment

**United Tae Kwon Do Systems**  
119 2 Ave NW.  
Staples  
Call 218.296.0726

## COVID-19 Vaccine Availability

### Todd County Health & Human Services is currently scheduling Todd County residents who meet the current priority group criteria for COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

Residents who would like to schedule an appointment should call 320-732-4500, and press option 1, on Fridays between the hours of 12 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Understand that there is limited vaccine available each week. We encourage residents, who are unable to get an appointment, to call back each Friday to get scheduled for future vaccination clinics.

Along with those previously eligible for vaccination, the new priority groups include:

- People age 45 and older with ONE or more underlying medical conditions; or, age 18 and over with TWO or more underlying medical conditions
- People 50+ in multi-generational housing
- Essential frontline workers - agriculture, food production, food retail, food service, manufacturing, public transit, and Postal Service workers.

For more information on those eligible to be vaccinated visit: <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/whos-getting-vaccinated/vaccinated.jsp>

For more information on COVID-19 vaccination visit: <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/vaxinfo/>



**FRIENDLY INN BINGO!**

EVERY SATURDAY

1 p.m. (unless bad weather)

**218-575-3295**

Located 6 miles south of Motley 1-1/2 miles east on #203

You are Invited to

**Sacred Heart Area School's Pre-k & K Round-Up**

*kind*

**Ephesians 4:32**

**March 25th by appointment 3:30-7:00pm**

324 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Staples / 218-894-2077  
Call or email to set up your time  
[sacredheartareaschool@staplesnet.com](mailto:sacredheartareaschool@staplesnet.com)

**Openings in all grade levels Preschool-6th.**

**Come and see what SHAS has to offer your family!**

**Staples World**

Staples World counter sales available Tuesday morning after 10 a.m.

224 4th St. NE  
Staples, MN  
218-894-1112

**FREE DATE CHANGES ON 2021 TOURS\***

**FROM \$1,749\* \$1,499\***

**CRIMSON CANYONS & MESAS NATIONAL PARKS TOUR**  
10 days, departs June - September 2021  
**Las Vegas • Grand Canyon • Bryce Canyon • Zion • Capitol Reef • Arches & Canyonlands • and more —**  
Experience the red rocks of these 6 iconic national parks. Travel through deserts, forests, mountains, and to the very edge of the Grand Canyon in this tour.

**promo code N7017**  
**1-877-375-2291**

\*Free date changes anytime up to 45 days prior to departure for land tours. Deposits and final payments remain non-refundable. Prices are per person based on double occupancy plus \$199 in taxes & fees. Single supplement and second charges may apply. Add-on airfare available. Offers apply to new bookings only, made by 6/30/21. Other terms & conditions may apply. Ask your Travel Consultant for details.

**American Standard**  
150 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

**SAVE \$1000<sup>00</sup>**  
EXCLUSIONS APPLY

**ENJOYING A NEW SHOWER IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK**

**CALL TODAY**

[newshowerdeal.com/mn](http://newshowerdeal.com/mn) | 888-525-0482





Needing/Wanting a Granite Memorial FOR YOUR FAMILY?



I can help!

Diane M. Hahn

27 years serving our area!

Rep. for Fergus Falls Monument Co.

Call 218-445-5685 or 218-640-2341

## Hello World

### BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Jenn and Nick Trout of Staples, a baby boy, Arthur Joseph weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on March 5, 2021.

Born to Jewelle and Braxton Hirschey of Staples, a baby girl, Lillian Ann weighing six pounds, six ounces on March 8, 2021.

Born to Kaitlin and Brandon Burgau of Brainerd, a baby boy, Troy Richard-Douglas weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on March 8, 2021.

Born to Jenifer Stach and Bert Thomas of New York Mills, a baby boy, Sawyer Red weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on March 9, 2021.

Born to Megan and Cole Graczyk of Little Falls, a baby boy, Odin John weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on March 10, 2021.

Born to Rachael Kicker and Zach Berttunen of Menahga, a baby girl, Wrenlee Ann weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on March 10, 2021.

Born to Keisha and Nick Otterstetter of Clarissa, a baby boy, Aiden Walter weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces on March 10, 2021.

Born to Jessica and Dylan Eke of Baxter, a baby boy, Kadeyn William weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on March 12, 2021.

Born to Bobbie Van Horn and David McBride of Nisswa, a baby girl, Alice Jo weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on March 12, 2021.

Born to Lorraine and Jason Spencer of Brainerd, a baby girl, Scarlett Janet weighing seven pounds, two ounces on March 12, 2021.

## Allen Haugen

Allen O Haugen of Staples, passed away March 14, 2021 at the Harmony House in Motley.

Services are pending.

w12c A00006B2021MA17

## Lois Zappe

Lois Zappe, 94, formerly of Staples passed away March 6, 2021, in Alexandria.

Services will be held Sunday, March 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, 300 Lake St., Alexandria.

Visitation will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. prior to services at the church. Masks and social distancing, please.

w12c A00006B2021MA17

## June Noska

June Noska, 92, Staples passed away March 7, 2021 surrounded by family members and the compassionate care givers at Lakewood Health System who bore witness to this sacred event.

June's gentle soul was granted wings to fly into eternity to meet her creator and reunite with the love of her life, Don.

Private family services will be held with plans for a Celebration of Life pending.

June Audrey was born on June 17, 1928 to George and Myrtle (Carson) Sumey in Moran Township where she lived her entire life. June was the youngest of three children. She married Donald Noska on February 26, 1946. Together they farmed for several years before building Don's Store. June enjoyed cooking, time spent at the lake, preparing for family holiday gatherings and working at the store, where she developed many relationships over the years. June was always available to support her family in good and challenging times. She lived by the motto "If you can be any-



thing, be kind." June will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

June is survived by one son, Dave (Mary) Noska; one daughter, Diane Hansen; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

June was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one sister, Mayme (Harold) Forsblad and one brother, Stan (Cleone) Sumey.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

w12c A00006B2021MA17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Aldrich

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

### Cushing

**Bethany Lutheran**  
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 320-749-2140  
Pastor Carl Larson  
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee  
www.bethanylutherancushing.org  
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast.....11:45 a.m.  
2nd Sunday, each month

**Lincoln Evangelical Free**  
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443  
Phone: 218-575-2449  
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/Youth Joe Reigstad  
SUNDAY  
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.  
Facebook Live.....10:00 a.m.  
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Praise & Prayer.....6:30 p.m.

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

### Leader

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

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

### Motley

**Motley Free Methodist**  
33 Wellwood St. E  
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888  
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor  
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
facebook live.....9 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Youth Group.....6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

**St. Michael**  
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz  
MASS:  
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 Matthew Sundquist  
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

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

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

### Hewitt

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

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

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

### Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Inspirational Church Sign Sayings

God believes in you.  
Smooth seas do not good sailors make.  
Don't Get Caught With Your Spiritual Alarm Off!  
Walking with God is a daily adventure.  
A Diamond is coal that survived the pressure.  
Around the corner, around the world.  
Share the Gospel - use words if needed.  
Don't hide your light, come shine with us!  
Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.  
HAVE YOU TRIED CHURCH LATELY?  
WAIT! JESUS WANTS TO TALK TO YOU!  
Come on in - God has been expecting you!  
Come on in- God is still expecting you!  
MISSIONS = My Involvement Seeking Sinners  
In the Only Name that Saves  
Slow down and enjoy the journey of life

Open your mind, open your heart, open your BIBLE.  
Sometimes our biggest problem is right under our NOSE  
His Eye is on the Sparrow, and He's Watching You Birds, Too  
Not many servants, but to serve many.  
Life Everlasting is Free for the Asking  
No God, no Peace! Know God, Know Peace.  
When life knocks you to your knees, pray.  
God is Love.  
The time is always right to do what is right.  
We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.  
Let your past make you better, not bitter.  
You are a dying body with an undying soul.

## Fred Fleisher

Fred Eugene Fleisher, 84, of Staples passed away at his home on March 9, 2021.

Fred had endured an extended hospital stay but, through the love of his family, was able to come home and spend his final days surrounded by the people he loved most.

A memorial service was held March 12 at the Motley Free Methodist Church. Funeral services were held March 13 at the church.

Interment will be at Esterday Cemetery.

Fred was born on Oct. 14, 1936 to Lester and Goldie (Farber) Fleisher. He lived in Staples all his life. He worked as a carpenter for Odden Construction for many years. After an accident involving the loss of his leg, Fred went to work for the Perham Golf Course where he worked until his retirement. On June 19, 1958, Fred married Hazel Alice Rick, the love of his life. Their marriage was blessed with four children, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One of Fred's greatest gifts to his family was teaching them the true meaning of love and being there for one another through the good and bad times in life. He modeled that through the great love for his beloved wife, Hazel. When Hazel took ill, Fred stood by her side spending every day at the care center with her, modeling his great devotion for his beautiful wife. Theirs was a love that never wavered; a love that now continues in their heavenly home.

Fred was an avid hunter and taught many of his grandchildren how to hunt and was with them when they shot their first deer. He liked to fish, play cards (especially 500 and Tic) and was a big fan of the MN Twins and Vikings. Fred was a wonderful father, amazing grandfather, great-grandfather, a devoted husband, great brother and brother-in-law. Family meant everything to him. He was gentle, kind and generous. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

He is survived by one son, Michael (Kelly) Fleisher of Staples; three daughters, Donna Hanson, Leader, Deb (Scott) Hart, Henning and Doreen (Alex) Kropuenske, Staples; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his dear wife, Hazel, who he has been waiting to hold again for seven and one-half years; his parents; one sister, Nita; son-in-law, Rick and two grandchildren Emmi Rose and Ryan.

Funeral Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

w12c A00006B2021MA17



### The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

**Longbella Drug Store**  
"The Prescription Store"  
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242  
Motley and Pillager

**Ernie's Food Market**  
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more  
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

**Staples Veterinary Clinic**  
"Complete Animal Care"  
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

**Mid-Central National Bank**  
Fully Insured to \$250,000  
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

**Central Building Supply**  
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN  
218-894-3794

**Staples World**  
Your community newspaper since 1890  
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN  
218-894-1112

**Tower Pizza**  
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches  
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

**Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental"**  
Open 7 days a week.  
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

The Church Directory is supported by the advertisers listed above and the Ministerial Association.

To update your church information or to advertise on the Church Directory, call 218-894-1112 for Jan or email: jwinter@staplesworld.com. As usual continue to email your Ministerial pastoral message to: jwinter@staplesworld.com





## Wells, Neelan, Giza and Pali pin in playoff win

The Staples-Motley wrestling team had plenty of heroes in their 36-30 Section 6A playoff victory over Border West on March 11, with the most unlikely one Bendeguz Pali, an exchange student who is just learning the sport of wrestling.

In the next round, the Cardinals lost to West Central Area 58-16.

After the first four weights against Border West, the Cardinals were down 12-4, their only win by Owen Winter at 120 pounds. But they had already faced the top three wrestlers on the BW team, with Aidan Winter and Colbe Tappe losing narrowly to ranked wrestlers. Dalton Wells turned things around with a pin at 132 pounds, and Blake Neelan did the same at 145. Conner Dobson and Logen Weite dominated their matches to earn major wins and four points each

for the team. Alex Giza's pin put the Cardinals up by six with two matches left. For the 220 pound match, Staples-Motley sent Pali, who has been wrestling junior varsity most of the season as he learned the sport. Pali earned a quick takedown and his opponent attempted to sit out and spin around for a reversal. But Pali caught him and held him just long enough for the referee to call the pin. Pali jumped up and shouted along with the rest of the team because the pin meant the team would advance in the playoffs.

In the semifinals, the Cardinals lost a couple of close matches and didn't have enough firepower to stay with West Central Area, a ranked team who had recently defeated the top ranked team in the state.

The individual section wrestling matches start Tuesday, March 16, with a

supersection (or mini-state) match on Saturday, March 20 to determine the final wrestlers to go to state.

**Team results**  
**Section 6A quarterfinals**  
**Staples-Motley 36, Border West 30**

106 Riley Reese L fall, 113 Aidan Winter L 5-4, 120 Owen Winter W 11-0, 126 Colbe Tappe L 7-3, 132 Dalton Wells W fall, 138 Caden Dobson L fall, 145 Blake Neelan W fall, 152 Conner Dobson W 20-11, 160 double ff, 170 Logen Weite W 16-8, 182 Hunter Martin L fall, 195 Alex Giza W fall, 220 Bendeguz Pali W fall, 285 Cole Winkels L fall

**Section 6A semifinals**  
**Staples-Motley 16, West Central Area 58**

106 Reese L 9-7, 113 A. Winter L fall, 120 Tappe W fall, 126 O. Winter L 15-2, 132 Wells W fall, 138 Neelan L fall, 145 Dobson L fall, 152 Dustin Converse L fall, 160 ff, 170 Weite W 11-3, 182 Martin L fall, 195 Giza L fall, 220 Pali L fall, 285 Winkels L 1-0



### Power drive

Addison Lorber gets to the basket past two defenders.

## Schultz hits seven threes in basketball win

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team finished their regular season with a 65-47 win over Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal on March 12. Earlier in the week they lost to Pequot Lakes 74-48 on March 8 and fell 60-47 at Wadena-Deer Creek.

Against NCE-UH, Isaiah Schultz drained seven three pointers, with four in the first half, to help the Cardinals take a three point lead, and and three more early in the second half as the team started to pull away. Hunter Miller kept the team in the lead with five baskets in the second half.

**Team results**  
**Staples-Motley 47, Wadena-Deer Creek 60**  
Scoring: Isaiah Schultz 18, Hunter Miller 10, Sivert Klefsaas 8, Dominic Gomez 5, Adam Oberlander 4, Max Strickland 2  
**Staples-Motley 65, NCE/UH 47**  
Scoring: Schultz 21, Klefsaas 12, Miller 10, Strickland 7, Oberlander 3, Gomez 4, Wyatt Kobliska 3, Dakota Hennigar 3, Lyle Brownell 2

### Inside position

Pictured at right, Dominic Gomez scores a basket in a game earlier this season.



## Empty shelves greet some disappointed target shooters

Almost a year ago, when the COVID-19 pandemic began to disrupt lives and people began social distancing and sheltering in their homes, a number of everyday things were soon in short supply. Shoppers looking for bathroom tissue or virus-killing sanitizing products were greeted by empty shelves in grocery stores. The same was true of protective masks in hardware stores and home centers. Eventually supplies began to catch up with demand. But even then, it was not uncommon to encounter signs declaring a limit of one or two items per customer, as merchants tried to avoid disappointing many for the sake of a selfish few.

"Normal" still seems a ways off, and—especially for those touched deeply by health or economic effects—the old normal may be beyond reclaiming. But right now, the most current and worrisome shortage is of vaccines, not the things we use in everyday living.

But there are exceptions, dark clouds in the generally blue skies of a near-normal consumer supply chain. I have been discovering one of these shortages in recent weeks, as snow and ice-based pursuits are giving

way to thoughts of spring and summer activities. The event most eagerly awaited by the greatest number of Minnesotans has to be the return of open water fishing. But a surprising number—myself included—are similarly eager for the imminent return of trap, skeet, and sporting clays target shooting. Each hunting season lasts but a few weeks, or several months at most, but target shooting is as close to a year-round activity as Minnesota weather will permit.

For anglers, taking part in the annual ritual does not have to be much more complicated than taking the boat out of storage, and—if not done already—spooling new line on reels, sharpening hooks on much-used lures, and perhaps re-stocking items of tackle now depleted or in short supply. In a pinch, though, most of us could probably start the coming open water season with the inventory we had when we brought down the curtain on 2020.

Shooting is something else again. It is a consumptive sport. You can cast the same lure a thousand times. But with the release of each clay pigeon on the trap or skeet field, or on a sporting clays course, a shell is fired and must be replaced before another target can be broken or ingloriously missed. And therein lies the problem for shooters, a problem that I and many others have discovered this spring in the form of empty shelves in the places where we would otherwise find row on row of rectangular boxes with Federal,

Remington, or Winchester printed boldly across them.

The time was when a significant percentage of regular clay target shooters reloaded their own paper or plastic shotgun shells. They would—with a mechanical apparatus known as a "reloading press"—replace the gunpowder, the shot pellets and plastic cup that contains them, and the tiny explosive disk known as a primer; which, with a tiny jet of flame when stuck by the gun's firing pin, starts a chain reaction that forces those pellets out of the gun barrel at well over a thousand feet per second. Hopefully those pellets intercept and fracture or "powder" a round clay target disk before it eludes the shooter and escapes out of range.

Today, however, shotgun ammunition has become relatively inexpensive as a result of competitive market forces, including retailer sales used to entice buyers into a store where other purchases might be made. Fewer shooters now go to the trouble of buying the components that are needed to reload shotgun shells, take the time to learn the process, then execute the several steps required to reload each shell one at a time.

Over a number of weeks I've visited sporting goods retailers, big box stores, gun shops, even rural hardware outlets that routinely stock hunting and shooting gear for that segment of their clientele. I've also made phone calls to others to judge just how pervasive the widely-discussed shortages actually

are. These visits and phone calls sought information not only for factory-loaded shotgun shells and rifle and pistol cartridges, but also for the components used in reloading.

In person I've invariably been met with empty shelves, have heard apologetic narratives by phone saying "We're out of virtually everything," and have seen in-store signage that answered the anticipated customer question before it could even be asked: "Sorry: we have no idea when..."

The explanation for the shortages being heard from suppliers are several. They include uncertain delivery of some foreign-made components used by U.S. manufacturers in their ammunition production, a shortage of brass used in ammunition of all kinds, and increased demand resulting from—according to some reports—as many as 10 million new gun owners within the past year.

One welcome source of heightened demand is the growth in competitive high school clay target teams in Minnesota. In this fastest-growing Minnesota high school sport, there are roughly 350 school-based teams, and more than 12,000 athletes compete. They will be a big part of our shooting sports future.

As for just when the current shortage of ammunition will be relieved, no one is making firm predictions. But now would certainly be a good time to be a relic of those bygone days when more serious shooters "rolled their own!"

Wednesday, March 17, at Pelican Rapids.

Against LPA, the Cardinals took an early lead with Tabetha Allen and Addison Lorber scoring inside baskets. But the team started to struggle with passing against the press, and turnovers led to fast break points against them. Every time Staples-Motley started to make a run, more turnovers set them back again. Late in the game, Lauren Rutten turned the tables and started getting steals, helping the team get within one point, but a 9-0 run set them back again and their

final run fell three points short.

**Team results**  
**Staples-Motley 76, Lake Park/Audubon 79**

Scoring: Addison Lorber 19, Tabetha Allen 18, Allison Knosalla 13, Lauren Rutten 8, Aften Robinson 7, Haley Cichos 5, Kyanna Burton 4, Ashley Robben 2.

**Staples-Motley 75, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 43**

Scoring: Lorber 22, Rutten 14, Allen 11, Knosalla 9, Cichos 7, Alli Olander 4, Robben 3, Aften Robinson 3, Kyanna Burton 2.

**Staples-Motley 55, Crosby-Ironton 84**

Scoring: Allen 18, Knosalla 10, Lorber 9, Rutten 7, Robinson 6, Cichos 3, Robben 2.



### On the run

Haley Cichos leads a fast break for the Cardinals. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



### Hitting the floor

Mandy Carter dives for a loose ball to earn a steal. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION  
(These parcels have not forfeited to the State of Minnesota)

State of Minnesota County of Todd		Denise Gaida County Auditor/Treasurer		Carl LaRue 63825 Arrowhead Road Cambridge OH 43725			
TO:		ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE.					
You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Todd County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on these parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) sixty (60) days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcels or (2) July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer Office.							
The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the County Auditor/Treasurer; the legal description and parcel identification number of the parcels; and the amount necessary to redeem the parcels as of the date listed below:							
Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Legal Description	Amount Due	Carl LaRue 63825 Arrowhead Road Cambridge OH 43725	LOT-7 BLK-4 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 119.76		
03-0028200 JANET J GUERRA 2060 CHARLTON ST APT 119 WEST ST PAUL MN 55118	SECT-13 TWP-127 RANG-34 BEG AT A PT 33 FT E OF NE COR OF LOT 9 DIAMOND SPRINGS PARK THENCE E 141 FT NW TO N LINE OF LOT 1 W TO A PT 33 FT E OF NE COR OF LOT 7	\$ 1,099.90	19-0134500 JENNIFER L SCHEREK 4791 STEWART AVE SAINT PAUL MN 55110-3034				
04-0038700 PATRICIA FRANCISCA GARCIA 33064 COUNTY 12 SWANVILLE MN 56382	LOT 5 BLOCK 1 ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF BURNHAMVILLE	\$ 5,090.41	20-0041900 EARL L THOM 21554 COUNTY 38 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	THOM'S RIVER ACRES LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 1	\$ 1,387.25		
07-0021200 RANDY & JULEE KATH 69941 300TH STREET LITCHFIELD MN 55355	SECT-19 TWP-131 RANG-34 S 2.5 RDS OF W 50 RDS OF NW4	\$ 54.96	21-0008200 ROSEMARY A LEFAVOR 423 IRVING AVE NW APT 2 ELK RIVER MN 55330	SECT-07 TWP-128 RANG-33 NW4 NE4 LYING E OF HWY #71 EX S 400 FT	\$ 3,400.21		
08-0066900 YURIY & SVETLANA LAZURKO 16642 SE EAST VIEW CT PORTLAND OR 97236-9338	LOT-20 BLK-13 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1	\$ 217.10	25-0024600 THOMAS G & LANDA R DALY 265 CLEVELAND AVE S MOTLEY MN 56466	SECT-24 TWP-133 RANG-32 E 990 FT OF SE4 SE4 & W2 E2 NE4 SE4	\$ 3,288.05		
08-0085800 SERGEY & OLGA VARIVODA 20145 CHANTICLEER PL OREGON CITY OR 97045-7145	LOT-11 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 180.95	MICHAEL & ROSALINA KASTEN 6687 NETWORK CIRCLE LAS VEGAS NV 89156				
08-0089000 M N & N GENERAL CONTRACTING 15720 SE ORVILLE AVE MILWAUKIE OR 97267	LOT-43 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 132.62	25-0024801 THOMAS G & LANDA R DALY 265 CLEVELAND AVE S MOTLEY MN 56466	SECT-24 TWP-133 RANG-32 E 330 FT OF NE4 SE4	\$ 4,226.05		
08-0100900 M N & N GENERAL CONTRACTING 15720 SE ORVILLE AVE MILWAUKIE OR 97267	LOT-45 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 129.96	MICHAEL & ROSALINA KASTEN 6687 NETWORK CIRCLE LAS VEGAS NV 89156				
08-0116700 JAMES E LEEDAHL 10790-10TH AVE NW RICE MN 56367	LOT-11 BLK-13 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 132.62	25-0035400 GEORGE R & LISA M CARLSON 31246 COUNTY 28 MOTLEY MN 56466	SECT-33 TWP-133 RANG-32 PART OF GOVT LOT 4 LYING SW & SE OF DESC LINE: COMM AT SE COR OF GOVT LOT 4, N 187.88 FT TO CTRLINE OF LONG ST, SW 325.72 FT TO S LINE OF GOVT LOT 4, W 69.36 FT, SW 96.15 FT TO PT OF BEG, NW 350 FT, SW 399.62 FT TO S LINE OF GOVT LOT 4 & TERMINATING	\$ 204.51		
08-0124200 DAVID A & JOANNE ANDERSON 1848 DEMPSEY AVE NW BUFFALO MN 55313	LOT-2 BLK-2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS ALSO IN MORAN TOWNSHIP	\$ 81.20	25-0042600 GEORGE R & LISA M CARLSON 31246 COUNTY 28 MOTLEY MN 56466	BLK-15 PLAN OF PHILBROOK 33 & 34-133-32 & E2 OF VACATED FIRST AVE N LYING SW OF BLK 15	\$ 264.51		
08-0124300 DAVID A & JOANNE ANDERSON 1848 DEMPSEY AVE NW BUFFALO MN 55313	LOT-3 BLK-2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS ALSO IN MORAN TOWNSHIP	\$ 78.97	25-0045300 GEORGE R & LISA M CARLSON 31246 COUNTY 28 MOTLEY MN 56466	PLAN OF PHILBROOK 33 & 34-133-32 BLOCK 24 & N2 OF VACATED LONG STREET LYING SE OF BLK 24 & W2 OF VACATED FRONT STREET LYING NE OF BLK 24 & S2 OF VACATED WATER STREET LYING NW OF BLK 24	\$ 83.86		
08-0124400 WILLIAM H LASLEY JR 3221 INDIANA AVE N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55422-3107	LOT-4 BLK-2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS ALSO IN MORAN TOWNSHIP	\$ 78.97	25-0046200 MARIANNE GERVING 1617 GRAINWOOD RD LAKELAND FL 33805	PLAN OF PHILBROOK LOTS 5 TO 8 BLK 30	\$ 3,689.30		
08-0132000 HENRY & BETTY BERGQUIST C/O DWIGHT BERGQUIST 24417 33RD AVE ST CLOUD MN 56301	LOT-8 BLK-4 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 132.62	28-0008300 GARY G GREENWALDT 13713-380TH STREET EAGLE BEND MN 56446	SECT-10 TWP-131 RANG-35 SW4 NW4	\$ 1,555.33		
08-0155600 KAMI K FRITZ 1350 13TH STREET CIR, APT 203 SAUK RAPIDS MN 56379	LOT-16 BLK-9 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 119.76	28-0017600 DANIEL D DANIELSON 35682 133RD AVE EAGLE BEND MN 56446	SECT-21 TWP-131 RANG-35 N 335 FT OF S 1355 FT OF W 360 FT OF E2 NE4	\$ 2,588.69		
NICOLE M PHILIPPI 2310 40TH AVE S ST CLOUD MN 56301			29-0016900 CHARLES & TAMARA MERK PO BOX 71 503 2ND AVE NW BERTHA MN 56437	KILBURN'S THIRD ADDITION...S 84 FT OF 8 TO 11 BLK 2	\$ 3,078.85		
08-0155700 KAMI K FRITZ 1350 13TH STREET CIR, APT 203 SAUK RAPIDS MN 56379	LOT-17 BLK-9 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 119.76	29-0019800 TINA M & RICHARD W POEGEL 107 CHERRY STREET NW BERTHA MN 56437	KILBURN'S FOURTH ADDITION...LOTS 16 & 17 BLK 2	\$ 4,485.57		
NICOLE M PHILIPPI 2310 40TH AVE S ST CLOUD MN 56301			29-0019900 TINA M & RICHARD W POEGEL 107 CHERRY STREET NW BERTHA MN 56437	LOT-18 BLK-2 KILBURN'S FOURTH ADDITION...	\$ 311.33		
08-0162700 DANIEL ARTHUR JOHNSON 7931-164TH LN NW RAMSEY MN 55303-3597	LOT-45 BLK-8 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 196.69	30-0018300 LINDA J ROWE 40351 145TH AVE BERTHA MN 56437-1236	ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF BROWERVILLE 8-130-33 W 31 FT 9 INCHES OF E 57 FT 5 INCHES OF LOTS 1, 2 & 3 BLK 13	\$ 2,069.40		
15-0038200 VIVA E HOOKER C/O JOAN RHODES 8820 BACARDI AVE INVER GROVE HEIGHTS MN 55077	SECT-33 TWP-129 RANG-35 GOVT LOTS 2 & 3 LYING W OF TWP RD EX PLAT HOOKER ADD & EX COMM AT NE-RLY COR OF LOT 5 HOOKER ADD SE 83.36 FT TO PT OF BEG; THENCE NW 133.36 FT TO CTR OF HWY #10 NE 429.04 FT S 513 FT TO SHORELINE W-RLY 300	\$ 17,523.94	31-0000600 WALTER HOPPE 219 BLAINE AVE S BURTRUM MN 56318	SECT-27 TWP-128 RANG-32 ALL THAT PT OF NE4 SE4 WHICH LIES S'RLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCR LINE; COMMENCING AT SW CORN OF BLOCK X, TOWNSITE OF HANSEN, S ALONG W LINE NE4 SE4 330 FT TO POINT A, E TO W'RLY LINE OF BLAIN AVE, SW'RLY ALONG W'RLY LINE OF BLAIN AVE 67.33 FT TO PT OF BEG OF LINE TO BE DESCR, W'RLY TO PT ON W LINE OF NE4 SE4 A DISTANCE OF 46.12 FT S	\$ 2,835.20		
15-0086300 JARED & CALLEIGH PAINE 9201 PINEVIEW LANE NORTH MAPLE GROVE MN 55369	LOT-8 BLK-1 OSAKIS COMMONS	\$ 1,256.46	31-0006000 AMANDA J MEAGHER 16593 - 321ST AVE BURTRUM MN 56318	TOWNSITE OF HANSEN (BURTRUM) LOT 8 & N 27 1/2 FT OF LOT 9 BLK 2	\$ 3,623.71		
16-0011902 ADAM & MARIA ABRAHAMSON RAMON BOTELLO 29628 COUNTY 31 BROWERVILLE MN 56438-5069	SECT-13 TWP-130 RANG-32 S2 SE4 EX E 30 AC & EX S 660 FT OF W 660 FT OF E 1650 FT	\$ 1,502.47	33-0016100 JELYNDA MARGARET (DOLL) SOLID PO BOX 72 EAGLE BEND MN 56446-0072	ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND (12) E2 OF LOTS 4 TO 6 BLK 3	\$ 499.75		
16-0038400 EDWARD J & JOHN A ERNST 13793 VALE STREET NW ANDOVER MN 55304	LOT-4 1ST ADDITION TO GAARE'S SUBD	\$ 427.95	UNITY BANK 112 MAIN ST W CLARISSA MN 56440				
19-0054700 ILIA KRINITSYN 194 BONDABLE DR SPARTANBURG SC 29303-4621	LOT-55 BLK-6 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA	\$ 40.76	33-0016200 JELYNDA MARGARET (DOLL) SOLID PO BOX 72 EAGLE BEND MN 56446-0072	ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND (12) W2 OF LOTS 4 TO 6 BLK 3	\$ 357.27		
19-0066400 DAVID W GLOVER 32602 HWY 10 SWEETWATER AL 36782	LOT-14 BLK-3 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 109.56	UNITY BANK 112 MAIN ST W CLARISSA MN 56440				
Contract for Deed Holders: Wayne T Raiche  Thomas J Raiche 30078 State Highway 38 Grand Rapids, MN 55744			33-0021300 JOSEPH L DAVIDSON PO BOX 112 EAGLE BEND MN 56446	BOND'S FIRST ADDITION...LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 2	\$ 2,134.15		
19-0066500 DAVID W GLOVER 32602 HWY 10 SWEETWATER AL 36782	LOT-15 BLK-3 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 99.37	33-0027500 JANET THOMA PO BOX 121 235 CLARK STREET WEST EAGLE BEND MN 56446	LOT-6 BLK-1 BOND'S 5TH ADDITION... EX PART SOLD TO STATE FOR HWY	\$ 332.93		
19-0068300 DONALD L & NORMA J MICKELSON 233-11TH AVE N SOUTH ST PAUL MN 55075-1950	LOT-33 BLK-3 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 91.56	33-0027600 JANET THOMA PO BOX 121 235 CLARK STREET WEST EAGLE BEND MN 56446	LOT-7 BLK-1 BOND'S 5TH ADDITION...	\$ 339.60		
19-0068500 DREAM COAST PROPERTIES INC C/O STEVE JORDAN 5618 WINDRIFT LANE BOCA RATON FL 33433	LOT-35 BLK-3 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 109.56	35-0011800 LUCINDA FORE PO BOX 156 HEWITT MN 56453	TOWNSITE OF HEWITTE 30 FT OF S 20 FT OF W2 OF LOT 10 & E 30 FT OF W2 OF LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 4 GRANDMA'S KOUNTRY CAFE	\$ 4,379.77		
19-0077800 GRIGORIY ANDRIYCHUK & VALENTINA ANDRIYCHUK 5920-157TH LN NW RAMSEY MN 55303-5927	LOT-21 BLK-6 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 109.56	36-0021400 GARY C & PAMELA BELLAMY 19829 DOVE ROAD RANDALL MN 56475	TOWNSITE OF LONG PRAIRIE S 32 FT OF LOT 1 BLK 15	\$ 3,236.88		
19-0079500 DREAM COAST PROPERTIES INC C/O STEVE JORDAN 5618 WINDRIFT LANE BOCA RATON FL 33433	LOT-1 BLK-7 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 127.52	36-0023700 GARY C & PAMELA BELLAMY 19829 DOVE ROAD RANDALL MN 56475	TOWNSITE OF LONG PRAIRIE N 22 1/2 FT LOT 10 BLK 15	\$ 807.00		
19-0083000 DONALD L & NORMA J MICKELSON 233-11TH AVE N SOUTH ST PAUL MN 55075-1950	LOT-15 BLK-8 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 109.56	36-0097800 MARTIN MONTANEZ MORELOS ARTEMA MONTANEZ CARRILLO PO BOX 306 LONG PRAIRIE MN 56347	LOT-10 BLK-2 TAUBERT'S WOODLAND ADDITION	\$ 6,717.64		
19-0088300 DAVID A & JOANNE ANDERSON 1848 DEMPSEY AVE NW BUFFALO MN 55313	LOT-2 BLK-2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS ALSO IN FAWN LAKE TWP	\$ 60.80	38-0090100 JUSTIN R & ALYSSA L GRUNWALD 517 5TH STREET SE STAPLES MN 56479	LOT-5 BLK-5 FOREST PARK ADDITION TO STAPLES	\$ 3,310.46		
19-0088400 DAVID A & JOANNE ANDERSON 1848 DEMPSEY AVE NW BUFFALO MN 55313	LOT-3 BLK-2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS ALSO IN FAWN LAKE TWP	\$ 60.80	ARNOLD D & KAREN M CARD ARNOLD & KAREN CARD REV TRUST 9318-100TH ST SW STAPLES MN 56479				
19-0088500 WILLIAM H LASLEY JR 3221 INDIANA AVE N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55422-3107	LOT-4 BLK-2 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS ALSO IN FAWN LAKE TWP	\$ 40.40	UNITY BANK 602 4TH ST NE STAPLES MN 56479				
19-0096800 CHATTON D BOLDEN 4700 63RD AVE N BROOKLYN CENTER MN 55429-1577	LOT-7 BLK-3 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 109.56	38-0109903 STEPHAN D & HELEN DESMARAIS 109 4TH AVE SE SLEEPY EYE MN 56085	WILSON'S 1ST ADDITION TO STAPLES WEST 1 FOOT OF THE EAST 33 FEET OF VACATED11TH STREET WHICH ABUTS LOTS 1-3 BLK 7	\$ 41.14		
19-0096900 CHATTON D BOLDEN 4700 63RD AVE N BROOKLYN CENTER MN 55429-1577	LOT-8 BLK-3 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 109.56	38-0115000 MARY KUHNNS C/O DOROTHY KUHNNS 500 WARNER RD NE APT 106 STAPLES MN 56479	HOMEDALE ADDITION TO STAPLES LOT 6 BLK 2 & S2 OF VACATED ST	\$ 2,948.81		
19-0097000 CHATTON D BOLDEN 4700 63RD AVE N BROOKLYN CENTER MN 55429-1577	LOT-9 BLK-3 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 127.52	FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK & TRUST 111 4TH ST NE STAPLES MN 56479				
19-0097100 CHATTON D BOLDEN 4700 63RD AVE N BROOKLYN CENTER MN 55429-1577	LOT-10 BLK-3 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 150.37					
19-0100500 DANIEL LEYK JR 3343 LITTLE ROCK RD NE SAUK RAPIDS MN 56379-9566	LOT-8 BLK-5 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 99.37					
19-0109100 SERGEY ZENKIN 8229 LEWIS AVE ANTELOPE CA 95843	LOT-15 BLK-2 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 109.56					
19-0109200 SERGEY ZENKIN 8229 LEWIS AVE ANTELOPE CA 95843	LOT-16 BLK-2 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 109.56					
19-0109500 HAROLD R & LOUELLA GUSTAFSON 3484 197TH ST E FARIBAULT MN 55021-8002	LOT-19 BLK-2 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 109.56					

The time for redemption of the parcels of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of this notice and the filing of proof thereof in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, or **July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021** whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

**FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LAND PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FOREFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.**

The redemption amount is shown above is figured thru March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. This amount will increase monthly. Please contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due to redeem said parcel if paid on or after April 1, 2021.

Inquiries as to these proceedings can be made to the Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer Office, whose address is listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

Denise Gaida

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

by

Becky Jager Meis

Deputy Auditor/Treasurer  
Todd County Courthouse  
215 - 1st Avenue South, Suite 201  
Long Prairie, MN 56347-1378  
Telephone: (320) 732 - 4473

The time for redemption of the parcels of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of this notice and the filing of proof thereof in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, or July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LAND PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The redemption amount is shown above is figured thru March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. This amount will increase monthly. Please contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due to redeem said parcel if paid on or after April 1, 2021.

Inquiries as to these proceedings can be made to the Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer Office, whose address is listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

Denise Gaida

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

by Becky Jager Meis

Deputy Auditor/Treasurer  
Todd County Courthouse  
215 - 1st Avenue South, Suite 201  
Long Prairie, MN 56347-1378  
Telephone: (320) 732 - 4473





Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170  
SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING #11  
Annual Organizational  
Meeting  
Jan. 4, 2021, 6 p.m.  
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order  
By Chair Winkels  
Oath of Office for incoming Board Members: Lisa Anderson, Jeremy Reeck and Bryan Winkels

Roll Call  
Roll Call was taken with Members Bryan Winkels, Brad Anderson, Mary Freeman, Bruce Lund, Jeremy Reeck and Lisa Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also present: Supt. Tappe; Business Managers, Herdegen and Regan; several community members and students; Staples World Managing Editor, Mark Anderson and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2021 Organizational Items:  
Chair Winkels called for nominations for Board Chair. B. Anderson nominated Winkels. Winkels called for additional nominations and with no further nominations, Winkels was declared the Board Chair.

Election of other Officers  
Chair Winkels called for nominations for Vice Chair. Winkels nominated Lund. Winkels called for additional nominations and with no further nominations, Lund was declared Vice Chair.

Chair Winkels called for nominations for Clerk. B. Anderson nominated Freeman. Winkels called for additional nominations and with no further nominations, Freeman was declared the Clerk.

Chair Winkels called for nominations for Treasurer. Winkels nominated B. Anderson. Winkels called for additional nominations and with no further nominations, B. Anderson was declared the Treasurer.

Appoint Person(s) to Perform Duties of the Office of Clerk & Treasurer

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to designate Bonnie Madson as Asst. to the Clerk; and the Business Manager, Chuck Herdegen, as Asst. to the Treasurer. MC

Appoint Board Members to Serve on Educational Committees

Members voiced their intent to serve on the following committees: Freshwater Education District,

Bruce Lund (Alternate Mary Freeman); Sourcewell Delegate Assembly, Bryan Winkels; MN State HS League, Bryan Winkels; QCOMP, Mary Freeman (reassignment in June) MSBA Legislative Liaison, Lisa Anderson; Community Education Advisory Council, Bryan Winkels; Economic Development Authority, Supt. Tappe.

Finance Committee: B. Anderson and Reeck; Policy Committee: Winkels and L. Anderson; Technology Committee: Winkels; Meet & Confer Committee: Lund and Freeman; Facility Committee: Freeman and Reeck; Superintendent Evaluation: Winkels and B. Anderson

Annual Organizational Items:  
Motion by Lund, seconded by B. Anderson, to designate 2021 School Attorneys, Official Depositories, Investment of Funds, Electronic Transfers, Signature Approvals:

Official School Attorneys  
To name Pemberton Law Office of Fergus Falls; Kennedy & Graven; and Knutson, Flynn & Deans to serve as the official school district attorneys for 2021, and that the selection be determined by the administration. Authority also was granted to the administration to employ any other attorney/law firm as deemed necessary.

Official Depositories  
To name the following as official depositories for 2021: First International Bank and Trust, Unity Bank Central, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union, MN School District Liquid Assets Fund Plus, MN Trust and other financial institutions which are in compliance with MN Statutes governing school district depositories.

Signers at these Official Depositories shall include the Board Chair (Bryan Winkels); Board Treasurer (Brad Anderson); Superintendent, Shane Tappe; and Business Manager, Chuck Herdegen.

Official(s) to Invest Funds

To authorize school officials to invest funds on behalf of the school district: Business Manager, Chuck Herdegen and Superintendent, Shane Tappe.

Agent(s) to Make Electronic Transfers  
To authorize school officials to electronically transfer funds to be invested for the district: Business Manager, Chuck Herdegen and Payroll Clerk, Jenna Storry.

Signature Approvals  
Authorize Superintendent

Shane Tappe and Business Manager, Chuck Herdegen, to execute agreements and/or financial documents as necessary on behalf of the Staples-Motley School District.

Official Newspaper  
To designate The Staples World as the legal and official newspaper for the Staples-Motley School District for 2021.

Motion Carried  
Set School Board Meeting Schedule  
Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to set the 2021 meeting schedule:

Regular meetings will be held the third Monday of each month (January and February will be the last Monday of the month) at 6:00 p.m., with a school/public forum first on the agenda if someone would like to address the board on any topic, subject to the limitations of policy #206.

Work sessions will be the second Monday of the month in January and February of the month thereafter (no Work Session in Sept). All work Sessions MAY be followed by a regular Board Meeting as needed. Other meetings may be called as needed.

All meetings will be held in the building of the District Office. Motion Carried  
Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, for the 2021 School Board Salary to remain at \$3,377. MC

Adjournment  
Motion by Lund, seconded by B. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. MC

Complete minutes are available at [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us)

ISD #2170  
SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING #12  
Jan. 25, 2021, 6 p.m.  
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Lund, to adopt the agenda as presented. MC

Chair Winkels recognized the public and

thanked everyone for attending.

School/Community Forum

a. Ron Nypan addressed the Board with concerns over the proposed upcoming bond referendum. Concerns included the timing and the tax impact.

Consent Agenda

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

Resolution for Accepting Grants and Donations

Motion by Lund, seconded by Reeck, to approve the Resolution for accepting Grants and Donations in the amount of \$6,189.80. MC

Finance Items:

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

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Pay Equity Compliance Report. MC

Facilities

Request consideration and approval of a Resolution relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$64,380,000 and Calling for a Special Election on April 13, 2021.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to pass the Resolution relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$64,380,000 and Calling for a Special Election on April 13, 2021. Upon a Roll Call vote, voting in favor: Freeman, Reeck, Winkels, Lund and L. Anderson. Opposed: None B. Anderson was not present. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Tappe gave updates on referendum stakeholder meetings, COVID vaccine and saliva test availability for staff and the new Due North Education Plan from the Governor. Shout outs were given to all Support Staff and also to building administrator for their hard work and dedication to keep students in school. Phyl Runzel and Kim Prestidge are the district's nominations for the Sourcewell Educator of Excellence Award.

Next steps for the referendum process were reviewed: Communication plan, microsite, tax calculator and informational mailers going out to all boxholders.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. MC

13pnc

TODD COUNTY  
BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENT  
215 1st Ave. South,  
Long Prairie, MN 56347  
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, or via Zoom Conference Call and Telephone Conference. Please email or phone your wish to be included in the meeting at **320-732-4420, toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us** to consider the following Variance applications:

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of February 25, 2021 Minutes
- Board introduction and process review
  - o The applicant is introduced
  - o Staff Report
  - o Applicant request if staff report accurately represents the request
  - o Public Comment
  - o Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. **Scott and Amy Gaylord:** Part of Lots 5 & 6, Fanning's Subdivision, Section 11, Grey Eagle Township

Site Address: 14029 341st St, Burtrum. PID: 11-0066300

1. Request to decrease side lot line setback in Shoreland-Rd Zoning (Mound Lake) from 10 feet to 4 feet for construction of a 14 Foot by 48 Foot single car detached garage.

2. **Stewart and Amy Tschida:** Part of Lots 5 & 6, Tiemann's Subdivision, Section 25, Birchdale Township

Site Address: 28882 Antelope Trail, Grey Eagle. PID: 03-0008900

1. Request to increase the maximum peak height of structures within the setback in Shoreland-RD Zoning (Little Birch Lake) from 18 feet to 23 feet for construction of dormer addition to dwelling (Does not increase maximum height of structure, only adds onto highest part)

Adjournment.

Next meeting:  
**April 22, 2021**

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

Todd County  
Board of Adjustment  
Richard Johnson, Chair  
12pnc

NOTICE  
BECKER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF APPEAL  
AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Becker, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Becker Township Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made. Mask and social distancing is required.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk  
Becker Township

12pnc

NOTICE  
CITY OF STAPLES  
COUNTY OF WADENA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review - \*Equalization of the City of Staples, Wadena County, Minnesota, will meet at the Office of the Wadena County Assessor, Wadena MN at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Publication date:  
March 17, 2021

Diane Archer, City Clerk  
12pnc

NOTICE  
MAY TOWNSHIP  
ASSESSMENT  
MEETING

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the township of May, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 12:00 noon at the May Town Hall, 5834 112th Street SW, Pillager, MN 56473. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk  
May Township

12pnc

Public Notices

(ABBREVIATED  
ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY  
HIGHWAY SAFETY  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECTS  
CLOSING DATE:  
April 13, 2021

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., April 13, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

S.P. 077-070-014  
6-Inch Ground-In Wet  
Reflective Multi-  
Component Edge Lines  
Various County  
Roadways (28,700 miles)

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding>.

Loren Fellbaum,  
Director/Engineer  
Todd County Public Works  
11-13pnc

(ABBREVIATED  
ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY  
2021 GRAVEL  
SURFACING PROJECT  
Closing date:  
March 29, 2021

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., March 29, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

CP 21:67  
CP 21:70  
CP 21:76  
CP 21:78  
CP 21:89

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding>.

Loren Fellbaum,  
Director/Engineer  
Todd County Public Works  
10-12pnc

(ABBREVIATED  
ADVERTISEMENT)


TODD COUNTY  
2021 BITUMINOUS  
PROJECTS  
Closing date:  
March 30, 2021

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 30, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SP 077-612-011  
SAP 077-605-004  
SAP 077-614-020  
CP 21:102  
CP 77-21-01

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding>.

Loren Fellbaum,  
Director/Engineer  
Todd County Public Works  
10-12pnc



**DEADLINES**  
Newspaper deadline  
for copy and  
advertising:  
**12 noon Fridays**





## JOB OPPORTUNITY

## ALUDEC, USA

## POSITION: Machinist / Mold Tool Maker

Tool Maker is preferred, but not mandatory.  
Diploma required. 40+ hrs./Week, 5:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,  
Monday thru Thursday; and 5:30-9:30 a.m. Fridays.  
Wages/ benefits include: Medical and Dental Ins.  
Competitive wages based on experience and ability.

Interest / Questions, call 218-894-3142

## SERVICES &amp; EMPLOYMENT

205

## Help Wanted

**MOTLEY EXPRESS:**  
PT positions @ our convenience store. Must work well with others, flexible. Apply @ 1000 Hwy. 10, Motley. 218-352-6000. 11-12c

208  
Storage

## FOR RENT

Japke's North 8th Street  
Mini Storage, 894-1551  
6x20, 10x12, 10x20, 10x24

209  
Business  
Services

Your major appliance parts source. Parts for all major brands. One day service, Staples True Value, Staples. 218-894-3263. 26ffc

WANTED TO  
BUY  
501

**Miscellaneous**  
WANTED: RETIRED COUPLE want to buy a home between Brainerd and Motley with 2,200 plus sq. ft. 701-391-9955. 12-14p

## REAL ESTATE

602

Apartments  
for Rent

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

**FREE HEAT:** Quiet, 2 bdrm., great location. Welcome, 218-296-2713. 7ffc

Apartments for Rent  
Staples Northside Apartments  
936 6th Street

Smoke Free, Pet Friendly w/restrictions  
Water, garbage included  
Rental Assistance Available

Van Binsbergen & Associates, Inc.

320-269-6640 ext 23

www.vanblc.com



c150c

## Install Repair Technician I

West Central Telephone Association is looking for an **Install Repair Technician I** to join their team! The responsibilities will include but are not limited to assisting in the construction of new facilities; installing, repairing, and maintaining customer telephone, internet, and television systems; and testing equipment to ensure that it is functioning properly. Installation, maintenance and repair will be primarily on fiber optic of WCTA facilities and/or customer owned equipment. Candidates must have high school diploma and/or equivalent and a valid driver's license with a clean driving record; CCENT certification, PLT license and 2 years telecommunications experience preferred but not required. Competitive wages and benefits including health, dental, life, retirement benefits, and a great working atmosphere await the right person! **TO APPLY:** send cover letter and resumé to [hr@wcta.net](mailto:hr@wcta.net) or **WCTA**, Attn: Jennifer Grewe, PO Box 304, Sebeka, MN 56477 by **March 19, 2021**. EOE

## Place your Classified Ad

for only <sup>\$</sup>9<sup>85</sup>/wk.

Your ad will appear Wednesday in the

**Staples World**

and online at [www.staplesworld.com](http://www.staplesworld.com)

Mailing address for checks:

Staples World  
P.O. Box 100  
Staples, MN 56479



Payment must accompany the order.

Use form below or click on [www.staplesworld.com](http://www.staplesworld.com)

**Deadline: Friday at Noon**

## SUBSCRIBE

Staples World newspaper subscription rates, one year:

**Local: \$41**  
(Todd, Wadena, Morrison, Cass counties)

**Minnesota: \$46.**

**Out-of-State: \$51.**

**Foreign: \$61.**

**Student Rate: \$31**  
per school year, in-state (Sept.-April)

**On-Line: \$37**

**Print with on-line: \$65**

P.O. Box 100  
224 4th St. NE  
Staples, MN 56479  
218-894-1112  
[www.staplesworld.com](http://www.staplesworld.com)

FRONTIER  
TOWNHOMES

FOR RENTAL INFO CALL  
218-296-5031  
Under new ownership

We are accepting applications for 2 and 3 bedroom townhomes in Staples, a community you can get attached to. Rent based on income. Now professionally managed by

**BRUTGER**  
EQUITIES, INC.  
Income guidelines apply.

GARAGE  
SALES  
701

**A/G YOUTH:** Now accepting donations for upcoming garage sale. Call Kathy at 218-296-1647 for drop off or pick up. 6-13c

\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY

## SERVICE DIRECTORY

## Small Engine Repair

Authorized.....  
Stihl, MTD, Murray, Scag,  
Briggs & Stratton, Poulan  
**Sales-Service-Repair**  
**Staples Ace Hardware**  
**218-894-1080**

**ALBIE ELECTRIC**  
Cell 218-838-0581 Home Office 218-894-0151  
RESIDENTIAL AND LIGHT COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

**PAUL DRAKE TREE SERVICE**  
•General •Lot Clearing  
•Storm Damage Clean Up  
•Stump Grinding •Brushing  
•55 ft. Bucket Truck  
**218-894-2871**

**SERVICING ALL BRANDS**  
Sharpen Mower Blades  
Sharpen Saw Chains,  
Small Engine Repair + more  
**SERVICE HOURS** Staples True Value  
Mon - Fri, 8am to 4pm  
205 Warner Rd • 218.894.3263

**GIZA**  
EST 1934  
**PLUMBING & HEATING**  
• PLUMBING  
• HEATING  
• AIR CONDITIONING  
• GEOTHERMAL  
• NEW CONSTRUCTION  
• REMODEL  
• SERVICE  
MN LIC. #PC644417  
**218-894-2284**  
**WWW.CALLGIZA.COM**

**Mixed Firewood**  
By the bundle  
or by the truckload.  
8 foot lengths  
or processed  
**Enberg Logging**  
**218-352-6175**

**Sportsmans Plumbing-Heating-A/C, LLC**  
Clayton Hageman  
**218-831-8720**  
24 Hour Emergency Service

**LPS Inc.**  
Long Prairie Sanitation  
Long Prairie, MN  
**218-631-3101 888-878-5578**

**H&R Electric Services for**  
•Residential  
•Commercial  
•Industrial  
**218-296-2461**  
Zach Hanson 218-296-1285 • Mike Rollins 218-296-2461  
[hrelectricofstaples@yahoo.com](mailto:hrelectricofstaples@yahoo.com)  
Licensed, Bonded & Insured • Over 30 years experience

**Altrichter Excavation & Septic Service**  
**218-575-2222**  
•Septic System Installation  
•Camera Inspection, Tank Pumping and Cleaning  
MN State Certified  
**6685 330th St., Cushing, MN. 56443**

**thrivent**  
**Bob Mueller, FIC, RICP®**  
Financial Associate  
209 4th St NE  
PO Box 163  
Staples, MN 56479  
218-894-2161 27193 R6-20

**Sellnow Law Office, P.A.**  
**Thomas H. Sellnow\***  
[sellnowt@sellnowlaw.com](mailto:sellnowt@sellnowlaw.com)  
**Jason R. Sellnow**  
[sellnowj@sellnowlaw.com](mailto:sellnowj@sellnowlaw.com)  
218-894-4618 • 133 4th St. NE, Staples  
229 Central Ave., Long Prairie  
320-732-1919 • Toll free: 877-297-1125  
\*Thomas Sellnow is a Real Property Law Specialist certified by Real Property Section of Minnesota State Bar Association.  
• Probate and Trusts  
• Estate Planning • Family Law  
• Real Estate • Business Law  
• Title Insurance • Elder Law  
• Personal Injury • Auto Accidents  
**www.sellnowlaw.com**

**SCANLON'S TAX SERVICE**  
TAX & ACCOUNTING  
**TERRY SCANLON** [tsan288@aol.com](mailto:tsan288@aol.com)  
317 3RD AVE S • MOTLEY, MN 56468  
CALL, CALL, CALL 218-232-2676 218-352-2279

**PHB Excavating Inc.**  
Phil Bjerga  
**218-639-5007**  
Licensed / Bonded / Insured  
Septics • Waterlines • Trenching • Basements • Retaining Walls  
Landscaping & Site Preparation • Backhoe & Skid Loader Work  
Sewer Pipe Cleaning and Steaming • Custom Pressure Washing  
Equipment, Buildings, Driveways, etc. • Snow Plowing & Removal

**IDEAL CONSTRUCTION LLC**  
**PAYING THE WAY FOR YOU!**  
Staples, MN 56479  
**218-894-3105** SINCE 1958  
Asphalt Paving • Seal Coating • Excavating • Driveways  
Roads • Parking Lots • Site Prep • Gravel • Rock • Black Dirt  
Fill • Peat • Ponds • Demolition • Hauling • Landscaping  
Recycled Concrete and Asphalt

**Statema Backhoe Service, LLC**  
**MPCA CERTIFIED SEPTIC SYSTEMS**  
•FREE ESTIMATE FROM DESIGN TO INSTALLATION  
•COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS  
Site Prep • Basements • Waterlines • Driveways • Landscaping • Black Dirt • Gravel • Construction & Abandonment of Manure Pits • Fill Dirt  
Clearing & Grading • Ditch Cleaning • Snow Plowing: Commercial & Residential  
**Andy Statema • 320-594-2912 • 320-594-6347**

\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY\*SERVICE DIRECTORY





Hold your horses, spring is on the way

At least eight inches of snow fell in the Staples area March 10, causing a few groans from residents who'd enjoyed temperatures in the 60s the week before. Mixed in with the groans, however, were comments acknowledging winter's beau-

ty. By March 15, much of the white stuff had already melted and although a few more inches of snow are predicted, according to the calendar, spring officially arrives March 20. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Pillager Lions food share month donation

The Pillager Lions recently donated \$5,000 to the Pillager Food Shelf during March Food Share month. Above: Pillager Lions Cathy Johnson, Treasurer and

President John Driscoll; Michele Spar and Betty Doss from Pillager Family Council. (Submitted photo)

Lakewood answers questions about the COVID-19 vaccine

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Since the onset of CoVID-19 in March of 2020, Minnesotans have followed the lead of experts who are doing their best to navigate these uncharted waters. Sometimes rules have changed along the way, such as when and where masks should be worn to prevent the spread of the virus, and this has been confusing to the general population. Most recently, as COVID-19 vaccines have been made available to the public, there has been some confusion as to who is eligible to receive it and when. The Staples World reached out to Lakewood Health System in Staples with some questions that have surfaced in recent weeks about this process. Their written answers to these questions are included below.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE VACCINE IS NOT ADMINISTERED IN A TIMELY MANNER, THEN IT HAS TO BE DISPOSED OF. WHAT IS LAKEWOOD'S PROTOCOL REGARDING THIS? HAS LAKEWOOD HAD TO DISPOSE OF THE VACCINE, AND IF SO, HOW MUCH AS BEEN DISPOSED OF?**  
There is state guidance that indicates the COVID-19 vaccine needs to be administered within 72 hours of receipt. Lakewood has not had to waste any vaccine; everything we have been allotted has been distributed. We are currently at 100 percent for administering vaccine within 72 hours of receiving it. It is our policy to not take more vaccine from the state than we are able to distribute. This ensures that not only do we

not waste vaccine, but that others in the state will have access to it.  
**HAS LAKEWOOD ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO FIRST AND FOREMOST OFFER THE VACCINE TO ITS PRIORITY GROUPS (THOSE LISTED IN YOUR PRESS RELEASE)?**  
Yes, Lakewood has always followed the distribution guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding priority groups. We often work with Todd County Public Health to assist in distributing vaccine to priority groups such as k-12 educators and staff, childcare providers, and healthcare workers outside of Lakewood. Full list of the Phase 1a priority groups: Minnesota Guidance for Allocating and Prioritizing COVID-19 Vaccine - Phase 1A (state.mn.us)  
**AT WHAT POINT IS THE VACCINE OFFERED TO SOMEONE NOT IN THE PRIORITY GROUPS?**  
We have not offered, nor knowingly given, the vaccine to anyone outside the above priority groups. Our distribution of the vaccine is determined by the MDH. We have opened a wait list for the next priority groups, but no one on the list receives their vaccine until we have been given that direction by the MDH. It is simply a way for us to track those wanting the vaccine, so when we receive our vaccine allotments, we can immediately begin to schedule appointments. Full list of Phase 1b priority groups: https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/phase1b1c2.pdf  
**DOES LAKEWOOD OFFER THE VACCINE TO PEOPLE RESIDING OUTSIDE OF THEIR COVERAGE AREA?**  
Because it is a state vac-

cine, we cannot refuse distribution to those outside our service area. Our wait list is first come, first serve which is why people outside our area have received their vaccine from Lakewood.  
**HOW HAVE LAKEWOOD'S PATIENTS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE WAITING LIST?**  
We regularly update our Facebook page and website with information about the vaccine, including the wait list. Information has also gone out to our local media outlets (newspapers, radio public TV, public health etc.). Those who qualify for a priority group can call 218-894-1515 and choose option #2 to be added to the wait list. Lakewood's primary care providers have gone through their patient panels and indicated those they feel should be on the wait list, and those patients have been contacted to determine their interest. For some patient groups, we have also sent out messages via MyChart.  
**HOW DOES SOMEONE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AT ON THE WAITING LIST? ARE THERE CONSTANT UPDATES?**  
The wait list is a living entity which means it is constantly changing. People are added and removed daily for various reasons. For that reason, it is difficult to provide wait list patients with their exact 'position' on the list. Once they've been added to the list, we do not contact patients until they receive a call to schedule their appointment. However, we do appreciate when patients call to remove themselves from our list if they've received their vaccine from another facility.

Vaccine priority groups update

Per the governor's update on March 9, COVID-19 vaccination distribution sites began vaccinating the phase 1b, tiers 2 and 3 priority groups as designated by the Minnesota Department of Health on March 10.  
**Phase 1b priority groups include:**  
• People age 45-64 years with one or more underlying medical conditions listed below.  
• People age 16-44 years (18-44 for those receiving the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines) with two or more underlying medical conditions listed below.  
- Active cancer  
- Chronic kidney disease  
- COPD  
- Diabetes – type 1 or 2  
- Down Syndrome  
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies  
- Immunocompromised state (weakened

immune system) from solid organ transplant, HIV, bone marrow disease, chronic steroids for more than 30 days, immunodeficiency disease, or taking immunosuppressive medications  
- Obesity – BMI great than 30 kg2/m2  
- Pregnancy  
- Sickle cell disease  
- People with rare conditions or disabilities that put them at higher risk.  
- People age 50 years and older in multi-generational housing.  
- Food processing facilities.  
- Agriculture, additional school and childcare workers, airport staff, correctional settings, first responders, food production, food retail (grocery), food service, judicial system workers, manufacturing postal service workers, public transit workers, public health workers.



MCAN

Minnesota Classified Advertising Network



# Staples World

Staples World counter sales available Tuesday morning after 10 a.m.

224 4th St. NE  
Staples, MN  
218-894-1112

### EMPLOYMENT

**PRAIRIE WOODS ELEMENTARY**  
Special Education Teacher. New London-Spicer Schools. Required: MN special education teaching license in one or more disability categories issued by PELSB. ABS or Multiple Licensure areas preferred. For more info, visit: [www.nls.k12.mn.us/employment](http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/employment)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL**  
Family and Consumer Science Teacher. New London-Spicer Schools. Required: MN Teaching License. For more info, visit: [www.nls.k12.mn.us/employment](http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/employment)

**HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH TEACHER**  
New London-Spicer Schools. Required: MN Teaching License. For more info, visit: [www.nls.k12.mn.us/employment](http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/employment)

**KMS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
has FT elementary teaching position available August 2021. Apply online: [www.kms.k12.mn.us](http://www.kms.k12.mn.us); or send letter of interest, resume, transcripts, three letters of recommendation to: KMS, Box 168, Kerkhoven, MN 56252

### WANTED TO BUY

**WANTED:**  
**ALL 1970S MOTORCYCLES**  
Running or not. Titled or not. Cash in exchange. Sell now while prices are high! Call Dan at 612/720-2142

**WANTED 1970S MOTORCYCLES**  
Running or not, no title okay! Get cash and make some room! Always paying more! Call Mike at 320/420-7675

### FARM EQUIPMENT

**OWN LAND IN MINNESOTA?**  
Our hunters will pay top \$\$\$ to lease your land. Call now for free info packet: 866/309-1507 Ref# MN11721 [www.BaseCampLeasing.com](http://www.BaseCampLeasing.com)

### SEED/FEED/GRAINS

**PROTECT YOUR YIELD**  
from soybean white mold and SDS. Ask your seed dealer for Heads Up® Seed Treatment. Cost-effective. Proven results. HeadsUpST.com/plant21 or 866/368-9306

### MISCELLANEOUS

**TIMESHARE CANCELLATION EXPERTS**  
Over \$50,000,000 in timeshare debt & fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package & learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 833/619-1117

### MISCELLANEOUS

**AT&T WIRELESS**  
Two great new offers! Ask how to get the new iPhone 11 or Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e on us with AT&T's Buy one, Give One offer. While supplies last! Call 855/332-0464

**DONATE YOUR CAR**  
truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3-day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 844/220-9501

**4G LTE HOME INTERNET**  
Now available! Get GotW3 with lightning fast speeds, plus take your service with you when you travel! As low as \$109.99/mo! 844/960-4698

**HEARING AIDS!!**  
Buy one/get one free! Nearly invisible, fully rechargeable In-Ear Nano hearing aids priced thousands less than competitors! 45-day trial! Call: 833/373-0926

**DISH NETWORK \$64.99**  
for 190 Channels! Blazing fast internet, \$19.99/mo. (where available.) Switch & get a FREE \$100 Visa gift card. FREE voice remote. FREE HD DVR. FREE streaming on ALL devices. Call today! 855/562-4309

Advertise here statewide in 230+ newspapers for only \$279 per week! Call 800-279-2979





## A new family tradition begins

After owning Tower Pizza in Staples for nearly 20 years, Roger and Laurel Houselog recently sold the business to Eric and Alissa Neznik. The couples, along with their children, gathered to take some photos in front of the downtown

pizza place shortly after the sale was finalized. From left are Amber, Brittany, Jordan, Laurel and Roger Houselog; Eric and Alissa Neznik, with their children, from left, Mia, Mikaela, Mara and Ryker Pesta. (Submitted photo)

PRIDE continued from page 1a

## Local contributions to Cardinal Pride sign, Athletic Hall of Fame

Card III, formerly from Staples, illustrated and graphically designed the sign and Derek Holst and his crew from DHC built the foundation, with stone and lumber donated from Jeremy Reeck and Central Building Supply. Wade Bendson from Staples Precision Metal-craft machined and painted the high quality plate aluminum numbers.

Thanks to the many individual and community-based supporters, our SM Athletic Hall of Fame pro-

gram will continue to lead the reflection of our amazing athletic legacy, highlighted by our 30 team and 63 individual athletic state championships. This sign and message will “leave no doubt” to travelers passing through our community how we feel about the historic athletic legacy of our school’s athletes, coaches and teams.

One factor we can all be sure of: time fades everything, except what we value and choose to recall. The

willingness to support what we value, is a true reflection of our community pride.

As we prepare for our upcoming SM Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Celebration Event to be held on September 11 2021, we ask for your financial support to help make this event be the best that it can be. To share in our vision and contribute, please request a support packet or send donations to PO Box 192, Staples, or email [mjhajek@arvig.net](mailto:mjhajek@arvig.net).

## Staples-Motley state champions

Following is the list of state champions from Staples, Motley and Staples-Motley schools, compiled by the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. The current count is 30 team titles and 63 individual championships.

Girls tennis is one team not on this list, but deserves recognition. The team has been to the state tournament numerous times, with two second place team finishes and they finished third seven times, with one individual second place finisher. Similarly, the girls cross country team has three runner-up finishes to go with their two state titles.

**Team state championships**  
Boys cross country 10  
Girls cross country 2  
Boys golf 2  
Girls Golf 2  
Boys tennis 2  
Boys track and field 3  
Wrestling 7  
Baseball 1  
Girls Basketball 1

**Wrestling state champions**  
1971 - Loren Bendson  
1972 - Gordy Thompson  
1976 - Dave Sowers  
1976 - Jim Johnson  
1978 - Dave Sikora  
1980 - Paul Mergens  
1981 - Don Heldman  
1982 - Phil Corbett  
1982 - Bob Sterriker  
1982 - Blaine Dravis  
1983 - Bob Sterriker  
1987 - Jeff Sterriker  
1990 - Darren Heldman  
1992 - Gordy Thompson

1996 - Eric Kramer  
1997 - Mark Carlson  
1998 - Mark Carlson  
1999 - Mark Carlson  
1999 - Jeff Thompson  
1999 - Jamie Carlson  
2007 - Hakan Binek  
2017 - Alex Erpelding  
2020 - Owen Bjerga (21 second place finishes)

**Swimming state champions**  
1983 - Curt Jenkins, 100 butterfly  
1988 - Del Cerney, 50 freestyle  
1988 - Mark Lelwica, 100 freestyle  
1989 - Mark Lelwica, 100 freestyle (3 second place finishers)

**Golf state champions**  
Jody Wilson  
Mary Hasselberg  
Andrew Israelson

**Tennis state champions**  
David Joerger (singles)  
Mark Haglin/ David Cizek (doubles)

**Cross country state champions**  
1983 - Randy Richel  
1988 - Collin Beachy  
1997 - Derek Mattila  
1998 - Jeff Brever  
1999 - Jeff Brever  
2020 - Emmet Anderson (4 second place finishers: 3 boys and 1 girl)

**Boys track and field state champions**  
1935 - Robert Skinner, javelin throw  
1974 - Jeff Marden, pole vault  
1979 - Tony Spandl, 120

high hurdles  
1979 - Tony Spandl, pole vault  
1985 - Scott Tryggeseth, long jump  
1989 - Collin Beachy, 800  
1989 - Collin Beachy, 1,600  
1989 - Arden Beachy, triple jump  
1990 - Ryan Beachy, pole vault  
1993 - Jeremy Rondorf, discus  
1998 - Derek Mattila, 3,200  
1999 - Erik Klingaman, 3,200  
2000 - 4x400 relay (T. Johnson, K. Detloff, E. Frisk, J. Tholl)  
2000 - 4x800 relay (K. Detloff, R. Klingaman, J. Brever, J. Tholl)  
2001 - 4x800 relay (B. Burton, J. Tholl, J. Brever, R. Klingaman)  
2004 - Josh Smith, 400  
2013 - Brian Huber, long jump  
2018 - Max Giza, pole vault (22 second place finishers)

**Girls track and field state champions**  
1998 - Jacenta Spandl, high jump  
2012 - Jaelin Beachy, 100 hurdles  
2013 - Jaelin Beachy, 100 hurdles  
2014 - Jaelin Beachy, 100 hurdles  
2016 - Millie Kelfsaas, 100 hurdles  
2016 - Millie Klefsaas, pole vault  
2017 - Millie Klefsaas, pole vault (4 second place finishers)

TOWER continued from page 1a

## Family features at pizza restaurant

own business,” Roger said, going on to share that prior to entering the restaurant field, he’d been a manager of a credit union, worked construction and started Staples Auto Sales.

Now, nearly 20 years have passed since that dream became a reality at the pizza place.

One of the things he loved the most about his years at Tower were the people, Roger said, recalling those chats with customers he encountered along the way. He also loved that the job offered a way for him to give back to the community. He employed many young people during those two decades and for many, it was their first job. “I always said that over the years I’ve helped pay for a lot of cars and college education,” he noted.

His own children grew up learning valuable work skills at Tower, Roger said, mentioning Amber, Brittany and Jordan. It was great, because he often hired their friends and through those connections, got to know their parents too. There’s always been a real sense of community at Tower, Roger said.

Although his wife, Laurel never worked full-time at Tower, when Roger had heart surgery in 2006, she stepped in to help run things. He could always count on a dedicated staff, as well, to pitch in when needed. Yes, the Houselogs collected many rich memories over the years.

People in the community have recognized that Tower was a special place too, naming it ‘Business of the Year’ in 2010. “That was humbling,” Roger said of the award.

In addition to the thousands of pizzas he’s tossed, over the past 20 years they’ve remodeled the place a couple of different times, Roger said. Eric and Alissa came on board during this latest remodeling project,

so have been very much involved in many of the decorating decisions.

Customers will note the new hardwood floors, tables and reupholstered chairs, as well as the newly renovated, spacious restroom, located on the main level. There’s even a changing table, Alissa points out. As a mother of four, she knows the importance of this for young families.

The Nezniks are excited about their new wall-sized chalk board for writing daily specials, and they have plans to designate one wall for student artwork. He and Alissa want to do a lot to help support the local schools, Eric said.

A 1995 Staples-Motley High School graduate, some of Eric’s earliest and best memories are of eating at Tower Pizza. He recalls hanging out there with his friends and family, playing Trivial Pursuit while they waited for their orders to arrive. “I’ve loved calzones my entire life,” Eric said.

Although he never worked at Tower back then, Eric did learn some basics about restaurant life working at KFC in Staples when he was a kid.

After high school and college, he went on to work as a musician in Nashville for many years, and later worked as a Cruise Director for Carnival Ships. Most recently, Eric was the Sales and Event Manager at Timberlake Hotel in Staples.

In the back of his mind, however, was the dream of someday owning a small town restaurant. It was kind of a romantic, Hallmark sort of thing, Eric said.

When he met Alissa, who hailed from Long Prairie, it didn’t take long for them to realize they not only shared a love for each other, but both had aspirations of owning a small-town business. Alissa has four children from a previous marriage (Mia, Mikaela, Ryker and Mara Pesta), and

Tower Pizza seemed a perfect place to involve their entire family in one form or another.

In fact, the family aspect of Tower was something that both Erica and Alissa were drawn to. They both believe that the pizza place will offer an opportunity to teach their children the value of hard work.

The Nezniks also hope that Tower Pizza will continue to be a community place where multi-generations will gather to make memories. They plan to bring in some board games and perhaps a lemonade area down the road.

Alissa, who works for Flint Group, an advertising agency out of Fargo, has been able to bring a lot of her skills to the table. She’s been working on a new logo for Tower and helping to update their online presence. A new website, [www.towerpizzastaples.com](http://www.towerpizzastaples.com), is coming soon.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Nezniks have decided to continue offering take-out and delivery only for the time being. They look forward to having sit-down dining available at some point.

Tower Pizza’s phone number remains 218-894-3299 and email, [towerpizzastaples@gmail.com](mailto:towerpizzastaples@gmail.com). However, their hours have changed to the following: Sunday, 4 - 7:30 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Houselogs and Nezniks gathered recently to take family photos in front of the small-town pizza place that will always unite them.

He’ll miss the daily interaction with people, Roger said, but he does plan to work with Eric and Alissa for the next six months or so, to help during the transition. Plus, he can’t imagine going a week without a slice or two of Tower’s pepperoni pizza. Yep, that’s his favorite.

## Sauer joins FBM program at CLC

Central Lakes College is pleased to announce the hire of Tricia Sauer as its new Specialty Crops Farm Business Management instructor. Sauer has a Master of Professional Studies in Horticulture and an MBA in Business Management. Her experiences at Century College, where she has been a horticulture instructor, make her well poised to serve in this role.

Cory Detloff, Director of Ag & Energy/Farm Business Management at CLC said, “Tricia has a wealth of experience that will benefit our specialty crops producers as they work to create or continue a profitable business venture. We are excited to have Tricia as a member of our team!”

Sauer will be based out



Tricia Sauer

of Central Lakes College, but will serve the state of Minnesota for Specialty Crops instruction.

“I’m looking forward to working directly with farmers to help improve growing methods and increase prof-

itability,” Sauer said.

“I would like to introduce new innovations and crop varieties to Minnesota farmers and growers, complete with technical education and business models,” she said. “As a life-long Minnesotan, my passion is to help businesses grow with the made in Minnesota brand. This can be achieved by utilizing my combination of horticulture and business expertise.”

Sauer will provide technical and economic expertise to specialty crops growers interested in the Farm Business Management program. She can be reached at [tricia.sauer@clcmn.edu](mailto:tricia.sauer@clcmn.edu) or by phone at 651-592-1874.

## Podiatry services at Lakewood’s Browerville clinic

Dr. Jon Peterson, podiatrist, is now providing podiatric services at Lakewood’s Browerville clinic. Along with seeing patients in the Staples clinic, Dr. Peterson also sees patients in Browerville on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

As a podiatrist, Dr. Peterson specializes in areas of the foot and ankle. He enjoys helping diabetic patients navigate living well with diabetes as it relates to their feet, as well as providing a variety of other podiatric care and services.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Peterson, call 218-894-8259.

Buy LOCAL. Enjoy LOCAL.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS  
HOME EQUITY LOANS | AUTO LOANS | RECREATION LOANS  
PERSONAL LOANS | VISA CREDIT CARDS

Apply ON-THE-SPOT at more than 80 local dealers, online at [mmfcu.org](http://mmfcu.org), or by calling your local MMFCU office.

STAPLES | 1220 N 4th St | (218) 894-2463 | [mmfcu.org](http://mmfcu.org)

Loans subject to credit approval. Certain restrictions apply.