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# Staples World

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**Splash zone** Staples-Motley students enjoyed getting wet next to the Polar Plunge on March 23. See page 7a. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

## Weather

**This Week's Forecast**

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 30	36°	24	Snow
Mar. 31	38	18	Cloudy
Apr. 1	45	29	P. Cloudy
Apr. 2	44	20	Cloudy
Apr. 3	43	24	M. Cloudy
Apr. 4	48	34	P. Cloudy
Apr. 5	53	36	M. Cloudy

**Last Year, 2021**

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 30	30°	24	P. Sunny
Mar. 31	33	19	P. Sunny
Apr. 1	44	18	M. Sunny
Apr. 2	54	35	Sunny
Apr. 3	67	36	Sunny
Apr. 4	72	36	Sunny
Apr. 5	75	45	Sunny

**Average Temps:**  
**H = 45° Low = 26°**

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



## Snowy blues

Songbirds and snow arrived in Staples on the same day on March 22. Pictured, a robin wonders when the snow is going to stop. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## School board starts path to sell Motley building

By Mark Anderson  
 Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board started a process that could lead to officially closing the Motley school building and making it available to sell.

At the March 21 school board meeting, the board approved to hold a public hearing on Monday, April 11, at 6 p.m. at the District Office. The board would possibly take action on closing the building at the next regular meeting, Monday April 18.

At a work session before the March 21 meeting, the board learned some of the requirements for closing the building and selling it. (See story, page 3a.) They discussed short term and long term effects of selling the Motley building.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said switching from three buildings to two saved the district \$512,000 in the first year. Transportation savings accounted for

\$200,000 of that and \$311,000 was staff savings, which included reduction of staff and staff time between buildings.

While the Motley building is still in good shape, there is a lot of deferred maintenance that will need to be done, which would add to the cost of keeping the building. The building is currently only used for storage.

If they sold the building, the school could reuse some of the equipment still in the building, including kitchen equipment and the indoor playground in the preschool area. They also have the option of selling the equipment. The school will have to make sure that equipment that was purchased through a grant meets the guidelines of the grant. Tappe said the best way to deal with extra equipment is to have a sealed bid auction.

Tappe said if the building is sold, they will include a non-compete clause that

will not allow the buyer to turn the building into another type of school, such as a charter school, home school or private school.

Tappe said more than one entity has expressed interest in purchasing the building.

There is no public bidding requirement in selling a school, but the district will have to determine a fair market value. Tappe said they will get an appraisal of the building to help with that process.

### Tax changes

Tappe updated the board on legislation in the state legislature that could help taxpayers in rural districts pay less in school taxes. The first is an equalization bill that will allow a more consistent state share of funding over time. A second bill could reduce operating levy costs on all properties in a district. If in both cases, the state would be taking on more education funding.

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## Obituaries

Donald Behsman  
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## Gaven's Geeks continue to "take the plunge"

Gaven's Geeks held a Virtual Polar Plunge March 5, 2022. There were 16 jumpers who raised a total of \$5,275 for Special Olympics. A portion of that comes back to our local Central Minnesota Adult Special Olympics for uniforms, equipment and more. This is the 10th year Gaven's Geeks have participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. To date they have raised over \$62,000.

This year's Virtual Polar Plunge was held at Holst Acres, Staples with the Staples Fire Department donating their drop tank for jumping and firemen for water rescue. EMT's from the Motley Fire Department also attended. Ben Christensen was the MC for the event. "We couldn't have done it without each and everyone of you," said Becky Christensen. "A special thank you to all."



## SEDA passes on website

By Mark Anderson  
 Managing Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) board decided the cost of a new website was more than they thought it would bring in to the city.

The board was presented with a proposal from Golden Shovel, a company that designed the Todd County Development Commission's website and the website for the Wadena Economic Alliance.

Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman said she has heard nothing but positive reviews from the people who have the websites.

She said at development conferences, site selectors and developers directly say that if they can't get a city's economic development statistics quickly from a website, they will bypass that community and move on to one where they can get the information.

At a previous meeting, Todd County Development Commission Director Rick Utech told the board that there is one business he knows of that opened in Long Prairie after first looking at the website. Board member Shane Tappe said we don't know if Todd County is doing better than other similar regions.

Board member Steve Gertken said the probab-

ity of the website bringing development in the first few years was probably low.

"I don't think we will see enough foot traffic to justify that cost," said Gertken. "For our size of community, it is still about bumping elbows and word of mouth."

The board figured it would cost \$45,000 over the first three years and \$100,000 over ten years, and they were not sure the website could bring that much in return.

"We can do other things with that money where we can directly see the impact," said Gertken. He suggested ideas like add on to the industrial incubator building or do other development projects downtown.

Board member Doug Case said one feature of the proposal that might be worthwhile is the ability to find out who is looking at the website so they can contact them directly. But that comes at an extra cost so he felt it still wouldn't be worth it.

The board also looked at other cities that are using a Golden Shovel website and found all of them to be bigger than Staples.

Board member Ron Murray said while the initial cost is high, it is still a good way to give the city attention from developers. "Things have changed, people are online, they are

See **SEDA** on page 3a

# Motley's water main leak on 1st Ave. North is fixed

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

Thanks to a leak that was fixed on a water main break in Motley March 15, the city's water usage report should be significantly lower in the near future.

At the Motley City Council's regular meeting March 14, City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski reported that February's water usage report was high - 28 percent, which is "not good," he commented later. January's report had also been high, at 29 percent. "We like to keep that number at less than 10 percent," Bryniarski said.

Bryniarski went on to explain that in the monthly water usage report, the "Total Gallons Accounted For" column is what the city has billed to residents and businesses, or at least have record of (city properties). The "Water Pumped" column has the total amount of water that came out of the city's water treatment plant. "Our goal is to have those amounts as close to the same as possible," Bryniarski said.

Because of the leak, which occurred on Christmas Eve of 2021, the city lost an estimated 40 - 50,000 gallons of water every day over the next two-plus months.

Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton had previously reported that the broken water main was located in a difficult spot, with a gas line, fiberoptic and phone lines to work around, along with the heavy snow this winter. However, in attempting to help pinpoint where the leak was, a second opinion from Water Conservation Service, Inc. in Lino Lakes revealed that it turned out

to be in a better location than was anticipated.

They were able to get the leak fixed in the late afternoon of March 15, Brotherton said. Joining him at the job-site were Bryan Stevens, Motley Maintenance Assistant; and Phil Bjerga and Dave Odden, with PHB Excavating, LLC. Because of the wet clay soils in that area, the crew had to bring in dry sand to refill the hole and it was about 11 a.m. the next day before the street could be re-opened.

Brotherton went on to acknowledge all of the people who were affected by the water being turned off and having to detour through the muddy mess around the church (Motley Free Methodist) while repairs were being made. He appreciated their patience and understanding, Brotherton said.

In other matters the council:

- LEARNED from Fire Chief Brad Olson that the Motley Fire Department (MFD) has two open positions. Subsequently, the council approved setting up a hiring committee, with the following people named to it: Chief Olson, City Clerk/Treasurer Bryniarski, Council Member Steve Johnson and 1st Asst. Chief Bryan Stevens. Jace Carlson, 2nd Asst. Chief, will be an alternate.

- APPROVED the Motley Police Department's (MPD) request to get two new cell phones through the Morrison County contract.

- APPROVED the MPD accepting a \$850 scholarship from the MPCA (Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association) for Chief Jason Borash to attend Minnesota Chiefs of Police Conference.

- APPROVED the MPD's

request to apply for a grant through Harry B. Hemsley Foundation and the University of Minnesota for a new AED (automated external defibrillator). There's no cost to the MPD, but it may take up to two years to receive, Chief Borash said.

- LEARNED that June Fest will take place on Saturday, June 18. Per the request of the June Fest Committee, the council approved offering city employee assistance with the festival work, closing of streets as needed, waiving of the \$25 special event fee, liquor license applications (for beer garden). The council also approved offering financial support for the festival in the amount of \$6,000.

- ACCEPTED the Morrison County grant funds for Clean-Up Day and Recycling.

- APPROVED a two-year fire contract with Moose Lake Township, pending receipt of a signed contract.

- APPROVED resolutions reestablishing voting precinct boundaries of the City of Motley-Morrison County Portion only and the City of Motley-Cass County portion only, as well as the precinct polling place location in Motley (for Morrison County). In Cass County, voters will vote by mail ballot until or unless otherwise amended by law or lawful procedure.

- APPROVED giving a \$500 donation to Faith in Action, per their request.

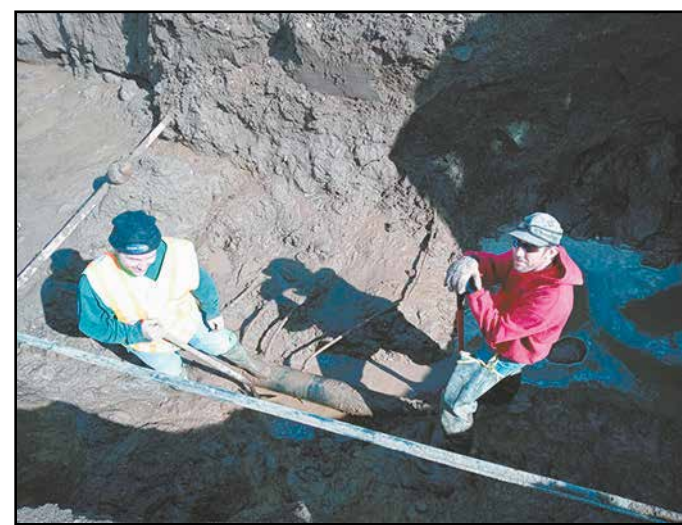
- APPROVED giving a \$500 donation to the Staples-Motley High School 2022 Grad Blast, per their request.

- SET the next regular meeting for Monday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m.



**Fixing the water main leak**

Motley's Public Works Department and PHB Excavating, LLC, were at work March 15, fixing a water main leak on 1st Avenue North in Motley. In lower photo, from left, are Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton and Dave Odden. The water main break occurred Christmas Eve of 2021. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Morrison County Sheriff's Office seeks information regarding Brisk murder case

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office is seeking information from the public as part of its ongoing investigation in the Nov. 7, 2016 murder of Terrence "Terry" Brisk. Brisk was found deceased on wooded property in Belle Prairie Township, approximately eight miles northeast of Little Falls.

The sheriff's office is seeking information about a blue van or minivan that may have been in the area the day Brisk was killed. Brisk was hunting on property northwest of the intersection of Hawthorne and Jewel roads when someone shot him with his own gun. Investigators consider the blue van/minivan to be a vehicle of interest in the investigation.

A \$30,000 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for Brisk's murder. "We continue to ask for the public's

assistance in this case," Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen said. "Maybe it was something you observed, something you heard, or maybe it's a vehicle or person you observed in the area on the date of the incident. Whatever information you may have about this case, we want to hear from you."

Contact the Morrison County Sheriff's Office at 320-632-9233 or call Crime stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). To make an anonymous report, contact Crime Stoppers of Minnesota on [www.CrimeStoppersMn.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersMn.org) or send a text message beginning with TIP674 to CRIMES (274637). All contact with Crime Stoppers is anonymous and you may qualify for a reward if information leads to an arrest.

Information about this case is also posted on the Morrison County website at [www.co.morrison.mn.us/630/documents](http://www.co.morrison.mn.us/630/documents)

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## Looking back

### 75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• March 27, 1947 - James Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Olson of District 80, became ill Saturday of last week, and upon examination of his physician it was found that he had scarlet fever.

This is the first case to be reported in this community this year.

James is a freshman at the Staples high school this year. He is progressing very well at this writing.

• March 27, 1947 - Two hundred and five packages of shoes, used clothing and toys, contributed by 34 communities and residents

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of Minnesota have been shipped to children overseas through the Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, according to an announcement from the organization whose headquarters are in New York City.

Listed among the communities contributing was Staples, with Mrs. Don Earl Boatman as chairman of the drive.

Mrs. Boatman contacted the children of the first grade of the north side grade school, and these children brought their shoes to school to give to the war children.

• March 27, 1947 - Miss Eileen Bader, a former registered nurse of the Staples Municipal hospital staff, spent Monday and Tuesday of last week as a guest of Mrs. Addie Greeno, and visiting Staples friends.

After visiting her parents in Duluth, Miss Bader left for New York City, where she will embark for Belgium, where she will study the French language for a year. Upon completion of this study, she will go to Africa where she will

become a nurse-missionary for the Baptist churches of America.

• March 27, 1947 - John W. Hartman, farmer living about five miles west of Staples, was a desperate man for almost two days of last week, when he lost seven head of valuable cattle.

In vain John searched for almost two days, visited his neighbors, made inquiries, made many trips to surrounding country in a fruitless search for the cattle which had disappeared from his farm home.

Finally, weary and tired from his searching, he returned home, about ready to give up hopes of ever finding the cattle, when the thought struck him.

Jumping into his car he headed for the Staples Municipal airport, asked the manager if there was a possibility of him going up in a plane to look for his cattle.

Always ready to accommodate the people of Staples and this community, Frank Rehtzigel, manager of the airport, jumped into his plane with Mr. Hartman as his passenger, and took off in another hunt for the missing cattle.

Just five minutes after leaving the Staples airport, a small herd of cattle were spotted in some swampy land about a mile and a half west of the Hartman farm - there were eight head in the herd, and Mr. Hartman was at first doubtful.

However, upon returning to the airport, Mr. Hartman jumped into his car and drove to the spot where the cattle had been located. He was very surprised to find out that one of his cows had given birth to a lively and active calf, and that accounted for the eight cattle in the herd.

### 50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• March 30, 1972 - The athletes in all sports at Staples High school will be honored



## Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Feb. 7, 1980 edition of the Staples World featured Peter Brenny and kindergartner Terri Tramm at North Elementary in Staples, where Brenny was explaining to the class how to brush their teeth properly. Brenny was attending the University of Minnesota at that time and planned to join Dr. Robert Mayhew as a dentist following his graduation.

Ken Klose, Linda Kopp, Kathy Odden, Mike Koppes and Judy Wolak, all of Staples, correctly identified Peter Brenny and knew the photo had something to do with dentistry. Wolak said she thought the woman in the background is Carol Penfield, who was a Title One teacher at the elementary school. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



## Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 15, 1979 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you are 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.

April 4, as the Staples Chamber of Commerce stages its annual athletic banquet.

Under the direction of the Special Events Committee of the Chamber the event will be held in the Staples Auditorium, with the dinner to be served cafeteria style starting at 6:30 p.m. James D. Randgaard will be the master of ceremonies.

Bruce Van Dyke, guard for the Pittsburgh Steelers Football Team, will be the guest speaker for the event. Van Dyke's appearance is sponsored locally by Texgas Corporation, Staples, of which Harold Selchert is manager.

• March 30, 1972 - The United States Office of Education has designated the Lincoln Model Nongraded school in Staples as the only National Right to Read site in Minnesota, school officials announced this week.

Donald Droubie, project director, said that this school was nominated by the State Dept. of Education because of its outstanding reading program.

• March 30, 1972 - Arthur L. Bjerga, son of Mrs. Chris Bjerga of Motley, has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Sgt. Bjerga, an air traffic controller at Tempelhof Central Airport, Germany, serves with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service. He is a 1962 graduate of Motley High School.

March 30, 1972 - Hundreds of people from throughout the area have already extended their best wishes to K. R. "Jake" Johnson for a happy retirement after 48 years of service at the Staples State Bank.

### 25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• March 27, 1997 - What does the future hold for the Hardee's store in Staples?

Although the official word is still not much, it may soon be a "Whopper" of a story.

Last week, the Hardee's store in Little Falls closed its doors on Thursday. When it reopens in about three weeks, it will be as a Burger King restaurant.

Staples Hardee's manager Greg Reese last week

could not confirm any of the stories that the Staples franchise is switching to Burger King. However, other published reports have stated that all stores in the local Hardee's franchise are switching over to Burger King.

• March 27, 1997 - In eight previous trips to the state tournament, the Staples Motley Cardinals boys basketball team had never lost more than one game at the state level, claiming four consolation championship trophies, one third place and two second place awards. That Cardinal tradition of playing for pride after a loss was on the line once more last Saturday as Staples Motley faced the Albany Huskies at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in the Class AA third place game.

Cardinal fans were not disappointed, as their team played hard and loose and easily outdistanced the overmatched Huskies by a 78-53 final.

### 10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• March 29, 2012 - In 2009, Jenna Nypan and Megan Weyer were the valedictorian and salutatorian of Staples Motley High School. This year, the last names stay the same, only the titles are reversed, as siblings of the 2009 honorees are the new top students at the school.

Valedictorian Tera Weyer will graduate with a 4.22 grade point average and Salutatorian Jonathan Nypan will have a 4.19 GPA on a 4.0 scale. The extra points are from taking many honors classes and from classes that gave A-plus grades.

To add to the family connections, Weyer's mother, Joy (Prindle) Weyer was the salutatorian of Staples High School class of 1984.

• March 29, 2012 - The old Meadow Brook Township Hall (located east of Hwy 64 on the Rainbow Trail) was destroyed by fire March 19. The Motley Fire Department responded to the fire at about 5 a.m., and report that the building was fully engulfed upon their arrival. The cause of the fire remains unknown.

# Process for closing school facility

The Staples-Motley School Board scheduled a public hearing date for closing the Motley building for Monday, April 11, at 6 p.m. in the District Office.

"There are four rationales that led us to this point," Superintendent Shane Tappe said. "Budgetary/financial, long-term facilities planning, deferred maintenance of the building and challenges related to educational experiences."

Tappe said the district's attorney has outlined the process to close the building as follows:

1. Discussion among administrative staff and facility experts.
2. Discussion among the board, who then schedules a public hearing.
3. Publish notice of the

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## Hat policy remains for Staples-Motley students

"This would be a huge benefit for us," said Tappe, "We should get behind this and reach out to our people in the legislature."

### Hat policy

The board approved school policies with a few changes that were recommended by the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA).

However, they did not change the school's hat policy, which does not allow hats to be worn in the classroom. At a meeting in 2021, student Grant Johnson presented the board with reasons to reverse the hat policy.

Board Chair Bryan Winkels said most of the policy meeting was spent on the hat policy, but in the end they recommended not to bring it to the board.

Tappe said after long conversations, they didn't want to change in the middle of the school year. He said they will revisit the issue and gather more insights from other school districts, legal council and the MSBA, and possibly bring it back to the board before the next school year.

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## Finding right price for housing development lots

looking on the net, we need to do something to catch them," said Murray.

Board member Tim Rice said he is not opposed to creating awareness, but questioned if this website is the best use of dollars to get that done.

Murray made a motion to accept the website proposal, but it was voted down by Gertken, Tappe, Case and Rice.

"By voting this down, we now have a responsibility to do something" to replace it, said Murray.

Tappe suggested they get data from other cities that use the website, then consider again.

### Industry expanding

Wyman said the Voyager company, which started building Yetti ice fishing houses in Staples this

public hearing in the district's paper of record (Staples World) two weeks prior to the hearing date.

4. Public hearing on April 11, 2022, followed by a board meeting at which time a resolution would be acted upon to close the Motley building.

The district has completed steps one and two of the process outlined above, with step three being the public notice published in the Staples World, the school district's newspaper of record.

"There is interest in purchasing the Motley building," Tappe said, "We have been working closely with our legal counsel to ensure we go through the proper process of closing the building before we consider the sale of the building."

### In other news, the board

• Approved resignations of Chris Kappler as head football coach, Natasha Peden, paraprofessional and Lyn Vavreck, special education.

• Approved resignation of Shelli Rau as middle school/high school receptionist, and hiring Rau as administrative assistant to middle school/high school principal.

• Approved contracts for Lori Miller, paraprofessional, Haileigh Mollner, paraprofessional and Samantha Schimpp, junior high softball coach.

• Approved Spanish classroom instructional services with Bertha-Hewitt.

• Approved fundraiser requests from Prom Committee and tennis team.

• Approved contract with Marco copy machine company, through Sourcewell.

• Approved contract with Schlenner Wenner & Co. For audit services.

• Designated Loren Walz and Trisha Larson to perform duties of the office of clerk, to be able to step in when Bonnie Madson retires.

## Law enforcement reports from Motley Police Department

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) included the following:

### March 10 - 16

March 14 - 16 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Jared Anderson, 38; Devion Johnson, 24; Shaun Petrovich-Kamppi, 24; William Tyler, 45.

March 15 - The MPD responded to a report of a theft at Laundry Off Ten in Motley. A suspect was identified by surveillance video and later admitted to the incident. The suspect has been trespassed from the business.

March 14 - The MPD issued a citation to Tyler Rono, 36, for driving after revocation and driving

without proof of insurance.

March 11 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive-off at Holiday Station in Motley, in the amount of \$25.

### March 17 - 23

March 21 - The MCSO arrested Cole Edward Franzen, 25, at the 200 block of Hwy 10 W., Motley, and transported him without incident to the Morrison County Jail.

March 17 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Ann Polasek, 59.

March 17 - 23 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Anthony Westrum, 19; Alvaro Camilo, 38; Madison Weber, 21.

March 23 - The MPD responded to a medical

report of a three-year-old in Motley with a bead stuck in her nose. Upon the officer's arrival, the mother opened the door and collapsed, and one of her other daughters brought the three-year-old out to him. The officer asked the mother if she was okay and she stated that she was having panic attack. She was advised to open the door and get some fresh air. The officer went on to report that the child was conscious, breathing and talking to him. Subsequently, Staples Ambulance arrived and transported the child and the mother to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, where the bead was dislodged from the patient's nose.

March 22 - The MPD issued a citation to Joseph Bush, 33, for driving with a revoked license, failure to signal more than 100 ft. prior to turning, and not having insurance.

March 21 - The MPD received a call from Holiday Gas Station in Motley, reporting a gas drive-off in the amount of \$74.78. In watching the video from the incident, the MPD said the drive-off was intentional. A citation was mailed to the driver.

March 19 - The MPD issued a citation to Robert Johnson, 39, for expired registration and window tint.

March 18 - The MPD issued a citation to Destiny Chapa, 23, for window tint

that was too dark.

March 18 - The MPD issued a citation to Brandi Larson, 34, for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance.

March 18 - The MPD issued a citation to Marissa Pesta, 19, for driving after suspension, no proof of insurance, and window tint that was too dark.

March 18 - The MPD issued a citation to Jon Morrow, 50, for driving after cancellation and providing false documents for insurance.

March 17 - The MPD issued a citation to Megan Habben, 34, for having window tint that was too dark.

Board member Chris Etzler said "We have a responsibility to City of Staples taxpayers who have been holding the bag since 2006. We don't want to give them free land, but we want to find a middle balance."

Tappe pointed out if the current single family homes were built, it would add more than \$2 million worth of property to the city's tax rolls. He said it could be even more if all the lots had homes built on them.

Case said there is a development going up near Motley where lots are being sold for close to that \$18,000 cost. That development also does not have the water and sewer infrastructure that is built into the Valley View development.



## Letters to the Editor

### First polio case in Staples?

When I was four years old in 1939, my mom took me to see Dr. Reichelderfer because I was sick and she did

not know what was wrong. The doctor told her to take me to a doctor in Brainerd, so she did and he told her what I had was polio.

She came back and told the doctor here what I had. The doctor said if he told mom, he did not know how the people would act and

what they would do, if it was catching or not.

I would like to know if I was the first one in 1939 to get polio in Staples.

Donna Walker Breckenridge  
Staples, Minn

### "Rights" for victims

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, an annual observance in the United States that promotes victims' rights and services. Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a time to renew our commitment to serving all victims of crime, acknowledge the achievements in victim services, allied professions, honor those who have gone above and beyond in service to others and to remember crime victims and survivors.

The exact date of the observance varies year to year, but it's always in the month of April. This year,

the week of April 24 - 30, is designated as National Crime Victims' Rights Week or NCVRW.

The 2022 NCVRW theme is "Rights", access, equity, for all victims. The theme underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services and ensuring equity/ inclusion for all.

Hands of Hope Resource Center provides services for general crime victims, victims of physical, domestic and sexual abuse. We offer educational presentations for community, schools and organizations through our Violence Prevention Program.

We offer support during law enforcement interviews, emergency room visits and

court hearings. We complete safety planning, assist filing protection orders, victim's reparations, provide 24-hour crisis line for residents of Morrison and Todd counties affected by crime. Our door is open to any age, gender, race or ethnic background.

Hands of Hope Resource Center is dedicated to supporting victims, survivors of crime, building trust among clients, collaborating with other service providers and engaging our community in response efforts.

Kimberly Cook  
General Crime & Child Abuse Services Coordinator  
Hands of Hope Resource Center

## Personal choice or responsibility? The Law of the Jungle applies

The Law of the Jungle is not what you think.

Most people who use the phrase think it is about surviving by brute force, but that is actually not what the original phrase meant.

British writer Rudyard Kipling invented the phrase with a poem in "The Jungle Book."

This is the part that defines the Law of the Jungle:

"As the creeper that girdles the tree trunk, the law runneth forward and back;

For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

I read that the Minnesota

Timberwolves have a quote from Kipling somewhere in their building. Without knowing more, I am pretty sure this is the quote. It is perfect for a basketball team (the pack) that relies on their top individual players (the wolf), but even the best player can't win a single game unless they are supported by the team.

The Great American Think-Off in New York Mills is asking a similar question this year: "Which should be more important: personal choice or social responsibility?"

My answer would be "The Law of the Jungle."

As I just pointed out, that means individual choice and social responsibility should be intermingled, with one taking precedent at times and the other taking over at other times.

The question is a fairly obvious reference to the big issue of 2021, whether or not to get vaccinated for COVID-19. One side said they have a right to not get vaccinated, another side

said you do not have a right to spread a deadly disease if it can be prevented. Too often, one side did not consider the importance of the other.

The newspaper is in a unique position to recognize the value of both positions. We cover both local organizations and individuals who do great things.

But it is newspaper gold when a local organization enables an individual to rise above and earn high recognition, such as a speech champion. We love showing what our group did to allow this individual to reach new heights.

If they make you choose a side, in general I would pick the community first. An individual wolf can leave the pack if they don't feel it is helping them, but I don't believe in abandoning my pack. A true leader sticks with the pack in good times and in bad. To achieve, you need both the wolf and the pack.

## Best days lie ahead for the rural economy

By Colleen Landkamer  
MinnPost

After serving 25 years on the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners and eight years as rural development state director under President Obama, my passion for getting to know and represent the needs of rural communities continues to grow. Armed with this knowledge and drive, I look forward to helping build back a better rural America under President Biden's leadership.

President Biden used his first State of the Union address to talk about where our country has been and where we are going. The president mentioned a lot we can be proud of and even more to look forward to, especially in rural America. The country has faced deep challenges over the past year, and the people of rural America know this better than anyone. But rural communities are resilient, and as the success of rural America goes, so goes the rest of the country.

That's why the progress we have made in rural Minnesota over the past year is a good sign for everyone. By investing in water infrastructure and broadband, rural business opportunities and the American food supply chain, USDA is helping communities build a foundation for sustained economic growth.

For example, the city of Freeport is working to

improve water, sewer, and storm water infrastructure with help from a \$2.7 million loan through USDA's Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. These efforts will reduce health and safety concerns caused by infiltration and improve the water quality for 632 community members.

A great example of how we're helping to support Minnesota's food supply chain is by investing in agricultural producers and small businesses like Minnesota Family Farms Cooperative. The Coop recently received an \$18,700 Value-Added Producer Grant to expand sales of their pork products.

Additionally, through programs like the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program and the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program, we're answering the President's call to create more resilient, diverse and secure supply chains. Promoting competition in the processing sector will lead to fairer prices for farmers, greater value for workers, and more affordable and healthier food produced closer to home for families.

These investments create jobs and economic opportunities in rural areas. They help grow the economy from the bottom up and middle out like the President talked about. And they contribute to a circular economy where the resources and wealth we build in rural

Minnesota, stay right here in Minnesota.

And they're just the beginning. In the State of the Union, President Biden committed to build a national network of 500,000 electric vehicle charging stations, begin to replace poisonous lead pipes so every child and every American has clean water to drink at home and at school, provide affordable high-speed internet for every American; urban, suburban, rural and tribal communities.

The Biden-Harris Administration's plan for the economy is already producing historic wins, and there's room for everyone to participate, no matter their zip code.

That's why we're optimistic that our best days lie ahead.

By giving everyone a fair shot and providing equitable access to federal resources, we can do our part to carry out the President's economic vision. That means making more things here at home, strengthening our supply chains and lowering costs for working families. It means giving people opportunities to make a good living without having to leave the communities they know and love.

For a lot of us, that means staying right here in rural Minnesota.

Colleen Landkamer is the Minnesota state director of Rural Development for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

## Spring is in the air at CLC

By Joy Bodin  
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

Spring is an exciting time on campus. Now that the masking mandate has been lifted, it's wonderful to see students smiling as they are getting that great hands-on education in our labs and classrooms.

Spring is a busy time at CLC. Students will spend the next few months applying for industry positions, preparing to transfer to four-year universities, completing their spring courses or applying to graduate.

With the snow melting, horticulture and landscape students are growing beautiful green and blooming plants for our annual plant sale in the greenhouse. Meanwhile, after successful spring break tournaments in Florida and Arizona, our baseball and softball teams are busy clearing off the diamonds, anticipating their upcoming home spring openers.

Registration is on the minds of our new and returning students, who are signing up for a wide array of liberal arts courses and career and technical programs. This summer sees the return of our Upward Bound/TRIO college prep camps. We always enjoy the energy and excitement that these students bring to our campuses and student housing.

Looking ahead to next fall, CLC is offering new opportunities in meat cutting, culinary arts, medical scribe and EMT, along with our other high-quality programs. To provide additional support to students in reaching their academic and personal goals, we're redesigning our first year stu-

dent experience to include more comprehensive support, better communications and an intentional focus on academic and career plans.

We know that physical gathering spaces on campus are important to our students. With that in mind, we are refreshing many of our campus spaces. The Nest, our new multicultural center, offers a place for students to hang out and, if needed, get a quick haircut from the barber shop. A new student needs hub will be launched next fall. This will be a one-stop resource center, offering mental health and wellness services, transportation, housing and childcare resources. An expanded food pantry will offer fresh and frozen food items, along with many grab-and-go options. A new outdoor rec program will allow students to check out bikes, kayaks and outdoor games to the many outdoor activities that the Brainerd lakes area, Staples and surrounding communities have to offer.

New campus study and social spaces provide comfortable places for students to socialize, participate in HyFlex courses and complete coursework. Our soon-to-be revamped computer commons and classrooms will contain state-of-the-art technology and modular furniture. Expanded scholarship opportunities, such as Workforce Development and Bright Future Scholarships, along with CLC Foundation and industry scholarships, will allow more students to call CLC their home.

As winter recedes, spring is in the air, along with optimism and opportunities at CLC.

## Doctors urge hazard pay

A group of Minnesota physicians called on Republicans in the state Senate to support frontline worker pay for nurses, school employees, retail and child-care workers and other employees who were at direct risk of COVID-19 infection during the pandemic. HF 2900, which provides \$1,500

for each frontline worker, passed the state House Feb. 24 but has been held up by Republicans in the state Senate.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, we counted on hundreds of thousands of our fellow Minnesotans to show up for work every day to serve families and keep businesses running, even if clocking in put them in harm's way, and this pay for frontline workers is the bare minimum policymakers can do to recognize their many sacrifices," said Dr. Amy Engebretson, an OB/GYN in Saint Paul. "As physicians, we see firsthand how COVID-19 disproportionately affects frontline workers doing some of the most hazardous jobs, even as many of them are also among the lowest paid workers in our state. Nursing home workers who look after our elderly, daycare employees who care for our kids and clerks who make sure grocery store shelves have food and produce - these are heroes who deserve our thanks and frontline pay."

The Minnesota Legislature agreed last session to provide frontline worker pay, but Republican lawmakers have since withdrawn their support. HF 2900 provides the frontline worker pay to workers in 15 categories of jobs, including emergency responders, child care and nursing

home employees and workers in manufacturing, retail, transit and transportation, and building services.

"People who stepped up, showed up, and continued to serve Minnesota families during the pandemic are the ones who were and continue to be most at risk with COVID-19, still being hospitalized, having debilitating illnesses, and some are still dying," said Dr. Mary Kernen, an anesthesiologist in Chanhassen. "Quarantine had a disproportionate impact on low-wage, non-salaried workers, who often have no paid sick leave. We see patients who continue to struggle at work because of long-term COVID-19 symptoms, such as heart and lung disease or chronic fatigue."

"Frontline workers were also exposed to the stress and anxiety that comes with knowing they could get very sick and infect their family and loved ones - continuous stress that can lead to PTSD and other mental health challenges," said Dr. Kernen. "Minnesota's Republican senators must do the right thing for these 667,000 Minnesotans."

The Committee to Protect Health Care is a national mobilization of doctors, health care professionals, and advocates. To learn more: [www.committeetoprotect.org](http://www.committeetoprotect.org)

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## Stopping deer-killing CWD is looking like Whack-A-Mole

Most of us know this game, one that's fun for both youngsters and adults. The goal is simple: whack a replica of a rodent with a toy mallet as it alternately appears and disappears in the many holes in a table or game deck. You need quick reactions if you hope to win, as the pace of these pop-up rodent appearances increases and lasts just milliseconds as the game goes on.

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Inside the  
Outdoors

A comparison of Whack-A-Mole to the battle against chronic wasting (CWD) in Minnesota's white-tail deer herd came to mind with this week's announcement that an infected deer was found in a new region of the state. That announcement was made by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). CWD, as deer hunters and our wider citizenry have been told many times in the last two decades, is a brain-destroying disease that is easily spread among deer and elk, and is always fatal.

The latest infected deer was found in a Grand Rapids residential area, believed to have died following a collision with a motor vehicle. Fortunately, the DNR staff who were called to the scene and collected the carcass were quick-thinking, and removed a lymph node sample from the deer for testing. That test came back a surprising positive for CWD.

The Whack-A-Mole game is an apt comparison, because with this latest news, CWD discoveries have now popped up in a total of 16 Minnesota counties. Since the first discovery of CWD in Minnesota in 2002 in the Southeast, the Minnesota DNR has hoped to contain the disease and prevent its spread to the rest of the state. But that has not been the reality. These 16 counties with CWD infections are found in Minnesota's Southeast, Central, Twin City, East Central, and Northern regions of the state.

Most of 150-plus positive tests to date have been associated in some way with captive elk and deer farms. CWD is widespread in the West, and found in several states bordering Minnesota. Movement of captive animals across state lines and within the state is widely believed to have contributed to the region-to-region spread of CWD here, and—most alarming—to wild deer. Infected wild white-tails have now been found in seven counties from south to north, the latest being the Grand Rapids deer.

There is no hard evidence that humans who eat venison from CWD-infected deer are at risk of mental or physical harm. It's believed that the CWD disease agent is concentrated in a deer's nerve tissue, such as the brain and spinal cord. But given the fact that CWD is closely related to potentially-transmissible mad cow disease, there may be some who choose not to eat venison from CWD-positive deer.

If CWD becomes prevalent enough in Minnesota's wild deer, some deer hunters will almost certainly fall by the wayside. That would not only be a loss to individ-

uals who would be giving up traditions they love—traditions often maintained over multiple generation of family and friends—but it would have economic repercussions, as well. The economic benefits generated by deer hunting, including hunter expenditures for equipment, lodging, meals, fuel, and the like, are estimated at \$500 million per year.

Widely read and respected outdoor columnist Dennis Anderson recently reported on the effects of CWD in Wyoming, one of the states credited with being a potential source of the CWD that was spread to captive deer and elk farms in Minnesota, and now to our wild deer. Anderson reported that roughly 60% of the wild mule deer in Wyoming are infected with CWD. His interview subject, a journalist living there, noted that many of these deer have a shortened life span, with many dying before five years of age. This has had an impact on outfitters whose guiding clients book hunts in hopes of harvesting a trophy animal.

The average Minnesota deer hunter is not strictly after that kind of reward, though a trophy set of antlers is always a welcome bonus. But if CWD becomes prevalent enough in Minnesota that the chances of harvesting an infected deer are high, an odds-maker would tell you that there will be a measurable decline in the number of deer hunters. And, it follows, a decline in the license revenues they generate, and a loss of wider economic benefits that their passion now provides.

More and more deer hunters and conservation organizations—including the Minnesota Deer Hunt-

ers Association—are advocating putting a stop to establishing new captive deer and elk farms. Also to ending the movement of captive animals into and between herds within Minnesota, and even buying out the farms now operating within the state. In short, eliminating captive deer and elk farms here.

The Minnesota DNR does not have regulatory authority over these captive deer and elk farms. Until very recently, the State Board of Animal Health—an agriculture-oriented state agency—has had sole authority over regulating these farms. The Board has long been accused of lax oversight, specifically in enforcement of secure fencing to keep captive animals in, and wild deer out, and enforcing rules for reporting infected animals on these farms. Only within the last year, long after the CWD genie was out of the bottle, was the DNR given shared authority to govern these farms.

The Minnesota Legislature has been a passive bystander during the two decades since CWD was first found here. Only a very few lawmakers have recognized the danger CWD presents, and the unfortunate fact that—once lost—there may be no way to regain lost ground in the battle to contain it. Some believe that a CWD epidemic in Minnesota deer will be even less reversible than the battle against aquatic invasive species—like Eurasian watermilfoil, and zebra mussels—in our waters.

As with the Roman Emperor Nero, said to have fiddled as Rome burned, at some point the fire may be beyond putting out.



## Plunge for Special Olympics

The Staples-Motley High School Polar Plunge brought in \$17,000 in donations for Special Olympics. The event included a pep rally with the Cardinal and polar bear mascots, and had 104 jumpers who got soaked on a day that turned out to be barely above freezing. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



## Youth wrestlers qualify for NYWA state

The Staples Motley K-8 grade wrestlers participated in the Northland Youth Wrestling Association Region 5 individual tournament this past weekend in Bemidji. The Cardinals wrestled tough and represented very well with ten individual champions and a total of seventeen advancing to the NYWA State Tournament on April 1-4 in Rochester.

Champions: Cygnus Walz, Camrik Tappe, Cooper Tappe, Garrett Bjerga, Gage Bjerga,

Beau Carlson, Justin Olson, Caden Kramer, Turner Beachy, Colbe Tappe

2nd Place: Gavin Caldwell, Jackson Odden, Eli Greenwaldt

3rd Place: Bennett Sonnenstahl, Zach Tabbat, Luke Bjerga

4th Place: Liam Jennissen

5th Place: Adrian Gomez

6th Place: Ace de Coup-Crank, Elliott DiGiovanni, Reece Headley



## Team champions

The Cardinal youth (K-6) team also participated in the NYWA team region tournament on Sunday in Fosston. The youth wrestlers beat Fosston/Bagley in the first round 58-16, won over Grand Rapids in the semi-finals 47-31 and won the championship match against Brainerd 37-36 to become the NYWA Region 5 K-6 Team Champs. The team advances to the team state tournament in Rochester April 1-4.

Pictured: Front row, Camrik Tappe and Bennett

Sonnenstahl; second row, from left, Maxx Carlson, Cora Tappe, Ryker Pesta, Cygnus Walz, Reed Leech, Elliott DiGiovanni, Andrew Dobson; third row, Beau Carlson, Jayden Rogers, Gavin Caldwell, Garrett Bjerga, Tayden Weishair; fourth row, Jacob Reeck, Gage Bjerga, Tristan Moore, Jackson Odden, Cooper Tappe, Liam Jennissen; back row, coaches Chris Dobson and Dan Bjerga. (Submitted photo)





Happy Birthday,  
**Lois Mertens**  
who celebrated her  
**95th Birthday**  
on March 19, 2022  
with her family



"We love you Mom, Grandma, Great- and Great-Great Grandma and hope the years to come are filled with as much happiness and joy as the years behind you!"  
♥ Your Loving Family

## Student Achievements

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES** has announced its 2021 Fall Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average or higher. Local students named include:

- Emmet Anderson, Staples
- Molly Lindgren, Staples
- Shaylyn Johnson, Pillager
- Hailey Turner-Hubbard, Pillager

## Hello World

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

Born to Breanna and Jacob Brockpahler of Sebeka, a baby boy, Hayes Joseph weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on March 19, 2022.  
Born to Abby and Jordan Rentz of Sebeka, a baby girl, Madison Ann weighing six pounds, six ounces on March 20, 2022.  
Born to Tania and Lucas Hendrickson of Cushing, a baby boy, Everett Dylan weighing seven pounds on March 22, 2022.  
Born to Bethany Niemann and Ricky Price of Wadena, a baby girl, Lillian Carole weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on March 22, 2022.  
Born to Julia Kilen and Tyler Hendrickson

of Brainerd, a baby girl, Maeva RaeAnn weighing eight pounds, five ounces on March 22, 2022.

Born to Haley Voigt and Justin Sherman of Bertha, a baby boy, Westin Oliver weighing seven pounds, one ounce on March 22, 2022.

Born to Megan and Collin Rehbein of Nisswa, a baby girl, Rosalie Claire weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on March 23, 2022.

Born to Tessa and David Larson of Brainerd, a baby girl, Zyla Lee weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on March 24, 2022.

Born to Tonya and Evan VanVickle of Brainerd, a baby girl, Ellen Elaine weighing six pounds, three ounces on March 24, 2022.

## Obituaries

### Leona Cuchna

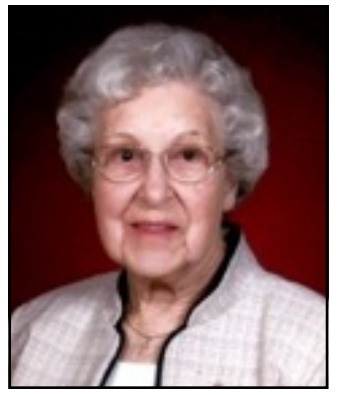
Leona Cuchna, 102, passed away March 14, 2022 at the CentraCare Long Prairie Nursing Home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held March 20, 2022, at the Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Long Prairie.

Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Grey Eagle.

Leona was born March 24, 1919, to John and Margaret (Fuerstenberg) Smith in Long Prairie. She married Stanley McClintick on July 1, 1941. They lived, farmed and raised three children on the farm homesteaded by Leona's grandparents. Leona worked at Hart Press in the bindery for 22 years before retiring in 1981. Stanley passed away on July 13, 1969. She married Kenneth Cuchna on August 28, 1976.

Leona was a hardworking, active, energetic and healthy person. She enjoyed shopping. She was regarded as a "lady", one who never showed anger or spoke ill of people. She was genuinely patient and kind to all. Family was dear to her. Growing up without sisters, she developed close relationships with her sisters-in-law and cousins. She lovingly cared for her parents allowing them to live independently for many years. She was hospitable and always assured anyone entering her home would be fed. She joked that the last time driving a car was to go to confession at the age of 94. She chose to go to the nursing home at 96, due to failing eyesight. While there, she was a social butterfly lifting the spirits of



many.

Leona is survived by two daughters, Janice (Stanley) Tyrrell of Staples and Patricia Christiansen of Long Prairie; one step-daughter, Donna (Tony) Lisson of Long Prairie; 11 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Stanley McClintick; husband, Kenneth Cuchna; one brother, Edward Smith; one son, John McClintick; one son-in-law, Ardean Christiansen; one great-grandson, Jonah Kletsch and one step-daughter, Jo Ann Dahl.

The family would like to express appreciation for the loving care provided to Leona by the staff at CentraCare Long Prairie Nursing Home.

Arrangements were by the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Stein Chapel, in Long Prairie. Obituary, Guest Book and Video Tribute available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).

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### Donald Behsman

Donald Behsman, 80, of Verndale passed away March 22, 2022, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

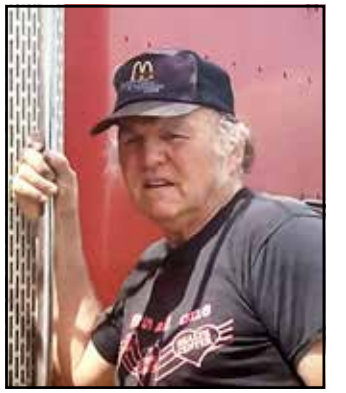
An open house celebrating his life will be held from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, at the Hewitt Community Center. The Time of Prayer and Remembrance will begin at 3:00 p.m. led by Pastor Eric Clapp.

Donald Paul Behsman was born March 1, 1942, to Paul and Eileen (Yess) Behsman in Waseca. Don attended Waseca Central High School and graduated in 1960. He enlisted with the U.S. Navy and was stationed in New London, Connecticut. He was an engine man on a minesweeper during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 and was honorably discharged in 1964.

While Don was in the service, he married Tessa and they welcomed three children, Marty, Kris and Holly. They returned to Waseca where Don worked as a diesel mechanic for a few years and then they moved back to Massachusetts to be closer to Tessa's family. Don worked at a fish market on the coast. After returning to Minnesota, he began working for various trucking companies, most recently for Tony's Transfer, traveling across the country.

Donald married Louise Wilschick (née Bebensee) December 7, 1989 and welcomed her four children into his life. In 1990, they purchased a farm in rural Aldrich, where they built their retirement home. As an over-the-road truck driver for most of his life, he transported anything and everything, including some of the granite pieces for the 9/11 Memorial in New York.

Driving, farming, hunting and fishing trips with



his brother and sister-in-law were some of Don's passions. He loved visiting with friends, family, neighbors and driving around the countryside. He was well-known, not only in the Amish community, but also around town as someone who was always willing to lend a helping hand when needed.

Donald is survived by and will be dearly missed by two sons, Marty (Julie) of FL and Kris (Louisa) of MA; one daughter, Holly of MO; two step-sons, Robert (Cathy) White of OK and Bill (Sue) White of Hewitt; two step-daughters, Sandy White of CO and Debra (John) Kaiser of Staples; one brother, John (Joanie) Behsman of Grey Eagle; one sister, MaryAnn Mundt of Owatonna; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and his two beloved cats, Charcoal and Mountain Lion.

Don is preceded in death by his wife, Louise (2016); parents; one brother, Jim Behsman and an infant great-grandson.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Wadena ([www.SchullerFamilyFH.com](http://www.SchullerFamilyFH.com)).

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## Staples Area Church Directory

### Staples

**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  
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.

### Church of Christ

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

### First Congregational Church, UCC

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

### Thomastown Covenant

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

### Trinity Lutheran

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

### United Methodist

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

### Aldrich

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

### Cushing

**Bethany Lutheran**  
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN  
320-749-2140  
Pastor Carl Larson  
Pastor Chris Mathiason  
[www.bethanylutherancushing.org](http://www.bethanylutherancushing.org)  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Communion ..... 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

### Lincoln Evangelical Free

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

### Cushing Baptist

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

### Leader

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

### Maple Hill Lutheran

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

### Motley

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

### United Methodist

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

### Oylen

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

### Pillager

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

### Casino Assembly of God

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

### First Baptist

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

### Hewitt

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

### Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

### United Methodist Church

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

### Verndale

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

### Family Life Church

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

### Hope Chapel Alliance

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

### Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

### Verndale United Methodist

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

### Central United Methodist

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)  
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950  
Sunday Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Seeds of Hope ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Leaf River Township

**The Old Country Church**  
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6  
Info: 218-837-5690  
Sunday Service ..... 10 a.m.

## "Your Brother Died for You"

Pastor Don Reigstad, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church, Cushing

A younger brother was the perfect match for a life-giving, blood transfusion. It would be a routine procedure with minimal pain. Still, the parents thought the question should be put to the brother even though he was so young.

After explaining the situation, dad asked, "Would you give your blood so your brother can live, son?" After a significant pause the boy answered seriously, "Yes, Dad. I will."

When the day came the younger son reclined on the bed with his favorite teddy and the nurses began the procedure. Sometime later the nurses expressed concern when their young charge seemed unusually pale.

Mom, asked, are you okay, son? "Yeah," came the somber reply. "I was wondering something though."

"Yes, son, what is it?"

"When will I die?"

Mom gasped at the thought. Their younger son had gotten the idea that to give his blood to his brother meant he would die. And he went ahead with it anyway. The gasp was followed by a heartfelt laugh and reassuring words that he would not die.

No, they would never expect him to die for his brother. Who would?

Jesus would. He did - for us, whom He saw as brothers and sisters. Even when we weren't behaving like good, caring siblings, Jesus died for us. Your "brother" died for you.

**"God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**  
--Romans 5:8

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## Stopping deer-killing CWD is looking like Whack-A-Mole

Most of us know this game, one that's fun for both youngsters and adults. The goal is simple: whack a replica of a rodent with a toy mallet as it alternately appears and disappears in the many holes in a table or game deck. You need quick reactions if you hope to win, as the pace of these pop-up rodent appearances increases and lasts just milliseconds as the game goes on.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

A comparison of Whack-A-Mole to the battle against chronic wasting (CWD) in Minnesota's white-tail deer herd came to mind with this week's announcement that an infected deer was found in a new region of the state. That announcement was made by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). CWD, as deer hunters and our wider citizenry have been told many times in the last two decades, is a brain-destroying disease that is easily spread among deer and elk, and is always fatal.

The latest infected deer was found in a Grand Rapids residential area, believed to have died following a collision with a motor vehicle. Fortunately, the DNR staff who were called to the scene and collected the carcass were quick-thinking, and removed a lymph node sample from the deer for testing. That test came back a surprising positive for CWD.

The Whack-A-Mole game is an apt comparison, because with this latest news, CWD discoveries have now popped up in a total of 16 Minnesota counties. Since the first discovery of CWD in Minnesota in 2002 in the Southeast, the Minnesota DNR has hoped to contain the disease and prevent its spread to the rest of the state. But that has not been the reality. These 16 counties with CWD infections are found in Minnesota's Southeast, Central, Twin City, East Central, and Northern regions of the state.

Most of 150-plus positive tests to date have been associated in some way with captive elk and deer farms. CWD is widespread in the West, and found in several states bordering Minnesota. Movement of captive animals across state lines and within the state is widely believed to have contributed to the region-to-region spread of CWD here, and—most alarming—to wild deer. Infected wild white-tails have now been found in seven counties from south to north, the latest being the Grand Rapids deer.

There is no hard evidence that humans who eat venison from CWD-infected deer are at risk of mental or physical harm. It's believed that the CWD disease agent is concentrated in a deer's nerve tissue, such as the brain and spinal cord. But given the fact that CWD is closely related to potentially-transmissible mad cow disease, there may be some who choose not to eat venison from CWD-positive deer.

If CWD becomes prevalent enough in Minnesota's wild deer, some deer hunters will almost certainly fall by the wayside. That would not only be a loss to individ-

uals who would be giving up traditions they love—traditions often maintained over multiple generation of family and friends—but it would have economic repercussions, as well. The economic benefits generated by deer hunting, including hunter expenditures for equipment, lodging, meals, fuel, and the like, are estimated at \$500 million per year.

Widely read and respected outdoor columnist Dennis Anderson recently reported on the effects of CWD in Wyoming, one of the states credited with being a potential source of the CWD that was spread to captive deer and elk farms in Minnesota, and now to our wild deer. Anderson reported that roughly 60% of the wild mule deer in Wyoming are infected with CWD. His interview subject, a journalist living there, noted that many of these deer have a shortened life span, with many dying before five years of age. This has had an impact on outfitters whose guiding clients book hunts in hopes of harvesting a trophy animal.

The average Minnesota deer hunter is not strictly after that kind of reward, though a trophy set of antlers is always a welcome bonus. But if CWD becomes prevalent enough in Minnesota that the chances of harvesting an infected deer are high, an odds-maker would tell you that there will be a measurable decline in the number of deer hunters. And, it follows, a decline in the license revenues they generate, and a loss of wider economic benefits that their passion now provides.

More and more deer hunters and conservation organizations—including the Minnesota Deer Hunt-

ers Association—are advocating putting a stop to establishing new captive deer and elk farms. Also to ending the movement of captive animals into and between herds within Minnesota, and even buying out the farms now operating within the state. In short, eliminating captive deer and elk farms here.

The Minnesota DNR does not have regulatory authority over these captive deer and elk farms. Until very recently, the State Board of Animal Health—an agriculture-oriented state agency—has had sole authority over regulating these farms. The Board has long been accused of lax oversight, specifically in enforcement of secure fencing to keep captive animals in, and wild deer out, and enforcing rules for reporting infected animals on these farms. Only within the last year, long after the CWD genie was out of the bottle, was the DNR given shared authority to govern these farms.

The Minnesota Legislature has been a passive bystander during the two decades since CWD was first found here. Only a very few lawmakers have recognized the danger CWD presents, and the unfortunate fact that—once lost—there may be no way to regain lost ground in the battle to contain it. Some believe that a CWD epidemic in Minnesota deer will be even less reversible than the battle against aquatic invasive species—like Eurasian watermilfoil, and zebra mussels—in our waters.

As with the Roman Emperor Nero, said to have fiddled as Rome burned, at some point the fire may be beyond putting out.



## Plunge for Special Olympics

The Staples-Motley High School Polar Plunge brought in \$17,000 in donations for Special Olympics. The event included a pep rally with the Cardinal and polar bear mascots, and had 104 jumpers who got soaked on a day that turned out to be barely above freezing. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



## Youth wrestlers qualify for NYWA state

The Staples Motley K-8 grade wrestlers participated in the Northland Youth Wrestling Association Region 5 individual tournament this past weekend in Bemidji. The Cardinals wrestled tough and represented very well with ten individual champions and a total of seventeen advancing to the NYWA State Tournament on April 1-4 in Rochester.

Champions: Cygnus Walz, Camrik Tappe, Cooper Tappe, Garrett Bjerga, Gage Bjerga,

Beau Carlson, Justin Olson, Caden Kramer, Turner Beachy, Colbe Tappe  
 2nd Place: Gavin Caldwell, Jackson Odden, Eli Greenwaldt  
 3rd Place: Bennett Sonnenstahl, Zach Tabbat, Luke Bjerga  
 4th Place: Liam Jennissen  
 5th Place: Adrian Gomez  
 6th Place: Ace de Coup-Crank, Elliott DiGiovanni, Reece Headley



## Team champions

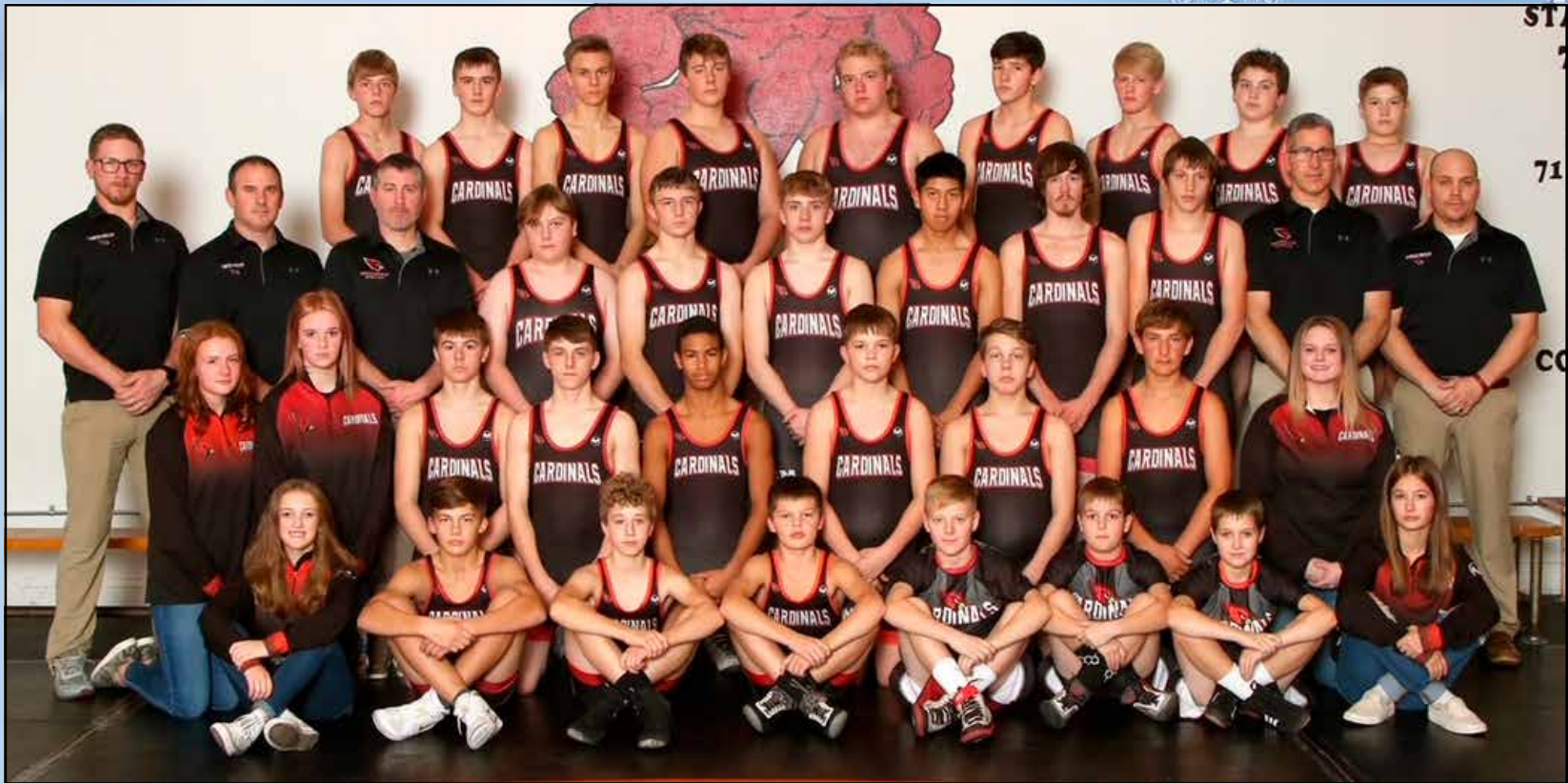
The Cardinal youth (K-6) team also participated in the NYWA team Region tournament on Sunday in Fosston. The youth wrestlers beat Fosston/Bagley in the first round 58-16, won over Grand Rapids in the semi-finals 47-31 and won the championship match against Brainerd 37-36 to become the NYWA Region 5 K-6 Team Champs. The team advances to the team state tournament in Rochester April 1-4.

Pictured: Front row, Camrik Tappe and Bennett

Sonnenstahl; second row, from left, Maxx Carlson, Cora Tappe, Ryker Pesta, Cygnus Walz, Reed Leech, Elliott DiGiovanni, Andrew Dobson; third row, Beau Carlson, Jayden Rogers, Gavin Caldwell, Garrett Bjerga, Tayden Weishair; fourth row, Jacob Reeck, Gage Bjerga, Tristan Moore, Jackson Odden, Cooper Tappe, Liam Jennissen; back row, coaches Chris Dobson and Dan Bjerga. (Submitted photo)



# Salute to Staples Motley Winter Sports Teams



**Cardinal Wrestling Team**  
**Front:** Mia Pesta, Eli Greenwaldt, Caden Kramer, Gage Bjerga, Beau Carlson, Justin Olson, Andrew Dobson, Avery Japke  
**Second row:** Ronnie Noska, Sophie Albie, Riley Reese, Jack Carlson, Turner Beachy, Reece Headley, Jackson Schouville, Zachary Tabatt, Gabby Case  
**Third row:** Coach Isaac Novak, Coach Shane Tappe, Coach Eric Kramer, Dylan Lawrence, Colbe Tappe, Carson Johnson, Ramiro Gallardo, Dalton Wells, Jason Trantina, Coach Steven Jennissen, Coach Mark Carlson  
**Back:** Aidan Winter, Caden Dobson, Odin Trif, Steven Petrich, Shea Lebreque, Jacob Becker, Owen Winter, Adrian Gomez, Dustin Converse



**Cardinal Girl's Basketball Team**  
**Front:** Addisyn Cichos, Keller Anderson, Naila Mikhaeil, Managers  
**Middle:** Aften Robinson, Mandy Carter, Allison Knosalla, Head Coach Bruce Fuhrman, Addison Lorber, Grace Jennissen, Ashley Robben, Kyanna Burton.  
**Back:** Assistant Coach Kelsie Weite, Alli Olander, Lauren Rutten, Meghan VanAlst, Briana Bendson, Kenzie Erickson, Coach Christine Fox



**Cardinal Boy's Basketball Team**  
**Front:** Joshua Schimpp, Dominic Gomez, Sivert Klefsaas, Chandler Braith, Drew Berg  
**Back:** Dakota Hennagir, Hunter Miller, Isaiah Schultz, Lucas Brownell

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 31, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$85,700.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Norene M. Carlson, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 6, 2017 as Document Number 504344 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on May 12, 2020 as Document Number A519322 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East 50 feet of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 8 and the West 10 feet of the South 100 feet of the alley in Block 8 all in the Town Plat of the Village (now City) of Browerville, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 120 3RD ST W, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$80,642.65

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 30-0015000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 101106900019601723

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 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

to pay the debt then 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 redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 21, 2022.

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: March 23, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. \*Sung Woo Hong, Esq.\* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (22-0344-FC01)

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 13, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$119,790.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Ann M. Bowman

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

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 14, 2012 as Document Number 482006 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: ARC Home LLC (f/k/a WEI Mortgage LLC) by assignment recorded on March 4, 2020 as Document Number A518373 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on October 16, 2020 as Document Number A521934 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the East Twenty (20) Rods of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2 of NW1/4) and that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW1/4 of NE1/4), Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One Hundred Thirty-three (133) North, Range Thirty Four (34) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the East Twenty Rods of the said E1/2NW1/4; thence East, on and along the South line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4 and along the South line of said NE1/4, a distance of 1,338 feet; thence North, parallel to the West line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4, a distance of 651.12 feet; thence West, parallel to the South line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4 and the South line of said NE1/4, a distance of 1,338 feet to the West line of the East Twenty Rods of Said E1/2NW1/4; thence South, on and along the West line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4, a distance of 651.12 feet to the point of the beginning and there terminating.

Todd County, Minnesota. STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 19662 464TH STREET, ALDRICH, MN 56434

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$121,223.97

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0027700

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 10010980002262815

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: April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

To pay the debt then 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 twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 28, 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 21, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 31, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,637.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Alejandra Aguilar, a married woman

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

Lending, LLC d/b/a Edina Realty Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 1, 2016 as Document Number 499251 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on August 15, 2019 as Document Number A515581 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Original Townsite (now City) of Long Prairie, according to the plat, thereof, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 509 1ST AVE NE, 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: \$124,255.13

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: HomeServices Lending, LLC d/b/a Edina Realty Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0011300, 36-0011200

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1012742-0000041077-0

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: April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

To pay the debt then 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 redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on October 28, 2022.

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 22, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. \*Sung Woo Hong, Esq.\* Attorneys for Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 17, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$47,400.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joanne M. Collins, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 24, 2016 as Document Number 500519 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, EXCEPT the West 24 feet and all of Lots 8, 9, 10, Block 3, Kilburn's 3rd Addition to Village of Bertha, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 409 2ND AVE NW, BERTHA, MN 56437

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$45,549.70

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 29-0017400

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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 05, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

To pay the debt then 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 redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 7, 2022.

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 25, 2022

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.

Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. \*Sung Woo Hong, Esq.\* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (22-0266-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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**NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP - IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Bartlett Township will meet on April 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the town hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Jan Jares, Clerk  
Bartlett Township

14pnc

**NOTICE MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Township of Moose Lake, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at the Leader Community 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.

Karen Roubal, Clerk  
Moose Lake Township

14-15pnc

**NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Becker, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday April 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Becker Township Hall.

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

Mary Fitcher, Clerk  
Becker Township

13-14pnc

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**TODD COUNTY HRA  
BERTHA MANOR  
APARTMENTS  
REHABILITATION  
BERTHA, MN  
SECTION 00 0100  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR  
BIDS  
BID DOCUMENTS**

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:** Sealed bid proposals will be received in accordance with the construction contract documents, as prepared by Studio E Architects, LLC for:

Name of Project:  
**TODD COUNTY HRA  
BERTHA MANOR  
APARTMENTS  
REHABILITATION  
BERTHA, MN**

Address of Project: 201 2nd Ave. NE, Bertha, MN 56437

According to the drawings and specifications prepared by **STUDIO E ARCHITECTS, LLC** and described as: Todd County HRA, Bertha Manor Apartments Rehabilitation, Bertha, MN

All bids must be prepared on the form provided in the Specification Manual and submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders (Section 00 0200).

All bids must be accompanied by the Responsible Contractor Verification of Compliance Form.

**BID TIME:** Sealed bids will be received until **THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 AT 3:00 PM CDT**.

Late bids received will be returned unopened to the submitter.

**BID LOCATION:** Sealed bid proposals for the **Todd County HRA, Bertha Manor Apartments Rehabilitation, Bertha, MN** to be provided in accordance with the construction contract documents, as prepared by Studio E Architects, LLC, will be publicly opened and read aloud at

Bertha Manor Apartments, community room, 201 2nd Ave. NE, Bertha, MN 56437. Bids may be hand delivered at the bid opening location prior to the bid time (do not mail to Bertha Manor), or will be received until noon on the day of the bid opening at the office of Kim Wallace, Executive Director, Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, 300 Linden Avenue S., Brownsville, MN 56438. *No faxed or electronic bids will be accepted.* Sealed bid envelopes shall be marked with the Bidder's Name and address.

**BID DOCUMENTS:** Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). You may download the digital plan documents for \$15 by inputting Quest project # 8103641 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for a nonrefundable price of \$159.55 per set which includes applicable sales tax and shipping. Please make your check to payable to Docunet Corporation and send it to 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441. Please contact Docunet at 763-475-9600 if you have any questions.

Bidding documents may also be reviewed by appointment at the office of the Architect or Owner:  
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Contact: Stephanie Howe or Eric Norum  
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**TODD COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
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Contact: Kim Wallace, Executive Director  
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Contract documents will be available to contractors on or about **March 17, 2022**.

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** A pre-bid conference for all interested contractors will be held on **Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. CDT** at the Bertha Manor Apartments located at: 201 2nd Ave. NE, Bertha, MN 56437 (pre-bid conference attendance is not mandatory).

**BID SECURITY:** Bid security is required per specification.

If awarded a contract, each successful Bidder shall be required to furnish both Performance and Payment Bonds covering faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising under such contract. Such bonds shall be submitted on the forms included in the specifications, in the amount equal to 100% payment.

Bids may not be withdrawn or modified within thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of the bids without the consent of the owner.

Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

**END OF SECTION 00 0100**  
14-15pnc

**NOTICE  
VILLARD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF APPEAL  
AND EQUALIZATION**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Villard Township will meet on April 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Villard Town Hall in Philbrook. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

This may affect your 2023 property taxes.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk  
Villard Township  
14pnc

**NOTICE  
MAY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF APPEAL  
AND EQUALIZATION**

The May Township Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held Monday, April 4, 2022, at 12:00 noon at the May Township Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in May Township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk  
May Township  
13-14pnc

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**NOTICE  
STAPLES-MOTLEY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
#2170  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING POTENTIAL SCHOOLHOUSE CLOSURE OF STAPLES-MOTLEY EARLY EDUCATION CENTER (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MOTLEY STAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MOTLEY ELEMENTARY) LOCATED IN MOTLEY, MINNESOTA.**

On April 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the District Office located at **905 4th Street NE, Staples, Minnesota**, a public hearing will be held regarding the potential closure of the Staples-Motley Early Education Center (formerly known as Motley Staples Middle School and Motley Elementary) schoolhouse located at 132 1st Avenue South, Motley, Minnesota. The summary legal description for the property where the Staples-Motley Early Education Center (formerly known as Motley Staples Middle School and Motley Elementary) schoolhouse is located at:

Lots One (1) through Twelve (12), Block Thirteen (13), 1st Addition to the City of Motley, Morrison County, Minnesota.

Superintendent Tappe will present information regarding the necessity and practicability of the proposed closing, and the public will be given time to provide input prior to a decision being made by the Board of Education.

In summary, the reasons for the recommended closing are:

a. The District will achieve substantial cost savings of approximately \$512,888.00 to offset decreased funding due to declining enrollment by closing the Staples-Motley Early Education Center (formerly known as Motley Staples Middle School and Motley Elementary) schoolhouse.

b. The remaining schoolhouses within the District have sufficient space to accommodate the needs of the District and the Staples-Motley Early Education Center (formerly known as Motley Staples Middle School and Motley Elementary) site is not needed for District educational purposes.

c. Enrollment has declined by nearly 165 students since the 2018-2019 school year.

d. The Staples-Motley Early Education Center (formerly known as Motley Staples Middle School and Motley Elementary) schoolhouse is in need of significant repairs, at substantial cost, in order to continue to be safely utilized.

e. The costs involved in continuing to operate the Staples-Motley Early Education Center (formerly known as Motley Staples Middle School and Motley Elementary) are outweighed by the cost savings involved in closing the schoolhouse due to declining enrollment and facility needs.

Mary Freeman  
School District Clerk  
14-15pnc

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# Todd County raises wages for temps, seasonal employees

By Karin L. Nauber  
Todd County correspondent

After discussion at the March 15, 2022 meeting, the Todd County board approved to increase the beginning hourly rate of pay for temporary and seasonal employees to \$19 per hour with an increase of the beginning wage each year equal to the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The current rate is \$14 per hour.

The temporary/seasonal employees who return the following year will receive a \$1 per hour pay increase, not to exceed the lowest wage paid to a union employee in that department.

The county is recruiting summer staff in the Sheriff's Office, Solid Waste and Public Works.

Commissioner David Kircher asked how this increase would affect the budgets for the departments who employed them?

Chairman Rod Erickson said that the departments involved did not feel it would be a negative impact on their budgets.

Commissioner Randy

Neumann (speaking for Commissioner Barb Becker who was absent) said that Becker said she was opposed to that large of an increase.

Neumann, on his own behalf, said that he did feel the increase would make a difference in the number of applications they would receive.

In other business:

- Approved a gambling permit for the Little Birch Lake Association to hold a raffle event at the Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township on September 10, 2022.

- Approved a gambling permit for the Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association to hold a raffle event at the Pine Grove Park in Staples Township on August 13.

- Approved the resignation of Josiah Fuhrman, a part-time road deputy, effective March 17.

- Accepted the resignation of Jacob Noshush from the Planning and Zoning Department effective April 18.

- Approved the promotion of Jamie Christenson from

Planning and Zoning specialist to Land Use Planner effective April 19.

- Authorized hiring Michael Eberle as the solid waste supervisor at the Transfer Station.

- Approved the resignation of Jen Froderman, social worker, effective March 15.

- One of the county motor pool's vehicles, a 2018 Chevrolet Impala, sustained damage in December 2021 that was a total loss.

The board approved the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet Equinox from Nyhus Chevrolet in Staples.

The insurance claim will be able to fund this entire purchase for a total bid of \$18,277.18.

The vehicle has low miles (29,000) and therefore it was deemed to be the best replacement choice.

- Because there exists ARP/SLFRF used/expensed funds which have been approved by the board involving the support of positions, these expenses are not able to be billed directly to Fund 19-ARP/SLFRF and now necessitate realignment to the depart-

ments that incurred the expense for inclusion of reporting to the U.S. Treasury.

According to Gaida, in order to comply with audit standards, it is recommended to approve the transfer of funds from Fund 19-ARP/SLFRF to Fund 01-General Revenue for a total of \$40,290.77.

- It was approved.

- Approved the sale of a tax forfeited parcel for \$1,102.65 to the city of Browerville. The price includes fees. The city has been mowing the property for several years.

The city plans to place a new Welcome to Browerville sign on the property.

Eventually, the city wants to add benches and a walking path.

- Approved the tax forfeited land auction for April 8 at 10 a.m.

- Approved a resolution for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Agreement for the Trunk Highway 27 detour on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 51 and CSAH 2 during the construction. The county

will be reimbursed approximately \$36,146.65 for the road life consumed by the detour by MnDOT.

- Background: Todd County has received a Capital Assistance Program (CAP) grant for \$4 million from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to construct a new transfer station and household hazardous waste building.

The grant application was prepared by Stantec (formerly Wenck). A Professional Services Agreement to perform the permitting, design, bidding and construction administration for the project has been prepared. The CAP grant application included \$500,000 in professional services.

The proposal is for an estimated cost of \$593,500.

The board questioned where the \$93,000 would come from. It would be the

county that would pay it.

The board approved the Professional Services Agreement.

- Approved the 2022 AIS prevention contract to WaterGuards LLC in the amount of \$128,370.

Another bid was received from Waterfront Restoration in the amount of \$127,927.

- Background: The state of Minnesota requires counties to develop Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans. The One Watershed, One Plan serves as a substitute to allow counties to work on a watershed basis.

Todd County along with the Soil and Water Conservation District, and neighboring partners intends to submit a grant application to start the planning process for the Crow Wing River Watershed.

## Joshua Klous joins Lakewood Health System medical staff

Joshua Klous, family nurse practitioner (FNP), is the newest member of the Lakewood Health System Emergency Medicine team.

Originally from Onamia, Klous received his undergraduate degree from the College of St. Scholastica, and his Master of Science in Nursing degree from Walden University. He is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Klous is an advanced practice registered nurse with a special interest in emergency and family medicine, and surgery.

"I am excited to care for people in a smaller community," said Klous. "I grew up in a small town and live in a farming community, so getting to know people and their families is the most exciting part of serving



Joshua Klous, FNP

patients at Lakewood."

Klous and his wife have three children. As a family, they enjoy traveling, hunting, fishing, riding ATVs and working on their hobby farm. Spending time with family and being active in their church are also an important part of their daily lives.

# Staples City Council makes moves for lots to become available

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

At their meeting on March 22, 2022, the Staples City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance making Valley View subdivision lots available to sell. The subdivision, is located on the northern edge of the city near Central Lakes College. Developers are interested in building both townhomes and single family homes, and this ordinance would make the sale possible. The council will have to determine prices for the lots and infrastructure assessments.

The council also approved a title transfer for two lots on the south side of the city that were close to being tax

forfeited. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the landowners agreed to transfer the title to the city, saving the lengthy tax forfeiture process. One lot has a house on it, but is in disrepair and needs to be torn down.

### In other council news

- The council approved the liquor license for Lefty's Bar to new owner Leo Carlson

- The council approved \$11,000 donation from the Staples Community Foundation and \$10,000 from Sourcewell for playground equipment.

- The Staples Park and Recreation Board is working on an Arbor Day event with Lakewood Health System Care Center, for a tree planting ceremony on April 29.

- The council learned that 19 trees have been ordered for the downtown area of Staples. A study determined mixed varieties to plant downtown.

- The 24 hour access is up and running at the Staples Community Center, allowing members to enter the fitness area at any time.

- The council learned that the Dower Lake seasonal camping sites are full for the summer.

- The Park and Recreation Board received a request for outdoor pickle ball courts in the city.

- The city was not approved for Safe Routes to School funding. Nelsen said it's a very competitive process and they will put in an application for another round of funding.



## '93 Lions Easter Eggstravaganza is back

After a two year absence, the Easter Eggstravaganza will be held again this year. The Staples '93 Lions will celebrate the Easter season with games, prizes and crafts at the Staples Community Center on Saturday,

April 9, 9:30-11 a.m., for children ages 10 and under. In 2019, more than 200 people came to the event, where children will also have the chance to meet easter bunny. (Submitted photos)



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