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Staples, Minnesota

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Sign of encouragement Businesses adjusting to stay at home order

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz has issued a

Weather

This Week's Forecast

Day	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 1	46°	34°	Showers
Apr. 2	42	29	Showers
Apr. 3	39	13	Rain/Snow
Apr. 4	43	28	Sunny
Apr. 5	48	34	M. Cloudy
Apr. 6	53	34	Showers
Apr. 7	54	33	Showers

Last Year, 2019

Day	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 1	37°	27°	Cloudy
Apr. 2	39	25	Cloudy
Apr. 3	41	28	Sunny
Apr. 4	36	27	Cloudy
Apr. 5	39	34	Cloudy
Apr. 6	48	49	Cloudy
Apr. 7	52	42	Rain

Average Temp.:
H = 48° Low = 28°

Total snow: 53"
Total rain: .25"

Crow Wing River opens on Mar. 26

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

stay at home order from March 27-April 10, to help slow the spread of coronavirus. Only businesses determined as essential are allowed to remain open, group gatherings are not permitted and hospital visits are limited. Fitness centers, bars and entertainment venues are closed under this order, as are hair salons and other personal services.

Citizens are allowed to go to the grocery store, pick up take-out food or go to the drive-through for food. They can go for walks or pick up essentials for others in need of assistance.

Critical services include the health care industry, education, law enforcement, child care, food and agriculture, news media, critical manufacturing and public utilities.

Most local businesses expect the stay at home order to have a big effect in reducing their bottom line. Many have already cut hours or cut staff, others are attempting to work from home.

At Staples Eye Clinic, Dr. Seth Dokken said they have cut down to limited hours, and are only seeing customers with urgent needs or emergent problems. They will offer curbside pickup to fix or adjust eye glasses.

Daniel Douts at State Farm Insurance said he had converted to 100 percent remote operations, working from home before the governor's order. His business still has a drop box. While his business allows him to work from home, "I feel bad for a lot of the businesses out there" that can't, he said.

At Japke Decorating, Carpet and Gifts, they have the front door shut, but are still installing floorcovering as part of essential

construction trades. Rich Japke said he still has orders to fill and bids for projects that could come in. His on-site work normally follows social distancing guidelines anyway, he said. Since the store sells floorcovering, it could be allowed to remain open, but Japke also was concerned for the safety of employees.

Other businesses that are considered essential are taking extra precautions to follow social distancing and sanitation guidelines.

"We're doing what we've always done, just doing it more and doing it better," said Justin Biebighauser at Nyhus Chevrolet in Staples. While sales and service will continue, he said they are wiping everything down more often and making sure everything is sanitized.

Giza Plumbing & Heating is also critical infrastructure, but they are closing their office to customers to protect employees. Greg Giza said service work will continue as normal, but if a customer needs a part they can call. Workers are making sure they keep hands clean and surfaces wiped down.

Real estate is another critical sector still open, but Sandy Knosalla at Edina Realty said she has changed to working at home and practicing social distancing. An example of the precautions taken, the company suggests that they separate buyers and sellers into different rooms during closings.

Certain manufacturing plants qualify as critical because they produce items for critical industries, including Stern Rubber in Staples. Cade Roberts said

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Lakewood continues adapting to COVID-19

Many efforts and changes are being made at Lakewood Health System, Staples to ensure the continued care and health of patients, employees and community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Lakewood press Release stated "These are challenging times for us all, and we want to thank everyone who has volunteered to make, or has donated, personal protective equipment (PPE). It is very much appreciated."

Lakewood providers and care team members have been and will continue to contact patients about their care. If your provider or their team contacts you about setting up an appointment, understand the importance they are putting on that visit. The goal is to continue to keep patients healthy and out of the emergency department if possible.

Lakewood is starting to trial different methods of communicating with patients, which includes telehealth and video calls. Once a process has been created and staff training has been done, providers will roll this out to the patient base in order to continue to provide care when face-to-face care is not advisable.

For those who think they may have COVID-19 symptoms, Lakewood is offering a free online assessment through Click Care. The link can be found at lakewoodhealthsystem.com. A Lakewood provider will use the Click Care tool to assess patient symptoms and let them know if they should come in or need additional care. While this assessment is available, don't hesitate to come in if your symptoms are or are becoming unmanageable.

At this time, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is only testing potential Covid-19 samples from healthcare work-



Handing out mask kits

Melissa Daniels, Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer at Lakewood Health System in Staples handed out kits for making masks to volunteers. She is pictured outside the senior campus recently, handing two kits to Amy Bomstad of Motley. Each kit contains two yards of poly cotton fabric for the outside of the mask. The other supplies/materials, as well as their time, are donated by the generous volunteers. The goal is to make a total of 5,000 masks which will be used by health care workers. Bomstad said she was going to be working with Tami Brotherton at her sewing shop in Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

ers and those in congregate living (care centers, assisted living, etc.). As testing and sampling supplies are in high demand and low quantity across the nation, Lakewood is currently abiding the MDH criteria and only sending samples to the testing lab based on provider discretion.

Lakewood will continue to utilize employees working from remote locations, which is not new to the organization. While this option is not available for all employees, such as those in direct patient care, it is being used for employees in departments such as health information management (HIM), infor-

mation technology (IT), billing and coding, and other areas.

The press release concluded: "Lakewood is grateful for our patients, volunteers, donors, employees and providers, who continue to show us how fortunate we are to be supported by such a wonderful community. We are also appreciative of the patience and understanding being shown to our team as we work, learn and adapt to continuous changes and challenges. Reach out to your care team if you have questions or concerns about your health. We are all in this together."

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April 1 is Census Day, but coronavirus changes things

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Census Day is April 1, the day every person in the United States is to be counted in their place of residence.

Every household should have received a letter from the Census, inviting them to respond online or by mail. The mailing will be needed to fill out the online form, as each home needs to enter their 12 digit Census identification number before completing the census.

The coronavirus shutdown has complicated living places for many families, since students have moved home from colleges and other residence changes have been made in just the last two weeks. The Census is asking that

people count themselves in their usual residence, not at a temporary residence. They have announced that college students be counted at their college, where dormitory residents will be counted by the college.

Other group quarters such as nursing homes and living facilities can also be counted by the facility.

Minnesota residents who spend the winter in other locations are asked to follow the guideline of counting "where they live and sleep most of the time," according to the Census. That means if they spend most of their time in Minnesota, that is the residence to count. Those who are still away on April 1 are asked to use their Minnesota home mailing to register, since the 12 digit code will be different.

The online registration can be found at my2020census.gov, and takes about 10 minutes to complete.

All personal information on the census is confidential and may not be used for anything other than counting where people live.

The numbers help direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads and other public services. The results also determine the number of seats each state has in Congress, and political representation at the state level.

If a household does not complete the Census form, workers are being hired to follow up in person, although the visits may be delayed because of the coronavirus shutdown.

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With their 'Famous' ewe and friends



Lydia and Jacob Roelofs of rural Motley (top photo) have been spending more time playing with their furry friends in the barn in recent weeks. Their mom, Becky Roelofs, shared that, "Social distancing is hard for adults. Having children understand can be even more difficult. Lots of outside play, but without cousins at the farm is so different. I'm sure every family is facing similar thoughts."



As she prepared their home for distance learning for the children, Becky said she came across a laminated copy of a photo in the paper from last year which featured their lamb, representing 'March going out like a lamb.' The children named the ewe lamb 'Famous' and begged to keep her. "Although she isn't our most friendly, 'pettable' ewe she has a special place in the kids' hearts," Becky said.

Center photo: Lydia holds a smaller lamb while

Famous looks on. In lower photo, Jacob pets some ewes. "Pictures help us remember the past and yet let us see present gifts," Becky said. "I can also see a few new friends being made." (Submitted photos)

Happy April Fools Day

Here are two more pretend stories we wish we were covering, but they are not going on because of the coronavirus shutdown. During this time of uncertainty, enjoy this whimsical page and think of better times. (See more on Page 12a)

Brian Sams and son Cael on ticket for 2020 presidential election

Brian Sams of Cushing has announced his candidacy for President of the United States. His running mate is his son, Cael Sams, a senior at Staples-Motley High School.

Sams and Sams have been endorsed by the Bull Moose Party, of which they are the front-runners.

"It's humbling and exciting," the 48-year-old presidential hopeful said recently at their campaign headquarters, a top-of-the-line fish house located at the family's Campfire Bay Resort on Fish Trap Lake.

Politics has been in their blood for decades, Brian Sams said, noting that his uncle, the late Dallas Sams, was a state senator. He'd always dreamed of following a similar path, but had gotten sidetracked along the way.

"We're pretty busy here," Brian Sams said of running the resort with his wife, Heather. In addition to Cael, they have two other sons, Elijah and Iain, who keep them on their toes. Plus, he wasn't sure if he was ready to give up making donuts around the campfire during the summer.

But something kept nudging him. Perhaps this was the year he should throw his hat into the political ring. He had some good ideas to share. Plus, if his portrait were to hang in the White House, he'd rather have it painted before he turned grey, or worse yet, bald. "My mom was a former hairdresser. She said I'd probably have a decent hairline for a few years yet. I hate to take a chance, though," Brian Sams said.

Cael Sams, too, had recently shown an avid interest in politics, and could have the room in stitches with his impersonation of Nixon. Sure, he was young, but the town of Dorset had had a four-year-old mayor in 2012 or so. They seemed to be doing just fine.

A few other signs cemented their decision to hit the campaign trail. "It was kind of weird...downright spooky actually,"



On the campaign trail

Brian Sams (right) and his son Cael Sams of Cushing have entered the race for the 2020 United States Presidency. They are running as part of the Bull Moose party, of which they emerged as the top (and only) candidates at the party's April primary. The Sams/Sams ticket hit the trail early last week, with a rally planned April 4, at the Lincoln Gas & Bait's parking lot.

Brian Sams said. "Okay, this is the 2020 Presidential election. Cael is graduating in 2020. Both of us have 20/20 vision; and every Friday night you'll find us watching 20/20 on television. Coincidence? I think not."

Although the younger Sams, 18, is set to attend the University of South Dakota-Sioux Falls this coming fall, he said he would put college on hold should he become vice president.

And so, on March 27, based on the obvious affirmation from the above-mentioned signs, as well as his son's willingness to join him on the campaign trail, Brian Sams announced his run for president.

Having jumped into the race a bit late, there didn't seem to be a possibility of Sams & Sams getting on the Democratic ticket like their beloved uncle, or that of the Republican party either. The more

they researched history books, they knew where they belonged and felt the American people were ready for a political mascot other than a donkey or an elephant.

"Who doesn't love Teddy Roosevelt?" Cael Sams said, noting the first president to have been on the Bull Moose Party ticket.

He loves his son's enthusiasm, the elder statesman said, noting that was one of the reasons he chose him as a running mate. Plus, as a dad, he's always wanted to be able to get his kids a job where they don't have to do anything. "Why not skip a step and go straight to V.P.," Brian said.

Sams & Sams have an ambitious platform. For starters, "We want to stop donkey poaching," Cael Sams said adamantly. "We also promise to raise tariffs in Denmark until they lower their price on Legos... they've had a monopoly for way too long."

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 - The MPD issued a citation to Paul Ross, 60, for driving recklessly and attempting to run a vehicle off of the roadway for no apparent reason.

March 17 - The MPD issued a citation to Darrin Tiessen, 29, for driving with a revoked license.

March 17 - The MPD made contact with the bar owner at Ten-Hi in Motley, after discovering the business had failed to close at 5 p.m. as mandated by MN Governor Tim Walz. The bar owner agreed to follow the governor's directive.

March 14 - The MPD received a report that a man had left a harassing and vulgar message regarding Motley Mayor Al Yoder on one of the council member's voice-mail and attempted to contact another council

member as well.

March 16 - The MCSO received a report from a business in Cushing that had been receiving numerous unwanted phone calls and voice messages from a male subject. Some of the messages were threatening.

March 13 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Haley Hobday, 24.

March 24 - The MPD reported that dispatch forwarded a phone call from Paul Ross to the MPD squad cell phone. Immediately upon answering the phone, Ross began to swear at the officer and made a few vulgar comments and then hung up before the officer could get a word in.

March 24 - The MPD received a call from a resident at 3rd Ave. South in Motley, reporting that all of the mailboxes across the street are open and the mail had not yet arrived. She stated she is concerned that someone is going through other people's mailboxes and possi-

bly looking for something to steal. She was advised that extra patrol would be provided in that area.

March 23 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Andre Chisley, 24.

March 23 - The MPD issued a citation to Matthew Smith, 47, for driving after revocation.

March 24 - The MCSO received a report from a resident on Fish Trap Lake Drive in Cushing that Paul Ross had left him three vulgar messages that day.

March 20 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 35000 block of 18th Ave. in Motley that a dog had come into her yard and killed one of her chickens and seriously injured another one. She stated this is the second time it has happened. The dog owner was contacted and he said he would pay to replace the chickens. He also stated that he would not bring his dog to his father's residence anymore.

Railroad Days ponders rain alternatives

Since the town celebration has been drenched by heavy rains and poor weather the past few years, the Staples Railroad Days Committee has entertained a proposal to concede to the elements and simply hold the next festival under water.

"It never rains in August, except during Railroad Days," said Staples Parks and Rec Director Tricia Jasmer.

The committee has not decided whether to bail out and set up the entire operation at the bottom of Dower Lake, or to cave in and dump everything into the Crow Wing River and let it float to Motley.

The decision opens the festival up to new ideas, such as little canoes of chili floated out to hungry customers, or an aquatic theme for the annual parade, in

which real fish will accompany every entry. The car shows will be best viewed with a snorkel and mask.

Central Lakes College is getting on board and will change their Field Day event into a mud pit.

"We can abandon our tradition and give in to the elements, or we can forge ahead and make this the best festival ever, regardless of the chance of rain," said Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher. "We're just not sure which way we are going to go at this point."

The Motley June Fest Committee is taking note and is running experiments of holding their festival on a hot skillet.

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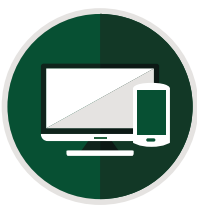
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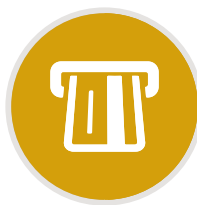
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SMACF ready for emergency grants

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) is now accepting applications to its newly formed Emergency Relief and Response Fund. The purpose of the fund is to give grants to small businesses, organizations and individuals who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. All those who are operating or living in the Staples-Motley School District, ISD 2170 area are eligible to apply.

"With the recent shelter-in-place order and the continued mandated closures, our community needs our support now more than ever," said SMACF Chair Katie Heppner. "Our top priority is making sure that this fund is being used to help those who have been significantly financially impacted by COVID-19." Small businesses can apply for grants of up to \$2,000 to cover reimbursable expenses. Examples of expenses include, but

are not limited to, utility bills, inventory purchases and ongoing expenses that could have been paid had the pandemic not occurred. If accepted to receive a grant, small businesses will be asked to submit a receipt for their expenses before funds are distributed.

Applications can be found at <https://www.givemn.org/story/Sma-Emergency-Fund>, by clicking "access the grant application" at the bottom of the page. Completed applications can be submitted by email to kbjorge@ifound.org or by mail to Initiative Foundation, 405 First St. SE, Little Falls, MN 56345. Applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis.

If you'd like more information about the fund or the grant application, contact Katie Heppner by phone at 218-929-3015 or by email at smacf@ifound.org.



Friendly Rider

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Friendly Rider transit service, based in Wadena, has volunteered to deliver meals/groceries to people. The items will be picked up and delivered to doorsteps, in respect to social distancing (contact your local food provider). At the start of the week approximately 35 meal/grocery deliveries in Wadena were made per day. "We expect that number to increase," said Randy Jahnke, Wadena County Transit Director. Friendly Rider service is also available in Staples. Above: A volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program in Wadena and Friendly Rider staff, Candy Snyder, right, making deliveries. (Submitted photo)

Sick employees quarantined

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they are running all their lines but are taking absolute precautions because of the coronavirus threat. They are sending home any employee who has a cough, cold or fever and are asking them to stay quarantined for 14 days before returning to work. Roberts said they are running at reduced capacity because of employee quarantining. They have also changed the employee break room and break times to practice social distancing.

Sourcewell reported that most employees are working from home.

The Staples World continues to operate from the Staples office, but are asking customers to communicate through telephone, mail or email. There is a drop box for any correspondence or payments.



Wendy's World

The Staples World is still in operation, but the office is locked. A box is set up outside of the office for people to leave information, payments, etc. Pictured above picking up the latest edition of the paper is Wendy Sather of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Two 2 tall

During the COVID-19 closure of eating establishments, John Birchacek, right, owner of 2 Tall Tavern, Cushing, provided free take-out meals March 22 for on-duty officers and semi drivers to thank them for all their hard work. Above: Joshua Winter, left, Todd County Sheriff's Deputy was one of the recipients.

2 Tall Tavern will repeat their free take-out meal for on-duty officers, ambulance personnel and "super" truckers Tuesday, March 31, noon to 1 p.m. and from 6-9 p.m. (1 meal per unit); phone 218-575-3013.

75 YEARS Ago - 1945

April 5, 1945 - Temperatures raced down the thermometer in this vicinity Saturday of last week after almost a month of spring-like weather.

Many farmers had been in the field doing plowing, cleaning and harrowing, getting the land ready to plant, but the snow storm of the first of this week has stopped all field operations for the present at least.

The month of March was mild, with all the snow melting, the frost gone out of the ground to

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

great depths. Rivers and lakes were open and the flood stage had abated so there was no danger as has sometimes been prevalent in this section in the past years.

Trees were budding, many of the early flowers were through the ground, and it is hoped that the frost and cold weather will not damage this vegetation.

April 5, 1945 - It's Spring Clean-Up Time, is at the top of an ad from National Food Stores. Camay toilet soap, 7 cents a cake; Silver Cream polish, 21 cents; O'Cedar Polish, 23 cents; Old Dutch cleanser, two packages for 15 cents; Lewis Lye, True American, 9 cents.

April 5, 1945 - Staples Rotary club has a candidate in the field for district governor of the 117th Rotary district in the person of Superintendent Perry M. Atwood, of the Staples public school system.

The club is sponsoring Mr. Atwood as their candidate for the district governorship and this is the first time any member of the Staples club has been a candidate for district governor.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

April 9, 1970 - Alvina Wiebesick and David Uhrich represented the Staples Rotary Club at the 13th Model United Nations Assembly this past weekend. Accompanying them to Winnipeg were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donat.

The country assigned to the Staples representative was that of the Netherlands, so during the two-day Assembly, they deliberated and acted on matters in accordance with the country's beliefs, based on in-depth studies prior to departing to Winnipeg.

April 9, 1970 - The members of the Staples Fire Department answered two alarms during the past week.

About 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, the department was summoned to Ozzie's Frostop Drive In. Damage apparently resulted to the exhaust fan and hood over the grill.

The second call of the week was at 7:15 a.m. April 7, when the automobile owned by the City of Staples Water and Light Department caught fire near Ronnie's Skelly Station. Considerable damage resulted to the vehicle, according to the report.

April 9, 1970 - A considerable amount of money and goods was stolen from the S & N Hardware in Motley as a result of a break-in at the store late Friday evening or early Saturday morning of last week.

The hardware store is

Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 6, 1995 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? 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.

owned by Art Sampson and Alvah Nygren and is located on Highway No. 10.

Mr. Nygren reported to The World that he had closed the store about 7 p.m. Friday and the break-in was noticed when the business was opened Saturday morning. The burglars gained entrance by first disconnecting the burglar alarm system and then breaking in the back entrance to the business. The safe was punched, drilled and peeled by the burglars and about \$245 in money was taken from it. In the cash register, which was money belonging to the Village of Motley for collection of water bills.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

April 6, 1995 - The Todd County American Dairy Association crowned three Dairy Princesses at their annual banquet and coronation April 1. They included Becky Hinkle, daughter of Joe and Diane Hinkle, Aldrich; Tammy Becker, daughter of Dan and Barb Becker, Browerville; and Becky Ward, daughter of Bill and Mary Ward, Bertha.

April 6, 1995 - An early morning fire destroyed a dairy barn Wednesday, March 29, just south of Staples.

Ted Bristin, who along with his wife, Evelyn, operates a dairy farm in Moran Township just southwest of Staples, spotted his barn on fire shortly before 3 a.m. last Wednesday as he was about to begin his daily milking chores.

The fire, which was believed to have been caused by an electrical problem, destroyed the barn and cost the lives of all 52 milk cows. Some 18 died in the fire or had to be destroyed, while the remaining 34 had to be shipped immediately to market.

The Staples Volunteer Fire department responded, with the call coming in shortly before 3 a.m.

"I can't believe how quick they got here," Bristin said of the fire department response. But the fire was apparently well along, and firemen were unable to get it under control until a major part of the barn was lost.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

April 8, 2010 - Perfor-

mances for the Staples Motley High School's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" are set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 8-10 and 2 p.m., Sunday, April 11. Musical director for the show is Steve Hoemberg; artistic director is Matt Olsen; and the pit orchestra is directed by Jeff Iverson.

April 8, 2010 - Todd County Public Health (TCPH) is offering free on-site H1N1 flu vaccination clinics during the month of April to businesses.

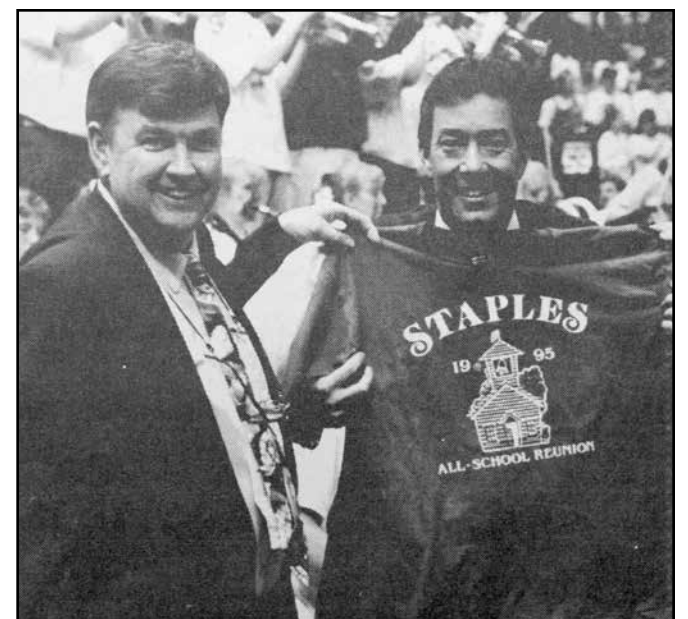
According to TCPH, "Influenza normally peaks in the months of February and March. With the second wave of pandemic H1N1 influenza slowing down and even declared 'over,' many people have become complacent about a possible third wave. If the 2009 H1N1 pandemic is like other pandemics, a third wave of illness could occur later this winter or

early spring of 2010. Getting the vaccine now will provide protection when the next wave arrives."

April 8, 2010 - Staples Motley's Jordan Riewer was named the Mid State Conference's Most Valuable Player award winner for the past basketball season.

Riewer, who gave great performances in games all season, topped off his career March 16, in the Section 6AA finals with an unforgettable 34 point game against eventual state champs New London-Spicer.

April 8, 2010 - Rian Hutchison, a student at Piller High School, was one of 32 juniors recognized for leadership and community service by the Minnesota State High School League at an ExCEL Awards ceremony March 20. He is the son of Jim and Ann Hutchison.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the March 30, 1995 edition of the Staples World, featured Bruce Hayenga of Staples (left) and a former Staples basketball player named Dick Bremer during the state tournament. Hayenga gave Bremer a 1995 All-School Reunion shirt and an invitation to attend. Bremer was part of the Channel 9 play by play team that covered the (Minnesota state boys basketball) tournament. Also on that broadcast team was former New York Mills girls basketball player Janet Karvonen Montgomery.

Alan Judd, Linda Heier, Mary Sperley, Frank Leidenfrost, Mike Koppes; and Jerry and MaryAnn Riewer, all of Staples; and Mel Nefstead of Baxter correctly identified Hayenga and Bremer, as well as the context of the photo. Koppes, a 1971 Staples High School grad, also mentioned that fellow alumnus Bremer graduated in 1974. Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Hayenga. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Staples man injured in one-vehicle accident

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on March 30, at approximately 6:35 a.m., their office receive a report of a one-vehicle accident on Hwy 10 near Azure Road in Cushing Township.

According to the Sheriff's Office, 56-year-old Ray Thompson of Staples was traveling west on Hwy 10 when he fell asleep behind the wheel and drove the vehicle off the road. The vehicle went into a shallow pond and

became submerged in approximately three feet of water.

Thompson was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples by Mayo Clinic Ambulance with unknown injuries.

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SM Schools ready for distance learning

As we concluded the second week of state mandated closure to prepare for distance learning, I wanted to share some of the developments for Staples-Motley School District with our communities. We have followed along closely as Governor Walz and the Minnesota Departments of Health and Education issued updated guidance throughout these two weeks and most specifically about how we will proceed in the coming weeks. As of Friday, March 27, these are the updates from our district.

March 25; Governor Walz issued a stay at home order for all Minnesotans beginning tonight, which officially triggered state-wide distance learning to go into effect on Monday, March 30 until at least May 4. Using the Minnesota Department of Education's distance learning guidance as a compass, and our district's Continuous Improvement Plan as an anchor, we have developed a comprehensive distance learning model to serve all students across our district, regardless of their access to internet or technology.

March 27; We rolled out our plan to families, outlining the expectations for students, staff and families during this distance learning period and are stepping ahead with flexibility to best serve our families. Here are some of the details of our distance learning plan:

March 27; students and families received the district-wide distance learning plan.

March 30; Students and families received communication from their principals outlining in more detail what they can expect at the elementary, middle and high school levels throughout distance learning.

March 31: The district rolled out its first, district-wide delivery of distance-learning materials to all K-12 students, a distribution that will occur weekly on each Tuesday during the distance learning period.

At this point, students and families will also receive more guidance from classroom teachers and specialists about the methods of communication and daily expectations for each class.

Throughout the two week planning closure, we maintained daily food service for our students and have been delivering over a thousand meals a day across the district. During this closure, food service is free to ALL children ages 18 and under. Beginning Friday, April 3, we will also be delivering meals for the weekends to all children registered for meals. If your child is not receiving meals yet and you would

like to sign them up, call Lori or Blake; 218-894-5400 x3120 or x3171.

As we manage the logistics of district-wide delivery of both distance learning materials and food service, we are asking families to place a plastic tub, cooler or other waterproof container outside their front door or, if their driveway is long, at the end of their driveway to receive distance learning materials and meals. Make sure this container is anchored or weighed down so it is still in place during delivery.

Lastly, it has been our pleasure to provide care for the children of essential workers during this closure. We will continue to provide care in the upcoming weeks and still have space available at the elementary school and early learning center. Reach out to Lori or Blake; 218-894-5400 x3120 or x3171 if you are an essential worker looking for care for your child.

This has been a whirlwind of a time in education, but it truly has been a privilege to serve our communities. The team at Staples-Motley School District has stepped up to the challenge of delivering education, meals and other services in a brand new format and I am so pleased with their hard work and ingenuity. A big thanks goes out to all our staff for their hard work, our families for their patience, as well as to our communities for their support during this time. Together, our Cardinal team is thriving.

Staples-Motley Schools



By Shane Tappe Supt.



Using humor to stay positive during a crisis

For more than a year, we have planned to do an April Fools Day page this week. Early on we decided we would like to make it a fantasy page, with funny stories about strange things going on in the community. We didn't want to trick anyone into thinking it was real, we wanted readers to participate in having fun with our community. Every once in a while one of us would get an idea and make a story out of it.

We had planned to put it on the front page, but then the coronavirus came

along. We don't think humor is front page news this week, but we were unanimous that we should go ahead with it and put it on the back page (with two spillovers on page 2a). I guess that's a win for the virus because it deprived us of an awesome front page, but it's also a win for our readers, because they have demonstrated that they know the value of humor in this situation.

Most of the people we have talked to in the past couple of weeks are concerned about the virus but they also tell stories about strange things happening because of it, often laced with a little black humor. And making fun of social distancing has become

a common topic. A few people have veered off into conspiracy theories, which I don't find humorous, but we might be able to laugh about them afterwards.

In the end, most people have taken an attitude that we will get through this the best we can, and that is what keeps us going. We are hoping that our humor this week will brighten that glimmer of hope.

The coronavirus shutdown is causing unemployment to rise, and we may need to help each other in ways we never imagined just a month ago. Just keep in mind that even during times when all hope seems lost, humor and a positive attitude can help.

Quote of the week

“Whoever is happy will make others happy too.”
— Anne Frank

Mousey behavior in a time of crisis

By Brad Brown
Owner/Publisher, Quad Town Forum
Saskatchewan, Canada

If you give a mouse a deadly and highly-contagious virus, they're going to ask for a lifetime supply of toilet paper.

When you give them the toilet paper, they'll probably plan a large group play date, go for a walk with friends despite an order to self isolate, accept an invite to a birthday party across the street, or travel long distances to attend a spring break party before they even open one roll, because the rules around public safety apparently apply to everyone but them.

When they're finished arriving at their destination, they might ask you to watch them on social media, bragging about or defending their irresponsible exploits. Then they will want to look in the mirror to make sure they don't have BS in their mous-

tache (which they do, no question, but may not be able to see.)

When they look in the mirror they inexplicably might still like what they see, and may even take a selfie to commemorate the moment.

When they're finished taking the selfie, hopefully, they'll realize the error of their ways and want a digital broom to sweep the evidence away. They'll start deleting. They might get carried away and even end up cursing at and blocking those who try to impart some common sense on them.

When they are done they will probably be emotionally exhausted and want to take a nap. They'll crawl into bed, make themselves comfortable, fluff the pillow a few times, and ask you to read them a story.

So you'll read to them from one of your books about containing a global health pandemic and they'll ask to see the pictures. When they see

the picture they'll get so excited they will want to draw one of their own.

They'll ask for paper and crayons, (since they seem to have the maturity of a four year old), and they'll draw a picture — possibly of one of the aforementioned events they recently attended. When the picture is finished, if they're not yet ashamed of their own behaviour, they may want to sign their name with a pen. Then they'll want to hang their picture on your fridge, just to further emphasize that they are above both common sense and the law.

This means they'll need Scotch tape. They'll hang up their drawing and stand back to look at it, which will remind them that they are hungry and/or thirsty. So they'll ask for some food and water.

And chances are if they ask you for food and water, they're going to need another year's worth of toilet paper.

Problem of rationing healthcare

From the Minnesota Alliance for Ethical Healthcare

People with disabilities are asking the federal government to stop what they say are policies by states and hospitals that will ration care and deny them treatment for the coronavirus. Recently several disability groups filed a complaint against the state of Washington, one of the states hardest hit by the pandemic.

The Washington State Department of Health issued guidelines to help doctors and hospitals decide something they fear having to face deciding who gets scarce, life-saving care. One example: If there're, say, more people who need ventilators than the number of ventilators available.

The complaint says they tell doctors to give those ventilators and other care to younger and healthier people. Among the groups making the complaint are Disability Rights Washington, Self-Advocates in Leadership, The Arc of the United States and two individual complainants.

Happily, New York's state protocol for rationing ventilators rejects advanced age as a triage criterion "because it discriminates against the elderly." Indeed, the document notes that age "already factors indirectly into any criteria that assess the overall health of an individual" and "there are many instances where an older person could have a better clinical outlook than a younger person." Hospitals, medical teams or

rationing officers "should utilize clinical factors only to evaluate a patient's likelihood of survival" when allocating scarce resources.

If you have concerns about how your local hospital might be rationing care, we encourage you to contact:

- The Arc Minnesota COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-657-3903 for questions related to disability.

- Metro Area Agency on Aging's Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 for questions related to age.

The Minnesota Alliance for Ethical Healthcare shares these concerns and will continue to advocate for an equality of life ethic that ensures real healthcare care for all people regardless of age, disability or pre-existing illness.

Crime victims rights

By Barb Dinkel Goodrich,
General Crime Services Coordinator
Hands of Hope Resource Center

Every year, millions of people's lives are forever changed by crime. They are our families, neighbors, friends, and colleagues. Crime victims often struggle to work, pay bills, or support their loved ones. Many have life-changing injuries and need long-term care and support. April 19-25, 2020 is National Crime Victim Rights Week – a week dedicated to learning about victimization, the effect it has on individuals, families, friends, and the community, and to promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime.

This year's theme "SEEK Justice | ENSURE Victims' Rights | INSPIRE Hope" emphasizes that

everyone in the community is an integral part of creating safe, tolerant, and welcoming environments for all individuals regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, living and family situation, disability, immigration status, or anything else for that matter.

During this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week let us reaffirm our commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime, and highlight the importance of providing necessary services at the earliest possible stage of victimization. Early intervention helps prevent further victimization and encourages victim involvement in the criminal justice system, lessening the cycle of violence and restoring hope for the future.

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5,000 piece puzzle completed

Cindy Gold, Staples, recently completed a 5,000 piece Ravensburger Puzzle. Cindy enjoys putting together puzzles and usually has one in the works. She purchased the puzzle, brand new at the Step thrift store in Staples about three years ago and has been working on it off and on since then, rolling it up in a matt for safe keeping. The completed puzzle covers the 4'x6' dining table. (Photo submitted by Mike Gold)

Staples Area Church Directory

<p>Staples</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Discipleship Classes.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY Wednesday times are for Sept. - May Sonlight (Kids Program)....4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Group.....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>First Congregational Church, UCC firstcongucstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571 Worship.....9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service</p> <p>Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street, NE, Staples.....218-894-1546 Pastor: Carl Larson Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.</p> <p>Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples Church.....218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text MASS: Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m. Saturday.....5:00 p.m. Sunday.....8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship.....10:45 am. Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923 Sunday School.....9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Aldrich</p> <p>Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Cushing</p> <p>Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson 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</p> <p>Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449 www.lincolnfree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad Pastor: Jim Brown Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad</p> <p>SUNDAY Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m. Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m. Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Leader</p> <p>Swan Valley Lutheran Leader.....218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info: 218-837-5690 .Open by arrangement</p>	<p>Motley</p> <p>Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466.....218-352-6888 Pastor Jim Johnson Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Oylen</p> <p>Oylen Alliance Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Pillager</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. Phone.....218-746-3839 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>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. (serving coffee and donuts)</p>	<p>Hewitt</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.</p> <p>United Methodist Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m. Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Verndale</p> <p>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 Children's.....11-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189 Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergard SUNDAY Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m. Prayer.....9:20 a.m. Coffee / Fellowship.....9:30 a.m. Worship Service.....10:00 a.m. Celebrate Recovery.....6-8 p.m. WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m....Meal.....6:30 p.m. ...Groups 11-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Family Night.....5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS) 17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225 Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.</p>
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Fish fries continue

The Friday night fish fries at Sacred Heart Church in Staples, held during Lent, have continued despite COVID-19. Although the church cannot provide the traditional sit-down meal, they are still able to offer to-go orders which is in keeping with state guidelines during this pandemic. Pictured above, Jessica Alexander prepares to bring a to-go order to a customer waiting outside. "We're trying to make it as safe as possible," said Katie Noska, a parishioner and volunteer during the Lenten tradition. She noted that customers are instructed to come in one door and leave through another, while keeping a safe distance from others. The meals have been well-received, Noska went on. Prior to the state mandate, over 500 people were served during the first two Friday fish fries (each time). Subsequently, when it changed to "take out only," they served 385 the first time and 436 this past Friday. **Their final Fish Fry will be held Friday, April 3. Advance orders will be taken after 2 p.m. that day by calling 218-894-2296 ext. 108. The annual Fish Fries are a fundraiser for Sacred Heart Area School.** (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

"According to Plan"

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. -Jeremiah 29:11-12 ESV

COVID 19 - seems to be the only topic on most people's minds these days. Little wonder. The news agencies can't keep up with all the updates and changes that continue to take place day by day, moment by moment. It is, as I've heard more than a few times, a very fluid situation.

The same could be said at the time of Jeremiah. The nation had been conquered; Jerusalem destroyed; most of the people had been taken into exile; and the few who remain are dazed and confused. What will happen to them? Will they survive? How? There is no king; no infrastructure; no safety nets. They think they are without hope.

But then the Lord speaks to them: I have a plan for you, a good plan; a plan for your welfare and for

your good, to give you hope. So call upon me. I will hear, I will listen, and I will answer.

My friends, God has a plan. The current pandemic is a part of it. Not that I can tell you what it is, although part of it might well be that we would call upon Him and return to Him. He promises to hear and to answer that we would have hope, even in the middle of a pandemic.

In Romans 8, St. Paul also reminds us that God is always working for the good of His people, even in things that don't seem so good. But for proof Paul points us to Christ, in whose suffering, death God was working the greatest good. Our salvation.

Be assured then, God has a plan, a good plan for you, now and always. Amen.

I am Kristine Spadgenske

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Obituaries

Hello World

Doris Corbett



Doris Ellen (Knopps) Corbett, 90, formerly of Staples, passed away March 24, 2020, at Good Shepherd Community in Sauk Rapids.

Doris was born on July 24, 1929, to Jane (Styer) and Louis Knopps in Menomonie, Wisconsin. She was raised on a large farm outside Menomonie and, as the oldest of three daughters, was her dad's "right hand man". She attended college to become a teacher but, after only one year, returned to help out at the farm when her dad got sick.

She joined Capital Airlines as a flight attendant, a calling she dearly loved and reminisced about often. While with the airlines, she met Harold Corbett at a gathering of young adult Catholics. She and "Hap" were married on December 27, 1958. They moved to Staples after their first baby was born and Doris stayed home to raise their children. In 1973, when her youngest of eight children started kindergarten, she began working half days at Staples High School, which became full days when he started first grade. She worked in many different areas of the school, including as a teacher's aide, a lunchroom supervisor, and assistant in the counseling office and enjoyed every minute of every day. She was honored in 1987 with the Outstanding Layperson in Education Award. In later years, one of her favorite places to work was the Freshwater Area Learning Center and in 2004 was asked by staff and students to give the commencement address at their graduation ceremony. In 2006, at the age of 77, she studied for and passed the paraprofessional certification exam, getting one of the highest scores in the area.

Doris was very adept at managing her household, which was especially challenging when Hap would be on the road for work. A typical winter school morning started with Doris waking at 5:00 a.m. to put wood in the

furnace, making breakfast and packing cold lunches tailored to each one of her kids' liking, going to work, then preparing dinner when the school day was done. Somehow, she fit getting a load or two of laundry in. She seldom missed any of her children's sporting events or concerts as she so thoroughly enjoyed them. On weekends and in the summer, it was not unheard of for people who lived south of town to drop a kid or two off with Doris as they went into town to shop. Doris was able to manage eight kids, what could it hurt to add a few more for an hour or two. Doris preferred working outside, doing most any farm-like work possible, including gardening, roofing, various construction or carpentry projects, cutting/hauling/splitting/stacking firewood, to name a few.

She was an incredible grandmother (and great-grandmother) always making time to engage with her grandchildren. Whether playing games, camping, watching their activities, or even having a sleep-over in the camper, she showed her grandchildren how much she loved them by her actions. A special treat they all loved were her pancakes, made from scratch with no written recipe.

Doris was a very faithful, patient, loving and caring person who put others before herself and always tried to see the best in people. She was dearly loved and will be missed.

She is survived by eight children, Kevin (Sally) of Detroit Lakes, Ken of Woodbury, Fran (Terry) of Medfield, MA, Colleen (John) Lawson of Lott, TX, Phil (Kelly) of Sartell, Tim (Bridget) of Pierz, Cella (Bob) Johnson of Sacred Heart and Charlie (Jen) Corbett of Brooklyn Park; one sister Phyllis Miller of Fitchburg, WI; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Doris is preceded in death by her husband, Harold (Hap); parents; one sister, Lila Spindler; granddaughter, Mary Doris Corbett; great-granddaughter Charlotte Marie Johnson and brothers-in-law, Charlie Spindler and Clarence Miller.

Funeral services for Doris will be held at a later date. The family prefers memorials to the Good Shepherd Community, 1115 4th Avenue North, Sauk Rapids, MN, 56739.

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Gertrude DeBow

Gertrude "Trudy" A. DeBow, 93, died March 28, 2020 at Mills Manor in New York Mills.

Private family interment will take place in Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls.

Trudy was born in Verdon, SD on April 10, 1926 to August and Anna (Milbradt) Erdmann. She was the youngest of 10 and taught herself to play the piano at a very young age. Following high school graduation, Trudy attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD where she obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in 1947.

Trudy married George W. DeBow on August 24, 1947 in Verdon, SD. She continued her education at Black Hills State College, where she obtained her degree in education. Trudy taught at Lead High School in Lead, SD. She was passionate about teaching English, especially fantasy and German. Trudy was a loving, but tough teacher who did not tolerate plagiarism. Trudy walked proudly in her Lutheran faith and enjoyed singing traditional hymns. She enjoyed sewing, reading anything she could get her hands on and cooking. Trudy was loving, hard-working and had a delightful sense of humor; above all else she loved unconditionally. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Trudy is survived by five children, Marc (Holly) DeBow, Matthew (Janet) DeBow, Nina (Chuck) Darrington, Kathy (Doug) Gillard, Camelia Johnson; daughter-in-law, Mary DeBow; sister, Betty Newell; 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; son, Michael DeBow; niece, Jesse Combs; three brothers and five sisters.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Gary Poynter

Gary Dennis Poynter, 74, passed away March 16, 2020 at the Lakewood Health System hospital.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held at a later date.

Gary was born December 23, 1946 in Little Falls to James and Hazel (Tinkham) Poynter. He grew up in Motley with his eight siblings. Gary loved his family above all else and cherished his time with them. He felt that being a grandpa was his calling, and it truly was. Gary's friends and family have all enjoyed his great musical abilities which were enhanced by his genuine love of music. He could often be found outdoors, gardening, enjoying the fresh air or most likely, on the hunt for agates to add to his collection. Everyone who knew Gary has been swept up by his optimism and sense of humor. He is loved and will be missed by many.

Gary is survived by three sons, Garry Poynter of Staples, Dennis Poynter of Starbuck and Jason Poynter of Motley; two daughters, Michelle Ferguson of Wadena and Teresa Poynter of Alexandria; two brothers, Westley Poynter and Marvin Poynter; 12 grandchildren, Megan (Cody) Tapio, Tyler Poynter, Dennis J. Poynter, Katie Ferguson, Maisie Poynter, Cody Ferguson, Karlee Poynter, Haley Poynter, Brody Shaw, Damien DeJarlais, Aristeia Jones, Isabella Jones and four great-grandchildren, Jacob Woo, Bentley Quick, Alaina Tapio and Kennedy Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Sharon Poynter, Dolores Gerdes and Wanda Cestnik; two brothers, Darrel Poynter, Ronald (Eileen) Poynter.

Thank you to everyone who has visited Gary and to anybody who brought things or has helped his family during this difficult time.

A special thank you to Karen Skeie for health care and home care; Gary needed that. Your good will is greatly appreciated by his family.

Memorials are preferred.

Arrangments are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Carol Langemo

Carol Ann (Randgaard) Langemo, 84, of Princeton, passed away on March 22, 2020.

A full obituary, as well as updates for a larger gathering at a later date, may be found at www.williamsdingmann.com.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Natalia and Colton Maher of Breezy Point, twins, a baby boy, Carson Michael weighing six pounds and a baby girl, Taytum Rose weighing seven pounds, on March 23, 2020.

Born to Breanna and Jacob Brockpahler of Sebeka, a baby boy, Wiley Charles weighing six pounds, six ounces on March 25, 2020.

Born to Wendy and Tristan Banks of Brainerd, a baby girl, Avery Nicole weighing eight pounds, three ounces on March 26, 2020.

Born to Mandy and Garry Dewald of Baxter, a baby girl, Kameha Rose weighing seven pounds, one ounces on March 26, 2020.



"We miss you, too..."

Staples-Motley Elementary students Brooklyn Winter and Joshua Winter brought donuts to leave at the school for the teachers and staff March 23. Paraprofessional Alexis Jordan accepted the treats. As the no school policy continues, teachers and staff are working on their distance learning preparations. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Edina Realty realtors, Staples office, receive special recognition



Sandy Knosalla



Nikki Bjerga



Judy Altrichter

Edina Realty, a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate and the Midwest's largest residential real estate firm, recently announced that the following realtors from the Staples office are being recognized for outstanding sales performance, market knowledge and customer service as members of Edina Realty's President's Circle:

- Sandy Knosalla, President's Level
- Nikki Bjerga, President's Level
- Judy Altrichter, President's Level

Membership in Edina Realty's President's Circle

places them in the top 26 percent of Edina Realty agents.

"Agents who earn membership in Edina Realty's President's Circle exemplify our core values of honesty, integrity, commitment, innovation and community. They prioritize customer relationships, understand evolving market trends and nurture connections," said Greg Mason, Edina Realty Home Services CEO. "Edina Realty leads the market for the 20th consecutive year thanks to our hardworking and dedicated agents."



A-1 4-H Club activities

The Todd County A-1, 4-H club met in January and February this year for a meeting, fun and service. In January they went ice skating and enjoyed potluck. In February they met at Staples Church of Christ to bake and decorate Valentine's Day cookies. The cookies were shared with neighbors who don't get out much in the winter.

For information on Todd County 4-H, contact Nathan Braatan, MN Ext Office 320-732-4438.

Happy 90th Birthday Mom
(Betty Farber)
March 31

To the person who has taught us all of the most valuable things in life that can't be bought. May your day be filled with brightness of the warm sun, along with the love, happiness and friendship from your family and friends.
We love You Always.
Lorree and Troy, Kimm and Jim, Jeff and Tammy, Brad and Jody, Terry and Bonnie, Shirley and Mike.

HAPPY 80th Birthday, Roger!

April 10th

Love,
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Paul, David, Karla, Jim, Audra and families and wife, Barb

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The deadline for classified ads, display ads, garage sale ads, letters to the editor and news items for the Staples World is.....

Friday, noon

Staples Square Shooter shopper deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Staples-Motley Class of 2033 kindergarten enrollment night



Starting their education path

Kindergarten enrollment night was held at Staples-Motley Elementary School March 12. Parents and students were greeted by Principal Kathy Johnson and school staff. Above: Jennifer

Trout and son, Edward Trout, Cygnus Walz and parents Jordan and Lauren Walz have a photo op under the 2033 balloons. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Ready for kindergarten

Roland Stone, wearing his new Cardinal t-shirt watches as his parents Julia and Zach filled out the paper work for his kindergarten enrollment.



Crafts...anyone

Nova Huhn, center, along with her mom, Kayla, right and SMES Administrative Assistant Tonia Judd worked on making a bracelet at the craft table. Nova's brothers Orin and Josiah looked on.



T-shirts and tacos

Taten Storry and Jagger Vogt, wearing their new Cardinal t-shirts, enjoyed walking tacos along with their parents during kindergarten enrollment night.



Ready to roll

Students entering kindergarten and their parents had the opportunity to experience going on a school bus ride.

The 2020 All Veterans & Community Park Association event

Veterans attending the Staples All Veterans & Community Park Association dinner and fundraiser held at the Timbers on March 12 included, front row, left to right: Huck Holst, Dave Burnham, Jack Wilson, Bob Hamann, Frank Williams, Al Evans, Mike Fitcher, Craig England, Chuck Holst, Alan Larrimore, Ed Perry, name unknown, John Hanson. Back: Ken Klose, Mark Holper, Ray Garland, Gary Mueller, Bruce Nelsen, Bob Reeck, Jack Giza, Mark Hansen, Dan Shaw, Tom Michalson, Mike Heier, Jim Vollegraaf, unknown, Greg Frisk, Gary Schimpp, John Gorton, Mickey Daniels, Marty Etzler, Mel Daniels, Alison Larrimore, Rollie Penfield, Tom Good, Jerry Joslin, Milt Peterson, Bruce Berg. (not all names available. Dennis Thomson was there, not identified). (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



National Anthem

Left, Nathan Thelen, choir director at Staples-Motley High School, sang the National Anthem at the start of the Veterans & All Community Park fundraiser March 12, in Staples. Also pictured is Brian Sterriker, SMHS alumnus who volunteered at the event.



Sold!

Auctioneer Gary Schimpp, far right, raises the bid on a handcrafted birdhouse held by Brian Sterriker at the recent benefit for the Staples All Veterans & Community Park. Also pictured are, top row from left, committee members Huck Holst, Mel Daniels, Ken Klose; and Stella Daniels, standing right of Sterriker. A

total of \$12,165 was raised at the event, which included a live and silent auction, games, raffle and a meal. The event was sponsored by Lakewood Health System, JDM Machining, Inc., and Mills Automotive Group. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Enjoying food and fellowship



There were a total of 178 people in attendance at the Staples All Veterans & Community Park benefit March 12, at Timbers Event Center in Staples. Included in the ticket price was a roast beef meal, complete with mashed potatoes, fresh salad, green beans and dessert. Pictured above from left are Eva Joy Lund, Bruce Lund, Joe Haselberg, Dianna Smith, Lanie Klose, Amy Klose (back to camera). In lower photo are Shirley and Gary Mueller of Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Family time

The Leslie family of Staples attended the All Veterans & Community Park benefit dinner at Timbers Event Center in Staples March 12. Pictured, from

left, are Morgan, Olivia, Stephanie and Pastor Greg Leslie, who also offered a prayer prior to the meal being served. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, has scheduled the spring clean-up for Monday, April 13 at 5 p.m.
The public is reminded that all decorations should be removed by this time. New decorations may be placed April 16.

Bob Reeck, Sec./Treasurer
14pnc

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 528 UTILITY DUE DATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave Ordinance 528 its first reading. The ordinance increases the due dates for utility payments from the 10th of each month to the 15th.
The second and final reading will be considered at the April 14, 2020 Staples City Council meeting. Contact the City offices at 218-894-2550 for a copy of the proposed ordinance.

Dated: April 1, 2020
Diane Archer, City Clerk
14pnc

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 527 LEVEL III PREDATORY OFFENDER

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave Ordinance 527 its first reading. The ordinance provides required distances that Level III predatory offenders must consider when selecting living arrangements.
The second and final reading will be considered at the April 14, 2020 Staples City Council meeting. Contact the City offices at 218-894-2550 for a copy of the proposed ordinance.

Dated: April 1, 2020
Diane Archer, City Clerk
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NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Due to the stay at home proclamation by Governor Walz, there will be NO April 7, 2020 meeting.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township
14pnc

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS This may affect your 2021 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Moran Township will meet on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. by **virtual meeting**. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.
You may attend this meeting by calling: 1 (646)749-3122 and then providing the following access code: 723-582-965.

You may also attend on your computer, tablet or smartphone by logging-in to the following website: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/723582965>.
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.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township
14-15pnc

NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL ROAD TOUR

The Becker Township annual road tour will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Meet at the town hall at 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
13-14pnc

NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

The annual Board of Appeals and Equalization will be held at the Thomastown Town Hall on Friday, April 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

Stacy M. Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township
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NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT MEETING

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of May, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 12:00 noon at the May Town 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.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
13-14pnc

NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Becker, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday, April 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Becker Township Hall.

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

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
13-14pnc

NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION DATE CHANGE

The date for the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting has been changed from April 15 to Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the town hall.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
14-15pnc

NOTICE WADENA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 16th day of April, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the application of **Lorna L. Gorter, 22578 County Road 2, Staples, MN 56479**, for a Conditional Use Permit for the property described as follows: Part SE1/4 NW1/4**Less Beg at NE cor of the SE1/4 NW1/4; Thn S 500'; Thn W 330'; Thn N 500' Parallel with the E li of said sec; Thn E 330' to the point of beginning**subj to easement Section 30, Township 134 North Range 33 West, Thomastown Township, located in an A-3 General Agriculture District with Shoreland Overlay.

The application, if approved, would allow operation of a commercial dog kennel for purpose of breeding and raising puppies.

In response to COVID-19, and pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 12 relating to Emergency Management, Governor Walz has declared a state of emergency. In response to the state of emergency, and in accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D.021, a public body is permitted to hold meetings via telephone or other electronic means. Requirements for holding a meeting via telephone or other electronic means includes: 1) All participating members can hear one another; 2) Members of the public at the physical meeting location can hear all discussion "unless attendance at the regular meeting location is not feasible due to the health pandemic"; 3) At least one member of the body, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer is physically present at the regular meeting location, unless unfeasible due to the health pandemic or emergency declaration; and 4) All votes are conducted by Roll Call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

The hearing will be held at the Wadena County Courthouse at 415 Jefferson Street S, Wadena, MN 56482. To conform with MDH and CDC guidelines to minimize gatherings, **in-person public comments will not be heard.** The public may view the application content on the county website at: www.co.wadena.mn.us. The public may access the hearing remotely by phone and provide comment at the appropriate time by calling 1-646-558-8656, following the prompts, and using meeting number 7784048393. The public is encouraged to comment by email or by sending written correspondence to: Wadena County Zoning Office, Room 234, 415 Jefferson St. S., Wadena, MN 56482, before close of business the day before the hearing. In order to be accepted for presentation to the Planning Commission, correspondence must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence.**

Wadena County
Planning Commission
Date: March 27, 2020
14pnc

NOTICE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS

Dear Property Owner:
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 14th Day of April, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. the Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider the application of **John D. and Linda L. Kaiser, 18722 Cottingham Drive, Staples, MN 56479** on property described as: Gov't Lot 1, Section 23, Township 135 North, Range 33 West, Bullard Township, located in an A-2 Mixed Agriculture Forestry District with Shoreland Overlay.

The request, if approved, would allow a structure setback less than 150 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level of a Forested River.

The Enforcing Officer was required, under the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, to deny the permit because this does not meet with the provision of Section 14.F.5a of the Ordinance which requires a minimum structural setback of 150 feet from Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) of Forested River.

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Wadena County
Board of Adjustment
Date: March 27, 2020
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See **PUBLIC** Notices on page 10a

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY. THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR 2020 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS.

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 16, 2020 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
Township of Moose Lake
14-15pnc

Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #21 Feb. 18, 2020 6:00 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Frisk, Freeman and Anderson present (comprising a quorum.) Longbella arrived at 6:14 p.m.; Lund was not present. Also attending: Superintendent Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Johnson and Regan; approximately 10 staff and community members; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels to add agenda items #12a and #12b. MC

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

Recognize the Public
Chair Winkels thanked everyone for attending.

Consent Agenda
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item #4. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the list of Spring Coaching Assignments. Frisk recommended not approving the Varsity Softball Coach. Freeman called the question. Voting in favor: Freeman, Anderson and Winkels. Opposed: Frisk. MC

Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution to accept donations and In-Kind Contributions in the amount of \$9,346.18. MC

Finance Items
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to authorize payment of the

vouchers. MC
Facilities Update

Mike Hubbard and Dave Bergeron of ICS presented a potential timeline to the Board which included the communication plan and community survey and engagement.

Other

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Staples-Motley School District Continuous Improvement Plan. MC

Adjournment

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. MC

Complete minutes may be viewed at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us
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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #22 March 2, 2020 6:00 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Bryan Winkels, Brad Anderson, Chad Longbella, Greg Frisk and Bruce Lund present (comprising a quorum). Member Freeman was not present. Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Regan, Johnson and Schmidt; several employees and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to adopt the agenda. MC

Discussion on a plan for Motley Memorabilia

An inventoried list of Motley memorabilia was presented. The list included trophies, plaques, pictures, band uniforms,

choir robes, FFA memorabilia, as well as two large concrete/granite items. The Board indicated they would like to set a time limit to have items picked up and will take action at the Special Meeting following the Work Session.

Communications Plan
Dave Bergeron and Mike Hubbard (ICS Consulting) and Todd Rapp (Rapp Strategies) were present. Rapp presented the plan for rolling out the CIP communications. The goal will be to set the direction for the district; inform the community and engage the community to build trust. Tactics to support the strategies will be put in place to inform and engage the community.

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the Work Session. MC
14 pnc

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - #23 March 2, 2020 Immediately Following the Work Session District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Bryan Winkels, Brad Anderson, Chad Longbella, Greg Frisk and Bruce Lund present (comprising a quorum). Member Freeman was not present. Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Regan, Johnson and Schmidt; several employees and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary Madson.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. MC

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 12, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,550.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jacob Meyer, a single man

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

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on April 13, 2017 as Document Number 503546 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded on December 17, 2019 as Document Number A517474 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North

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STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 35614 205TH AVE, CLARISSA, MN 56440

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$121,773.47

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: United Wholesale Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 07-0027201

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100032412170200270

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 16, 2021.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PER-

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

Dated: February 24, 2020

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER Mortgagee

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Patrons of paint

Crystal McGruder and Kayla Vejtasa are behind the window painting project at Staples-Motley Elementary School. (Submitted photos)

Adding beauty to empty schools

By Jenny Holmes, Sourcewell Public Relations & Communications

Nothing can help brighten a dreary situation quite like color.

Special Education paras Crystal McGruder and Kayla Vejtasa from Staples-Motley Elementary rose to the occasion and are making rainbows from the rain.

McGruder and Vejtasa are spending weekdays during the COVID-19 ordered school closure providing child care to healthcare providers' children in the classrooms of Staples-Motley Elementary. McGruder said she and Vejtasa wanted to find activities that would be both fun and meaningful.

"We are all out of our element and needed something fun and positive to brighten our days," McGruder said. "My friend Ryan sent me a link, 'how to make stained glass with your kids' on Facebook, so we made one at home on Monday morning."

McGruder said she was so happy with the finished product, she decided it could easily be replicated in the classrooms at Staples-Motley Elementary.

"To start us off, Kayla suggested asking if we could paint the windows in Mrs. Evans' room," McGruder said.

After the ladies got the 'OK,' and with the help of the children in their care, they began transforming dreary to dreamy.

Jamming out to The Beatles, the artists let their



creativity fly. The paras ensured only two children painted at a time in order to adhere to social distancing.

"Between the music and commotion, we soon had many passing by with big smiles and even bigger hearts," McGruder beamed. "We then had three more people ask us to paint their windows, so we continued into the next day; and now, we have enough window painting requests to keep us busy all

week. Big smiles and lots of love all around."

This story is part of Sourcewell's Recognizing Rainbows project, found at news.sourcewell-mn.gov. The project states "In these trying times, good news is something we could all use. In the coming days and weeks, we will feature 'Recognizing Rainbows,' small glimmers of color and light in an otherwise dreary world."



Sourcewell posts resources for people at home

As a service to children and educators during a time of the statewide stay at home order for COVID-19, Sourcewell has developed a Regional Roadmap to Resources and Recovery page on their web site, sourcewell-mn.gov.

The site states "We want to do our part by providing a centralized location where you can access online learning resources, tutorials, Q&A, cancellations and postponement notices, and more."

Education Solutions including Distance Learning Resources for Educators and Education Networks

Sourcewell Technology has provided links to distance learning support, teaching and learning resources, Google Teacher Center, Microsoft Educator Center and Minnesota Partnership for Collaborative Curriculum (MPCC)

Cooperating Purchasing schools how to use the web site for supplies.

Community Solutions developed virtual meeting

tips, a link to find meals for children in your area, emergency food shelf locations, a healthy at home guide, resources on talking to children about COVID-19, national resources and COVID-19 guidance and resources

The web site states: "Remember, we're all in this together. If there's anything we can do to help lighten your load during this challenging time, please don't hesitate to reach out."

Todd County passes Second Amendment resolution

By Karin L. Nauber

With no discussion and no one in attendance due to new meeting rules from COVID-19 governmental direction, the Todd County Board of Commissioners passed the Second Amendment Dedicated County resolution, at their March 17, 2020 meeting.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The resolution stated, in part, "the People of Todd County, Minnesota, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearm recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Todd County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution."

COVID-19

While there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 in the county as of the regular commissioners meeting, the public health department gave a report on their plans on this rapidly changing disease and the current state of affairs.

They talked about "flattening the curve," so that medical facilities and infrastructure doesn't become overwhelmed. The Hilltop Regional Kitchen, is no longer open for congregate dining (or at any of the other senior dining sites in the county) will be ramping up production of frozen meals.

It was stated that "fear is a reaction, while courage is a decision."

Health and Human Services Director Jackie Och said that the virus is changing and that it may resurge and may look different if it does. She said until a vaccine is created we may be dealing with this for another year or so.

She also stressed that handwashing is our primary defense while hand sanitizers are secondary.

In other business

• Approved: On & Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for T.J.'s Diamond Point Inc. doing business as (DBA) Diamond Point

Supper Club/Lounge effective April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021.

• Approved: On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Thunder Lodge Sportsbar & Supper Club Inc. effective April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021.

• Approved: gambling permit for Todd County Council On Aging for two raffle events at the Clarissa Ballroom, May 16 and October 31, 2020.

• Acknowledged: receipt of letter from Benson Air Ag, Inc. for the spraying of tent worms in Todd County in the calendar year 2020. The public shall be notified within 48 hours prior to a spraying event.

• Approved: appointment of Jenny Crider as the District 2 member representative on the Todd County Parks and Trails Board to fill existing vacancy.

• Approved: full listing of tax forfeited parcels that will be on the April 3, 2020 auction with a revision of one additional parcel added.

• Held a public hearing regarding the proposed property tax abatement on the property to be known as the 2nd Avenue Apartments.

After the hearing held via phone conference, they approved the resolution granting the abatement which will be a nine-year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, with an additional five years of abatement.

• Accepted: 2020 Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant of \$10,000 from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. They will use it to spray for Palmer Amaranth and wild parsnip.

• Approved: application from Maria de los Angeles Rodriguez and Carlos Ledesma for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a retail store named Rodriguez Fashion.

• Approved: Jeremiah Korfe and Kalie Wright-Korfe's request for a CUP to host wedding events and short duration camping. This operation will be identified as Stone Hill Farm.

The commissioners approved the CUP with the following conditions:

1. Abandonment of onsite manure pit.
2. Onsite camping will be limited to four camp

sites, length of stays must not exceed two nights.

3. No onsite dumping allowed for temporary camping sites.

4. Vehicle parking shall not be allowed within the public road rights of way, nor shall vehicles park along the access coming off County 78.

5. Total guests will be limited to 198 guests, per event.

6. All changes to the operation of this venue shall be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further consideration.

• Accepted: bid from Arnzen Construction of Freeport, for the remodeling of the Todd County Expo Building.

• Todd County has been awarded grant funds in the amount of \$76,000 through the Minnesota Historical Society, with matching funds from Todd County in the amount of \$10,000 to assist in obtaining construction documents, completing a site survey and soil boring for the historic rock wall project. A proposal was received from BHH Partners for construction documents.

Todd County would obtain soil borings and a site survey. The cost of the project is anticipated not to exceed \$86,000.

It was approved by the board.

• Approved: change to the employee vacation policy in relation to donating hours to other employees.

• The board approved county employees to use up to 80 hours of additional unearned paid time off with the stipulation they would "pay" back hours used before they begin to accrue vacation hours again.

• The board approved the creation of the emergency executive committee. The committee will be able to make decisions quickly for the health and safety of their staff, their families and the citizens of the county.

Once the pandemic is over the committee would be dissolved.

The next meeting of the commissioners will be live-streamed on their Facebook page.

Todd County collecting virus protection items

As of March 30, Todd County has no lab confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). Although due to a shortage of COVID-19 testing materials at a national level, local transmission of the virus may be currently occurring in Todd County.

The virus has been confirmed in 48 of the state's 87 counties, and the governor's stay at home order is in effect for the entire state.

In preparation for the

virus, Todd County is coordinating donations of the following items:

- Disposable protective face masks (not homemade)
- Disposable isolation/protective gowns
- N-95 masks
- Clear plastic face shields
- Safety goggles/glasses
- New/unopened/sealed hand sanitizer

Call Todd County HHS at 320-732-4500 if you would like to make a donation,

have a PPE request or any other questions.

Official Minnesota coronavirus numbers as of March 30:

- Total positive: 576
- Patients who no longer need to be isolated: 260
- Total approximate number of completed tests: 18,822
- Deaths: 10
- Total cases requiring hospitalization: 92
- Hospitalized as of March 30: 56
- Hospitalized in ICU: 24

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Goat gymnastics

CLC's Hannah Barrett and Ron Nelson explain their dry beans program, which now incorporates supergoat calisthenics training.



Gaga for supergoats

CLC's new agra-tainment feature allows tourists to interact with the supergoat program.

Kale break-in leads to supergoats at CLC

A wayward goat from a neighboring farm broke into the new kale production pod at Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center in Staples, eating the entire experimental crop.

Buoyed by the nutritious vitamins in the kale, the goat was able to avoid capture by CLC personnel who chased it around the farm for three hours.

Farm Manager Ron Nelson said they thought they had the goat cornered when it climbed to the roof of one of the 15 foot tall combines at the farm, but when they approached, it simply jumped off and kept running.

"It was like that thing could fly," said Nelson, "I think it was a supergoat!"

Like most of what goes on at the Ag and Energy Center, the incident became a learning experience, and the farm is now raising a herd of supergoats, in hopes of scientifically duplicating their accidental breakthrough.

Ag Center Research Coordinator Hannah Barrett denied that the college was secretly raising an army of supergoats for ulterior purposes.

When asked what is the projected educational outcome of the supergoat experiment, Barrett simply said, "Vindication!"

Sourcewell training session breaks out into fashion show

While gathering education professionals from around Minnesota to discuss the latest trends in collaborative learning using digital literacy and brain development science, employees at Sourcewell staged an impromptu fashion show to explain what goes on at the collaborative.

"These superintendents, principals and educators bring a wealth of knowledge and small-town sensibilities to these training sessions," said Sourcewell Executive Director/CEO/Fashion Designer Chad Coquette, "so we determined that an avant-garde fashion show was the best way to describe what we do here."

Sourcewell glitterati brazenly started the show with haute couture from Yves Saint Laurent-Coquette, a line which greatly contrasted with

the audience of educators wearing polo shirts with their school logos on them.

Sue Nanik, Director of Administration/Casting Director at Sourcewell, said she often has to explain to newcomers about the different divisions at Sourcewell.

"Nobody in rural Minnesota really knows a fluted hem from a knife pleat or A-line," said Nanik, "just like they don't know about Sourcewell's contract purchasing, educational programs, growing non-profit division or city and county services. So we took it to the catwalk to generate that distinction."

The fashion show shifted to the latest trends for 2020, including neon sunglasses, colorful leather, disco collars, rope belts and bucket hats.

The audience seemed more comfortable with

the prêt-à-porter segment from local retailers, which included flannel wear, sleeveless polo shirts, camouflage boots and shiny parkas.

"When the educators left, they still couldn't describe what exactly Sourcewell does, but they all said there was a certain je ne sais quoi about the show that will keep them coming back for more training sessions," said Paul Drange, Director of Regional Programs/Stage Manager.

Coquette ended the show by joining the Sourcewell fashionistas on stage for a curtain call.

"Sourcewell exists for one reason: to help government, education, and nonprofits work more efficiently," said Coquette. "And if we raise awareness of high-end sartorial style du jour, that's just a bonus."



Education, leadership and style

Sourcewell's meeting space and technology make it the perfect place to combine the latest trends in education with current fashion trends.

Happy April Fools Day

On this page, we are inventing coverage for some of the stories we wish we were covering, but they are not going on because of the coronavirus shutdown. During this time of uncertainty, enjoy this whimsical page and think of better times.

Vollegraaf to star in ABC's The Bachelor

Jim Vollegraaf of rural Staples has been chosen as the next Bachelor on ABC's hit romance reality series of the same name.

The news was revealed recently on Entertainment Tonight by Chris Harrison, host of The Bachelor.

"We are super excited about our newest bachelor," said Harrison. "Having seen Jim's previous work in a murder mystery play, we believe our ratings will soar."

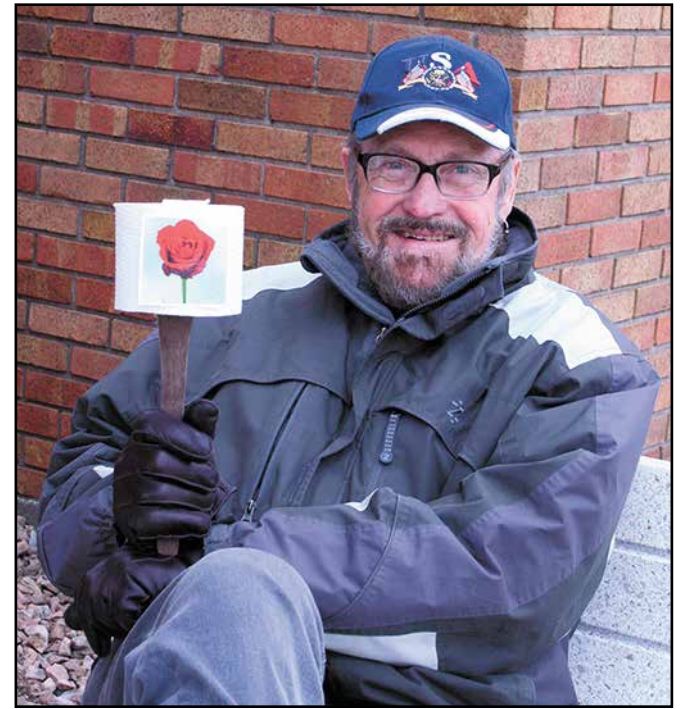
Vollegraaf first caught the eye of an ABC talent scout a few years back when he was performing in Lamplighter Community Theatre's "Sandbag, Stage Left," playing the part of a consummate ladies' man.

Harrison recalls getting a phone call from the talent scout shortly after the curtain call that evening. "She was practically hyperventilating," he laughed. "She was blown away by his performance and said we'd be fools not to cast this magnetic actor in our series."

Executives at ABC attempted to woo Vollegraaf to the west coast to breathe some life back into a show whose ratings had dropped considerably in recent years.

"It wasn't easy," Harrison said of their attempts to get a contract signed by Vollegraaf, a retired college educator and Vietnam veteran. "He's a busy guy, what with the crossword puzzle he does every morning, volunteer work at his church and with the arts, et cetera. Plus, who did we really think we were to offer this community theatre star a role in our little reality show?"

Much to their delight, the producers finally heard



Who'll get the (TP) rose?

Jim Vollegraaf, The Bachelor, will be offering a roll of toilet paper to go with the customary single rose. Social distancing will be enforced during the taping, which Vollegraaf said was "disappointing," as he'd just purchased a bottle of Old Spice for the occasion.

back in the affirmative. Yes, Vollegraaf was happy to take on the role, with the understanding that Ellie (his Shiba Inu) would be welcome on the set, and he would consult with her before handing anyone a rose. If the pooch growled at all, he'd move on to the next lady in waiting. Furthermore, if both he and Ellie felt positive about making a proposal during the final segment, there would be a pre-nuptial sign. "Nobody gets my veterans cap, or my book of crossword puzzles. Period," Vollegraaf told them.

The contracts were signed shortly after, with

Vollegraaf estimated to net \$6 million at the end of the show, a lifetime supply of gourmet dog biscuits for Ellie, and possibly a wife. "We have dozens of women clamoring for an opportunity to get a rose from Jim, although some might be in it for the toilet paper," Harrison said. "This is going to be the Hollywood match of the century...think Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor."

Vollegraaf is heading to the Bachelor mansion in Agoura Hills, Calif. in the near future. Filming for The Bachelor, now in its 25th season, begins in June.

Staples World agrees to replace Facebook

The Staples World has signed an agreement promising to pare down all the fluff, cat videos, half-truths, political gripes and partial reports that are found on Facebook and other social media every day, and filter everything down to the most important stories that affect the lives of the people in this community.

"We love cat videos as much as anyone, but do we really need to see three of them when we are trying to find out what the Lamplighter Theatre production is about?" asked Production Manager Jan Winter. "When searching for something useful, instead of scrolling for five minutes through hogwash and fluff, in the future you will just be able to hand someone the newspaper."

Many social media posts have insufficient information or lack context for the story.

"I saw a Facebook post that simply read 'Can't wait until Thursday,'" said Features Writer Dawn Timbs. "I had to look in our newspaper to find out what was happening on Thursday. It turns out we have arts, entertainment, community events, sports, board meetings and educational opportunities happening throughout the week, so I still don't know which one that post was talking about."

The Staples World also has decided to rectify the half-truths and dishonest smears that multiply on social media. While there won't be as many opinions in the Staples World as there are on Facebook, Managing Editor Mark Anderson said the newspaper welcomes all opinions that have merit.

"We promise to consider all well thought out opinions and story suggestions," said Anderson. "We will create an advantage of including both long form essays and short concepts that make you think."

The Staples World is even going beyond the capabilities of Facebook by including professionally written feature stories and selecting the best local photographs taken by professional photographers.

"The quality of our newspaper will go way beyond that of social media," said Office Manager Kathy Odden. "It will create a unique local journal, beautifully reflecting the lives, events, hopes and dreams of our community."

When asked what the newspaper will have to change to accomplish this radical new concept, Anderson said "We will keep doing exactly what we have done for the past 131 years. That should pretty much cover it all."

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