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Slip slidin' away What better way to embrace winter than to get out and enjoy it. That's exactly what some Staples boys did March 12. Pictured are Gunner Vogt, Beau Carlson, Hunter Vogt, Jagger Vogt, Maxx Carlson. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Athletic Hall of Fame elects Class of 2023

The Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame has elected five athletes, one coach, one community contributor and two teams. The new class will be inducted at a ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 16, at Staples-Motley High School's Centennial Auditorium. The following are the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023.

Athletes

- Curt Jenkins (1983) swimming
- Jody Wilson (1983) golf
- Collin Beachy (1989) cross country, basketball, track and field
- Blaine Joerger (1995) basketball, tennis
- Erick Kelly (1997) football, basketball, track and field

Coach

- Joe Joerger (boys tennis, girls basketball, baseball)

Teams

- 1972 Motley Football Team - Undefeated regular season, one of four teams in the first ever Minnesota 9-man playoff. Team captains were Randy Frisk and Larry Converse, Head Coach was Bill Finn.
- 1995 Staples-Motley Basketball Team - Played in one of the most memorable state tournament championship games in Minnesota history. It was a one-class format, where the Cardinals made the championship against big schools and lost to Minneapolis North on a last second shot. Led by Blaine Joerger and Coach Lynn Peterson.

Community contributor

- Pamela Sachs - Motley teacher, statistician, coordinator, fan, cheerleading advisor, Staples World sports reporter, Facebook group co-administrator

Lakewood experiencing unprecedented growth in orthopedics with TCO partnership

In its first full year of partnership with Twin Cities Orthopedics (TCO), Lakewood Health System experienced a nearly 30 percent increase in the number of orthopedic patients seen over the previous year. Lakewood originally partnered with TCO, sports medicine partner of the Minnesota Vikings, Twins, and St. Paul Saints, back in September of 2021, and since that time has seen a steep increase in the number of patients served. Over the course of 2022, Lakewood cared for an additional 95 orthopedic patients over its previous highs, performed 133 total joint replacements (45 more than previous highs) and was able to keep and treat nearly three times the number of patient fractures over the previous year. "Orthopedic care and overall coverage was an area we knew we needed to improve on at Lakewood," said Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood President & CEO. "We just didn't feel we were effectively meeting the scope of our patients' needs. The partnership with TCO has not only made us measurably better, it has surpassed even our expectations. Part-

nering with a world-class organization like TCO has given us the opportunity to provide our patients with a level of care unlike any in the region." Before partnering with TCO, Lakewood worked with a local independent ortho group which was later bought by a larger system. The result was declining coverage and an overall concern of someday losing the service line altogether. Today, Lakewood offers full-time orthopedic coverage with four board-certified TCO surgeons, an on-staff orthopedics physician's assistant, and a team of trained orthopedic nurses, physical therapists and support staff. Increased coverage and expanded service and care offerings have been the primary driver of growth as patients are now able to receive consistent care quickly without the need to send them elsewhere. "Previously, for procedures like fracture care, we were forced to send patients to other facilities simply because we did not have the coverage to handle them here," said Bjerga. "Now with TCO, patients are able

to receive the care and treatment they need right here at Lakewood. It's a total win for our patients and that has always been our goal." Twin Cities Orthopedics has also announced its plans to open TCO Staples - Therapy, a one-stop-shop for physical therapy and sports performance services in fall 2023. A cornerstone of the new Staples Plaza construction, this 7,000 square foot facility will offer top-of-the-line equipment and technology, allowing them to provide the best possible care for patients while evaluating their outcomes. "This new facility is more than just a physical space, it represents a commitment to the community and our partners at Lakewood," said Dr. Paul Diekmann, TCO orthopedic surgeon. "It's been my privilege to serve patients in the Staples and Brainerd areas for over a year, and in that time, I've seen firsthand the need for TCO's expanded services. Whether a patient is recovering from an injury, looking to improve athletic performance, or simply wanting to get back to their daily routine, TCO Staples See **TCO** on page 12a

Essentia announces plans for Staples clinic

From Essentia Health

Essentia Health has been serving the Staples community since 1981 and is excited to be bringing care closer to home for patients living there. Essentia is moving forward with a new

clinic and drive-through pharmacy located near Highway 10 and 12th Street NE in Staples. The stand-alone space represents a multi-million dollar investment in the community that will bring 16,000 square feet of new

space, state-of-the-art equipment and as many as 25 new employees. "This represents another way we can bring care closer to the communities we are privileged to serve," said Sandy Zutz-Wiczek, vice president of clinical operations at Essentia Health. "We know there's a demand for increased access to care in this area and we are honored to be able to fill that need for our patients." With the clinic comes a robust orthopedic care team consisting of five providers who have a combined nine decades of experience providing high-quality orthopedic care to patients in the community. Dr. Paul Thompson, Dr. Paul Rud, Dr. Ashley Nord, Dr. Nicholas Lesmeister and Dr. Christopher Metz will team up to provide orthopedic services five days a week at the new clinic. The five local physicians are excited at this new opportunity to expand care to the patients who live in the community they are privileged to serve. "We've been honored to provide orthopedic care to patients in the community for 40 years," said Dr. Metz. "With this new clinic, we are offering the same high level of care our patients expect from us in an additional setting with a great team of experienced, knowledgeable See **ESSENTIA** on page 3a

Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 15	41	30	Cloudy
Mar. 16	34	18	SNOW
Mar. 17	24	11	Snow
Mar. 18	26	6	Cloudy
Mar. 19	26	6	Cloudy
Mar. 20	36	13	P. Cloudy
Mar. 21	40	25	M. Cloudy
Last Year, 2022			
	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 15	43°	25	Sunny
Mar. 16	45	30	Sunny
Mar. 17	40	32	Sunny
Mar. 18	39	28	P. Cloudy
Mar. 19	44	25	M. Sunny
Mar. 20	46	26	Sunny
Mar. 21	53	39	P. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 38° Low = 20°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Freshwater: 8A
Villard 8A
Todd BOA: 8A

Obituaries

LaVerne Dahlvang
John Edwards
Cleo McGinnis
Steven Scott



Helping patients

Twin Cities Orthopedics physical therapist Claire Grunewald helps a patient with rehabilitation. (Submitted photo)

American Legion, along with local post, celebrate birthdays

Tri-County Post 124, turns 100 May 14

Celebrations are in the works for both the American Legion, and the American Legion Tri-County Post 124, according to information from Alan Marshall, Commander of Post 124.

March 15 is the designated birthday of the American Legion. On that date in 1919, the first Legion Caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris.

Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4, for the date in 1776 when patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born...March 15 is the date when The American Legion came to be. One-hundred and four years ago.

Throughout the organization's history, local posts across the country have celebrated with festivities that have included the entire community.

American Legion Tri-County Post 124, which serves this area, will be celebrating their 100th birthday on May 14, 2023. Birthday cake will be served during a time of fellowship at Motley City Hall on Saturday, May 13, from noon - 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Post 124 meets every third Thursday at Motley City Hall at 7 p.m. New members are welcome.

Minnesota's contributions to agriculture

From University of Minnesota

Classrooms and communities across the country will recognize the 50th anniversary of National Agriculture Day (Ag Day) on March 21, 2023. Ag Day is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives.

As this milestone approaches, Brian Buhr, dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, reflects on the last 50 years in the industry and answers questions about what we expect the next 50 years to look like.

What do you consider to be the biggest strides in agriculture in the last 50 years?

Dean Buhr: Throughout the last five decades, agricultural technology has been continuously and dramatically improved and modernized. Increases in both efficiency and sustainability have abounded in everything from machinery and inputs to plant genetics and new crop varieties. Tractors and combines have grown bigger and faster; fertilizers are better; plant breeding innovation has brought crops that are more resilient, resist pests and use fewer resources; soil testing has advanced; we have GPS and drone technology; and much more. As a result, farmers today produce more food on less

land using less nutrient inputs. These advances are significant to our work to protect the planet for generations to come, as we continue to focus our scientific efforts and research on climate adaptation and mitigation.

How will Minnesota play a role in agriculture's future?

Dean Buhr: For generations, agriculture and food systems have been at the heart of Minnesota, fueling our state's economy and providing nourishment worldwide. Today, we have the distinct opportunity to make Minnesota the global leader in advancing food and agriculture research, education and outreach. As part of a public-private partnership and in collaboration with Riverland Community College in Austin, we're exploring the development of an integrated advanced agricultural research complex in Mower County known as the Future of Advanced Agricultural Research in Minnesota (FAARM). This will be a first-of-its-kind complex that serves as a catalyst for research, innovation and economic development. It will offer integrated innovation, instruction and visionary technology that fuel the growth of rural economies while working to solve the world's grand challenges, including adapting to and mitigating

climate change.

Is there any particular technology that you think is poised to make a significant impact on agriculture?

Dean Buhr: Over the centuries, advances in agriculture have moved from mechanical (using machines to do the work), to chemical (such as applying pesticides and herbicides), to biological (the Green Revolution), to current major breakthroughs with digital data. This is a huge step in the natural evolution of agriculture, and it is happening at the U of M in a big way with our agri-food informatics initiative. It works with agricultural data from farm entities big and small, curating it, making it interoperable (able to talk to each other) and analyzing it both short and long term. This makes it possible to create research-ready agri-food data and turn it into actionable information, which is game-changing in addressing the many issues facing local and global agri-food systems today, from climate change and pests to diseases and markets. We've also seen major advances in the computational and data capabilities that allow us to measure and understand the billions of molecular interactions that affect the health of the only biome we have — Earth!

As you look ahead to the next 50 years, what do you think will be the biggest challenges for the industry?

Dean Buhr: We will continue to be challenged with finding new, more and better ways to sustainably feed our world's growing population while providing successful livelihoods for farmers and protecting our environment. To do this, it is imperative that we invest in agricultural research and development (R&D). Agricultural innovations are a formidable challenge, and there are often gaps of a decade or more between investment in ag R&D and having new crop technologies available to farmers. Currently the need for ag R&D investment is much greater than the supply. A recent report from the Supporters of Agricultural Research Foundation found that research investment generated returns of 10 times the amount invested over the past 50-some years. This means that on average, a dollar invested today brings a future return equivalent to \$10 in present day value. We must prioritize investment in ag R&D.



Memories in the mail



LaVonne (Paskewitz) Selleck of Staples World March 9, to show staff there an envelope she'd found recently that had been mailed to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paskewitz of Browerville, in September of 1959.

The return address was that of the World office at 224 4th St. NE, and inside was the wedding announcement of her brother Dean Paskewitz and his bride, Marilyn (Olson), who had been married at Balsamlund Lutheran Church on Aug. 14, of that year

(which also happened to be the groom's parents' 30th wedding anniversary).

LaVonne thought it was pretty nice of the paper to send that clipping to her folks (it had a four-cent stamp on the envelope) and wondered if that had been standard procedure in those days. She enjoyed finding this piece of mail dating back 63-plus years, and it brought back memories of that special wedding, at which she had served as one of the bride's attendants. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Motley area law enforcement report

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

March 1 - 7

March 7 - The MPD arrested a subject for DWI, following a traffic stop at Hwy 10 and Spruce Rd., Motley. This case remains under investigation.

March 5 - The MPD responded to a two vehicle accident without injuries at 265 Hwy 10 W, Motley.

March 1 - The MPD responded to a vehicle accident at Hwy 10 and Main St. in Motley. There were no injuries.

March 7 - The MCSO responded to a domestic report at the 33000 block of Maple Ln., Motley, and arrested Benjamin Charles Huff, 58.

March 7 - The MCSO responded to a verbal domestic situation at the 500 block of 1st Ave. S., Motley.

March 7 - The MCSO received 911 calls for a semi on fire in the southbound lane of Hwy 10 North of Cushing. Randall fire was paged, and BSP notified.

March 7 - The MCSO received a call from a party who advised she found a handgun in a driveway near the 4000 block of Cattleberry Rd.,

Motley. The deputy met with the reporting party and received the handgun from her. The handgun was logged into evidence and the owner said he would pick it up that day or the next. Upon his arrival, the owner's identity was confirmed, and also that he was the legal owner of the gun, which was returned to him.

March 6 - The MCSO responded to a report of a verbal dispute at the 2000

block of White Pine Ln., Motley.

March 4 - The MCSO conducted a traffic stop at Hwy 10 and Spruce Rd., Motley, and subsequently arrested the driver, Jeremy Lee Nunez, 32, for his out of state warrant.

March 2 - The MCSO received an anonymous informational report regarding a residence at the 34000 block of Hwy 10, Motley.



Lions donate to Lions

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$750 to the Staples '93 Lions for their upcoming Eggstravaganza event. Pictured, from left, are Joann Schornak, Staples '93 Lion; and Staples Host Lion President Steve Sing. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

THANK YOU

for making a difference!

Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Jacquelyn Botello, RN, Occupational Health
Nominated by Ivy Ruzynski, RN, BSN, Quality Improvement Manager

"Jackie has gone above and beyond since the day she started at Lakewood as the Occupational Health Nurse for Dan's Prize. There are many times that she adjusts her hours to meet the plant's needs on short notice or she will get a call at home and go in unscheduled to assist with different situations. Jackie also helped contribute to a Safety Award for having zero ergonomic/illness related injuries in 500 days. Jackie's work at Dan's Prize definitely does not go unnoticed. She is appreciated by all the employees. This isn't just a job for Jackie it is something she truly loves and it shows through her compassion, accountability, and the quality of care she provides."



Mary Dvorak, RN, Occupational Health
Nominated by Kimberly Bryniarski, LPN, Quality Improvement Manager (submitted on behalf of Trident Safety Manager Lucas Youngblom)

"Kind and unselfish would be the first words I would use to describe Mary. Most employees at Trident Seafoods-Motley, know Mary for being a hard-worker who they can rely on and trust. She is great at her job and legitimately cares for the people who she provides care and support for. Fortunately, I have been able to work with Mary and I have been able to understand the type of person she is outside of work. She will frequently purchase meals for random strangers or people in need without any thoughts of being paid back. She will drive out of her way to purchase Mexican candy to have in her office for the Hispanic seasonal workforce here at Trident Seafoods. She will give rides to employees that need a ride either to or from work without any questions. I can't think of anyone more deserving of the recognition than Mary."



Trista Johnson, CMA, Clinic
Nominated by Ashley Ayers, CMA, Clinic

"Trista has been an absolute staple to our quick care clinic, not only for many years, but specifically speaking since the Covid pandemic and this year's RSV/Flu uptick. Regardless if she has 35 patients on her schedule, or 10, she is always more than willing to answer any question with grace and a smile. The entire Lakewood team can always count on Trista's guidance as well as any task she has being completed with intelligence, accuracy, and compassion."



Kerry McGrane, LPN Coordinator, Home Health/Hospice
Nominated by Paul Johnson, Chaplain

"During the Thanksgiving holiday, Kerry found out that she had patients and families who would not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. Not only did Kerry search to find an organization that offered meals, but she picked them up on Thanksgiving and hand delivered them to the families. This is definitely the work of someone who not only provides great medical care, but also cares about her patients as people. She is an amazing example of the type of people we have working in our home care department."



Lillie Payne, Universal Worker, Assisted Living
Nominated by Natasha Myers, Assisted Living Director

"Lillie demonstrates compassion as she is always going above and beyond for our tenants. She provides person-centered care. She brings up ideas to nursing/management that she feels could benefit the tenants. She knows how to relate with the tenants to provide the services they need, all while making the tenants feel special. Lillie is always willing to pick up shifts where our team needs. Her work performance is high quality."



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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• March 11, 1948 - When walking on the sidewalk along Second Ave. Monday of last week, Ray Jenkins slipped and fell. In the fall his left arm was broken in two places.

The two breaks were just above the wrist. He was taken to the Staples Municipal hospital where the break was reduced, the wrist put in a cast and where he remained for several days.

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

• March 11, 1948 - Nels Japke, who has been doing the re-decorating at the Staples City Hall stated the first of this week that he would complete the work by the end of this week, and that the building would be ready for complete occupancy by then.

• March 11, 1948 - Mrs. Helen Brooks returned to her home in Staples last week after having spent the past three months visiting relatives in Oregon and Washington.

Mrs. Brooks left Staples last November. She made the trip back to Staples all alone, and she is past 87 years of age. She stated that she had a good time while in the west, but was very glad to return to Staples and Minnesota.

• March 11, 1948 - Two hundred patrons and friends of the creamery in Staples were in attendance at the annual meeting of the creamery held at the Staples city hall Wednesday afternoon, March 10.

At the election of officers, Clarence Thompson of Motley and Gerhardt Pfeiffer of Staples were elected to the board of directors for the coming year. They will take the place of Lloyd Sapp and Frank Koval, whose terms expired. Robert Trout of Staples will be the new president of the board.

• March 11, 1948 - In the second tilt of the starting day, Tuesday, of the sub-district tourney in Staples, the Motley rockets out-distanced the Menahgaites in a last half bid. Motley "hit the hoop" for 35 tallies in the game against Menahga for 35 to Menahga's 24.

In the second tourney battle against New York Mills on the following night, Motley was defeated, with the final score being 33 - 20. This was the last official game for the Rocket squad



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 15, 1973 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

swers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

in the 1947 - 48 season.

• March 11, 1948 - Staples Cardinals lost one of the most hectic games in the history of basketball for either Staples or Crosby-Ironton, at the final game held in Brainerd Friday evening of last week, when the Rangers eeked out a one-point victory over the Cards, after the Cards had led most of the time for three quarters of the game. The final score was 39-38 for the Rangers. The contest was one of the most heartbreaking games ever witnessed by fans at a district 24 tournament in many years.

50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• March 15, 1973 - A young man, formerly from Motley, was killed in a one-car accident early Saturday Morning, March 10, in Ogden Canyon in Utah.

Killed was Ernest W. Converse Jr., 30, of Huntsville, Utah.

Relatives reported to The World that Converse was alone in the car and was enroute to Salt Lake City to pick up his wife from her place of employment when the accident happened shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday. Relatives said that Converse was traveling down the mountain and apparently hit a canyon way, overturning into Ogden Canyon. He was pronounced dead at the

scene at 1:18 a.m.

Converse moved to Huntsville, Utah, in Sept. of 1972, and was serving as the Chief of Police of that city at the time of his death.

• March 15, 1973 - The Cardinals of Staples High School captured the District 24 Basketball championship last Friday evening with a convincing 64 - 57 conquest of the C-I Rangers. It was only the second time in the history of the school that a Cardinal quint has claimed a district basketball title.

Members of the championship team include Craig Dezell, Dennis Hanson, Don Pavlacky, Bill Backberg, Tom Sycks, Doug Cizek, Brian Baustian, Joe Neznik (team captain); Pat Goff, Pat Wilhelmson, Jim Sauer, Phil Lindamann, Greg Kaler, Bob Rego, Warren Mertens; and Head Coach Tom Wolhowe.

25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• March 12, 1998 - The Staples Area Men's and Women's Choruses will present, "Salute to Disney" at Centennial Auditorium in Staples March 14 and 15.

• March 12, 1998 - Longbella Drug would like to announce the opening of their clinic pharmacy, Longbella Drug-Motley, located in the new Lake-wood Clinic building in Motley.

• March 12, 1998 - Buck-

wheat growers in north central Minnesota are finding that the old-fashioned staple is an economical and effective plow-down crop.

Interest in buckwheat is high in the Aldrich area, according to producer Tom Bilek of the Buckwheat Growers Association of Central Minnesota. The growers group has recently formed a cooperative that is working closely with AURI to find markets and explore methods to de-hull and process the grain.

• March 12, 1998 - Becky Ruby, 19, who said she had gone for nearly four years without a haircut, recently decided to try a new hair style. But the young lady from Staples found a very worthwhile cause use for her long brown locks.

"I will be donating my hair to a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., group. They make wigs for cancer patients, using only human hair," she said.

• March 12, 1998 - The Staples-Motley Cardinals finished the high school basketball season Saturday night a little earlier than fans and team members wanted.

The Cards lost in the second game of the Section 8AA tournament Saturday night, losing in over-time to Wadena-Deer Creek 59 - 53, after a Cardinal three-point shot tied the game at the end of regulation time to send it into overtime.

10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• March 14, 2013 - The front page photo featured Liz and Del Lindgren on the snowshoe trail that runs through the woods at The Vintage golf course in Staples. The Lindgrens also get out to cross county ski quite often. Their daughter, Kelly Coughlin, makes the snowshoe trails and their son, Kerry Lindgren, grooms the cross country ski trails. Del is in his early eighties and Liz, in her late seventies.

• March 14, 2013 - While still in the middle of a year-long term as President of the Minnesota Women of Today, Nicky Anderson moved her family and decided to start a chapter in Staples and Motley.

Anderson lives in Staples and works as a teacher at the Little Cardinal Academy in Motley. She moved to the area to follow her husband, Mark Anderson, editor of the Staples World and writer of this story.

• March 14, 2013 - A number of local musicians participated in the 'Open Mic Night' at the Stomping Grounds coffee house in Staples March 10. They included Lizzy Juergens and Jeremy Boxhorn, Andrew Nelson, Jamie Stultz and Katie Ziegler.

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Essentia's Staples Clinic will have similar orthopedic care as Pillager Clinic

and passionate physicians." This same type of orthopedic care is currently being offered at the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Pillager Clinic as well.

Offering orthopedic care in Staples will give patients increased access to Essentia's team of nationally recognized physicians who were recently honored by the Joint Commission for their outstanding work in knee and hip replacement procedures.

The clinic also offers many other care options,

including primary care, surgical specialties, physical therapy, radiology, lab services, a pharmacy and more. All exam rooms will be set up for telehealth visits.

The drive-through pharmacy is a convenient option for patients, allowing them access to the medications they need without having to get out of their vehicle.

Groundbreaking for the new clinic is set for the spring of 2023 with completion anticipated in early 2024.

Astera Health celebrates grand opening March 18

Tri-County Health Care is now Astera Health. In addition to the new name, Astera Health will host a grand opening ceremony for its brand new campus on March 18, 2023, from 12-4 p.m.

The event is open to all and free of charge. Community members are invited to enjoy guided tours with Astera Health staff for a behind-the-scenes look at the new campus.

The new Astera Health campus is located west of Wadena along highway 10. From highway 10, the campus can be accessed at 421 11th St. NW, Wadena, MN 56482. Follow the signs and event staff will assist with parking.

For more information about events, visit asterahealth.org.

Astera Health is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Astera Health operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, and serves the counties of Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail through five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit asterahealth.org.

Bjerga receives Elite Circle recognition

Edina Realty, a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate and the Midwest's largest largest residential real estate firm, recently announced that Nikki Bjerga from the Staples office is being recognized for outstanding sales performance, market

knowledge and customer service as members of Edina Realty's Elite Circle.

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Rural Minnesota aging community needs support

From the Central Minnesota Council on Aging

Our aging community members in Greater Minnesota need your help. We are reaching out on behalf of the Central Minnesota Council on Aging to ask for your public comment to advocate for all Minnesotans aging in outstate Minnesota.

The Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) is tasked with creating an equitable funding formula for Minnesota's Older Americans Act dollars and the public comment period will be open in April. The MBA proposed Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) that is being proposed leaves Greater Minnesota at a shortfall risking a substantial loss in service for our older community members including a loss of funding for rides to medical appointments, home-delivered meals, grocery delivery, respite, lawn mowing and snow removal services, and much more.

The Older Americans Act funding is intended to assist people from entering the public safety net and spending down to assistance. This funding should also be used as 'payer of last resort'. In rural Minnesota it truly fulfills that mission and is often not only the last payer, but many times the only funding supporting home and community-based services.

All of these services help our older community members stay safe in their homes and assist caregivers with needed supports. Rural Minnesota is already facing a shortfall in funding for these services, we cannot keep our aging neighbors healthy with continued cuts. Without your voice standing alongside our community members, Greater Minnesota stands to lose critical support for these services.

Would you be willing to provide public comment to the MBA to ask for an equitable formula that supports Greater Minnesota?

Please ask the Minnesota Board on Aging to decrease 60+ Population to 20%, decrease 60+ with Disability to 5%, increase 60+ Rural to 25% and increase 60+ Living Alone to 10%. This would increase funding to all outstate Area Agencies on Aging in Minnesota and increase funding in your local communities.

Your support to help our aging community members live in the community of their choice is greatly appreciated.

Public comment will be open April 3rd via the State Register and on the MBA website: <https://mn.gov/board-on-aging/> or Minnesota Board on Aging, P.O. Box 64976, St. Paul, MN 55164.

Former governor calls for clean water action

From the office of Arne Carlson, former Minnesota Governor

In a six-page letter to the office of Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, former Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson and others asked:

“Why is the Walz Administration putting the BWCA and Lake Superior at risk doing business with Glencore?”

Carlson, who served as Governor from 1991 to 1999, wrote that data from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency noted that in 2019, 56 percent of the state's rivers, streams and lakes were declared “impaired” and that in 2021 another 305 bodies of water were added to that list. “This is a most serious warning,” Carlson wrote, “because it places human and wildlife in danger and clearly informs us that our supply of drinkable water is diminishing.”

In the letter, the group referenced a University of Minnesota finding that water demand in Minnesota is exceeding supply and that the state needed “to reduce water consumption by 25 percent over the next 35 years.”

In calling for a comprehensive water study, the Carlson group found fault with the current system that “largely depends on local units of government to supply and protect their waters and a defused system on the state level with the result that no one agency is in charge.”

The majority of the letter

to Governor Walz centers on foreign mining giant Glencore, parent company of Polymet Mining which has applied for mining permits near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) in northeast Minnesota. Carlson noted the warnings of former Vice President Walter Mondale who emphatically declared that “sulfide mining has never – never – been undertaken without serious environmental consequences.”

Regarding Glencore, Carlson called the company “one of the world's most corrupt enterprises” noting it has repeatedly pled guilty to bribery of public officials across the world, paying over \$2 billion in fines within the past year. “Despite Glencore's lengthy international rap sheet,” Carlson wrote, the Walz administration “is entrusting them with the BWCAW and Lake Superior, leaving our most obvious question unanswered: Why is the State of Minnesota partnering with a corrupt entity?” Carlson added, “This may be a sensitive topic, but the public's best interests are not being protected.”

Later in the letter, the Carlson group proposed a series of actions Governor Walz and state leaders should take that would hold to the standard promised by Walz with reference to precious metal mining in northern Minnesota. Walz had said that “the only way this gets built is if it gets built right.”

Among the recommend-

ed actions proposed by the Carlson group:

- A temporary moratorium on the mining permitting process until new laws are enacted
- Treating the New Range Copper Nickel venture largely owned and directed by Glencore as one entity and not a continuation of the PolyMet project.
- Studying the impact of residue discharges on the waters of the BWCAW and Lake Superior
- Conducting a Water Study that would estimate current supplies of healthy water to match future supply against demand.
- Initiate a comprehensive study on the impact of all proposed mining operations under consideration in northern Minnesota, including those in the area of the Iron Range, Bemidji, Brainerd and Detroit Lakes where the economy of the region is impacted and largely dependent on tourism and vacation spending.
- Launch a legislative review of the state's current campaign disclosure laws to create a transparent system that fully protects the public from unscrupulous behavior and is never compromised by undue corporate influence.

The letter was signed by: Arne Carlson, Governor 1991 – 1999 Tom Berkelman, Minnesota Representative 1977 – 1983 Janet Entzel, Minnesota Representative 1975 – 1984 Duke Skorch, President, Zenith Research Group, Inc.

Letter to the Editor

Other stores also affect public health, not just smoke shop

As I read the recent article “Objections to smoke shop near high school”, I found myself quite disappointed and ultimately wondering when authoritarianism became the norm. When did not liking or agreeing with something become a reason to ban it?

As a non-smoker myself, I have no interest in the offerings of a potential smoke shop. The evidence is pretty overwhelming that smoking is not a healthy choice. I will flatly admit that I would like to see a community with fewer people who choose to smoke, and so too, apparently, would most

people who do smoke, as the American Cancer Association reports that about two out of every three smokers say they want to quit. However, I believe achieving that requires a smarter solution, one that understands all of the reasons and correlations that lead to smoking. I doubt geographic proximity to a smoke shop even makes the top 100 factors.

The argument that we don't want dangerous or unhealthy things so close to our children seems to lack situational awareness. By my count there are three bars and one off-sale quite close. Alcohol is a well-documented destructive drug. There's a pharmacy. Prescription drugs and more specifically opioid abuse has caused hundreds of thousands of deaths in the past decades. There's a hardware store and pawn shop that both sell guns. According to the CDC, guns

were the cause of 45,222 deaths in the U.S. in 2020 alone. One could even point to the fast food and bakery businesses right next to the school, whose calorie-dense nutrient-poor products are far from healthy. But I don't recall much controversy about any of these businesses, much less such a strong will or effort to outright stop them from existing or being where they are.

If Prohibition and the failed War on Drugs have taught us anything, it's that flat out bans and heavy-handed measures are not effective. I wouldn't mind putting a smoke shop out of business, but let's do it because we as a community have dried up the well of potential customers. We have no right to prevent them from trying to run a business.

Chandler Trout
Motley, Minn

Quote of the week

“In Republics, the great danger is, that the majority may not sufficiently respect the rights of the minority.”

— James Madison

Minnesota pothole season

From University of Minnesota

While the end of winter brings warmer temperatures and green grass, it also heralds the beginning of one of the most difficult times of year for drivers: pothole season.

Manik Barman, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Swenson College of Science and Engineering at the University of Minnesota Duluth and a scholar with the Center for Transportation Studies, discusses what causes potholes, the work that goes into fixing them and how drivers can stay safe on uneven roads.

Q: What causes potholes?

Barman: Minnesota's roads experience harsh weather conditions. Severely cold temperatures, heavy snowfall, freeze-thaw cycles and de-icing salt significantly influences the roads of Minnesota.

In general, potholes are secondary distress, mostly the end result of other structural distresses caused by traffic load or material weathering. In areas similar to Minnesota, the weather plays the dominant role especially for moderate and low-volume roads. The water that infiltrates the pavement structure transforms into ice in the winter and creates micro-cracks in the asphalt layer. In the spring when the ice thaws, those cracks propagate and disintegrate the asphalt materials under the vehicle load and create potholes. The loss of support underneath the asphalt layer for melting ice and the effect of de-ic-



Staples potholes

The downtown Staples street corner at 2nd Ave. and 4th Street NE is now 12 years old, having been built in 2010. Potholes are starting to emerge this spring, and are filled with patch. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

ing salt, age and condition of the pavement have effects on the pothole formation, propagation and severity.

Q: How are potholes patched?

Barman: Potholes require rapid repair action for the safety of road users. Different patching methods and materials are available. In the winter, potholes are temporarily patched using a cold mix until more permanent patching methods can be applied. Patching with hot mixes is generally performed in non-winter seasons. Conventional asphalt mixes, slurry mixes and mastic patching materials are used.

Q: Have the methods used to patch roads changed over the past few decades?

Barman: In recent years, innovations have been made in both methods and materials. On-site patching material mixers and installation equipment have been made to produce hot asphalt-based patching mixes, which can now be used in the winter as well. Equipment is available to heat the existing materials around the pothole which enhances the bonding of the existing asphalt material to the patching material, leading to a better service life. Among the new patching materials, UMD's taconite-based patching material is a fast-setting patching material that can last significantly longer, and can be applied more easily in winter.

Q: What do you think Minnesotans should know when it comes to potholes?

Barman: Driving on pothole-infested roads is frustrating and hazardous. This is why transportation agencies take initiative to mitigate potholes, including implementing preventive maintenance and periodi-

cal repair works. However, it is safe to assume that the harsh weather conditions — especially the freeze-thaw cycle — will keep creating potholes.

The following are some tips for handling potholes this spring:

- Expect potholes and drive slowly and cautiously.
- Consider scheduling in extra driving time.
- Watch for vehicle damage after driving on potholes.
- Report pothole occurrences to transportation agencies (city, county and/or MnDOT District as appropriate) as soon as possible.
- Try to keep calm when dealing with road difficulties, remembering that we live in an area that has harsh weather which impacts the roads.

Q: What work are you doing to advance road maintenance?

Barman: “Better roads” is the theme of my research. I conduct research on creating innovative and sustainable pavement materials and designs, rehabilitation and maintenance. The pothole patching guide and decision framework I developed is currently used in Minnesota to select the most-effective patching method as a function of the season, shape and size of the potholes. Agencies now have flash cards to select the appropriate patching method based on the pothole features. In another research, I determined the most cost-effective pavement crack sealing method for Minnesota roads, which is awaiting implementation.

One of my recent projects focuses on developing better-performing asphalt mixtures for low-volume roads in Minnesota to decrease weather-induced distresses.

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Having fun in the snow

Neighborhood friends had a fun time sledding on a hill near the alley of 4th St. NE in Staples the afternoon of March 12. The hill was the result of several inches of snow that fell recently in the Staples area, most likely created when plows cleared

the parking lot of the adjacent businesses. Pictured above, from left, are Gunner Vogt, Maxx Carlson, Beau Carlson, Jagger Vogt, Hunter Vogt, all of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

SM School Board meeting March 20

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet, Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples. Groups or individuals wishing to be included on the school/community forum portion of the meeting must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting. The agenda includes but is not limited to:

- Approve the hire of

Eric Semler, District Wide Bus Driver

- Approve the hire of Raymond Borg, Elementary Custodian
- Approve the Teachers on Call Agreement
- Facilities update - ICS Upcoming schedule:

Mon., April 3: Board Work Session, 6:00 p.m., District Office

Mon., April 17: Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., District Office.



Free canes for veterans

Teresa Sorenson, Veteran Service Officer for Todd County, is pictured with a HurryCane collapsible cane, which is available for free to veterans. Sorenson recently donated a box of these canes to the Staples Host Lions Club, to distribute to veterans. If interested in obtaining a HurryCane, veterans should stop by their county's Veterans Services Office, or contact the Staples Host Lions. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Lakewood's grief support group to meet at Sourcewell

Lakewood Health System, Staples, will offer weekly grief support group meetings every Tuesday from March 21 through April 25, from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at Sourcewell (202 12th St. NE, Staples). Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, child or any other loss is welcome to attend one or all meetings. As a participant in the grief support group, you will have the opportunity to share with others who have also experienced recent grief and loss. Sharing is encouraged at your own comfort level. Everyone experiences the grief journey as an individual; the journey - when shared - can be a source of inspiration and comfort to you, as well as others.

In healing, there is hope for the future. The grief

support group can help you move forward towards healing. Join us as we encourage one another through mutual support. The group is facilitated by chaplain Paul Johnson and social worker, Lindsay Kirk.

To register or for more information about the grief support group, call 218-894-8093 or email pauljohnson@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.



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Leader
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Matthew 5:16

Pizza will be served at 6:00pm during a small presentation.

Tour the school at 6:00 and meet the teachers.

Questions: call 218-894-2077 or

Email: secretary@sacredheartareashool.org

Openings in all grade levels Preschool-6th grade currently available.



Cardinal Calendar Staples-Motley School events

March

- **MS PLAY** March 17, 7 p.m.; March 18, 2 p.m.
- **POLAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS** March 22, time TBA
- **HS "HOME TOUR" CONCERT** March 23, 7 p.m.
- **VOCAL LARGE GROUP CONTEST AT PILLAGER** March 29

April

- **INSTRUMENTAL SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST AT SEBEKA** April 5
- **VOCAL SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST AT PEQUOT** April 12
- **MUSIC ENSEMBLE SHOWCASE - CAFETERIA** April 14, 4 p.m.

May

- **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS AWARDS NIGHT** May 3, 7 p.m.
- **PROM** May 6

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



March Lions donations

The Staples Host Lions recently made several donations to area organizations, including \$1,600 to the Todd County Veterans Administration (VA) and \$1,000 to the Staples-Motley Grad Blast. Pictured above, from left, are Lion President Steve Sing and Veteran Service Officer Teresa Sorenson. Below, from left, are Lion President Steve Sing and Kathy Robben, parent volunteer. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Mark Your Calendar

March 15, 16

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through April 13, Staples City Hall. Must call for an appointment at 218-296-6616. For low to moderate income taxpayers.

March 16

'WALK WITH A DOC' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

March 17

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday

in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

March 20

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

March 21

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through May 30. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

SMHS senior banners

The Grad Blast Committee will be hanging up senior banners for the Staples-Motley High School senior graduates again this

year.

If anyone is interested in making a donation toward this project, contact Kathy Robben at 218-821-8945.

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Obituaries

Steven Scott

Steven J. Scott, 61, of Dent and formerly of Staples, passed away Friday, March 3, 2023, at Perham Living.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service, Perham, 218-346-5175, www.schoenebergerfh.com.

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Cleo McGinnis

Cleo Lucille (Bittner) McGinnis, 93, of Hoyt Lakes, passed away peacefully in her home on March 2, 2023 in the arms of her loved ones.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 17 at Faith Lutheran Church in Hoyt Lakes, officiated by Pastor Chuck Barnes. Friends may gather one hour prior at the church.

Inurnment will be on a later date at Evergreen Cemetery in Staples.

Cleo, daughter of Charles and Cecilia (Simon) Bittner, was born near Staples on March 1, 1930. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Pettibone, ND. They lived there until the sudden death of her father when she was seven-years-old; then returned to Staples where she attended school and graduated from Staples High School.

On June 12, 1952 she married Harold Larson and they resided on their farm near Browerville. They became the parents to four children: Garold, Deanna, Karen and Richard. She and her children owned and operated Wahoo Valley Trading Post near Staples for several years. After selling Wahoo Valley, she was employed at United Hospital and Home in Staples.

In 1982, she moved to Aurora,. She met and married Francis "Ole" McGinnis in 1990. She made her home in Hoyt Lakes until her passing - one day after her 93rd birthday.

Cleo was a devoted member of the Faith Lutheran Church where she served as Financial Secretary, Church Council and Treasurer of the Women's Board. She was a member of TOPS/KOPS group #0702, The VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries, Steelworker's Auxiliary #4108, and the former Moose Club. All while selling Avon for roughly 25 years.

Cleo had many hobbies including sewing and cro-



cheting.; her favorite hobby was gardening. She would spend hours tending to her plants and garden. She spent her last two summers on her deck patio, basking in the sun and watering her many plants. She enjoyed a challenging game of cribbage with friends and loved spending time on her computer; surfing through facebook and racking up an astonishing 33,000 games of solitaire.

She is survived by her children, son Garold Larson of Browerville and his children Robert, Chris, Justin and Dan Larson of Staples; daughter, Deanna Elifrits of Staples and her children, Jessica Wilson of Ironton and Bret Elifits of Staples; daughter, Karen Pulju of Hoyt Lakes and her children, Chelsea Pulju of Mankato and Cody Pulju of Hoyt Lakes; step-children Laurie and Kevin; many nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren and her adopted kitty companion, Boomer.

Cleo is preceded in death by one son, Rick (1986); two sisters and their husbands, Lavonne "Bonnie Boo" and Floyd "Bub" Wilson and Delores "Dutchie" and John "Red" Frikken; husband Francis McGinnis; daughter-in-law Carol; father of her children, Harold Larson; good friend Bob Olson and her beloved pets, Bitsey and Misses Peepers.

Arrangements by Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home in Aurora.

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LaVerne Dahlvang

LaVerne Dahlvang, 76, of rural Staples, passed away February 8, 2023, at the hospital in St. Cloud.

LaVerne was born to Clayton and Betty (Peterson) Dahlvang on July 13, 1946, at the farm of Lawrence Peterson, Jr. (his maternal grandparents) in Aldrich Township, Wadena County. He attended country school through the sixth grade and Verndale High School through 11th grade. As a senior, he transferred to Staples Vocational School and studied to become a machinist, graduating in 1964. He moved to the Twin Cities in 1965, where he found work as a machinist. LaVerne married Martha Marie Boelz on February 11, 1966, in Burnsville. By 1969, they bought the Perry Dahlvang (LaVerne's grandfather) farm and within a couple of years was farming full-time until about 2013.

Memories of LaVerne will remain with his loving wife of nearly 57 years, Martha, of Staples; sons, Dean (Donna) Dahlvang of Wrenshall and Daniel (Shannon) Dahlvang of Fargo, ND; three grandchildren, Drew, Hannah (Mark) and Connor; three great-grandchildren; one brother, LeRoy (Carol) Dahlvang of Verndale.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Verndale. (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com)

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John Edwards

John J. (Jim) Edwards, 78, of Eden Prairie, passed away at his home on February 10, 2023.

Services will be held at a later date at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Jim was born April 10, 1944, to Jack and Marion Edwards in Norman, Oklahoma. He graduated from Staples High School in 1962. Jim served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1969. He served in Vietnam as an MR2.

While in Staples he worked for RTO, Ringer, operated The Rail restaurant, Big Jim's Pizza and the Staples Theater before moving to Eden Prairie.

Jim is survived by his wife, Natasha; two daughters, Brenda (Ralph) DeGross and Mary Buman; one son, John (Staci) Edwards; one brother, Thomas Edwards; one sister, Susan Edwards; seven grandsons and one granddaughter.

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Staples Alliance

1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
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
Sunlight (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

firstcongouccstaples@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
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship..... 10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church

310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Church..... 218-894-0033
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday..... 8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

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

Thomastown Covenant

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

Trinity Lutheran

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

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

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
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal..... 5:30 p.m.
Family Night..... 6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran

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

Maple Hill Lutheran

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist

33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live..... 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 6:00-8:00 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. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday..... 6:30 p.m.
Saturday..... 4:00 p.m.

United Methodist

847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley..... 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church

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

Casino Assembly of God

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

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbpillager.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
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER 7:00 p.m.

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"He is divine; we are dibranches."

"Exercise daily...run from Satan, walk with God."

"Wrinkled with burdens? Go to church for a faith lift."

"Try our new pumpkin-spiced sermons! Okay, not really. But stop in. We don't bite."
"God should be our steering wheel, not our spare tire."

"Does life stink? We have a pew for you."

"Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game."---God

"God, help me to be the person my dog thinks I am!"

"God don't have Twitter but we still follow Him."

"Experts made the Titanic. Amateurs made the Ark."

"Don't wait for the hearse to bring you to church."

"We're all 'bout dat grace, 'bout dat grace. No devil."

"A long time ago in a Galilee far, far away..."

"Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus."

"Keep using my name in vain; I'll make rush hour longer."---God

"Hipster Jesus loved you before you were cool."

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Named basketball 'Fans of the Year'

Prior to the Cardinal Boys Basketball home game March 3, 'Fans of the Year' were awarded by both the boys and girls basketball teams. Above, members of the Cardinal Boys Basketball team flank Jeremy and Melissa Moulton, whom they

named their 'Fans of the Year.' Below, Michelle and Craig Wolhowe received the honor from members of the Cardinal Girls Basketball team. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Sixth grade team goes undefeated

The Staples Motley sixth grade girls basketball team finished the season undefeated with a 12-0 record. Pictured, front row from left, Chloe Badger, Vanessa Nel-

son and Evah Noska; back row, Coach Sheri Holst, Ella Judd, Olivia Lynch, Eva Weber, Aleea Holst and Coach Darren Holst. (Submitted photo)



Seventh grade Mid-State champions

The Staples-Motley seventh grade girl's basketball team won the Mid-State conference championship held Jan. 7 in Detroit Lakes. Front: Alyce Scheller, Chloe Larson, Jaida Holst. Back: Coach

Pat Hoppe, Brooke Reisenaur, Natalie Brandt, Jazmine Hove, Carolyn Hoppe, Addison Topper, Clara Maros, Brooklyn Winter, Coach Joshua Winter. (Submitted photo)

Overtime playoff game ends with loss

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost a second half lead, then fell in overtime in the opening round of the Section 7AA playoffs on March 6 at Pillager. Isaiah Schultz scored 31 points, but it wasn't enough as the Cardinals lost 68-62.

Staples-Motley was hot from the outside in the first half. Schultz, Avandre Brandt and Grant Bestland each made two 3-pointers while Alex Schultz made one.

They were even better to start the second half, as Hunter Miller scored seven points, Isaiah Schultz had two 3-pointers and Dakota Hennagir scored one 3-pointer. The flurry built the lead to 19 points, but everything turned around after that.

Staples-Motley missed shots and committed turnovers to allow Pillager to come back, then missed the front end of one and one free throw attempts for more empty possessions.

Isaiah Schultz stepped up late in the game to hit two free throws and he made three tough driving baskets down the stretch to give the team a cushion. But more turnovers allowed Pillager to tie the score and the Cardinals missed a final shot at the buzzer.

In overtime, Pillager scored one basket and eight points on free throws, while Schultz scored one basket and two free throws for the only Cardinal scores. The rest of the team missed four free throws in overtime.

Remarkable season

The tough overtime loss was the conclusion of Isaiah Schultz' career. He had a remarkable season that included a 41 point game against Verndale, an 18 rebound game against Pine River-Backus, seven steals against Verndale and four blocks against Pillager.

Schultz led the team in several categories. He averaged 18.7 points per game this year and had 232 rebounds in 25 games for an

average of 9.3 rpg. He shot 53 percent from 2-point range and 38 percent on 3-pointers. He had 64 steals for an average of 2.6 per game.

For his career, Schultz scored 1,385 points, had 502 rebounds, 175 assists, 202 steals, and 58 blocks.

Dakota Hennagir led the team with 74 assists for an average of 2.8 assists per game. Hennagir and Luke Brownell each had six assists in one game against Lake of the Woods. Elijah Claussen had the highest free throw percentage at 69 percent.

The Cardinals finished the season with a 10-16 record. The team shot 45 percent from 2-point range and 30 percent from 3-point range. They shot 56 percent on free throws.

Team results

Section 7AA playoffs
Staples-Motley 62, Pillager 68

Scoring: Isaiah Schultz 31, Hunter Miller 7, Grant Bestland 6, Avandre Brandt 6, Alex Schultz 5, Eli Rutten 4, Dakota Hennagir 3



Steal and score

Isaiah Schultz races to the hoop after stealing the ball in a regular season game.

Staples-Motley headed to Heart O Lakes

Staples-Motley and Park Rapids, two members of the Mid State Conference, were both accepted into the Heart O Lakes Conference, it was announced on March 6.

According to Staples-Motley Activities

Director Josh Lee, the Cardinals plan to proceed with joining the conference, starting in the fall of 2024. That means the school will have one more year to play in the Mid State Conference.



Cheering for the Cards

The Staples-Motley High School gymnasium was filled with fans March 3, cheering loudly for the Cardinal Boys

Basketball team at their game against the Aitkin Gobblers. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Recognized at the game

Deanne Schimpp (right) was recognized prior to the Cardinals' home boys basketball game March 3, for having served 10-plus years on the Basketball Boosters, including as chair and coordinator at various times. Although she is stepping down from the booster club after this season, Schimpp will continue to do the scoreboard for games. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Correction

Two photos in last week's paper, featuring Cardinal boy's basketball players Avandre Brandt and Dakota Hennagir, were from their Feb. 28 game against Crosby-Ironton, not their home game March 3, against Aitkin.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 19, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$113,264.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jennifer L. Winkler, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for

Central Minnesota Credit Union

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 23, 2015 as Document Number 493489 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on April 8, 2020 as Document Number A518778 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South 100 feet of the following described parcel of land to-wit; A part of Lot 7 and a part of Lot 8 Block 2 of the Townsite of Round Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota; also a part of the N½ of NW¼ of Section 18, Township 128, North, Range 33,

west of the 5th P.M. being more particularly described as follows, to-wit; Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 6 Block 2; thence on an assumed bearing of N17°27'E and along the east line of Lot 5, said Block 2 a distance of 5.0 feet; thence N72°33' W. 142.0 feet to a point on the west line of Lot 5, said Block 2, said point being 5.0 feet northeasterly of the Southwest corner of Lot 5, said Block 2; thence continuing N72°33' W. 23.0 feet; thence N17°55' E. 131.63 feet; thence N77°13' W. 78.91 feet; thence S17°55' W. a distance of approximately 309.55 feet; thence S72°26' E. 100.91 feet to a point on the west line of Lot 8 of said Block 2, said point being 16.0 feet Northeasterly of the Southwest corner of Lot 8, said Block 2; thence S73°21' E. 142.01 feet to a point on the

east line of Lot 8, said Block 2; said point being 18.0 feet northeasterly of the Southeast corner of Lot 8, said Block 2; thence N17°27' E. and along the easterly line of said Block 2 a distance of 176.0 feet to the point of beginning, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 18907 ELDERBERRY DR, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$98,657.90

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Central Minnesota Credit Union

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 21-0041400

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1011283-00011003347

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

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

county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 04, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for re-

See **FORECLOSURE** on page 9a

Public Notices

Freshwater Education District

NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

The Byron Township Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting will be held Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Becki Rassler, Clerk
Byron Township

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NOTICE VILLARD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Villard Town Board will hold its Annual Meeting at the Eastwood Inn, Motley, MN on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 immediately following the regular meeting scheduled for 7 p.m.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township

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NOTICE CITY OF MOTLEY IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR 2024 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the **Board of Appeal and Equalization** for the **City of Motley**, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on **Friday, April 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** This meeting is at the Motley City 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.

If you believe the value

or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Given under my hand this second day of February, 2023.

Darci Odden, Clerk
City of Motley

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TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

215 1st Ave. South,
Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, March 23, 2023 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, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

Questions? Call or email 320-732-4420 or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of February 23, 2023, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes
- 1. Mark and Lorri Toomey:** Osakis Lake, Section 09, Gordon Township
Site Address: 19827 Eastwood Drive, Osakis PID: 10-0042100

1. Variance request to reduce the Ordinary High-Water Line setback from 75' to 52' for proposed dwelling in General Development Shoreland Zoning.
2. Variance request increase the allowable peak height from 18' to the proposed dwelling height of 24'6-9/16" in General Development Shoreland Zoning.
2. **Robin and Scott Sedey:** Mound Lake, Section 02 & 11, Grey Eagle Township
Site Address: 33556 Cottontail Drive, Burtrum PID: 11-0073000
1. After-the-Fact Variance request to reduce the right-of-way setback from 20' to 11' for a storage shed in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning.
3. **Jay and Gail Stanger:** Mound Lake, Section 03, Grey Eagle Township
Site Address: 32902 Conifer Drive, Burtrum PID: 11-0074600
1. Variance request to reduce the Ordinary High-Water Line setback from 100' to 85' for proposed dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning.
2. Variance request to increase the allowable peak height from 18' to the proposed dwelling replacement height of 26' in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning.

Adjournment.
Next Meeting:
April 27, 2023

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

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MINUTES ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT #6004 Jan. 25, 2023 Wadena, MN

Called to Order by the 2022 Chair R. Thalmann at 5:00 p.m.

Board Present: K. Howard, Menahga; C. Funk, Sebeka; C. Wolf, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; B. Tumberg, Wadena-Deer Creek; S. Veronen, Verndale; J. Hiller, Browerville; R. VanDenheuvel, Bertha-Hewitt; R. Thalmann, Henning. Supt. D. Fjeldheim, Sebeka. FED Staff: E. Weber; L. Murdock; J. Wothe; J. Anderson; S. Thiel. Guest: T. Brugeman, CPA, of Brady Martz.

Absent: Board Member, Staples-Motley and Supt. L. Westrum. MOTION by Funk and SECONDED by VanDenheuvel to approve the agenda as modified. VOTE-U/C

Rotation of Officers

MOTION by Thalmann and seconded by Wolf to appoint the following officers for calendar year 2023, per the current FED Bylaws; Chair: K. Howard; Vice-Chair: L. Anderson; Clerk: C. Funk - Sebeka; Treasurer: C. Wolf. VOTE-U/C Passing of the Gavel at 5:02 p.m. to the 2023 Chair; MOTION by VanDenheuvel and seconded by Veronen to approve the passing of the gavel to Chair, K. Howard. VOTE-U/C

FY22 Audit Report

Given by T. Brugeman, CPA of Brady Martz.

Past Board Minutes

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by Hillmer to approve the 10/26/22 minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

Re-Organization of Board

MOTIONED by Veronen and seconded by Tumberg to Authorize the use of a signature plate to sign documents. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Hillmer and seconded by Funk to name the following as official depositories:

First International Bank & Trust of Staples, MN, Wadena State Bank of Wadena, MN, First National Bank of Ottertail, MN and MN School District Liquid Asset Fund, and to authorize designated staff to invest funds in these institutions with evidence of sufficient collateral. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Thalmann and seconded by Tumberg to authorize designated staff to make electronic fund transfers as outlined by State Statues. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Funk and seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the Board per diem for regular/special and committee meetings to be set at the rate of \$70 for meetings of four (4) hours or less and \$130 for meetings in excess of four (4) hours. Mileage to be reimbursed at the current Federal rate. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by Wolf to set the Regular Board meeting dates as follows with start time of 5 p.m.: 4/26/23, 6/28/23, 8/23/23, and 10/25/23 in Wadena, MN w/

Special Board Mtg. called as needed. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Hillmer to name the Long Prairie Leader, Long Prairie, MN as the 2023 official newspaper. VOTE- U/C

J. Anderson joined the meeting.

The Chair announced her appointment to the 2023 Pers. Committee; S. Veronen, C. Funk, and R. Thalmann.

Appointments by the 2023 Chair- Otter Tail Cty Collaborative: R. Thalmann; Todd Cty Collaborative: R. VanDenheuvel; Supv. Supts: D. Fjeldheim and L. Westrum and the annual associate membership in the MREA and full membership in MSBA.

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by Hillmer to acknowledge the annual review of Policies and action to direct the Ex. Director to maintain the district Policy Manual in accordance with any MSBA recommended legal revisions and/or legislative mandatory revisions. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by VanDenheuvel and seconded by Hillmer to name Hitesman & Associates, P.A., Maple Grove; Kennedy & Graven, Minneapolis; Pederson & Pederson P.A., Wadena, as well as Pemberton Law, Fergus Falls; as the 2023 Consulting Law Firms. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Funk and seconded by Veronen to name the designated staff as FED E-Service contacts. VOTE-U/C

Regular Board Mtg. Old Business-

MOTION by Hillmer and seconded by Tumberg to approve the 1/11/23 Supt. Advisory minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

New Business

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by Funk to acknowledge receipt and review of the 2022 financial audit and direct the auditing firm to forward a copy to the MDE. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by Hillmer to approve the Payroll Services Agrmt. between FED and ISD #818, effective 10/1/22 – 11/30/2022. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Funk and seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the Payroll Services Agrmt. between FED and ISD #818, effective 12/1/22 - 6/30/2023. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by Hillmer to approve the Bus. Mgr. Services Renewal Agrmt. between FED and ISD #818, 7/1/23 – 6/30/24. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by VanDenheuvel and seconded by Thalmann to approve the 10/1/22 – 12/31/22 voucher claims as presented. VOTE-U/C

The following resolution is hereby MOVED BY Funk and seconded by Thalmann: To recognize that the Board of FED, No. 6004 gratefully accepts the following donations identified as: Donors Choose - \$795 to the WALC and the following Reading for the Future donations identified: Long Prairie Dairy Queen, Long Prairie, MN~\$100; Benning Printing & Publishing, Clarissa, MN~\$25; Shirley's Gas & Groceries, Eagle Bend, MN~\$100; Staples Eye Clin-

ic, Staples, MN~\$50; Nelson Insurance Agency, Staples, MN~\$50; American Legion Post #124, Motley, MN~\$200; Grey Eagle-Burtrum Lions Club, Grey Eagle, MN~\$500; Long Prairie Packing Co., Long Prairie, MN~\$150; Staples Lions Club, Staples, MN~\$350; Faith Lutheran Church, Staples, MN~\$25; Mid-MN Federal Credit Union, Brainerd, MN~\$150; American Legion Post #12, Long Prairie, MN~\$200; Eagle Bend Lions Club, Eagle Bend, MN~\$500; Browerville Lions Club, Browerville, MN~\$500; Unity Bank, Staples, MN~\$100.

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: Thalmann, VanDenheuvel, Hillmer, Veronen, Tumberg, Wolf, Funk and Howard. NAY: None. ABSENT: SM Board Member. WHEREUPON said Resolutions was declared duly adopted.

MOTION by Veronen and seconded by Tumberg to approve a \$300,000 Liquid Class Investment with 1st National Bank of Ottertail, MN. VOTE-U/C

New Business-

MOTION by Funk and seconded by Hillmer to amend the 22/23 SY Academies Calendar, effective 1/30/23 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by Hillmer to approve the transferring of \$27,500 to the OPEB Reserve fund balance as presented. VOTE: U/C

MOTION by VanDenheuvel and seconded by Hillmer to approve Revision II Budget & Assessment Manual as presented. VOTE- U/C

Voting of the Region V Co-Op, Sub-Region 1 Board Member

MOTION by Thalmann and seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve and post the FY23 FED Teacher-Itinerant Seniority list as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Funk and seconded by Tumberg to approve and post the FY23 FED Para Seniority list as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by Wolf to approve and post the FY23 FED SPED RVR Drivers Seniority list as presented. VOTE- U/C

Reviewed the Annual Admin. Memo Regarding Probationary, Term Employee & Policy Employee, First Date of Employment List.

The following resolution is hereby MOVED BY Tumberg and seconded by Hillmer; WHEREAS, FED wishes to join the Better Health Collective as a Participating member effective 1/1/2023. NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that: FED agrees to become a Participating Member of the Better Health Collective effective 1/1/2023. As a Participating Member, FED approves the Membership Agreement and Bylaws of the Better Health Collective. VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows: ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: Thalmann, VanDenheuvel, Hillmer, Veronen, Tumberg, Wolf and Funk. NAY: None. ABSENT: SM Board Member. WHEREUPON said Resolutions was declared duly adopted.

MOTION by VanDenheu-

vel and seconded by Hillmer to authorize the FED Admin. to advertise a RFP for Mental Health Services for the 23/24 SY Academy Program. VOTE: U/C

MOTION by VanDenheuvel and seconded by Funk to approve the MOU between FED and Ed MN FED Para & RVR Drivers Groups to increase the monthly health insurance contributions to be compliant with ACA Rules. VOTE: U/C

Department Reports

J. Anderson, Bus. Mang. presented the Qtr. Financials, Facility & OPEB Reserve Balances. Ex. Director Weber reviewed the Ex. Director Performance report rated by Member Districts Supts. and FED Bd. Members;

MOTION by Funk and seconded by Thalmann to acknowledge and approve of the Ex. Director, Weber's performance rating as presented. VOTE: U/C

Reviewed the 23/24 SY Menu Options w/no changes. Updates given on the following: Academies breezeway; Installation of Ring Bell at the FED Admin Office and SALC; Rental of skid loader to move piles of snow at the Admin/Academies location; Rental of lift for maintenance in activity center; Reviewed ECFE/SR Winter Enrollment and FED Ed Foundation fund balance.

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the regular year "Extended Time Services Agrmt." between FED #6004 and ISD #820 as presented. VOTE: U/C

L. Murdock, SPED Director spoke to the Academies Calendar & Time Schedule changes. Personnel Consent Agenda-

MOTION by Funk and seconded by Tumberg to approve the personnel consent agenda with the request to move item numbers B, H and I to be voted on individually:

- A. Permission to Advertise and Hire, ECSE Teacher from 1/3/2023 – 6/30/2023
- C. Hiring of M. Wright, ECSE Teacher
- D. Hiring of A. McQuestion, WALC Para
- E. Resignation of S. Larson, SR Paraprofessional
- F. Reassignment of J. Ashbaugh to Payroll Clerk I
- G. Hiring of A. Wendt, Payroll Clerk II. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Funk and seconded by Tumberg to approve (Item B.) Increasing in Hrs. for T. Aho, ECSE Para. VOTE- U/C with Howard Abstaining.

MOTION by Howard and seconded by Tumberg to approve (Item H.) Agrmt. with J. Osberg due to moving from the Mang. Agrmt. to the T/I Agrmt. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Funk with regret, and gave thanks to Lori for her 33 years of service to education; with Tumberg seconding the motion to approve (Item I.) Retirement of L. Murdock, SPED, effective 6/30/23. VOTE- U/C

Adjournment

MOTION by Tumberg and seconded by VanDenheuvel to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.



Public Notices

FORECLOSURE

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demption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 6, 2023.

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

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

Dated: February 28, 2023

LAKEVIEW LOAN
SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

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AAUW donates to CLC Food Pantry

The Brainerd Lakes Area AAUW recently donated \$1,830 to the Central Lakes College Food Pantry, in addition to their annual contribution of \$2,000 for scholarships for CLC students.

The funds stem from the organization's annual Brain Buster Trivia Challenge, which raises money for student scholarships. New this year, the organization collected donations on site for the CLC Food Pantry, totaling \$915, and it was matched by an anonymous donor, bringing the total to \$1,830.

"We celebrate every partnership at CLC, especially when partnerships bring together members of the community with our college community, and we are thankful for AAUW's ability to meet the immediate needs of our students, in addition to their scholarship support," said Kate Adornetto, Executive Director, CLC Foundation.

Through its partnership with Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, CLC can stretch the AAUW donation even further, providing about 7,200 meals for students.

"The CLC Food Pantry is one of the most used

resources on our campuses and is now seeing unprecedented usage," said Erich Heppner, Director of Student Life. "Our students are consistently making impossible choices, whether it be a choice to pay rent on time and skip several meals, or the choice to feed their children while not having enough money to feed themselves adequately. Our food pantry is unique in its scope and ability to provide holistic supports for our students; none of that is possible without generous donations."

Since 2016, The CLC Honors Program has helped raise scholarship funds with the Brain Buster Trivia Challenge. During the event, students, faculty, staff and their families form teams and answer as many trivia questions as possible.

"Many CLC students later apply for additional leadership opportunities through the AAUW," said Adam Marcotte, English Faculty & Honors Program Coordinator. "The partnership also builds relationships, a primary vehicle for achieving the Honor Program's mission, which is to 'explore, aspire, and lead.' Thank you to the AAUW for your continued enthusiastic support



Donation to CLC Food Pantry

Pictured from left, Adam Marcotte, English Faculty & Honors Program Coordinator; Erich Heppner, Director of Student Life; Kate Adornetto, Foundation Director; Dr. Hara Charlier, President of

CLC; Amy Matter- Hines, Foundation Assistant; Julie Despot, Brainerd Lakes Area AAUW; Colleen LeBlanc, Brainerd Lakes Area AAUW. (Submitted photo)

of our students!

Since 1998, AAUW has contributed \$24,900 towards scholarships. The group specifically supports female students who plan to attend a four-year college.

"The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy in order to obtain equity for all. Economic

security is one of the four areas of focus for AAUW. Food insecurity is a big indicator of economic insecurity," said Julie Despot, Brainerd Lakes Area AAUW Branch Co-President and Brain Buster 2023 Co-Chair.

Despot added, "Assisting students to be successful in furthering their education is important to AAUW. Achieving a degree without

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Deadline

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Todd County Commissioners Call for a closed meeting to discuss human resources manager position

Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

The regular meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners was held March 7, 2023. All of the commissioners were present for the meeting and the work session that followed.

As part of the potential consent agenda items, Chairman Randy Neumann asked that they pull one item from the consent items and move it to a closed session at their next meeting to be held March 21.

That item was to fill a vacancy that exists in administration due to retirement of the human resource manager.

According to the board action, the interview process was completed and Kaylene Madsen had been selected as the best candidate for this position. A start date was to be determined (TBD).

Because state statute requires that a reason be given for a meeting to be closed, County Attorney John Lindemann asked for that reason.

Neumann said that it had been brought to his attention that another commissioner had “relatives that knew the work of this person.” Neumann said that it raised concerns for him.

Lindemann agreed that this was a valid attorney/client privilege reason to call for a closed meeting.

In other business:

- Approved the following for the Clarissa Ballroom:
 - a one year On Sale and Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License

- a one year Dance License
- a one year Setup License
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- Approved the following for Head of the Lakes Resort:

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- a one year Setup License
- an On Sale Wine License (including strong beer)

- Approved a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Shady’s Golden Eagle.

- Approved a gambling permit for the Sauk Centre Fairy Lake Association to hold a raffle event at the Sauk Centre Lions Fairy Lake Park in Kandota Township on May 24, 2023.

- Approved the hire of Heather Forsberg as a full-time dispatcher with a start date of March 12.

- Approved the hire of James Olson as a full-time dispatcher with a start date of April 9. Olson is currently a full time correctional officer and is transferring to dispatch.

- Approved the hiring of Holli Winkler for the full-time correctional officer position with a start date of March 9.

- Approved the hire of Ryan Rhodes to fill the open eligibility worker position with a start date to be determined (TBD).

- Approved the hire of Cathy Kirkpatrick to fill the open home health aide position with a start date TBD.

- Approved hiring Jaden Evenson to fill one of the vacant public works summer help positions for 2023. Evenson has been working in this summer position since 2019. He will start in May.

- Approved hiring Travis Moller to fill the other vacant public works summer help positions for 2023. Moller has been working in this summer position since 2021. His start date will be determined as it depends on when he gets out of school for the summer.

- Approved a Cooperative Construction Agreement with West Union and Kandota Townships for the replacement of Bridge L9172. The townships will each pay \$10,000 toward the project cost since it is a shared township bridge.

County Engineer Loren Fellbaum said that a portion of the gas tax money

in the town/bridge area of the funds will pay the remainder. A project of this sort typically costs between \$250,000 and \$400,000.

- As described in the Cooperative Construction Agreement for the Bridge L9172 Replacement Project, the county will act as the project administrator and fiscal agent for the project.

The county will also select and contract with an engineering firm to develop the construction plans and permits so that the county can eventually go out for bids and award a construction contract.

The board approved hiring Widseth at a cost of \$28,244.

- Awarded the construction contract for the 2023 bituminous highway construction-related projects located in various locations in Todd County to Knife River Corporation of Sauk Rapids based on their low bid of \$5,351,251.39.

- Approved the purchase of squad car equipment for five new squads for a cost of \$9,482.60 each from Emergency Automotive Technologies at a total cost of \$47,413.

According to Sheriff Mike Allen, this cost doesn’t include the labor of installing the equipment and breaking down the old squads that will be replaced.

An estimate of \$3,950 per squad was given for the installation.

- **Background:** The Taser 26P is no longer being produced and is not supported by the manufacturer. The Taser 7 is the most cost effective for our department and will include a five year warranty. The manufacturer has also provided a five year interest-free payment plan.

Given this information, the board approved the purchase of 14 Taser 7 bundles at a price per year as follows. 2023- \$9,338 then 2024 through 2027 \$7,7728 per year. Total cost for the replacement Tasers will be \$40,250.

- **Background:** At the February 21 Todd County Board of Commissioners meeting, it was approved to promote Steven McCoy to replace the retiring Financial Support Services (FSS) Manager (Lisa Chapin) who is scheduled to retire on June 15, 2023.

To ensure adequate training, Health and Human Services (HHS) are requesting McCoy’s new FSS manager role to begin on March 13.

This role will be difficult to train due to the volume of work tasked to the unit especially with the Peace Time Emergency ending in May.

The board approved a start date of March 13 for McCoy.

The increase for this position from financial support services supervisor to manager is \$2.73 per hour.

There are currently budgeted salary/fringe dollars available to cover the cost for these three extra months for training.

- Approved participation in the Summer Internship Program through Sourcewell for county departments requesting to participate. At this time those departments are Planning and Zoning, Sheriff and Administration.

Background: Sourcewell provides funding to support student interns hired by the county. The program allows for financial support of \$14 an hour, up to 640 hours for the duration of the internship.

Todd County has participated in the program in previous years. The personnel committee supports this request for the departments requesting to take part in it. For the purposes of the program, interns are considered county employees, and the county is responsible for applicable employer taxes and worker compensation, etc.

Staples Police report Feb. 21-March 5

Recent reports from the Staokes Police Dept.

Feb. 21, Staples Police were dispatched to a report of a property damage accident in the 300 block of 8th St. NE. It was determined that it was a hit and run that happened prior to the owner noticing the damage. Small parts from a headlight were left at the scene and a recycling bin was damaged. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 22, at 12:18 a.m., Staples Police observed tire tracks in the fresh snow, throughout the city, which appeared to show that the operator was driving recklessly, as the tracks were observed in both lanes of traffic, in a “S” pattern, and at some intersections, the tracks would go in circles. This was observed in multiple locations, and for extended lengths, on the city streets and roadways. Police followed the tire tracks throughout the city. It appeared that the vehicle had struck a garbage can on the 100 block of Ravilla Ave. NE. Pictures were taken of the scene. This incident is under investigation.

Feb. 22, Staples Police responded to the intersection of Wisconsin Ave. and McKinley St. SW for a report of a possible water main break and traffic hazard. Upon arriving on scene, officers did notice a significant bump at the intersection, just off the roadway. The City Works department was contacted and advised of the information.

Feb. 25, Staples Police were dispatched to the area of the overpass to speak with an individual having mental health issues. Upon arrival officers were unable to locate individual. Police called the individual’s mother who stated she had picked her son up and indicated that everything was okay.

Feb. 25, Staples responded to report of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms going off in the 400 block of 7th St. NE. It was determined that the alarms were tripped by a charcoal grill being used indoors. Staples Fire Dept. determined that the CO levels were at a safe range and all units cleared.

Feb. 26, Staples Police received a report of a suicidal subject. Police got the wife and children out of the house and are monitoring the situation.

Feb. 27, Staples Police arrested Bradley Beach, 32, for felony domestic assault by strangulation, domestic assault, 5th degree possession of a controlled substance, obstructing legal process and transporting an uncased loaded firearm. Police were assisted by Wadena and Todd County Sheriff’s Dept.

Feb. 27, Staples Police witnessed a vehicle travelling eastbound through the City of Staples with a broken tail light cover which caused white light to shine from the rear instead of red. SPD ran the license plate of the vehicle and learned that the registered owner had a mis-

demeanor warrant out of Todd County. The warrant was confirmed and the individual was arrested. Bail money was collected from the individual and they were released with a receipt and a court date.

Feb. 28, Staples Police were requested to respond to the Mill Townhomes in the 900 block of Michigan Ave. NE by employees from Todd County Social Services to check the welfare of an individual they were currently on the phone with. Officers made contact with the subject who stated that they did not wish to harm themselves and they would continue to use the resources provided to them by the county. After determining everything was fine and law enforcement was no longer needed, officers cleared the scene.

March 1, Staples Police assisted MN State Patrol with a vehicle that went off the road. Police noticed a small white enclosed trailer flipped on its side in the ditch. Driver stated they were traveling approximately 40 to 45 mph, when the trailer started to fish tail and the trailer started to turn on its side and unhitched from the vehicle. No damage to the vehicle. Minor damage to the trailer. Tow truck got the trailer upright and reattached to the vehicle.

March 2, Staples Police received a traffic complaint about a wrong way driver at the intersection of Hwy 210 and Hwy 10. Officers were

able to speak with the suspect who stated that they had gotten confused at the stop lights and turned into the wrong lane. Officers advised the driver on how the turn should work.

March 3, Staples Police are investigating a report of a possible stolen vehicle, that occurred on an undetermined date.

March 3, Staples Police were dispatched to B & B’s for a report of a dispute. Police spoke with the subjects involved, they were identified and were separated for the evening.

March 3, Staples Police responded to a residence on 2nd Ave. NE, regarding a report of a possible residence fire. Police spoke with a resident who had their clothes dryer on, which was putting a large amount of steam in the air. Staples Fire Dept. was cancelled prior to arrival.

March 4, Staples Police responded to the Love Hotel for a report of a guest trying to access rooms that didn’t belong to him. Police spoke with the subject and his girlfriend, and determined the subject has slight seizures that cause him to be confused after the incident. The subject refused medical treatment and was coherent and cognizant prior to police clearing from the call.

March 5, Staples Police took a complaint of a stolen vehicle grill from the business of James Soule Auto Sales. Officers investigated the incident and couldn’t find a suspect.



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Septic compliance required for housing purchases in Todd County

From Todd County Planning and Zoning

Recent activity in the housing market has shown high volume of sales. Todd County has been no exception to this trend. Todd County Planning and Zoning would like to take this opportunity to remind those in the housing market that septic compliance is required upon transfer of ownership.

Section 9.08J (vi) states that prior to the sale or transfer of any property in Todd County, the sewage treatment system must have a compliance inspection unless a valid certificate of compliance is on

file with the County. A valid certificate of compliance is an inspection that was conducted with 5 years on a new installation of a septic system or 3 years on an existing system.

In addition, section 9.08L (iv) states that prior to the sale or transfer of property in Todd County, the sewage treatment system must have a compliance inspection unless a valid certificate of compliance is on file with the County. If not found in compliance, the system must be: 1) Brought into compliance prior to transfer of property or; 2) The seller shall provide the buyer sufficient security in the form of an escrow agree-

ment to assure the installation of a fully complaint sewage treatment system. The escrow amount shall be equal to 150% of a written estimate from a licensed and certified sewage treatment installer or 110% of a written contract price provided by a licensed and certified sewage treatment installer or; 3) The system must be discontinued from use.

As a buyer, this information is important to know to avoid being stuck with a noncompliant septic system which has now become your responsibly to update. As a seller, avoid delays in the sale of your property and increase the value by updat-

ing the system in advance.

Todd County has programs available to assist land owners with updating failing or noncompliant septic system. Grants are available to low income families in need of a septic upgrade. Low interest loans are available for most land owners to assist with septic upgrades. Please be advised that the loan program is set to expire in March of 2024. Funding is limited so we encourage land owners to inquire about the funds before they become unavailable.

For additional information, please contact Todd County Planning and Zoning at 320-732-4420.

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Plaza construction

Left, construction crews were at work March 7, at the site of the future Lakewood Plaza, located off Highway 10 on the east side of Staples.

A cornerstone of the plaza construction will be TCO (Twin Cities Orthopedics) Staples - Therapy, a 7,000 square foot facility that will be a one-stop-shop for physical therapy and sports performance services. According to a press release, TCO Staples - Therapy is expected to open in the Fall of 2023. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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Orthopedic care at Lakewood

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Patients do not need a referral to schedule an appointment with a TCO orthopedic specialist at Lakewood and can do so by calling 218-894-1515. With comprehensive care providing everything from diagnosis, to treatment and rehabilitation, Lakewood looks to continue this growth in the months and years ahead.

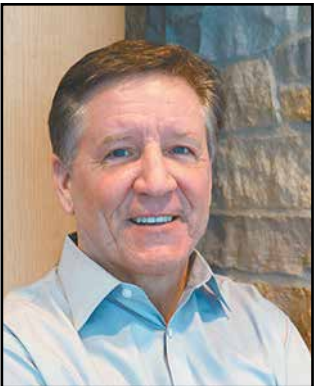


Dr. Kevin Wentworth joins Lakewood Health System's medical staff

Dr. Kevin Wentworth joins Lakewood Health System's emergency medicine team, Staples.

Originally from Fergus Falls, Wentworth received his undergraduate degree from St. John's University and his medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School.

As an emergency medicine provider, Wentworth sees patients in Lakewood's emergency department, as well as in the same day



Dr. Kevin Wentworth

clinic.

"I'm excited to return to the community in which I spent much of my childhood," said Wentworth. "It carries a degree of nostalgia for me and I look forward to meeting and caring for patients here."

Wentworth has three adult children and enjoys outdoor activities, youth mentoring, traveling, and going on medical missions.

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