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# Staples World

Staples, Minnesota \$1

## Easter

Marley and Bexley Colsen of Cloquet visited their great-grandparents, Swede and Chris Colsen of Staples recently. They are excited for Easter. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

### Weather

**This Week's Forecast**

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 31	35°	20°	Sunny
Apr. 1	48	34	Sunny
Apr. 2	63	39	Sunny
Apr. 3	65	42	Sunny
Apr. 4	73	51	P. Cloudy
Apr. 5	67	48	Cloudy
Apr. 6	63	47	Showers

**Last Year, 2020**

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 31	52°	26°	Sunny
Apr. 1	52	31	M. Sunny
Apr. 2	50	36	Rain
Apr. 3	24	19	Rain
Apr. 4	40	10	Sunny
Apr. 5	50	28	Sunny
Apr. 6	55	40	Cloudy

**Average Temps:**  
**H = 50° Low = 30°**  
**No report on rain**  
**Enjoy the Super weather**

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



## With their trophies

The Braith family of Staples posed with the numerous trophies they collected this past season as part of Central MN Pond Racing (CMPR). The Braiths participat-

ed in five races in 2021. Pictured, from left, are Jasmine, TJ and Tucker Braith. (Submitted photo)

## Braith family picks up numerous trophies racing vintage snowmobiles

By Dawn Timbs  
 Staples World reporter

Central MN Pond Racing (CMPR). The races were held in Detroit Lakes, Spicer, Sauk Centre and Grey Eagle. It was pretty exciting, TJ said of the end-of-the-year awards banquet, held at a supper club in Grey Eagle. He went on to share that Jasmine was undefeated in the Women's single cylinder class, 1973 and older, and took first in the women's 1985 and older. Tucker's trophies represented first, second and third place wins; and he himself brought home trophies for first and second place wins. This is the first year he

has raced, TJ said. It was Jasmine who first expressed an interest in racing vintage snowmobiles and recently finished her third season in the sport. TJ built all of their snowmobiles. Both Jasmine and Tucker race vintage Arctic Cats; and TJ's sled is a 1973 Viking. It was a project he enjoyed and one that he has the skills to do. A 1996 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, TJ went on to study at Central Lakes College and is now a machinist at 3M in Staples. See **BRAITH** on page 3a

## State reps offer solution to sales tax

By Mark Anderson  
 Managing Editor

The Minnesota House of Representatives suggested an alternative to the City of Staples implementing a sales tax to pay for improvements to the Staples Community Center.

At a committee hearing of the Minnesota House Property Tax Division, Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen testified on the need for improvements at the community center. But the committee pulled the proposals of three communities, Staples, Floodwood and Warren, and suggested giving them extra state Local Government Aid

See **TAX** on page 11a

## SEDA looks at downtown

By Mark Anderson  
 Managing Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) is planning to get engineers to determine if a downtown building is structurally sound enough to renovate. The building, which last housed Ron's Musical Resale, is located on the 100 block of 4th Street NE.

Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman said the options include remodeling the building or tearing it down. She said if

the engineers recommend tearing it down, the space could be combined with an empty lot next door to build a new building.

SEDA Board member Chris Etzler said if it is feasible, "we ought to try and find a way to save it. It might be the size of a building that is affordable for someone with a small business."

Wyman said the City of Wadena is renovating a downtown building and suggested using a process

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### Public Notices

ISD #2170: **9A**

### Obituaries

Elliot Jares  
 Dolores Johnson  
 Jean Koppes  
 Keith Meyer



## Staples-Motley 2021 Sno Daze king and queen

Haley Cichos and Adam Oberlander, center, were chosen the Sno Daze Queen and King for the 2021 celebration. Pictured from left, Hannah DeWald, Brooke Ferdon, Jady Kincaid, Cichos, Oberlander,

Alex McIlravy, Alex Giza and Beck Erholtz. The Sno Daze coronation ceremony was held on March 22, after Sno Daze Week, when all the seniors candidates were available to get together. (Submitted photo)

Thank you for subscribing!



### Crow Wing River ice out at McGivern Park near Staples

A sight to see and hear, ice out on the Crow Wing River is highlighted by sunny skies and white clouds March 25. The ice reportedly began breaking up the day before and was relatively calm this year. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



### Motley Food Shelf donation

The American Legion Tri-County Post #124 recently donated \$500 to the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS). Pictured, from left, are Sherry Frisk, MAFS Director; Frank Vasecka, Post Treasurer; and Fran Kokett, MAFS volunteer. (Submitted photo)

### Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

**March 18 - 24**

March 17 - 19 - The MPD assisted state patrol by transporting a dog to the Staples Vet Clinic. The dog belonged to a subject that state patrol brought to the Morrison County Jail. The subject's information was given to the vet clinic.

March 23 - The MPD responded to a call of a motor vehicle accident without injuries at Main St. East in Motley. There was minor damage to the vehicle.

March 23 - The MPD issued speeding citations to McKenzie Anderson, 28; Adia Vega, 25; David Wilson, 48; Amanda Garcia, 21.

March 23 - The MPD received a call from a Motley resident who reported receiving a scam phone call from someone claiming to be from the Social Security Administration.

March 23 - The MPD issued a citation to Luann Gammon, 51, for an unregistered vehicle.

March 19 - The MPD was

advised by Dispatch that they were receiving 911 calls regarding two horses on Hwy 10 near Spruce Rd in Motley and that one of the horses had been hit by a semi-truck. The MPD responded to the area and located the horses just south of Hwy 10 on 321st St. One of the reporting parties stopped and they were able to get the horses off of the highway. They were able to place the injured horse inside of a corral. The other horse was uninjured but would not cooperate in its capture and was left standing outside the fence. The MPD made contact with the owner who stated his girlfriend was enroute and would take care of the animals.

March 18 - The MPD received a complaint of horses running on the traffic lanes of Hwy 10 just south of city limits. The MPD located the horses in the ditch on the east side of Hwy 10 just south of 385th Street. While trying to locate the owner, the horses got spooked and began running north in the traffic lanes of Hwy 10 and then east on 385th Ave. The MPD followed the horses with the emergency lights on and they eventually went

down the driveway of a residence in Todd County. The owners of the residence were also the owners of the horses. They said they were unsure of how the horses got out and put them back in the pasture.

March 24 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 9000 block of East River Rd. in Pillager who reported that her neighbor drove by and hit their mailbox and did not stop. There was no damage to the box.

March 22 - The MCSO met Todd County at the county line, picked up Ryan Shout on their warrant and transported him to the Morrison County Jail.

March 22 - The MCSO was dispatched to a suspicious activity complaint at the 8000 block of 340th St., Cushing.

March 21 - The MCSO received a call from the Holiday Gas Station in Motley who reported that someone had stolen some items, including a dremel tool that he had stuck down his pants. The subject was driving a silver or grey small car. The MN license plate came back to a party out of Nevada.

March 21 - The MCSO received a call from some-

one at the 34000 block of Aztec Rd., Motley, requesting that the sheriff's office come and pick up drug paraphernalia that was left in the cabin. The responding deputy picked it up, crushed the glass and disposed of it for them.

March 19 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County requesting Motley Fire be paged for a wildfire at 72nd St. SW and Hwy 64 SW in Motley.

March 19 - The MCSO responded to assist on a medical call at the 6000 block of 330th St., Cushing involving two parties. The responding deputy spoke with the first party who had witnessed the incident. This person said that the second party had been showing him how to take the gun apart for cleaning when the gun went off and hit the second party in the leg.

March 18 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Cody Peterson, 22.

March 18 - The MCSO received a report of gunshots at the 4000 block of Azalea Rd., Motley. The responding deputies checked the area but did not see or hear anything suspicious.

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**Dr. Sarah Israelson taking her turn!**

## Looking back

### 75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• March 28, 1946 - A business deal was closed last Saturday when Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Allen sold their store building, stock and fixtures to Joe Forster of Motley. The Allens discontinued farming last fall and in the first part of December, purchased the store from Dan Vogtman, who had the business for eight years. The Vogtmans moved to California.

• March 28, 1946 - With the issuing of the new telephone directories for the Northwestern Bell Telephone company in Staples

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during the month of March, it has revealed by A. M. Langseth, manager for the company in Staples, that a total of 928 telephones are now in operation at the local exchange. Of this amount 799 are city telephones, and 139 are rural phones.

Mr. Langseth stated that this is an increase of 94 phones during the past four months. Telephone operators are often "rushed to death" to complete the calls for patrons of the company, and this is partially due to the fact that new equipment which was scheduled to be installed within a few months is unavailable at this time. People are asked to use their phones as little as possible for long visits.

• March 28, 1946 - A dispatch appearing in the Minneapolis Morning Tribune of Monday of this week, dated from Elk River, gives the following information relative to the theft of the delivery truck from the Hengel Cash Market in Staples Saturday evening:

"Because he did not know how to locate the gas tank on the meat truck he was driving, Lofton E. Anderson, 19, Portersville, California, found himself back in the hands of police Sunday.

Anderson, an ex-convict, drove into a filling station at Big Lake, Minn., early Sunday morning. Constable Lyle Smith, in the station at the time, became suspicious when he noticed that Anderson did not know where the gasoline tank was.

Smith held the youth and called Highway Patrolman Virgil Safford and Arne Nelson. The truck had been stolen Saturday night from the Hengel Cash Market at Staples, Minn., they reported. Anderson admitted the theft and was turned over to Sherburne county Sheriff R. J. Neumann to be held for Staples authorities."

Chief of Police Jesse Marr, and some of his deputies went to Elk River Sunday and returned Anderson to Staples that evening. He was lodged in the city jail during the night. Anderson later pleaded guilty to Grand Larceny in the second degree.

### 50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• April 1, 1971 - One month from today, May 1, Staples will find itself without any passenger service as a result of an announcement by the Burlington Northern made last week.

Included in the passenger train discontinuance is the familiar Mainstreeter, Nos. 29 and 30 and the North Coast Limited, Nos. 25 and 26, which made stops in Staples each day, while making their runs between Chicago and Seattle and return.

Thus, effective May 1, the old familiar call, "All Aboard," will be heard no more in the City of Staples, a city that was founded 81 years ago as a division point for the Northern Pacific and known for years as a 'railroad town.'

• April 1, 1971 - General Electric is proud to announce a new dealer in Staples, Minnesota - Lampert Building Center. Stop by April 1 - 3 for their Grand Opening and see the fine values in General Electric appliances that will be offered. Have a cookie and coffee and get to know the fine folks there. They include Dick Lange, Manager; Reg Larson, Salesman; Bob Zimprich, Salesman; Bob Worden, Serviceman; Bob Olson, Delivery.

• April 1, 1971 - Bob Shea, age 9, was the winner of a plaque for the fastest car in the annual Pinewood Derby of the Staples Cub Scouts and Webelos, which was held Monday evening in the Staples Auditorium.

Bob, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Shea, is a member of Den 5, which is headed by Mrs. John Huntsman.

Placing second in the Pinewood Derby was Steve Hajek, age 8, the son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hajek. Scott Shingledecker, 10, received an award for having the best looking car, according to the judges.

### 25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• March 28, 1996 - The 1996 Cardinals settled for third place at the final Sweet 16 tournament, but still managed to put their names in the record books.

The Cards, winners 74 - 60 over Minnehaha Academy in the Saturday night third place game, shot 71 percent from the field, setting a new state tournament record, eclipsing a mark of 70 percent set by the Windom Eagles in 1976.

Erik Kelly scored 33 points, a career high, to lead the Cards.



### Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 10, 1986 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Chris Heier, living up to his 'Mad Dog' nicknames, added 19, as he and Kelly sparked a third quarter surge.

The five starters for the Cards were Kelly, Heier, Kyle Stevens, Dan Otteson and Jeff Joerger.

• March 28, 1996 - Rehearsals are underway for "Brigadoon" the musical to be performed by the Staples Motley High School choirs. The musical is directed by Stan Carlson and will be performed on April 11, 12, 18 and 20, in the Centennial Auditorium.

• March 28, 1996 - Williams Floral and Nursery in Staples will hold its Palm Sunday Flower Show on March 31, from noon - 4 p.m. Door prizes and treats.

### 10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• March 31, 2011 - She's been writing most all of her life, says 83-year-old Patricia Blue of Motley, one of 22 poets to be featured in the upcoming "Poetry On & Off the Wall" event in Staples April 2. Sponsored by the

Five Wings Arts Council, the event will take place at their downtown headquarters located at 121 4th St. NE. Blue will read her poem "Fate" at the event.

• March 31, 2011 - Noah Han learned about blood type, genetics and even about his family while doing a science fair experiment this year.

The Motley Staples Middle School sixth grader took his project, "Phenotyping My Family," to the regional science fair in St. Cloud, after the project took third place at the Freshwater District Science Fair.

• March 31, 2011 - The Motley Area Food Shelf was the recipient of a \$1,700 check and a car-load of groceries March 19, thanks to the generosity of folks from the Twin Cities area. Laverne and Babs Wheeler of Chaska host monthly dinner parties at their home and ask guests to donate food and/or money for food shelves in Northern Minnesota. Motley was chosen as the designated food shelf for March.



### On their sleds

TJ Braith (top), his daughter Jasmine (bottom) and son Tucker (center), all of Staples, enjoy the sport of snowmobiling and participated in five races during 2021. The Braiths ride vintage snowmobiles, all of which were built by TJ Braith. (Submitted photos)



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## Vintage snowmobile racing is one big family

He's glad that this is something they can do as a family, TJ said of snowmobiling. Tucker added that he has also enjoyed meeting new people and friends with the arrival of spring, the Braiths will put their snowmobiles away for several months, but are already looking forward to the 2022 racing season.

There were often racers from Canada who participated in CMPR events. "It's one big family," TJ said.

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## College credit for high school students at CLC

High school students and families who are interested in learning about earning college credit while in high school are invited to attend a virtual PSEO Information Night session with Central Lakes College. The next session will be Monday, April 5, from 5-6 p.m.

During this low-key info

session, students and parents can hear more about Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) at Central Lakes College and ask questions.

Pre-register at [tinyurl.com/4eyrn9xy](http://tinyurl.com/4eyrn9xy)

For more information, contact Phillip Olsen, PSEO advisor, at 855-8035 or [polsen@clcmn.edu](mailto:polsen@clcmn.edu).



### Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the March 22, 2001 edition of the Staples World, featured winners of the annual Staples Rotary Club essay contest who were honored at a club meeting. Pictured from left are Don Sanda, who helped coordinate the contest with the students; Tina Blake, fourth place; Julie Nytes, first place; Ed Perry, Rotary president; Alison Edin, second place; and Tom Craft, third place. It was noted that the essays can be on any topic, but must use the Rotary Four-Way Test. Nytes' essay, "Sister Act" was forwarded on to district competition. Cash prizes were awarded.

Ashley (Blake) Ford of Maple Grove (2003 graduate of SMHS) and

Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified all. Diane (Wagner) Allshouse of Staples (1983 graduate of SHS) and Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified all except Alison Edin. Allshouse thought she was Melanie Johnson and Wolak thought she was Alisha Miller. Allshouse also noted that Tina Blake is her niece. Koppes mentioned that the students in the picture were classmates of his oldest daughter, Bridgette. A few people recalled that Don Sanda was a longtime English teacher at Staples-Motley; and that Ed Perry owned Perry's Ben Franklin in Staples for many years. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

## Forum to focus on census impact

The U.S. census and its impact on legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment will be the topic of a virtual Rosenmeier Center forum at 7 p.m. April 6.

Speakers at the event will be the two lead Minnesota lawmakers on this topic, Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer, R-Big Lake and Rep. Mike Nelson, DFL-Brooklyn Park.

Interested persons may listen to "The U.S. Census: Its Impact on Legislative Redistricting and Congressional Reapportionment" by

requesting a link at [rosenmeierforum@gmail.com](mailto:rosenmeierforum@gmail.com). The link will also allow participants to ask questions of the speakers. Participants may log in shortly before the 7 p.m. start time.

Minnesota is the only state in the Midwest to have not lost a congressional seat since 1960 but is in danger of losing one this year, Steve Wenzel, executive director of the Rosenmeier Center, said. Since census data is not expected to be released by early April plans call for a second forum on this topic

when census figures are complete.

"The Rosenmeier forum on legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment is a once in a decade event that is probably among the most significant political issues because of its impact on state government and Minnesota's representation in Congress," Wenzel said. "It may be telling how changes in our U.S. Census data will affect the drawing of new legislative districts and will both start and end the polit-

ical careers of state and federal legislators."

Kiffmeyer, a former Minnesota secretary of state and state representative, is currently chair of the State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee. She grew up in Pierz.

Nelson is chair of the State Government Finance and Elections Committee. He was first elected to the House in 2002.

The Rosenmeier Center is based at Central Lakes College in Brainerd.

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& Community Park Association

## Thank You !!

To everyone who has donated to the Veterans Park annual fund raiser. The fund raiser to date has been a great success! However, we are hoping to raise additional funds to maintain the park and complete more projects. If you haven't yet donated and still wish to, we are accepting donations at any time by cash, check or credit card. Visit our website at: [staplesmnveteranspark.org](http://staplesmnveteranspark.org)

For credit card info. contact Dan Shaw at 218-296-0228. For other questions, contact Huck Holst: 218-296-2469, or Bob Hamann: 218-296-0677.



## Referendum addresses needs of aging schools

By Shane Tappe  
Staples-Motley Schools  
Superintendent

District residents will decide on a bond referendum that would provide \$64.4 million to fund renovations and additions to the existing elementary school and middle/high school. Early Childhood to grade six students would attend the elementary school, and 7-12 graders would attend the middle/high school to maximize operating efficiency and simplify grade transitions for our younger students.

The improvements would address the infrastructure needs of our aging school buildings, expand classroom spaces and create a healthier learning environment. Outdated HVAC systems, roofing, windows and flooring would be replaced to improve energy efficiency and air quality. At the elementary school, new classrooms, a gymnasium, a proper cafeteria and kitchen space would be added. The high school would be expanded to support a metals and engineering shop that can accommodate all interested students, orchestra and choir practice rooms, as well as athletic environments. All spaces would be updated to

meet ADA accessibility requirements and entrances would be better secured to increase the safety of students and staff.

If voters approve the April 13 referendum, the plan would be financed via the purchase of general obligation bonds. These bonds, like a mortgage, would be paid off over the next 25 years. Funds would come from an increase on district property taxes. This is an important community decision that will shape the future of our schools, so let me take a moment to share with you a few details about the tax impact of this investment.

For residential properties with a median value of \$125,000, the property tax increase would be \$23.50 per month beginning in 2022. Residents can determine how the referendum would impact taxes on their specific properties, homes and businesses by using the tax calculator at [SMTIMEToRise.com/cost](http://SMTIMEToRise.com/cost).

Meanwhile, residents who own agricultural or timber land would receive significant assistance under Minnesota's Ag2School tax credit. Excluding homestead land plus one acre, owners of agricultural and forested land would automatically receive a 60

percent credit on the referendum's tax levies in 2022, increasing to 70 percent in 2023 and beyond. The Ag2School credit would cover approximately 14 percent - or \$9.28 million - of the referendum's total cost.

By building upon our existing buildings and preparing them to accommodate a modern curriculum for students, the Staples-Motley School Board believes that this plan provides the greatest return on investment for our communities. Students would be better prepared to enter the workforce or begin college thanks to upgrades to career and technical education resources. It is estimated that the planned infrastructure upgrades and increased efficiencies would also save the district \$324,000 annually in operating costs.

As Election Day approaches, we want to help all residents make an informed vote. You can vote early in person or by mail. You can visit [SMTIMEToRise.com](http://SMTIMEToRise.com) to learn more about the referendum, including how to vote early. You can also reach out to me with your questions and ideas at [shane.tappe@isd2170.k12.mn.us](mailto:shane.tappe@isd2170.k12.mn.us) or 218-894-5400.

Thank you for your support.

## Perspectives on school referendum

To my fellow community members, I know many of you are thinking about the upcoming school referendum and considering how you will vote. I asked some neighbors and friends how the referendum will affect them, and why they support it. With their permission I'm sharing part of two of those conversations.

1) To my neighbor in the farm community: How does the upcoming school bond question affect your farm business?

Agricultural Land has historically paid a large part of school building projects. However, the Minnesota Legislature passed an Ag2School tax credit that will pay 60 percent of the new taxes on land classified as agricultural. The credit increases to 70 percent in 2023 and remains there for the life of the bonds. Sure, my taxes will be higher if the referendum project is approved, but the renovations and additions to our school buildings is so much greater in value than the repair op-

tion if the referendum fails. Our neighboring farmers are taking advantage of the credits, why not us? That's good value for my farm and our community and we support the bond project.

- Jace & Mythanne Thompson

2) To my neighbor who owns rental property: How will the upcoming school plans affect your rent prices?

Rents are based on all the expenses to operate an apartment building. Taxes are a small portion of the total expense. Some apartments have an annual rent adjustment and some adjust as financial conditions change. These adjustments factor in future changes for taxes, utilities, repairs and capital improvements. The largest risk for any rental business is vacancy, so a modern school in the community is important to attract and keep tenants. The tax increase for the bond project for the Staples/Motley District will raise our cost per apartment by a few dollars a month, but I support the project because it's time to invest in an updated building for the kids in our towns and the families who rent our

apartments.  
- George Ramsey, Ramsey Apartments, Staples

Most folks in the community know me as the guy who owns the Car Wash & Laundry in Staples. As a business owner, I need to stay on top of my direct costs and weigh the return on investment for repair of old stuff or new improvements. That's also how I look at the school options. If the school buildings need over \$21 million of repair without upgrades, but we can get upgrades and updates for \$64 million, isn't the upgrade the best option? I trust our school board members to do the best not only for the school, but for the community we all share. I believe they have put the best option before us. My neighbors and I see the value of a new building and are willing to do our part to support our school and community.

Early voting is open and Election Day is April 13. Let's get the most value for our tax dollars and invest in our community. Now is the right time to vote yes.

Mike Gold  
Staples, Minn

## New opportunities at CLC

By Dr. Hara Charlier  
President, Central Lakes College

Central Lakes College is excited to return this fall to the rich array of experiences for which we're known, including in-person learning, athletics and many other on-campus student activities. We understand that our students need not only a vibrant, in-person college experience, but also the flexibility of virtual access to manage their busy lives. This fall, students will have both.

In the spirit of coming back better than ever, we're excited to announce new opportunities for our students. New programs starting this fall are: Human Services A.A.S. Degree, Music A.F.A. Degree, Marine and Powersports Diploma, Business Diploma, Business Transfer Pathway and History Transfer Pathway. Of course, our Culinary Arts Certificate recently began as well. For details, please visit [www.clcmn.edu](http://www.clcmn.edu).

Every new program is the result of extensive work by our faculty and critical collaboration with our community partners. Together, we pinpointed needs and created programs to address those needs, with an emphasis on preparing students for great careers. This is what our mission to "build futures" is all about.

For those who are looking to jump into the workforce as soon as possible, our technical programs provide over 60 options, ranging from short-term certificates to Associates Degrees. New this fall are the Emergency Medical Response Technician Certificate and the Marine and Powersports Diploma. These programs give students the opportunity to get into a great career in less than a year!

Other students come to CLC because they have their sights on a career that requires a four-year degree. They know that starting at CLC is a smart way to get a great experience. Our new transfer programs serve our students in so many ways. For example, let's say you want to earn a Bachelor's Degree in history. You can start your educational journey at CLC with the

History Transfer Pathway, knowing exactly which courses you need to stay on track, saving time and money. After two years, you have guaranteed admission into any Minnesota State university, and every course you take under this agreement will be accepted. You'll begin at the university as a junior and stay on track to graduate.

Thanks to great work by CLC faculty, we now have 12 Transfer Pathways - in economics, history, psychology, sociology, Spanish, biology, business, chemistry, early childhood education, exercise science, pre-social work and art. Stay tuned, as more are in the works.

Regardless of your path, we recognize that cost is a significant factor in your decision. We're proud to offer many options to help, from our extensive financial aid and scholarship programs to our Z-Degree, through which students can earn an AA without purchasing textbooks. Workforce Development Scholarships provide another opportunity to enter high-demand careers. It's not too late to apply for one of these \$2,500 scholarships in Agriculture, Natural Resources, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Health, Early Childhood and Transportation. The deadline to apply is April 5, so don't wait. You can find the application at: [www.clcmn.edu/workforcescholarships/](http://www.clcmn.edu/workforcescholarships/).

After the challenging year we've all had, students tell us that they're choosing CLC to get a full college experience. In addition to great in-person, hybrid and hflex courses, students can count on a wide range of in-person activities and services. Food service will be available on both campuses; our student life activities will be varied and rich; Raider athletes will be on the field and court, and our cultural, performing, and visual arts events will keep you engaged. And, of course, those who wish to participate virtually will continue to have access to these and the many other activities that are part of the CLC experience.

At CLC, we take the student experience seriously. This is what being better than ever is all about.

## Vote no on referendum

At the present time we only have 975 children enrolled district wide in our school district. According to reports given at past school board meetings, enrollment is declining and will continue to decline for the next several years. So, why is our school board and superintendent wanting such an extravagant recon-

figuration of our building?

This will cost us millions we don't have to spend. The school board needs to listen to the contractors who first updated the elementary school and high school shops. They told the board we have structurally sound buildings that can be repaired at a much more reasonable cost than the \$64 million reconfiguration. The school board has already put us in debt for millions of dollars.

The repair work alone at

the elementary is \$1,575,943, now they want another \$64 million for a project to redo the high school. This board also increased the tax levy by 1.47 percent, which will increase yearly. This year alone, taxes went up; in Todd County 2.25 percent, Wadena 3.7 percent, Cass .94 percent and Morrison 1.02 percent.

So please make the right choice, vote no.

Bruce Drone  
Staples, Minn

## Strong school for thriving community

Someone once shared with us "if a small-rural community can have both a great healthcare system and great schools, the community will always be strong."

This wisdom still resonates with us years later. We both grew up locally, are raising our kids here

and are actively involved as coaches in the school system. We have a vested interest in ensuring that our small-rural community will stay one that is thriving, both now and for years to come. It's time for us as community members to step forward and ensure we are doing our part to support our kids and communities.

One of the best ways to see a town thrive is to see a school that offers the classes, opportunities and atmosphere that will retain

young families in our communities, who then support our local businesses and economy. Our district offers many opportunities for our students, doing their best with outdated facilities - let's help them do even better with updated facilities.

Now is the time for all of us to express how important education, arts and athletics are to our kids. Now is the Time to Rise.

Cy and Gretchen Bestland  
Staples, Minn

## Real cost of referendum

The proposed \$64 million bond really means paying back \$92 million. Even the example \$125k home will have their school taxes increase by 82 percent. That's \$282/year for 25 years or \$7,050. Note that the increase is not \$23.50 per \$125k in value, but the rate

goes up as your valuation increases. For example a \$182k home increases 95 percent from \$483 to \$943/year for a total increase of \$11,500. A \$281k home goes up 105 percent from \$728 to \$1,496/year for a total increase of \$19,200. A \$360k home goes up 110 percent from \$922 to \$1,935/year for a total increase of \$25,325. Lastly a \$530k home goes up 112 percent from \$1,364 to \$2,899/year for a total increase of \$38,375.

Do these sound like reasonable increases during a global pandemic, increased unemployment and uncertain financial future? If your property increases in value faster than others in

the district your increase will be even more than in these examples.

Plan B is a reasonable alternative that will fix most defects in the schools and cost less than one fourth as much. The amounts listed in the mailings fail to mention that the payback period is much shorter than the 25 years needed for the full referendum amount. In the school boards own survey, 82 percent said the current facilities meet our needs.

It's time to definitively tell the school board that this referendum amount is too much. Vote no.

Ron Nypan  
Cushing, Minn

# Staples World

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Quote of the week

**"If everything is amplified, we hear nothing."**  
— Jon Stewart

Quote of the week

**"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."**  
— Margaret Atwood



## Easter services in Staples and Motley area

Staples and Motley churches are planning special events and worship services for Easter week. Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, is April 1; Good Friday is April 2; Holy Saturday is April 3 and Easter Sunday is April 4.

**\*Staples Alliance Church**  
Saturday - Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.  
Easter Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.

**\*Staples Assembly of God**  
Easter Sunday worship service 10 a.m.

**\*Church of Christ**  
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 8 a.m., with a carry out breakfast following. To request a meal, call 218-894-2609

**\*Faith Lutheran, Staples**  
Easter Sunday Services 7 a.m., 9 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. To reserve a seat call 218-894-1546. For online service information, [www.faithlutheranstaples.org](http://www.faithlutheranstaples.org)

**\*Sacred Heart, Staples**  
Holy Thursday Mass - at Sacred Heart, 7 p.m. with Adoration until 9 p.m.  
Good Friday Services - at Sacred Heart 3 p.m.; at St. Michael 7 p.m.  
Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Mass - 8:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart. Incense used at this Mass.  
Easter Sunday Masses - at Sacred Heart, 8:30 a.m.; at St. Michael, 10:30 a.m. (Incense used at this Mass)

**\*Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples**  
Maundy Thursday - Communion Service, 6:30 p.m.  
Easter Sunrise Service - 7 a.m. (outdoors, weather permitting)  
Easter breakfast - 7:45 - 9:15 a.m.  
Easter Worship - 9:30 a.m.

**\*Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples**  
Holy Thursday - Divine Service with Holy Communion, 7 p.m.  
Good Friday - Tenebrae vespers, 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday - Divine

Service with Holy Communion, 9 a.m.  
**\*United Methodist Church, Staples and Motley**  
Maundy Thursday - combined service at Motley, 7 p.m., in person or Zoom. Holy Communion served.  
Good Friday - in-person at Motley 7 p.m. and on Zoom.  
Easter Sunday - Easter Service 9 a.m. Motley; 10:30 a.m. Staples. Holy Communion served.

**\*Motley Free Methodist Church**  
Good Friday - Service and Communion 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday - Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**\*St. John's Lutheran, Motley**  
Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m.  
Good Friday - 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

**\*Lincoln Evangelical Free Church**  
Good Friday - 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m. in person and online, YouTube.



### Time to celebrate

Bexley (left) and Marley Colsen of Cloquet (ages five and three respectively) had fun helping set up Easter decorations at the home of their great-grandparents, Swede and Chris Colsen, in Staples. The

Colsens, whose home is located on 3rd Ave. NW, said they have inflatable decorations for every holiday. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Local students earn CLC Foundation scholarships

The Central Lakes College Foundation announced that more than 420 scholarship awards were made for spring semester, totaling more than \$184,900. That brings the total awarded from the Foundation this academic year to just over \$325,000.

"Scholarships are the hallmark of the Central Lakes College Foundation and the cornerstone of our lasting impact on the communities we serve," said Kate Adornetto, Executive Director of the CLC Foundation. "These scholarships are funded by the contributions of business-

es, non-profit entities and individuals. We invite you to share in and support our commitment to help CLC continue its growth. Education and success go hand-in-hand."

To learn more about donating to the CLC Foundation or establishing a scholarship fund of your own, contact Executive Director Kate Adornetto at 218-855-8129.

Area students included:

**From Browerville**  
Nicholas Tabatt received scholarships from the following funds: Bert & Gladys Caswell Memorial Scholarship and Dutch &

Irma Cragun Fund.

**From Motley**  
Samantha Mrazek, Tristan Pierce, Farrah Miller, Marissa Hernessman, Tiffany Achermann, Caleb Nurnberger, and James Vold received scholarships from the following funds: CLC Employee Scholarship, Ed Tom O'Brien Scholarship Fund, Jon Hassler Scholarship Fund, Jean Porwoll Fund, Melissa Wooden Memorial Fund, Poland/Kurtz Latin American Studies Fund, Stewart C. Mills Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Dr. Duane Lund Scholarship Fund.

**From Staples**  
Rylie Julianna Rau, Danielle Carpenter, Hope Ratajczak, James Barrett, Mandy Raddohl, and Tyler Davidson received scholarships from the following funds: Joan and Dean Wiesner Fund, Jon Hassler Scholarship Fund, Wayne & DeEtta Sorenson Fund, Jean Porwoll Fund, Pamela Krueger Nursing Scholarship Fund, Pat & Dee Sprenger LPN Scholarship Fund, Dr. Don Wennberg & Physicians of Brainerd Medical Center Fund, and Dr. Duane Lund Scholarship Fund.

### Mark Your Calendar

**April 1**  
**STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP** Mtgs are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

**April 5**  
**AA GROUP Mtgs IN MOTLEY** are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

**April 9, 10**  
**REVIVAL NIGHTS WITH EVANGELIST TOM SCARRELLA** will be held April 9 and 10, 8 p.m., at the Browerville Community Center, 633 Main St. S.

### Staples-Motley school board work session

The Staples-Motley School Board work session will be held Mon., April 5 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

The work session agenda includes: Summer Programming, Budget and the 2021-2022 school year

Upcoming meeting schedule and dates:

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

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

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

**Mon., May 24:** Regular board meeting, 6 p.m. district office.

## Minnesota extends income tax grace period

In following with the IRS, the Minnesota Department of Revenue has announced a grace period for taxpayers filing their annual Minnesota Individual Income Tax return for tax year 2020. Those taxpayers now have until May 17, 2021, to file and make their payments without any penalty or interest.

"This grace period for the individual tax filing and payment deadline provides timely relief to Minnesota families," said Governor

Tim Walz. "As we work to get through the COVID-19 pandemic together, my Administration will do everything we can to ease the burden on Minnesotans."

Minnesota is allowing additional time for making 2020 state individual income tax filings and payments to May 17, 2021, without any penalty and interest being applied.

This grace period does not include individual estimated tax payments.

"As Minnesota continues

to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will again provide a grace period for filing and paying 2020 individual income taxes," said Revenue Commissioner Robert Doty. "You do not have to wait until May 17, 2021, to file your return. The sooner a return is filed, the sooner the department can review and process the return."

Up-to-date information will be available on the department's COVID-19 website.

**Sunday, April 4**  
7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Call for reservations  
**218-895-1400**

## EASTER BREAKFAST & MORE

Start your Easter morning off with a delicious breakfast at Timbers. We will be offering our full breakfast menu (7 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Prefer a more traditional Easter menu?  
From 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. we will be offering a ham dinner, mashed potatoes, vegetable special for \$12.

## HAPPY EASTER

From Faith Lutheran Church

Join us for Easter Sunday Services at:  
7 AM, 9 AM, or 10:45 AM

We are limiting the number in attendance to allow social distancing so you must call 218-894-1546 and reserve a seat for the service of your choice. If you are unable to attend, please visit us on-line at [faithlutheranstaples.org](http://faithlutheranstaples.org) for any of the other Easter/Lenten Services.

430 12th St NE, Staples MN

## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

STAPLES ALLIANCE CHURCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD @ 10 AM

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## Dolores Johnson



Dolores Ann Johnson, 90, of Staples passed away March 22, 2021. Funeral services for Dolores were held March 29 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples with Rev. Robin Collins officiating. Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples. Dolores was born April 18, 1930 on a farm in Aldrich Township to Milton and Josephine (Winter) Chapin. She grew up on the farm, went to District 6 School and attended high school

in Staples. That didn't work for her, she quit school and stayed home helping her dad on the farm shucking grain and riding the binder, helping her mother, detasseling corn and since they lived by the river, catching frogs to sell for bait. Dolores also babysat for the neighbors, helping with the garden, later making chili and canning it at the canning factory in Staples. Her family moved to Staples where she met George Johnson at a dance, later going with George on his milk route picking up milk from area farms. She helped a lady on the south side of Staples, taking care of her and helping her husband in his store. She married George on April 17, 1947 in Sisseton, South Dakota with friends as their witnesses. Dolores and George made their home four blocks south of Heier's Store in Staples. Delores worked at the St. Charles Hotel, Wimpey's Café, Skelly's Cafe and Carter Ringer

Sewing Company in Staples where she made girl scout shorts by the railroad tracks, later moving to the Carter/Ringer plant to make jackets and coats for about 21 years. After that she worked at Benson Optical in Staples as a janitor, then on the line until retirement. George passed away March 23, 1993. She went to a dance with some lady friends and met a friend on September 25, 1996 and for eight years they wintered in Texas. Her friend then passed away. In April 2009 she volunteered at Heart and Hands Thrift Store in Motley working until 2015. The store changed its name to Joyful Hearts and Delores continued there sewing buttons (est. 4,609.91 buttons) on cards to sell. Dolores loved to dance, crafts and playing cards. She enjoyed family reunions, spending time with her friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dolores is survived by

two sons, Richard (Tanya) Johnson of Lawton, OK and Eugene (Michelle) Johnson of Rochester; three daughters, Kathleen (Gary) McGilvray of Anoka, Doris (Darrell) Nelson of Baudette, Bonnie L. Thompson of Fargo, ND; three sisters, Eloise (Marvin) Ryan of Pine River, Gloria Freeman of Brooklyn Park and Carol Heldman of Staples; one sister-in-law, Sherry Chapin of Orono; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Dolores is preceded in death by her husband, George; one son, Wayne; parents; four brothers, Henry, Burl, Dale and Larry; one sister, Phyllis Peterson; three brothers-in-law, Gale Freeman, Lloyd Heldman and Dick Peterson. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to the Harmony House in Motley. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

## Obituaries

### Elliot Jares



The celebration of life funeral service for Elliot Jares was held March 24, 2021, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township with Pastor Robin Fish presiding. Jesus welcomed Elliot into his arms on March 18, 2021 after an unfortunate farming accident. Elliot was born to Jason and Amy (Hoemberg) Jares on June 14, 2017 in Staples. He loved to sing "Jesus Loves Me" in church. He loved to color with markers and crayons, play in the dirt with his Tonka trucks and shooting Nerf guns at toy targets. He really liked treats and beef jerky. Elliot was a mischievous little boy but enjoyed being read to and would sit down to watch HOP, Bigfoot, Bigfoot Family and Green Eggs and Ham. He mostly loved watching Bonanza reruns with his family. Elliot loved spending time with his grandparents on the farm, where he helped with chores and loved playing with the barn cats. He loved tractor rides, playing in the mud, petting the baby calves and looked forward to Ranger rides and chasing deer. He enjoyed building forts with his dad and brothers. Elliot was fond of his cousins. One of the fondest memories is when, his dad would put lotion on his hands, Elliot also had to put lotion on and it ended up everywhere, white all over his cheeks and clothes. Memories of Elliot will be treasured by his parents Jason and Amy; three siblings, Dalton, Calvin and Ryleigh; grandparents,

Tony and Jan Jares and Jim and Birdie Hoemberg; five uncles, Travis Jares, Nick (Carrie) Jares, Todd (Heather) Hoemberg, Jason (Cheetah) Hoemberg and Josh (Kim) Hoemberg; eight cousins, Dylan, Evan, Wyatt and Cody Jares, Haley, Isaac, Autumn, Jordan and Amelia Hoemberg, along with a multitude of great-aunts and uncles, close family and friends. Elliot was preceded in death by great-grandparents, Helen Jares, Kenneth Greenwaldt, Matt and Pearl Hoemberg, Robert and Ethel Williams; great-aunts and uncles, Sue and Jack Friedli, Karen and Herb Hopp, Larry and Chi Hoemberg, Sharon Hoemberg and John Putz. Honorary pallbearers were Dylan Jares, Evan Jares, Wyatt Jares and Cody Jares. Serving as pallbearers were Travis Jares, Nick Jares, Todd Hoemberg, Jason Hoemberg and Josh Hoemberg. Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Bartlett Township. Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Domian-Anderson Chapel, Bertha. (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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### Jean Koppes



Jean Marie Koppes, 87, of Staples, passed away at the St. Cloud Hospital on March 21, 2021. Mass of Christian Burial was held March 25 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples. Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples. Jean was born September 22, 1933 to Lillian (Fleisher) and Gerald Knox in Cass County. She married Gerald F. Martin on July 11, 1953 and together they had four children. Gerald passed away on April 29, 1989. On October 8, 1993 Jean married Richard E. Koppes. Jean was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, was a part of the church circle for many years and loved her Lord. She loved family and was very proud of their grandchildren. Not many people get to have four and five generations together at one time. Jean enjoyed many things in life. She loved their winters in Texas and picking rocks while there. Jean made beautiful quilts and loved to paint, often donating these items for church functions. She was great at sending homemade cards for birthdays and Christmas, loved gardening, taking great pride in her flowers, enjoyed by many as they drove by the house - especially her pumpkins. The grandkids remember baking Christmas cookies with her. She would always bring out baked goodies every time someone visited. Every Halloween she looked forward to dressing up for the kids who stopped by. Jean had many pastimes: dancing, camping, sitting by the fire and picking agates. She will truly be missed by family and friends. She will be deeply missed by her husband, Rich; three sons, Ronald (Cheryl) Martin, Dale (Barb Schrupp) Martin, Mike (Mary) Martin and one daughter, Patty (Tim Wiebold) Martin; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; step-children, Jeffrey (Kim) Koppes, Deanna (Michael) Soukup, Doreen (Scott) Nelson and Sherri (Linus) Koval; two brothers, Harold (Elaine) Knox and Sherman (Sheryl) Knox; three sisters, Norma Knox, Phyllis (Don) Seel, Mary Lou (Larry) Flannery-Hayes. Jean is preceded in death by her parents and first husband, Gerald F. Martin. Arrangements were by the Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

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### Keith Meyer



Keith Otto Meyer, 66, of Motley, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 22, 2021. Funeral services were held March 26 at the Assembly of God Church in Staples. Keith was born to Frederick and Beverly (Lindquist) Meyer on July 15, 1954 in Virginia. He was married to Terry Rawlings in the spring of 1978 in Motley. He worked at Hengels for 38 years. While Keith didn't have any biological children himself, he was a father to many. He enjoyed fixing cars, riding horses and wood working. Keith could do and would do anything for anyone. Above all else, family was most important. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Keith is survived by his

wife, Terry; six children, Justin, Tiffany, Dylan, Isaac, Athony and Brian and many more; grandchildren, Ferra, Maverick and one on the way, Ella; one brother, Kurt Meyer and two sisters, Linda Fitch and Denise Bishhoff. Keith was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

## Staples Area Church Directory

### Staples

**Staples Alliance**  
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891  
Associate Pastor Zach Jones  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

**Assembly of God**  
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

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

**First Congregational Church, UCC**  
firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com  
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571  
Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Casino Assembly of God**  
Pastor Dan Johnson  
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Phone.....218-746-3839  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hope Chapel Alliance**  
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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**  
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Pastor Jill Pawlowski  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

**Central United Methodist**  
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Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

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Check with your church to be up-to-date on service options. Many offer remote services.

## Holy Week

By Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, Motley Free Methodist

This is **Holy Week** which is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity to commemorate the final week of Jesus' life and the establishment of the New Covenant. Let's take a look:

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Jesus sets the example. Jesus introduces the new covenant (Holy Communion) by telling his Disciples to both "eat" and "drink" his body and blood given and shed for them (and for us). They proceed to the Mount of Olives, where, in the middle of the night, Jesus is arrested and the Disciples scatter.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Jesus is nailed to the cross and remains there from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Jesus dies, and his work is fully complete. Jesus has become both our sacrificial lamb and scapegoat. He carried our sins and died for us, once and for all. Our debt has been paid. Jesus has made full atonement for us.

**HOLY SATURDAY:** As the body of Christ rests within the tomb, he is alive in spiritual power by descending into the world of the dead to make "proclamation to the imprisoned spirits" (1 Peter 3:19-20). Jesus has won the ultimate victory over sin, evil and death. Jesus has annihilated the enemy and Satan is soundly defeated.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Easter morning is an occasion of great joy and renewal. Christ has risen! Jesus is alive! Our death is no longer final, nor should it be feared. Eternal life is truth! We joyously celebrate the resurrection of Christ, the Ascension of Christ, and the giving of the Holy Spirit.

We can now celebrate the promise that God is now accessible to all who will come to Him through Jesus' sacrificial death. Let us rejoice and share such great news! As the mystery of our faith states, "Christ has died, Christ has Risen, Christ shall come again." Hallelujah!

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# Trident protects workers with vaccinations

Trident Seafoods hosted a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for its Motley workforce on March 24. Food industry workers are on the list of people eligible for the vaccine in Minnesota.

Plant management collaborated with Morrison County Public Health to offer the vaccines on-site.

"We were really happy with the strong interest from our workforce, with over 60 percent of our

employees committing to participate in order to help stop the spread," said plant manager Curt McIlravy. "We're grateful to the State of Minnesota and the county for moving quickly to make vaccines available, and their priority on critical infrastructure workforces such as ours who come to work each day to make quality seafood products for customers across North America."

Trident's Motley facility has been safely operating throughout the pandemic, at great sacrifice and disruption to everyone impacted by precautionary 14-day close contact quarantine periods and other workforce and community protection measures.

"This vaccine event is a welcome milestone in reducing risk of COVID-19 illness," said McIlravy.



## On-site vaccination clinic

Morrison County Public Health set up shop at Trident Seafoods in Motley, so employees can get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. (Submitted photos)



## Promoting vaccinations

From left, Jim Hobson, Kathy Petrich, Fawn Castle, and Rodney Haidle, Trident Seafoods employees, celebrate local vaccinations with Melissa Harris from Morrison County Public Health.



## Care center residents' stories on display

'Wisdom through Windows' is now on display at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. (Submitted photo)

# Vaccinations available at Todd County HHS

Todd County Health & Human Services is currently scheduling interested persons who meet the current priority group criteria for COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Residents who would like to schedule an appointment should call 320-732-4500, and press option 1, on Fridays between the hours of 12 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

What to expect when you get the vaccine:

- The COVID-19 vaccine does not give you the COVID-19 disease.
- Nurses will walk you through the process and answer any health questions
- Two doses are required for the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, one dose for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine
- The vaccines do not have preservatives, pork products, egg, or contain the live COVID-19 virus.

- The vaccine is free and your health insurance will not be billed.
  - No identification is required.
  - Side effects are mild and usually last 1-2 days and do not prevent you from your daily activities.
  - You may experience: sore arm, muscle aches, tiredness, headache, or fever/chills.
  - You do not need to quarantine or go into isolation if you experience side effects from the vaccine.
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccination visit Todd County's vaccination webpage at: <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/vax-info/>.
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccine safety, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html>.

# Lakewood Care Center residents offer 'Wisdom through Windows'

Earlier this year, Lakewood Health System of Staples was selected as a Springboard for the Arts site to launch an Artists Respond: Combating Social Isolation grant project. Award recipient and rural artists, Peg Churchwell and Heidi Jeub, selected Lakewood Health System Care Center to create a yard sign display called 'Wisdom through Windows' to offer joy and solidarity for residents who have endured months of isolation from family and friends.

The artists encouraged care center residents to share their stories and bits of wisdom to help design inspirational yard signs

to showcase around the facility. A total of 39 residents responded to the call. Common themes of family, health and prayer connected residents. "Every resident expressed the importance of family; it matters so much to them," said Churchwell. 'Wisdom through Windows' is now on display at the care center for fellow residents to view through their windows, and for the staff and community to enjoy while walking or driving past. 'Wisdom through Windows' is part of Artists Respond: Combating Social Isolation, a project of Springboard for the Arts.



## Staples-Motley students raise money for food shelves

Students in grades 5 - 12 at Staples-Motley Schools recently raised \$700 for the Motley Area and Staples Area Food Shelves. The fundraising event was organized by the ISC (Improving School Climate) group at the school. As part of the fundraising efforts, a number of staff members offered to do something if a certain amount of money was raised, including High School Principal Mike Schmidt, who agreed to sleep on the football field dressed in a pink bunny suit.

Pictured, front from left: Thomas Johnson, Kiera

Mevisen, Jaida Holst, Emilyynn Sullivan, Gage Bjerga, Conner Kuhns, Adrian Gomez, Luke Bjerga, Maci Mithun, Molly Hoemberg. Back: Evan Schultz, Sophie Schlosser, Principal Mike Schmidt, Summer Anderson, Heidi Zimmerman, Olivia Opheim, Jessica Lundquist, Olivia Lorber, Annie Schlosser, Reid Judd, Colbe Tappe, Frank Leidenfrost (Staples Area Food Shelf Director) and Sarah Decker (sixth grade teacher). (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Interested individuals are authorized to attend and observe. If you have any questions, please contact **Bonnie Madson** at 218-894-5400 x 3005.

Dated: March 17, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/ Mary Freeman  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 2170  
(Staples-Motley)  
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Diane Mack, Clerk  
Moran Township  
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### NOTICE MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Moose Lake, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Thursday, April 15, 2021 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  
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### NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING MOTLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Motley Public Cemetery Association will be held Weds., April 14, at 6 p.m. at the Motley City Hall

Greg Frisk, Secretary  
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### NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP CONTRACT FOR DITCH MOWING

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### NOTICE VILLARD TOWN BOARD MEETING, ROAD TOUR, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Villard Town Board will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Town Hall in Philbrook on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 followed by the continuation of the Annual Meeting.

The Villard Town Board will hold its Annual Road Tour on Monday, March 29, 2021.

The Villard Town Board will hold its Annual Board of Equalization on Monday, April, 19, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall in Philbrook.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk, Villard Township  
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### NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Staples Township shall meet on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall for the purpose of determining 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 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.

Appointments are required. Please contact the Todd County Assessor's Office to schedule an appointment. Phone: 320-732-4431.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk  
Staples Township  
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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 (STAPLES MOTLEY) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples Motley), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

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#### School District Question 1 Approval of School District Bond Issue

- Yes
- No

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples Motley) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$64,380,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction of secured entrances and other safety and security improvements at the Elementary School and Middle/High School sites; addressing health and safety and deferred maintenance projects; the construction and equipping of classroom additions and remodeling and renovation of existing classrooms at both school sites; and the construction and remodeling of career and technical education classrooms and facilities?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

COMBINED POLLING PLACES: Staples Community Center  
425 4<sup>th</sup> ST NE  
Staples, MN 56479

This combined polling place serves all territory located in Independent School District #2170 located in the City of Staples in Todd and Wadena Counties; Villard, Bartlett, Staples, Germania, Moran, and Ward Townships in Todd County; and the City of Aldrich and Thomastown, Aldrich, Bullard and Lyons Townships in Wadena County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACES: Motley City Hall  
316 US Hwy 10 S  
Motley MN 56466

This combined polling place serves all territory located in Independent School District #2170 located in the City of Motley in Cass and Morrison Counties; May, Becker, Moose Lake, Byron, Meadowbrook and Poplar Townships in Cass County; and Motley Township in Morrison County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACES: Scandia Valley Township Hall  
3518 320<sup>th</sup> ST  
Cushing MN 56443

This combined polling place serves all territory located in Independent School District #2170 located in the townships of: Scandia Valley and Cushing in Morrison County; and Fawn Lake and Turtle Creek in Todd County, Minnesota.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling places designated above. The polls for said election will be opened at 7:00 o'clock a.m and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the combined polling places on election day.

Dated: January 25, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Mary Freeman  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 2170  
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### Changes at CLC

Central Lakes College will return to in-person learning, athletics and many other on-campus student activities this fall. "While we will always prioritize the health and safety of the college community, we are confident in our decision to return to a better than normal fall semester," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of Central Lakes College. "We have been safely learning in-person throughout the entire pandemic. We understand that our students need not only a vibrant, in-person college experience, but also the flexibility of virtual access to manage their busy lives. This fall, students will have both."

CLC will offer extensive in-person courses and opportunities to engage, while retaining the flexibility that virtual course and services offer. Students will continue to choose how they want to learn, whether it be fully in-person, online, and anywhere in between.

Additionally, students will continue to have access to in-person services, food service on campuses, student life activities, athletics, cultural and performing arts events. Those who wish to engage virtually will continue to have access to these and the many other activities that are part of the CLC experience.

Returning to an improved normal will look similar to our pre-pandemic state, with added flexibility and all health and safety measures recommended by public health experts.

"You will receive a vibrant college experience this fall," Charlier said. "We look forward to seeing you on our campuses!"

### Staples Host Lions Club donates to local organizations

The Staples Host Lions Club recently made several donations to area organizations, totalling \$3,500. Pictured top left, from left, Deb Ferdon, Staples-Motley Grad Blast committee; and Staples Host Lion President Kent Christensen. Top right, from left, Tom Crawford, Old Wadena Rendezvous organization; and Lion President Christensen.

Bottom left, from left, Matt Jensen, Lakewood Health System; and Lion President Christensen. Bottom right, from left, Bryan Winkels, Sacred Heart Area School; and Lion President Christensen. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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## Interest in downtown buildings

like they did with the Ben Franklin building, which was renovated by the SEDA and is now occupied by Baby Steps.

If the building is not sound, it will have to be torn down. Board member Doug Case said that since the building is currently owned by Todd County due to tax forfeiture, the city should have the county pay for the demolition.

The discussion sparked a conversation about other empty downtown buildings and how to get businesses into them.

Wyman said one of the issues for many of the downtown buildings is a lack of window space. "You can't showcase your stuff," she said, adding that the SEDA could offer a loan program to build windows into some buildings.

Wyman said there has been a lot of interest in the former Ortons gas station

building on 2nd Ave. NE, and that the former Snap Fitness building is a large space that could accommodate many types of businesses.

Etzler suggested looking at retail businesses in nearby communities, and checking to see if they want to open another store in Staples. "It would be a completely different market," he said.

Board member Shane Tappe suggested coming up with a package that includes incentives and sells the community as a whole.

Case agreed and said "that's what they look for, energy and foresight. They're not going to invest in a losing downtown."

Case suggested looking at the farming community in the area, to see if there could be business opportunities. He gave an example of the R.D. Offutt Company,

a large farming operation that has a large presence in the area.

Wyman said the SEDA could look into hiring a consultant to help determine what direction to go and where to start. Case said he would rather have an in-house process to determine the next steps for the Staples downtown.

### COVID-19 grants

Todd County Development Corporation Executive Director Rick Utech said the county has provided 36 grants worth \$480,000 for COVID-19 relief. He said 10 of those were in Staples, worth \$147,000.

Utech said the new federal stimulus package will provide money for the county, but they don't yet know what they will be allowed to use it for. He said one idea is to do some broadband upgrades in the area.

# Staples approves software with some apprehension

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved purchasing software that puts building permit and rental licensing processes online and stores all parcel information for land in the city of Staples.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said city staff reviewed different software systems and found that iWorQ Systems is the best one, according to other cities that have used it. The system would cost \$4,250 to install and would have a \$7,500 cost to operate each year.

Board member Doug Case questioned the cost of the software, saying it was nearly one percent of the city budget.

Board member Mary Theuer said the city probably pays that much to staff

to process the paperwork that will be taken care of by the software.

City Clerk Diane Archer said the city processes 100 to 200 building permits per year and has 450 rental licenses that would be helped by the software. She said other communities smaller than Staples use the software.

The board approved purchasing the software with Case voting against it.

Following the meeting, council member Ron Murray sent an email asking for the city to give an explanation of the time and cost savings the software will provide, and asked if it will reduce costs in other parts of the city budget.

### COVID funding

Nelsen told the council that Staples could be receiving around \$300,000 from

the latest federal COVID-19 relief plan. He said while the details are not out yet the city could use the money in areas that lost revenue due to mandated shutdowns. That could include utilities parks and the community center.

He suggested that council members bring ideas to the next council meeting. The first payments are expected in June, with the funds to be spent by the year 2024.

### In other news, the council

- Approved assessment of unpaid utility charges at four properties in Staples. The assessments will be applied to next year's property tax.

- Approved site use agreement with Lutheran Social Service for senior nutrition program at the Staples Community Center.



## Opportunity in downtown Staples

The Ron's Musical Resale building is getting closer examination to see if it is structurally sound enough to be saved. The building, on 4th Street NE in down-

town Staples, is next to a vacant lot and in the back shares an alley with Tower Pizza and the Batcher Building. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## LGA proposal could replace sales tax

(LGA) instead of implementing a sales tax. Those three communities were chosen because they have a relatively low sales tax base.

For Staples, that would mean an extra \$325,000 in LGA per year for three years, said Nelsen, to pay for the estimated \$1.6 million to renovate the community center.

"From the city of Staples standpoint, what they are proposing would be wonderful," said Nelsen.

The sales tax proposal would require the city to hold a referendum in 2022, then if it passes, they could implement a one percent sales tax for 25 years to pay off the \$1.6 million. "You are raising taxes for 25

years for equipment that might not last that long," said Nelsen.

Nelsen also testified at the sales tax meeting of the Minnesota Senate Taxes Committee, but the LGA alternative was not brought up at that meeting.

"We won't know for a while yet," said Nelsen. "It likely won't be figured out until the next committee meeting or the conference committee where they iron out the differences between the two bills."

If the senate rejects the house proposal, the city will still have time to make their proposal again in time to hold a sales tax referendum vote in 2022.

## Lakewood's online COVID-19 vaccine registration list open to all

From Lakewood Health System

As of March 30, the COVID-19 vaccine is now available to all Minnesotans regardless of medical condition or age. (However, you must be 16 or older to receive the Pfizer vaccine, and 18 or older to receive the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines.)

In our continued efforts to improve processes and make care more convenient for our patients and communities, Lakewood Health System has launched an online COVID-19 vaccine registration list. This

option is in addition to the call-in wait list already in place. Once we receive your information, our team will contact you to schedule an appointment to get your vaccine when it's available.

Lakewood continues to see increasing allotments of vaccine weekly, and we receive the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines at the discretion of the state.

To register for your COVID-19 vaccine, visit [lakewoodhealthsystem.com](http://lakewoodhealthsystem.com) and fill out the registration form or call 218-894-1515 (option #2).

# RATE INCREASE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

For Otter Tail Power Company Customers

MPUC Docket No. E017/GR-20-719 OAH Docket No. 8-2500-37230

On November 2, 2020, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electric rates by about 6.77 percent, or about \$14.5 million.

State law allows OTP to collect higher rates on an interim (temporary) basis to allow the MPUC time to evaluate the request. The MPUC has authorized an interim rate increase of approximately 3.23 percent, or about \$6.9 million, effective January 1, 2021. These higher rates will remain in effect until the final rates are determined by the MPUC.

The MPUC will determine the final rate increase by December 2021. If the final rate increase is less than the interim rate increase, OTP will refund to customers the difference, plus interest. If the final rate increase approved by the MPUC is higher than the interim rate increase, OTP will not charge customers the difference.

Since the company's last Minnesota Rate Review in 2016, OTP has made investments in low-cost, reliable, cleaner energy generation and smarter technology. OTP seeks to include these investments and an increase in general costs in its rates.

The chart below shows an example of how the approved interim and proposed final rates will affect the average customer's monthly bill in each of our customer classes. Your bill may be higher or lower depending on the actual electric usage in your customer class.

### AVERAGE MONTHLY ELECTRICITY COSTS

Customer classification	Monthly kilowatt-per-hour usage	Previous monthly cost	Approved interim change in monthly cost	Proposed final change in monthly cost
Residential	760	\$83.97	\$2.71	\$7.77
Farms	2,605	\$266.33	\$8.60	\$17.80
General Service	9,758	\$1,006.31	\$32.50	\$98.70
Large General Service	312,084	\$21,163.64	\$683.59	\$1,080.10
Irrigation	1,536	\$129.40	\$4.18	\$17.89
Outdoor Lighting	636	\$14.03	\$0.45	\$0.94
Other Public Authority	2,874	\$248.79	\$8.04	\$16.55
Controlled Service Water Heating	314	\$25.79	\$0.83	\$1.58
Controlled Service Interruptible	1,570	\$95.26	\$3.08	\$2.20
Controlled Service Deferred	5,630	\$230.01	\$7.43	(\$12.96)

The Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources office is reviewing OTP's filing and records with respect to this requested rate increase. The Minnesota Office of the Attorney General—Residential Utilities Division may also review this proposed rate increase.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may request additional information from OTP's General Office during normal business hours at:

Otter Tail Power Company  
215 South Cascade Street  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537  
Phone: 800-257-4044

You also may review current and proposed rate schedules by contacting the Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources:

Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources  
85 7th Place East, Suite 280  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
Telephone: 651-539-1886  
FAX: 651-539-1549  
Web: <http://mn.gov/commerce/>

Additional information about proposed rate schedules and a comparison of present and proposed rates is available at [www.otpc.com/MNRateReview](http://www.otpc.com/MNRateReview). Questions or comments about the rate increase request may be directed to 800-257-4044.

Persons who wish to intervene in the litigation and participate as a party at the evidentiary hearing in this case should review Minn. R. 1400.6200 (2019) and contact the Administrative Law Judge.

Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman  
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### PUBLIC HEARINGS

The MPUC will hold public hearings for customers to speak and will ask for customers' written comments about the rate increase request. You may add verbal comments or written comments, or both, to the record.

You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of OTP's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney to provide comments during the public hearings.

To maintain appropriate physical distancing and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public hearings will be held remotely (over the telephone for audio and over the internet for video). The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone has had an opportunity to share comments or after 3 hours of hearing time, whichever occurs first.

To receive audio for the hearing, you will need to participate over the telephone. Additionally, you can watch the hearing (without sound) over the internet. To see the public hearing panelists, and hear what they are saying, you must join the public hearing using both the telephone connection and the internet link. The video on the internet does not include sound from the public hearing.

To be able to provide your verbal comments, you will need to join the hearing by audio, at a minimum. Follow the directions below to access the hearing over the telephone. If you are interested in providing verbal comments on the proposed rate increase during the public hearing you must join the hearing by telephone.

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held virtually: April 13th at 1:00pm; April 13th at 6:00pm; April 14th at 1:00pm; April 14th at 6:00pm.

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To watch the hearing over the internet on a computer or smartphone, follow the directions below. (video only — no audio).

### JOIN BY INTERNET (video only — no audio)

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Please contact Charley Bruce at 651-201-2251 or [charley.bruce@state.mn.us](mailto:charley.bruce@state.mn.us) or Tera Dornfeld at 651-201-2195 or [tera.dornfeld@state.mn.us](mailto:tera.dornfeld@state.mn.us) if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

The MPUC welcomes your comments on the requested rate increase. A Public Comment period is open through June 14, 2021. Comments should be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date. Comments received after the comment period closes may or may not be considered in the MPUC's final decision. There are a number of ways for you to participate.

### TO COMMENT ONLINE

Visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select the Comment icon on the top menu to go to the Public Comment page where you will find a list of ways to comment on docket 20-719, an online Public Comment form, and how to get help to participate in the comment process.

### TO COMMENT BY EMAIL

Send your comments to [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us) and reference docket number 20-719.

### TO COMMENT BY U.S. MAIL

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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Be sure to reference docket 20-719

For assistance in submitting comments, or if you have questions, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at: Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782 Email: [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us)



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# Welding class at SMHS with Mr. Novak

By Elijah Greenwaldt

According to Mr. Novak, the new welding teacher, welding has been a class at this school for over 60 years. Although this is his first year teaching welding at Staples-Motley, this is his fourth year in the district. He has taught fifth grade Phy Ed, Outdoor Rec, Strength Training and Small Engines.

Mr. Novak learned how to weld in high school himself, and taught it for two

years before coming to Staples. He teaches Beginners and Advanced Welding. In beginners he teaches just the basics on how to weld, but in advanced welding the kids get to pick what they want to weld.

I asked a couple of students what they were making and a lot of them were making deer stands, one was going to work on his truck, and some kids were even working on their four wheeler or three wheeler.

Most of the students agreed that welding was a good skill to learn and that you could use it for the rest of your life. They said that the best part is that you can make almost anything you want out of a bunch of scrap metal.

The welding shop received an upgrade this school year. A new welding bay and stations were put in and an industry standard HVAC system was put in place.

Staples-Motley Middle

School/High School principal Mr Schmidt said, "It is important that our students work and learn in industry acceptable environments. It is a privilege and expectation to have that at Staples-Motley MS/HS. This is a great looking space that has been immediately embraced by students when it comes to care and clean up hour after hour."

#CardinalPride in the welding shop.



The new welding bay.



# CIS athletic training with Mrs. Dockendorf

By Turner Beachy

Mrs. Dockendorf's CIS Athletic Training class learned how to ankle tape patients.

Students practiced for six/seven weeks to do a timed closed basket weave (regular ankle taping) in three minutes or less on Mr. Kappler, Frankie Hanson, or Mr. Mithun.

Closed basket weave is what one would

see in a college training room. I thought it was just one kind but there are many different types of tape; like they actually have to use thinner tape for a more serious injury so they can put more on and make finer placements with the tape.

I found out that you can take a college course in ankle taping.



# MS speech student's goal program



Ms. Avery Cunningham and River Munger with his purchases.

By Livia Trif

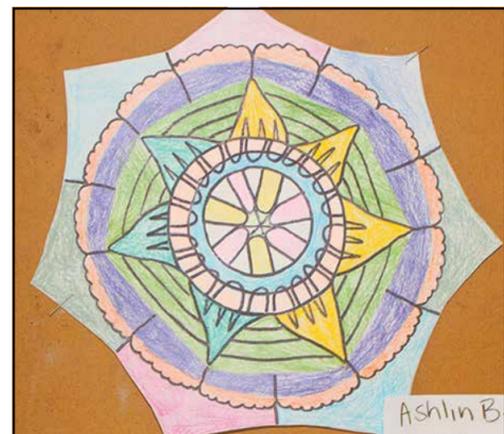
"Catch-A-Kid" is an activity that middle school speech kids participated in this year. Catch-A-Kid is an opportunity that speech kids get when they accomplish their goals. Every two

months they make a chart to see how many Catch-A-Kid days they receive and do a race against other kids.

Every task/goal that those students accomplish they get paper money. They save that up and when the teacher hosts a Catch-A-Kid,

one kid at a time gets to go buy stuff with their paper money.

Ms. Avery Cunningham is the speech teacher that put on this awesome program.



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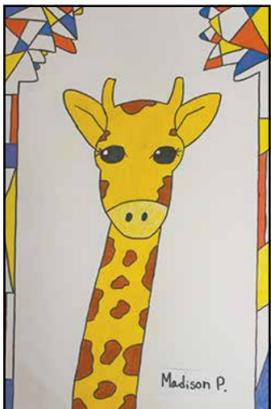
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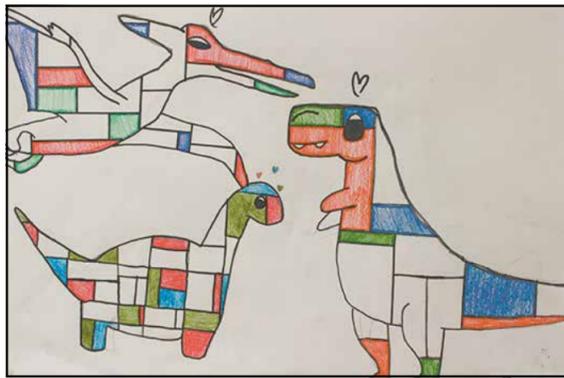
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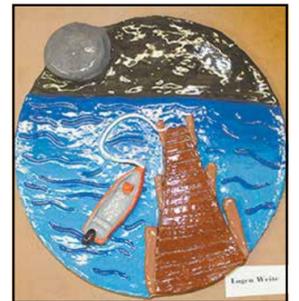
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