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This Week's Forecast

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Apr.	13	$44^{\rm o}$	28	Rain
Apr.	14	32	19	Snow
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Apr.	18	59	34	Sunny
Apr.	19	38	25	Cloudy

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Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

#### Public Notices

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#### **Obituaries**

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## Staples Lions donate to Ukraine refugee fund

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated \$5,000 to LCIF (Lions Club International Foundation) to go toward helping Ukrainian refugees in light of the current crisis in Ukraine. Pictured above, from left, are Lion Frank Leidenfrost and Lion President Ken Christensen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

# School board approves elementary construction

By Mark Anderson Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley Elementary school will undergo extensive renovation this summer after the Staples Motley School Board approved construction bids for \$4.52 million at their April 4 special meet-

ing.

The board viewed a presentation from ICS, the facility planning company the school has contracted for the project. They said the bids came in higher than anticipated, but still within a range that will fit the project if they change the scope on some portions. They said some of the bids were lower than expected and others were reasonable considering the recent increase in construction

The school did get multiple bids for most of the work scopes and ICS recommended taking the lowest bid for each one.

The ICS representatives said they don't expect the rising cost of construction projects to change much over the next year.

The project will include renovation of rooms and mechanical systems, a new commercial kitchen and will add a parking lot along the north side of the building, which will be the new bus drop off.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said "we are making sure this building is going to get done in its entirety." The bids approved

include:
• Earthwork, \$527,399

to Anderson Brothers of Brainerd.

• Roofing, \$476,000 to Herzog Roofing of Detroit Lakes.

• General construction, \$807,000 to Haataja Contracting of Menahga.

• Flooring, \$134,390 to Arnquist Carpets Plus of Alexandria.

• Acoustical ceilings and acoustacal treatment, \$78,200 to Mad Dog Interiors of Big Lake.

• Foodservice equipment, \$232,386 to Plexus Company (Culinex) of Fargo, N.D.

• Fire Suppression, \$30,045 to Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection of St. Joseph.

 Mechanical, \$1,406,000 to Thelen Heating & Roofing of Brainerd.

• Electrical, \$835,970 to Holden Electric of Baxter.

#### Motley building

The board also held a work session to learn more about the process of closing and selling the Motley building.

Business Manager Jon Regan said they have met with real estate appraisers to help determine a fair

See **SCHOOL** on page 3a

#### '93 Lions Easter "Egg" stravaganza

Children eye a table of prizes at the '93 Lions Easter Eggstravaganza on April 9 at the Staples Community Center. See more photos, page 12a. (Photo by Mark Anderson)



#### Brainstorming on the wall

Neil Linscheid of the University of Minnesota Extension program looks over the notes generated by the Downtown Revitalization Committee and points to what jumps out for him. Linscheid is guiding the process to help spur more activity in local businesses. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

# Staples downtown revitalization ideas start to take shape

By Mark Anderson Managing Editor

The Staples Downtown Revitalization Committee started identifying ideas that could be most effective for Staples. At their April 6 meeting, the group generated more ideas in different categories and voted on

their favorite ones. The group identified a few suggestions that would be easy to implement and would have a high impact on the downtown. Those ideas included cleaning up alleys and sidewalks, adding more flowers, adding lights in trees and buildings, making store windows more appealing, adding murals and playing movies somewhere in the downtown area. It was noted that some of these ideas have been started, for example the movie idea has been done at the Staples Community Center and at the high school football

#### People and social

At previous meetings, the group discussed ways to collaborate with local businesses and groups to create more happenings in Staples. They looked at ideas that would help build a local culture and allow business owners to get to know each other

Some of the specific ideas that had been brought up were listed, with the top vote getters seasonal

reasons to be in Staples, a downtown social club, a kayak/tubing event, engaging community champions, recruiting more people into civic life, encouraging new voices and a clean-up week for downtown.

Other ideas were to connect with local Amish artisans, add more railroad stuff to Railroad Days, start city-wide contests, a buy-local campaign, downtown music, connect to sports tournaments, engage different groups, create hyper-focused opportunities and allow people to participate with no strings attached.

#### Business ideas

The committee came up with a few ideas they thought could do well downtown. Top vote-getters were a brewery or sip house, river focused business such as canoe and tubing outfitters and a Staples Small Mall for specialty shops. One idea receiving votes was more promotion of existing businesses.

nesses.
Other ideas were clothing stores, shoe store, farm supply, KFC, professional space for co-working and a co-op building for market, retail or makers. There were suggestions to open stores past 5 p.m. and open cafes at night.

The group considered creating more downtown activities and finding out from existing businesses what has worked for them.

#### Sense of place

The group continued working on ideas of how to create a sense of place for

Staples businesses.

The top vote-getter ideas were to connect with the high school and use some of their resources, and mapping the goals of potential customers such as families and youth and connecting them to the retail, food and entertainment they want.

Other ideas receiving votes were to develop a recreation destination and leveraging art for placemaking. The Discover Staples tourism group is looking at the Crow Wing River as a beacon of the community's identity.

Other ideas included developing themes for local restaurants and downtowntown districts, urban parks, more downtown housing above businesses and defining Staples as a crossroads for highway, river and railroad travel. Another suggestion identified Staples as a regional knowledge center, with multiple regional entities such as Region Five, Sourcewell, Five Wings Arts Council, Central Lakes College and Lakewood Health System.

#### Downtown culture

The committee added more ideas for the "It would be cool if ..." downtown question.

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#### **Staples Host Lions donate**

Staples Host Lion President Ken Christensen recently presented a number of checks to community organizations. Pictured above, Tom Kajer (left) accepts a \$250 donation on behalf of the Staples Historical Society. Below, Randy Jahnke accepts a \$100 donation on behalf of Friendly Rider. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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#### **Motley Police reports**

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) included the follow-

#### March 31 - April 6

April 6 - The MPD arrested Samual Joseph Schuur, 31, for driving after revocation.

April 5 - The MPD was dispatched to the Dollar General Store in Motley for the report of a person that had been sitting inside of his vehicle, coming in and out of the store asking customers for rides. The MPD spoke with the individual, who seemed intoxicated. The subject was told he could walk to the hotel, but couldn't drive. He stated he would sleep in his car.

April 4 - The MPD issued a citation to Daniel Wentworth, 46, for no insurance and operating a motor vehicle with expired registra-

April 1 - The MPD received reports from Holidav Gas Station in Motley of two gas drive-offs. One was in the amount of \$45 and the other for \$61.76.

April 6 - The MCSO arrested Allen Edward Pierzinski, 69, for possession of a controlled substance. The incident took place at Dove Rd. and 330th St., Cushing.

April 6 - The MCSO received a report of a one-vehicle accident with injuries at the 6000 block of 64th St. SW in Cass County. Motley Fire Department was paged.

April 5 - The MCSO was dispatched to a possible domestic at the 33000 block of Dogwood Ln., Motley. After an investigation, deputies arrested Joshua Matthew Mcmillen, 34; and Jade Marie Berger, 39, for domestic.

April 3 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Robert Machel, 48.

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#### Helping the community

The Staples Host Lions made several donations recently to area organizations including a \$500 donation to the Lakewood Health System Foundation, and a \$500 donation to the Staples-Motley Hall of Fame. Pictured above, from left, are Aly Tortwardowsky, Marketing Coordinator at LHS, and Lion President Ken Christensen. Below, from left, are Kevin Swecker, with the SM Hall of Fame; Lion President Christensen; and Mike Hajek, SM Hall of Fame. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Land use permits needed for construction season

From Todd County Planning and Zoning

Planning a construction project for this summer and live in Todd County outside of city limits? Come talk to us to see if a permit is required. We are happy to answer any questions you may have, even if you are unsure of what permitting is needed.

If you need a Land Use Permit, Variance, Split or any other service offered by our office, we strongly encourage you to call or visit us soon before the weather gets warm - that will cut down on the wait and Land Use Permits are good for one year - meaning you not only can save time now, but you can have all of the needed permitting ready when you want to start building in the summer.

Keep in mind some septic and setback requirements will apply, so talk to us ahead of time so there are no surprises or delays when you're ready to start

building. Additionally, our office has cost share funds available for replacing failing septic systems. We offer income-based grant funds as well as low-interest loans with minimal eligibility requirements. Call or stop into our office for more information.

Call 320-732-4420 or visit our website at https:// www.co.todd.mn.us/divisions/soil-water-conservation-and-development/ planning-zoning for questions about this or any land use or permitting issue.

#### **Book program** boosted by federal funding

From the office of Senator Tina Smith

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Way Imagination Library

deliver age appropriate books to enrolled children from birth to five years of age. Participating children will receive one book per month until they graduate out of the program and move on to kindergarten. This project is in partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and serves all of Morrison County and three zip codes in Todd County: Staples, Grey Eagle and Burtrum.

was awarded \$14,000 to

"We currently have 913 children age 0-5 enrolled in the Imagination Library program in our service area and have graduated 4,373 children from the program. Based on community input, the board has decided that this program is our top priority and we do not want to have to limit the number of children that we can serve,' said Meghann Boser, Executive Director of Morrison County United Way. "This funding is making that all possible, we are so grateful for the work that Senator Tina Smith did on our have a huge impact in our area - it's definitely a game changer for us and we can't express how excited and

thankful we are. Senator Smith has been an active advocate in pushing for these projects to be funded as part of the federal spending bill, which President Biden signed into law on March 15. Allocating funds to specific state projects like this has not been provided by Congress for the last decade, making this investment in Central Minnesota critical for supporting these communities.



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#### o-o Looking back

#### 75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• April 10, 1947 - The Motley village was aroused at midnight Sunday by the sound of the fire siren when passers-by, noticed that the Morey Fish Company, owned by E. L. Morey, was afire. The Fish House is located on the south side of town.

The cause of the fire is unknown but Mr. Morey thinks it may have been caused by an oil burner or defective wiring. It seemed to have started in the office, located in the front of the building.

The safe and contents were saved. Mr. Morey esti-

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mated the loss as approximately \$10,000.

The 40x40 frame structure was built in the spring of 1940.

• April 10, 1947 - Tuesday of this week, track teams and the high school baseball team started their spring practice.

Unsettled weather conditions have prohibited the teams from doing any outside work as yet, but gymnastics and other practices have been held in the high school gymnasium.

• April 10, 1947 - Edwin Goodwater, age about 65 years, was burned to death in his home Sunday morning, about a mile south and east of Motley. The cause of the fire is unknown but it is thought by members of his family that the pipe on the house had blown off during the wind and snow storm Saturday night and sparks from the stove caught fire on the roof, as the roof caved in first.

Clarence Frisk was said to have been the first to notice the fire, while on his way to Staples to work, and had driven back to the Paul Goodwater home to inform him of the tragedy.

From the remains, it seemed that Mr. Goodwater had tried to get to the door as his charred body was found near the door.

• April 10, 1947 - The four big winners in the 19th annuai academy award program at Los Angeles included the following: Ann Baxter, best supporting actress of the year; Sam Goldwyn, winner of the Irving Thalberg award for outstanding picture of the year, "The Best Years of Our Lives"; Olivia de Haviland, winner of the Oscar for the best actress of the year; and Harold Russell, handless veteran in "The Best Years of Our Lives," was the award for the best supporting actor and a special

#### 50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• April 13, 1972 - The Staples High School Choir, under the direction of Stan Carlson, will present the award-winning musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," April 20, 21 and 23 at the high school auditorium.

Starring in the production are Pat Quance as Tevye, and Mary Kay Johnson as Golde, his wife. They are "Blessed" with five daughters, played by Jeanne Hesse, Marilyn Tepley, Sharon Greenwood, Ann Weber and Suzette Jay.



#### **Mystery photo**

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 30, 1989 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email

The town matchmaker, played by Connie Jenkins, is out to match the daughters with some of the eligible young men in town. Among them are a tailor (Paul Sandburg), a radical student (Brian Ahles), and a Christian (Kevin Olsen).

Other characters in the play are the Rabbi (Pat Wilhelmson), his son, Mendel (Gary Williams), the Constable (Brian Baustian) and assorted Russian and Jewish villagers, all members of the senior choir.

• April 13, 1972 - Fire of undetermined origin caused heavy damage at the Gordon Crocker farm, located about four miles southwest of Staples Thursday afternoon, April 6.

It was reported that a fire in the tin pole barn on the Crocker farm was first noticed by Charles Killian as he was driving past. The strong wind was blowing the smoke away from the Crocker home and Mrs. Crocker said that she was in the house, but did not know that the barn was on fire until Killian backed up and came to the house and told them. The Staple Fire Dept. was summoned to the scene about 2:15 p.m.

By the time Staples Firemen arrived at the scene, the fire had taken its toll. The tin pole barn was a total loss and the Crockers also lost a tractor, 53 small pigs, four sows and two head of cattle in the blaze. Firemen were at the scene for about one hour, it was reported by Chief Leo B. Fahnlander.

• April 13, 1972 - Letter to the Editor: First, Gordon, I would like to thank all of the citizens of Staples for the wonderful reception given my family at the World Premiere of "Edge of the Arctic Ice." It was an honor and thrill we will never forget.

I was most pleased to read Patricia McGivern Amundson's letter to the editor. As I stated at the high school and reception, Patricia deserves the credit as composer and lyricist of (the school song) "Onward Cardinals." I was very pleased to be the person she asked to arrange the composition for the high school band. (Patricia's earlier Letter to the Editor stated she was a 1940 graduate of Staples High School and Floyd Klang was her your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

classmate).
Again, our thanks to all of our friends in Staples and we hope to see all of you soon again. Sincerely, Floyd Klang, Minneapolis, Minn.

• April 13, 1972 - Two members of the sales staff of Mueller Motor Company, Staples, will be honored for outstanding sales performance during 1971 at a Ford 300-500 Club banquet in April. They are Melvin A. "Whitey" Mueller and Robert Mueller.

#### 25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• April 10, 1997 - Family and friends worked at the Dale and Deb Hausmann home Monday to try to hold back the rising waters of the Crow wing River. Their home, just north of Staples, is normally about 300 yards from the river. But last week the water rose to about four feet from the home before they started sandbagging. Volunteers on Monday extended and heightened the sandbag dike that runs the length of the Hausmann's house.

• April 10, 1997 - Approximately 610 people turned out Sunday for a pancake breakfast benefit for Julie Mertens, a Staples Elementary teacher who will be undergoing cancer bone marrow transplant treatment in about a month. A prelim-

inary report was that just over \$8,000, including \$1,500 in matching funds from Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood, was raised to help the Mertens family with travel and other expenses associated with the four-month long treatment process.

#### 10 YEARS AGO - 2012

• April 12, 2012 - At some point this summer, Gordy Rosenthal expects he won't be able to get any more movies at Staples Cinema.

"They told us in December that it would be hard to get film prints," said Rosenthal. "When that happens, I am gong to have to close."

His problem is that movie companies are requiring theaters to update to digital projectors, which Rosenthal said will cost \$70,000 or more.

Gordy and Julie Rosenthal have been running staples Cinema since June of

• April 12, 2012 - A fire which erupted on Easter Sunday about three miles south of Nimrod has burned approximately 1,600 acres of land, according to information from the Minnesota DNR, Division of Forestry. The fire is reported to have started from the spark of a jeep.



#### **Mystery solved**

Last week's mystery photo published in the March 27, 1975 edition of the Staples World featured Mr. and Mrs. Wendell E. Stone who were being honored at the 85th anniversary open house at The Staples World. Mr. Stone was a former publisher of The World. Beverly Shea is shown presenting Mrs. (Marion) Stone with an orchid corsage. Mr. Stone received a boutonniere. About 300 people attended the event.

There were no responses to this week's Mystery Photo.

#### School board meeting April 18

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

The agenda includes the resolution for the closure of the Motley School building and to proceed with the sale of the Motley School building and updates on the ICS Building Project.

Groups or individuals must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon on the Friday prior to the board meeting if they wish to address the board

during the school/community forum portion of the meeting.

Upcoming meetings: Mon., May 2: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., Dis-

trict Office

Mon., May 23: Regular
Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Fri., May 27: Graduation

Mon., June 6: Board Work Session, 6 p.m. District Office

**Mon., June 27:** Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m. District Office.

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## Cost savings realized by closing Motley school

market value for the building. Tappe said they can negotiate a price just like any real estate transaction.

"The first step is tor work with people who are interested before listing it," said Tappe.

Regan said they calculated the cost savings of changing to two buildings with students instead of three. It was about \$200,000

in transportation and \$310,000 in staff cost. He said it costs about \$158,000 per year to operate the building and there is now between \$9 million and \$12 million in deferred maintenance.

The board held a public hearing to discuss the Motley building on April 11, after this newspaper went to press.

**DOWNTOWN** continued from page 1a

## Downtown committee wants to learn more from local residents

Top vote getters were to decorate Highway 10 for holidays, and more outdoor patio seating.

Other suggestions that received votes were to provide more things for children to do while their parents are downtown or at restaurants, connect with Central Lakes College programs for downtown features, more senior activity options, make buildings more accessible and make it more apparent that downtown is fun and friendly.

Other ideas included movie in the park, a lighted Staples sign, build off the farmers market, farm to table food, more entertainment downtown, dog park, develop the trail head, connect to trails by foot, pop-up parks, sculptures and art on streets, restore historical neon signs, add holiday lights, start an adopt-a-tree program and keep snowflakes away from downtown during the winter.

The group had previously discussed how to make downtown a better experience for community members, including paying attention to detail, clean aesthetics, find a niche and

better wayfinding (maps and signs). The group still wants to do more to engage downtown business owners and "live-wires", people with an entrepreneurial spirit and the ability to act on it

#### Learn from residents

The Downtown Revitalization Committee has received a lot of feedback on their work, said Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman. But the group feels there is still more to learn from the community.

The group voted on the top questions they would like answered, including: What and why do people want to buy local? What would make you stay downtown longer? What age group needs are not being met?

Other questions were: what stops people from shopping locally and ask the community what they feel about the future.

The group had suggestions of doing a survey forming focus groups, community meetings, informal gatherings or a place to submit ideas.

## **Suspects apprehended after car chase**

On Thursday, March 31, 2022, at approximately 3:18 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office was advised there was a stolen vehicle out of Hubbard County traveling southbound on Ottertail CoRd 75 from Ottertail County Road 8. The caller eventually lost sight of the vehicle, which was a 1996 Chevrolet Silverado.

Law enforcement agen-

cies from the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Ottertail County Sheriff's Office, Wadena Police Department, Menahga Police Department and the Verndale Police Department searched for the vehicle. The Verndale Police

Department located the suspect vehicle southbound on County Road 23 in the area of Bluegrass. A pursuit ensued, going across Wadena County on 210th Street. The pursuit ended with the suspect vehicle going into the ditch at the

intersection of 210th Street and 111th Ave. The two male occupants took off on foot and were apprehended a short distance later. They were identified as Tommy Basswood, age 20, and Brett Stevens, age 27, both from Ponsford, Minn. Basswood and Stevens

were transported to the Wadena County Jail where they are awaiting to be formally charged by the Wadena County Attorney's Office.

Two Wadena County

Two Wadena County Squad cars were damaged as a result of the pursuit and the ice packed road conditions. There were no injuries resulting from this incident.

Agencies involved in the pursuit were the Verndale Police Department and the Wadena County Sheriff's Office.

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## Staples Police report

March 28, Staples Police overheard Todd County Dispatch received a driving complaint on County Road 7 regarding a van that went down into the ditch and back up onto the road. Police received a complaint on the same vehicle driving northbound on County Road 21. Staples Police located the vehicle and stopped it for the above reasons. The male driver was transported by law enforcement to Lakewood Health System for evaluation, because he stated he didn't know why he drove into the ditch and his route home did not make geographical sense.

March 28, Staples Police responded to the 900 Block on Michigan Ave. NE for the report of a possible burglary. March 28, Staples Police assisted State Patrol with a D.W.I., Julie Wollenburg was arrested.

March 29, Staples Police responded towards the city of Verndale to assist the Wadena Police department with a motor vehicle pursuit. While traveling towards the location of the incident, officers were advised that the pursuit had been terminated by the agencies involved. The vehicle involved in the pursuit, was located in the city of Verndale, and had sustained damage after leaving the roadway. Police assisted briefly while on scene, and learned that two juvenile suspects were believed to be

involved in the pursuit. The vehicle used in the pursuit, was believed to have been taken without permission, from the city of Staples. Police are investigating the theft of the motor vehicle. Also responding was the Wadena County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle involved was towed from the scene. The Wadena Police Department is investigating the pursuit.

March 29, Staples Police received a report of a gas drive off at Ernies for \$21.66.

March 29, Staples Police assisted a city resident with obtaining their vehicle that was stuck on the snowmo-

bile trail the last two weeks.

March 29, Staples Police
received a report of an

assault that occurred in the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. March 29, Staples Police

received a report of a stolen vehicle from the 300 block of McKinley Street SW.

On March 31, Staples Police received a report of a welfare concern on a female party who was reported to be held against her will. The reporting party provided an address on where they believed the subject was possibly at. The address given was no longer there.

March 31, Staples Police investigated a vulnerable adult crime and filed a report with the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center.



## Learning patriotism

By Mike Blinder Editor & Publisher magazine

"Thank you for your service!" I say that phrase so often now, especially at boarding gates, when I'm in the frequent flyer line and the agent announces that retired or active-duty military can board before the "road warriors."

Now, as I watch war break out in Europe and — make no mistake, this is a war — that phrase means even more to me. Because I believe in my heart that these dedicated young men and women perhaps know more about who we are as a country than the average American. This is because those who choose to serve in harm's way for all of us pledge their allegiance, not to a flag or a country, but to a document — The United States Constitution.

Oath of enlistment (10 U.S.C. § 502):

"I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me, God.'

Ask yourself, if you, like I, never served in the military or civil service, what pledge of allegiance have you given in your lifetime? The answer for me is that for 14-years (pre-school through my senior year at high school), I was directed to stand and pledge my allegiance to a flag. However, I was not taught about our Constitutional Democracy until middle school.

For centuries The United States Constitution, that our brave, selfless warriors have fought for — with some giving that "last full measure" for — safeguards the interests of a majority rule while ensuring minority rights of liberty and equality.

America's ability to achieve critical consensus is what the Constitution is all about. James Madison believed that forming a strong national government and separating powers across competing institutions would help us coexist peacefully in a plural ist democracy, where opposing groups and factions live equally in one society. In short, as Americans, we must all get along. We must coexist and mutually agree to respectfully disagree with each other — period!

The way I interpret the root cause of this homeland conflict between us lies within our societal fringes. Those on the very, very far right have adopted a philosophy that would prefer an authoritarian system of government, rejecting any political plurality and reducing the separation of powers. And the very, very far left refuses to accept the dualism inherent in our democracy by not allowing or tolerating any of their leaders to move to the center on any liberal issues, thus avoiding any hope of consensuses between our two parties. And finally, the media plays against this burning anger we have with each other, "fanning the flames' to gain readers and ratings.

I guess my point is this, how we expose our American youth to civics and service may be a key way we can begin to find some peace here at home as we try to end (or at least abate) these endless culture wars.

Would it not be interesting in the years to come if we were to see in the front of our classrooms a framed copy of The Constitution (along with the flag) and perhaps change our pledge slightly to begin:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag and the Constitution of the United States of Amer-

Mike Blinder is the publisher of Editor & Publisher Magazine (E&P) and C.E.O. (chief evangelist officer) of its parent company, The Curated Experiences Group.

## Fischback aims to lower fertilizer prices

From the office of U.S. Representative Michelle Fischbach

On April 5, U.S. Representative Michelle Fischbach sent a letter to President Joe Biden urging action on rising fertilizer prices. The letter was co-led by Minnesota Representatives Pete Stauber and Tom Emmer, plus Greg Murphy (North Carolina) and Jodey Arrington (Texas).

"Last month, fertilizer reached the highest price ever recorded, and with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, these prices are only going to get worse. I hear from farmers across my district all the time they cannot afford today's prices," said Fischbach. "Our farmers need President Biden to review all available options to lower the cost of fertilizer, and I am proud to be a co-author of this letter urging exactly that.'

Emmer said, "Skyrocketing and unprecedented input prices are robbing our

farmers of their livelihoods, and even today's high commodity prices simply can't keep pace. President Biden owes it to our ag community to ensure fertilizer is accessible and affordable.'

"Due to supply-chain issues and rising energy costs, fertilizer prices are at a record-high, placing a huge burden on American farmers as planting season approaches. I'm proud to join my colleagues in demanding the Biden Administration take action to lower fertilizer costs to relieve pressure on our farmers, including increasing domestic natural gas production to lower energy prices," said Stauber. "Soaring prices are hurt-

ing families and businesses across the country, and our farmers are no exception," said Murphy. "Producers across my agriculture-heavy district tell me that the skyrocketing price of fertilizer puts their operations at risk, and increases the cost of goods and services for every input in

the supply chain. We urge the Administration to take every action necessary to lower the cost of fertilizer and provide relief to our outstanding agriculture industry that works so hard to feed, clothe, and fuel our nation.

"Fertilizer prices have risen 40 percent in just one month and are up 300 percent since this time last vear. Between surging input costs, the highest inflation in 40 years, and unending regulatory whiplash, President Biden is failing our agriculture producers, accelerating a looming global food crisis, and jeopardizing our own food security and independence," said Arrington. "President Biden and his Administration must increase production of fertilizer inputs, including natural gas, and allow USDA to use their existing authority to equip our producers with the tools they need to provide an abundant and affordable food supply to the world.'

## ACA helping to lower health care costs

From Minnesota DFL

Twelve years ago, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law, which provided millions of Americans with health insurance, lowered costs for millions more, and protected people with pre-existing conditions. Since then, President Biden and Democrats have delivered on a major campaign promise to build on the success of the ACA.

Thanks to President Biden's American Rescue Plan, the 121,000 Minnesotans who get health insurance through the Marketplace saved an average of \$800 per year on their insurance - no thanks to a single Minnesota Republican, as they voted unanimously against the American Rescue Plan.

"Twelve years ago, Democrats signed the Affordable Care Act into law, expand-

ing health care coverage and lowering costs for millions of Americans," said DFL Party Chairman Ken Martin. "Last year, Democrats built on that success by passing the American Rescue Plan and cutting costs even further for Minnesotans."

"While Republicans continue trying to cut health care coverage for millions, Democrats are working to lower the cost of prescription drugs by capping the price of insulin at \$35 a vial and allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices," added Martin. "The contrast between our two parties could not be more clear."

According to the White House, the ARP reduced the cost of health care coverage

Ensuring that consumers eligible for financial assistance through premium tax credits had at least a couple plans to choose from

that won't cost more than 8.5% of their household income on their Marketplace plan premium per year. Expanding the number

of people eligible to save money on health care coverage by temporarily expanding eligibility for premium tax credits for those previously excluded from financial assistance.

Increasing affordability for low- and middle-income Americans by increasing the size of tax credits.

Addressing racial health inequities by expanding coverage and reducing costs. Increased affordability and health insurance coverage expansion allowed historically uninsured communities - especially those who have faced significant health disparities – to access coverage, thereby improving opportunities for health care during and beyond the COVID-19 pandem-

## **Insulin costs protected** in Minnesota

From MNsure

More than 1,100 residents used the Minnesota Insulin Safety Net Program to access over \$6 million worth of insulin in 2021, according to a recent report from the Minnesota Board of Phar-

Together, MNsure and the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy are reminding all Minnesotans that this program is available to provide fast, reliable help for those wno need insulin and may be struggling to afford this life-saving drug.

For residents who are in immediate need of assistance – that is, have less than a seven-day supply of insulin and will likely face significant health conse-

celebrated.

quences without it – the urgent need program enables eligible Minnesotans to receive a 30-day supply of insulin right away at their pharmacy and pay no more than a \$35 copay, one time

For Minnesotans who need longer-term help covering the costs of insulin, the continuing need program supports eligible Minnesotans to receive up to a year supply of insulin for no more than \$50 per 90-day renii. Residents can get iree help applying for the continuing need program from a MNsure-certified navigator trained to help with the process.

The Minnesota Insulin Safety Net Program was created by the Alec Smith Insu-

Why is Easter a different

Sunday every year?

Easter is the only holiday that combines

Easter is the first Sunday (weekly calen-

dar) after the first full moon (lunar calen-

dar) after the Spring equinox (solar calen-

the weekly calendar, lunar calendar and

solar calendar to determine which day it is

lin Affordability Act passed by the Minnesota Legislature and signed into law by Governor Tim Walz in 2020. In a new video called "The Alec Smith Story," Nicole Smith-Holt urges anyone struggling to afford their insulin to sign up today. Her son Alec died in 2017 at the age of 26 from ketoacidosis after rationing his insulin to make it last longer.

Since the program began, hundreds of Minnesotans have signed up to receive discounts on their insulin, but many more Minnesotans are likely eligible for assistance. The program is implemented by MNsure, the state's health insurance marketplace, and the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.

Even the Spring equinox is not a fixed

date, it is always between March 19-22, but

it varies because there is a leap year ev-

ery four years, causing the sun to cross the

equator (the equinox) at a different time

This year Easter is Sunday, April 17

days between March 22 and April 25.

Becaue of all that, Easter can fall on Sun-

## Gazelka working for tax relief for Minnesota

From Stephen Meyer,

Senate Republican Caucus

With inflation at 40-year highs and working Minnesotans being squeezed more every day by soaring prices for gas, groceries, and energy, Minnesota Senate Republicans today made good on an early session promise to give back Minnesota's historic \$9 billion budget surplus with the largest

permanent tax cut in state

The Minnesota Senate passed a landmark tax bill that reduces the first-tier tax rate for all filers from 5.35% to 2.80% and includes Senator Paul Gazelka's (R-East Gull Lake) provision to eliminate the state income tax on all Social Security benefits. The bill provides taxpayers with a much-needed \$8.43 billion in relief over the next three

years. "My top priority has always been empowering Minnesotans and making our state the best place to live, work, and play," SenatorGazelka said. "One immediate way we can help is returning the surplus through tax relief. We know that families and our seniors recently have struggled with a shaky economy and record inflation. Unlike Walz, we want to fix that going forward. The best way to do that is to provide serious permanent tax relief, which will change our state's tax

climate and keeps more dollars in Minnesotans' pockets for years to come.'

Reducing the first-tier tax rate: Minnesota's lowest tax bracket is higher than the highest tax bracket in 24 other states. Over 2.4 million filers would benefit from the historic Republican tax rate cut, with an average annual savings of \$759. A typical family making \$100,000 would see a savings of \$1,064 every year.

Full elimination of the tax on Social Security income: Minnesota is one of just 13 states that tax Social Security benefits. Impacting taxpayers starting at \$25,000 in income, the Social Security Income tax hits more than 407,000 Minnesota filers. None of the states that border us — Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, and South Dakota — tax Social Security income. Eliminating the Social Security tax would put \$1.6 billion back into the hands of beneficiaries, with an average benefit of \$1,254 every year.

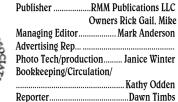
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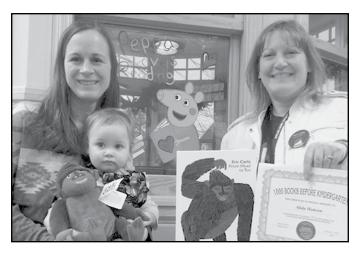
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Quote of the week

"I still believe in Santa, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, and true love. Don't even try to tell me different." — Dolly Parton

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at Staples Public Library



#### With their free bookbags

Sign up for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Staples Public Library. Each child receives a free backpack bookbag for signing up. Parents can record the books read in an app or paper log system. At each 100 books read, children can pick out a free ducky. When they reach 1,000 books they will receive a stuffed animal with a matching hard cover book. The purpose of this program is used to increase awareness of the importance of early literacy as well as encouraging parents to embrace their role as their child's first teacher. The goal is to help kids enter school ready to learn. Reading is one of the most important things a parent can do to ensure their child's success when they begin school. This program is provided by the Staples Friends of the Library. (Submitted photos)

Above: Alida Hanson has completed the 1,000 books program. Pictured with her mom and Library Assistant, Angie Johnson.



Lydia and Lucy Detloff with their new backpacks for signing up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.



1,000 books completed by Samantha Elfstrum, with Angie Johnson, Library Assistant.



1,000 books completed by Elliot Hankel with Cathy Perish, Library Services Coordinator.

#### 0-0 **Cardinal** Calendar

SM school events

#### April

O SUBSECTION VOCAL SOLO! ENSEMBLE AT PINE RIVER-BACK-

• FFA STATE CONVENTION April 24-26

#### May

O Prom at Camp Shamineau. GRAND MARCH AT 5:30 P.M.

May 8 All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12. mn.us for up to the minute information.

## Mark Your Calendar

#### **April 13, 14**

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

'GRIEFSHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT **GROUP** is held on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through May 26. For more information, call 218-352-

#### April 15

Women's OPEN AA Recovery Meeting Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motlev Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

#### April 18

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

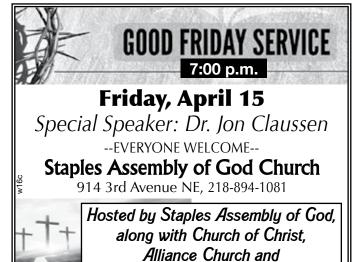
#### April 20

STAPLES 60+SENIOR CIT-IZENS "FREE PENNY BINGO" Party Wednesday, April 20, noon. To reserve your seat, call Arlene at 218-894-2254 no later than Apr. 18. If you wish to eat lunch, call 218-894-2556 before noon on April 19, to reserve a meal.

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited to attend.

#### April 23

STAPLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB FIELD DAY AND ONLINE ALL DAY FIELD DAY Saturday, April 23, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Students must be 12 years old by the start of this year's deer hunting season. For info., to register, call Darlys or Jon Hamberg at 218-894-2255 (8 - 4 Mon. Fri.) or 218-894-2608 after 6 p.m.; or Bob Konig at 218-352-6390.



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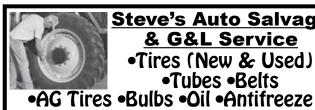


#### The grill of Staples Dairy Queen will be closed April 18-22 for remodeling.

Though the grill is closed, our chill is **OPEN** to serve our fans their favorite DQ treats and cakes! Try the tantalizingly tasty NEW S'mores Shake, NEW Fruity Blast Dipped Cone and the **NEW Poolside Punch Twisty MISTY Slush.** 

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WHITESIDEWALLS



National Bank, Staples, and both Parish Offices.

St. Michael's Church Building Project Fundraising Concert.

#### FREE Group Self-Defense Class for Women Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Learn to hone your awarness and skills for self defense for those times when you may need it. This class builds a sense of confidence and also gives you a sense of ease. This self defense crash course teaches the basic skills using natural techniques and simple strategies. Open to teens as well as adults.

Instructor: Francisco Jimenez, 3rd Degree Black Belt in the marial arts of Tae Kwon Do/ Hapkido/ SIPALKI --FOR AN APPOINTMENT--

<francisco.jimenezh64@gmail.com> or 218-296-0726

## Life Currents

#### Josephine Schleicher

Josephine (Erickson) Schleicher, 90, of Motley, passed away April 5, 2022, at Cambridge Sr. Living in Hudson, Wisconsin with family by her side.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley with Rev. Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Josephine was born September 5, 1931 to John and Sylvia (Petrie) Goodridge in Hackensack. Josephine grew up in Motley and married Wylie Erickson. They raised their two children in Motley. Wylie passed away in 1989, but Josephine did find love again with Paul Schleicher.



She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and later in life took up oil

Josephine will remain in the hearts of her son, Gary (Claire) Erickson and their two sons, Nathan

Sunday School & Bible Class...... 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Divine Service

(Rosa) and Adam (Ashley), Nathan's son, Xander and Adam's sons, Sullivan and Theodore; one daughter, Faye (Wally) Spilman, their two daughters, Tiffany and Ashley and Tiffany's son, Austin; two brothers, Warren Goodridge and Chuck Goodridge; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Wylie Erickson; second husband, Paul Schleicher; four brothers, Ken Goodridge, Dan Goodridge, Donny Goodridge and Clyde Goodridge as well as many other relatives and friends.

Memorials are preferred to the family.

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## **Obituaries**

## **Darlene**

Darlene Hill, 78, of Staples, passed away April 2, 2022, in Hermantown.

A memorial service for Darlene will be held on Saturday April 30, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m., with a Mass of Christian Burial will at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will be provided after Mass.

Burial will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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.8:30 a.m.

.. 5 p.m.

#### **Michael Daedlow**

Michael Daedlow, 73, passed away March 26, 2022. Mike was diagnosed with Alzheimer's/Lewy body dementia and peacefully took his last trip to meet his Lord surrounded by love.

Services for Mike will be held April 22 at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church.

Per Mike's wishes, his body was donated to the University of Minnesota Anatomy Bequest Program for medical education.

Michael David Daedlow was born March 14, 1949 in Burlington, Iowa to Betty Jean (Sweney) Daedlow and Gordon Daedlow. He was the eldest of four children including his sister. Eloise (John) Blattner and brothers, Chris (Jodi) Daedlow and Nick (Chrissie) Daed-

Mike attended Tipton Public School graduating in 1967. In 1969 he married Becky Baelitz and together they had two beautiful children: Jason (Lacey) Daedlow and Amy (Doug) Lenz.

Mike was a foodie and spent a majority of his career in the sales, distribution and eating food. He was employed many years at Family Foods in Tipton, Iowa and, in 1988, moved to Baudette to help manage Ralph and Randy's Foods. During that time, he met Anni Estling and they were united in marriage on June 7, 1992. With that marriage, Mike gained two beloved stepchildren, Dana Estling and Karina Estling (Jeff) Kobliska. During the next few years, Mike acquired his associate's degree in accounting while working at Doug's Supermarket in Warroad and later moved



with the same company to Dollar Savers where he worked until his retirement in 2016. He took a short break from the food industry when he worked as a pharmacy tech at Lakewood Health System in Staples.

Mike loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, Haley Daedlow, Brecken and Bryson Welsh, Eric and Austin Lenz and Jayce and Jorja Kobliska. He looked forward to watching their many activities. He also enjoyed golfing, watching classic movies, cooking and eating, laughing and causing mischief. Traveling also became one of his favorite pastimes. He and Anni had wonderful adventures in their many travels.

He is survived by his wife; three siblings; four children and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

n lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Diamond Willow Memory Care Unit of Little Falls, the Alzheimer's Association or the Salvation Army.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home of Browerville.

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## Staples Area Church Directory

..218-894-2372

9.00 a.m

#### **Trinity Lutheran** Staples 1000 4th St., NE, Staples .. **Staples Alliance** Rev. Robin Collins 1512 8th St. NE, Staples ......218-894-2891 Pastor Zach Jones 9:30 a.m Sunday Worship. unday School ...11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY .6:00 p.m AWANA. Assembly of God . 218-894-1081 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples .. Pastor Roy Miles Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages). 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service..... ...... 10:30 a.m. Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) .... ....... 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting WEDNESDAY Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m. Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) . After school to 5:30 p.m. **Church of Christ** 27343 490th St., Staples..... Pastor Barry Klein ..218-894-2609 Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m. .10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.. Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study ...... 7-8 p.m. First Congregational Church, firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples ...... 218-894-2571 Worship... ....9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason Sunday Worship Service .9:00 a.m Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.... ..10:05 a.m. **Sacred Heart Church** 310 4th St. NE, Staples .218-894-2296 Church. Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz Thursday and Friday. .8:30 a.m. ..8:30 a.m

Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH ....

.9:30 am.

.10:45 a.m.

.218-894-3923

.10:30 a.m.

....6:30 p.m.

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Saturday Worship Sabbath School....

15940 251st Ave., Staples.

Pastor Scott Jorgenson

218-894-2248 310 5th St. NE, Staples ...... Sunday Worship... ... 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) .. 9:15-10:15 a.m. Aldrich **Balsamlund Lutheran** 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Fric Clann......701-261-2394 (cell) Eric Clapp......Sunday Worship. ..8:15`a.m. Sunday School Cushing **Bethany Lutheran** 25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason www.bethanylutherancushing.org 9.00 g.m. Sunday Worship. .1st and 2nd Sunday Communion . **Lincoln Evangelical Free** 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 Phone: 218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad Church Worship Gathering... 10:00 a.m YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY .5:30 p.m. Community Meal Family Night.. ..6:00 p.m. **Cushing Baptist** 26298 Bear Rd., Cushina .320-749-2583 Sunday School ..9:30 a.m. Worship. .10:30 a.m. Bible study ..7:30 p.m Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran ..218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship January - July . 9 a.m July - January . 11 a.m. **Maple Hill Lutheran** Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)

Worship and Sunday School ......9:00 a.m.

#### Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) *Motley* **Motley Free Methodist** 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN 33 Wellwood St. E Pastor Robin Fish Motley 56466 .... ..218-352-6888 .10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship. Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor **United Methodist Church** Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor Hwy. 210. Hewitt MN Sunday Worship....... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Pastor Kenneth Úhren .10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Sunday School ..9:30 a.m. . 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group .. Verndale St. John's Lutheran Verndale Alliance ..218-352-6399 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler Sunday School and Bible Class ..... 8:30 a.m. Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship......9:30 a.r St. Michael ....9:30 a.m. 1st St. and Birch, Motley. ..218-894-2296 Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn ..11-11:45 a.m. Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz **Family Life Church** MASS. 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 .6:30 p.m, Tuesday. VerndaleFLC@gmail.com 218-371-7189 Pastor Amos Self Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard **United Methodist** SUNDAY 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466 Sunday School. Pastor Greg Leslie Prayer Meeting. 9.00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service. WEÓNESDAY Monday AA meeting. Night Life Groups Oylen **Hope Chapel Alliance Oylen Alliance** 18126 County Road 7, Verndo Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday Worship.. Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School . ..10:00 a.m. Sunday School .. 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Sunday Worship .. 11 · 00 a.m Pillager **Immanuel Lutheran Church** First Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Mathew Sundquist Pastor Robin Fish 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN ..9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 218-746-3775 Sunday Worship ..9:30 a.m. **Bible Study** ..6:30 p.m. Sunday School **Verndale United Methodist Casino Assembly of God** 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Dan Johnson Pastor Jill Pawlowski

N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. ..218-746-3839 ......9:30 a.m. Sunday School .10:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday Worship WEDNESDAY ...... ..7:00 p.m. .7:00 p.m. **First Baptist** 903 River Street South, Pillager

Worship Gathering . Connection Point Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffert

114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN ..9:30 a.m Sunday School . 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER** 

. 7:00 p.m. Seeds of Hope 218-746-3768 curious@fbcpillager.com Leaf River Township .10:00 a.m. The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 ..9:30 a.m. Sunday Service ..

**Central United Methodist** 

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950

. 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service ..

WEDNESDAY

## **Stephan Connor**

Stephan (Steven) Connor, 70, of Bertha passed away March 29, 2022, at Tri-County Hospital, Wadena.

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

Stephan Charles was born to Henry Charles and Hilda (Leith) Connor August 19, 1951 in Boston, Massachusetts. At age 10 he underwent heart surgery at The Children's Hospital Medical Center. Boston, the first of its kind at that time. He was baptised and converted in the Baptist faith. He graduated from Jamaica Plain High School and attended trade school to become a chef. He worked for his father as an innkeeper and also managed a motel. Steven was a special education teacher, EMT, car salesman, owned his own landscaping business, boat worker and truss maker. He was a musican performing as an organist at many venues. He served as a deacon at his church. He moved to Minnesota in 2003. In 2012 he lost his leg due to diabetes and retaught himself how to walk and drive. Steven was a volunteer with the BCA and was a Senior Volunteer with the Todd County Sheriff's Office. He enjoyed clock making, wood working, photography, collecting, antiques, riding



4-wheeler and Corvette cars.

Steven is survived by two daughters, Talitha Richmond and Janessa McCole; three sons, Ryan, Patrick and Timothy Connor; 11 grandchildren; cousins; significant other, Janice Winter; extended family Andrea (Jeremy) Pearson, Joshua (Alisha) Winter and family, Kathy Karl, Karen (Carl) Pieper and family and Kari (Mike) Karl and family; his rescued German Shepard companion, Chief and friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Lynnell Connor; one sister; one brother and two infant siblings

Arrangements were with the Schuller-Johnson Family Funeral Home, Wadena.

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#### "Hosanna in the highest". "He has been raised from the dead..."

The first of the above quotes is taken from St. Mark's Gospel and is said by the people who had gathered around Jesus during His entrance into Jerusalem. The second quote is taken from St. Matthew's Gospel and was proclaimed by the angel to the women who had come to the tomb on that first day of the week and proclaimed by them to the other disciples. In between these two quotes lays the great events of our Christian faith in which we proclaim the depth of God's love for us as we recall Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, His Last Supper with His disciples, His Passion and Death and His Resurrection.

During this coming week most Christian churches will celebrate, in one fashion or another, these moments in Christ's life. These celebrations are not just a memory of what happened to Christ, but a celebration of the great gift of salvation that is being shared with God's entire creative work. These celebrations embrace

God's gifts of love, mercy, forgiveness, compassion, salvation, redemption and the ultimate gift of Himself.

All believers are encouragee to use this coming week as a time of renewed zeal in living this Christian faith that we share. In celebrating and witnessing to this faith, may we not only increase our own faith commitment but that others might see through us an invitation to come and know this living and loving God. St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippians

that every tongue should confess "...that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." May we follow the example of those women, those disciples, those early witnesses who were filled with joy and sang the praises of the risen Lord. May we proclaim in word and deed that "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia."

May all of us share in a most blessed and joyous Holy Week and Easter.

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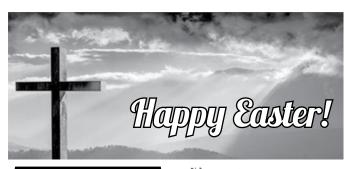
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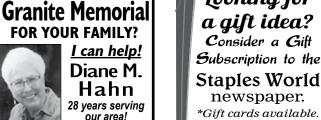
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#### **Baseball weather**

With snow drifts surrounding their field, the Staples-Motley baseball team had an outdoor practice on April 4. Since then there have been rain outs and snow outs keeping them from a regular schedule. All the spring sports have games and meets scheduled for this week, but as always the first few weeks will depend on the weather. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





climbing a large snow drift.

# as a pin.'

A parcel of this timbered land recently changed hands. A road was cut through it to where a small lake home was built, and my wife and I watched the progress of this endeavor over the summer. One of the most visible transformations was to the forest that stood between the new structure and the road my wife and I walk regularly. The ground beneath the 60 and 70-foot pines had taken on the look of a park, so thoroughly had the brush, limbs, and fallen trees been removed. It looked as if a

cure it. My wife observed during one of our walks that her mother would have

One of the things I've learned over a relatively long life and marriage is not to pick fights unnecessarily, or be argumentative when there's little to be gained. My wife understandably shares some of the views that were held by the woman who raised her, including a penchant for picking up sticks on the cabin property, and minimizing so-called clutter on the premises where she lives. But I couldn't help myself when she voiced her approval of this property's new look, and I said something like "Yes, but for

into the soil. And, while this was going on, provide resources that wildlife my wife understood this on an intellectual level, but was equally sure that the attitudes and traits she had developed over a lifetime were not about to change radically overnight.

In contrast to the manicured look of the forest floor where this new lake home was built, much of the forested land we pass on our routine daily walk is—there's no better term for it—cluttered. It's cluttered with fallen limbs, entire trees, tangled brush, and rotting stumps. Here and there are still-standing remnants of trees broken during some long-ago wind storm, now riddled with woodpecker holes, and shedding the bark that protected them when they were alive.

I appreciate this clutter for what it means to the cycle of life in a forest. Part of that appreciation might have come from a retired neighbor I knew when I was of grade school and middle school age. His entire back yard was a maze of garden beds, in most of which he grew wild flowers. He had a compost pile in which each year's dead and withered flowers were piled, and from which—over time—he withdrew dark, aromatic soil that he mixed into the ground where his flowers grew. This was my first live demonstration of the principle that in Nature new life comes from death.

When my wife and I walk past this forest where no one has manicured the ground, you can see in all the clutter a snapshot of how the process works. Some fallen trees are still suspended above the ground by remnants of their branches, but others have merged into the soil itself, crumbling, and covered in moss. Large birch limbs are rotting from the inside out. The bark, rich in the substance that made it nearly waterproof and thus valuable for canoe building, and for starting fires, holds its shape until the last.

Needles from pine branches pruned by the wind, and leaves fallen in autumn from birches and oaks, soften and form a layer atop the soil that retards evaporation and holds moisture. Standing stubs of trees have attracted insects, which in turn has attracted woodpeckers, the evidence obvious in the many holes that riddle them. Some are large, spacious cavities that will be used by nesting birds. Not just woodpeckers, but such tree-nesting species as wood ducks and hooded mergansers, as ironic as it may seem for waterfowl to make brood-hatching homes in a forest.

A search through this woodland might very well turn up a fallen log worn smooth where male ruffed grouse have stood and used it for the mating ritual they perform in spring. This ritual—called drumming, for the sonic boom-like sound made by a grouse's rapidly beating wings—is performed to attract female grouse. To those unfamiliar with it, the sound is sometimes mistaken for an old single-cylinder tractor starting up in the distance.

April is prime time for ruffed grouse mating, and it would not surprise me to hear the drumming as my wife and I make this circuit on one of our daily walks. Thanks, perhaps in part, to the forest clutter that remains there.



#### First place at Midwest Championship Duals

The Staples-Motley K-8 wrestling team wrapped up their 2022 season with a championship title at the Midwest Championship Duals in Aberdeen, South Dakota on April 9. The Cardinals dominated their way through the tournament, beating Clark/Willow Creek 87-24, Prior Lake 66-36, Watertown S.D. 81-31, Aberdeen 69-30 and St. Michael-Albertville 64-39.

Pictured, front row from left, Cora Tappe, Andrew

Dobson, Reed Leech, Cygnus Walz and Bennett Sonnenstahl; row two, Eli Greenwaldt, Luke Bjerga, Jackson Odden, Maxx Carlson, Tayden Weishair, Beau Carlson, Elliott Digiovanni, Sully Samp, Camrik Tappe, Garrett Bjerga and Gage Bjerga; back row, Coach Chris Dobson, Cooper Tappe, Riley Reese, Caden Kramer, Turner Beachy, Colbe Tappe, Wyatt Kosidowski, Billy Ward and Coach Dan Bjerga. (Submitted photo)



#### **Snow hazard**

Retrieving balls that went over the fence meant



#### **Batting practice**

Staples-Motley baseball players get their cuts in during their outdoor practice on April 4.

#### Nature's clutter is in the eye of the beholder My late, much-loved said that her mom felt that had been hired to manineed to live. I knew that leaves, stalks, and faded

mother-in-law Betty had a thing for tidiness. She ran a tight domestic ship, was a demon housekeeper, and a formidable enemy of clutter. She carried this passion for neatness even beyond the walls of her home. At the family's lake cabin she was a regular presence out in "the field" - 0 -

between the cabin and the county road, picking uр branches and twigs that might have fallen from a birch, Norway pine, or maple. If I was planning to



Inside the

Outdoors

mount their ancient riding mower to give the turf a cutting, she would be doubly sure to do this, since it was well known that I would rather "mulch" anything but a large branch that could potentially damage

the mower. Her daughter, my spouse. tidiness was a virtue worth practicing even in wilder places. Places like the pine-timbered land nearby that was once part of a famous lumber company's holdings, now subdivided into cabin properties on their lake. Fallen branches, downed trees, and similar clutter could be picked up there, too, she reasoned. When she observed a landowner whose property lived up to her standards, she might remark that the owners kept things "as neat

golf course groundskeeper

approved.

Nature it's a desert. I've learned to keep my sermons brief when I preach on the subject of Nature's ways, and of what—in my opinion—is natural and what is not. I may have followed that up by saying that all that clutter held valuable nutrients that should be recycled back



#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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THE RIGHT TO VERI-FICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PRO-VIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE:

May 31, 2017 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:

\$85,700.00 M O R T G A G O R (S): Norene M. Carlson, a single

Norene M. Carlson, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage

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

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

Todd County, Minnesota.

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

Minnesota.

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

Todd County, Minnesota. STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 120 3RD ST W, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

Todd County, Minnesota.

T H E A M O U N T
CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON
THE MORTGAGE ON THE
DATE OF THE NOTICE:

\$80,642.65 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Regis-

tration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE
ORIGINATOR: Midwest
Minnesota Community
Development Corporation

RESIDENTIAL SER-VICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 30-0015000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORT-GAGE IDENTIFI-CATION NUMBER:

101106900019601723
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied,

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:

in whole or in part.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO

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

THETIMEALLOWEDBY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESEN-TATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDI-CIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORT-GAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESI-DENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

M O R T G A G O R (S) RELEASED FROM FINAN-CIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: March 23, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah,

Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. \*Sung Woo Hong, Esq.\*
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#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 13, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$119,790.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Ann

M. Bowman

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

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

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

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

(34) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows:

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

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT
CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON
THE MORTGAGE ON THE
DATE OF THE NOTICE:

\$121,223.97 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Sys-

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SER-VICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0027700

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 28, 2023.

28, 2023.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS,

THAT THE MORT-GAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

M O R T G A G O R (S) RELEASED FROM FINAN-CIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: February 21, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

(20-0393-FC02)

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esa

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

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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: August 17, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$47,400,00

\$47,400.00 M O R T G A G O R ( S ): Joanne M. Collins, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

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

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

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

T H E A M O U N T CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$45,549.70

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

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

RESIDENTIAL SER-VICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 29-0017400
TRANSACTION

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 05, 2022 at 10:00

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 7, 2022.

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

M O R T G A G O R ( S ) RELEASED FROM FINAN-CIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: February 25, 2022 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

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

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

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#### NOTICE MOTLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that the board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Motley, Morrison County, Minnesota shall meet on Tuesday April 19, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at the Motley Township 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.

If you believe the value

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 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.

Ken Swecker, Clerk Motley Township

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#### NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Staples Township shall meet on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

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

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

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk Staples Township

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## NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING MOTLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the Motley Public Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, April 18, 2022 at BRICKS. The meeting will take place at 6 p.m..

Greg Frisk, Secretary 16pnc

#### NOTICE BYRON TOWN BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the **Board** of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Byron. Cass County Minnesota shall meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 10:00 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.

Becki Rassler, Clerk, Byron Township,

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#### NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP ROAD INSPECTION

The Moran Township annual road inspection meeting will take place Saturday, April 23 starting at 8:00 a.m.

The town board will be leaving to drive the township roads about that time. You are welcome to follow in your own vehicle and when stopped, please keep a safe distance.

Diane Mack, Clerk Moran Township

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ISD #2170 **SCHOOL BOARD** MEETING #15 Feb. 28, 2022, 6 p.m. **District Office** 

#### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to Order by Chair**

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Lund, Freeman, B. Anderson and Reeck present (comprising a quorum). L. Anderson was absent. Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Principal Johnson; Deb Ferdon; several employees; ICS representatives; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to add agenda items # 12 and #12.1. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by B. Anderson, to adopt the agenda. MC

Chair WInkels welcomed the public and thanked everyone for attending.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Lund, seconded by B. Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of #8. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to approve agenda item #8. MC. Winkels abstained.

#### **Donations and In-Kind** Contributions

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the Resolution to accept monetary donations in the amount of \$102,610, and in-kind donations in the amount of \$500. MC

**Finance** 

John Regan gave the

Financial Report

**Motion** by B Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

#### Personnel

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Freeman, to accept the retirement of Craig Otteson, driver; eff. Feb. 18, 2022. MC. Thank you, Craig, for nearly 25 years of service and dedication to our students and the district.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to accept the retirement of Deb Otteson; eff. June 30, 2022, with permission to post. MC. Thank you, Deb, for 30 years of dedication to our students and to the district.

#### Other

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2022 - 2023 calendar. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the negotiation settlement with 9/10 month employees at: \$1.00 per hour increase for 2021-2022 and \$.25 per hour increase for 2022-2023; and approve language changes to the employee handbook to be effective July 1, 2022. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Reeck, approve the 2021-2023 negotiation settlement with Transportation with pay increase and language changes. MC

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Lund, to review an affirmation that the school district boundaries (located within Cass County) correctly reflect our records. MC

The district boundaries displayed on the provided map is a representation of

the legal description for the district within Cass County, based on historic tax parcel information on file in the Auditor's office.

#### **ISC Building Project Update**

a. MS/HS - The HVAC project at the MS/HS came in over budget

b. Elementary - Bid opening for the elementary (was) March 24

c. Addition(s)

Motion by Reeck, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the ICS recommendation to award bid for Work Scope #1 - Site work for the Staples Motley facility improvements at the Middle/High School. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the ICS recommendation to reject bids for work scopes # 2 - #5 for the Staples-Motley facility improvements at the Middle/High School. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to approve the construction documents for the SM elementary renovation project, and moving forward with public bidding MC

#### **REPORTS**

School Board/ FED -1-6-22 Minutes/ Sourcewell 12-21-21 Minutes

Principals, Activities and SMEA reports

Superintendent Report Community Ed Advisory Council Minutes 2-10-22

#### Adjournment Motion by B. Ander-

son, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. MC

Complete minutes are available at: www.isd2170. k12.mn.us

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#### **Filed in District Court** STATE OF MINNESOTA

March 25, 2022 **COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION** Court File No. 77-PR-22-250

> Estate of **Rudolph Albert** Bjerga, **Decedent**

#### **NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL** REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE **TO CREDITORS** (INTESTATE)

Notice is given that an Application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Court. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Court has informally appointed Laurie Craft, whose address is 11627 N. Height Dr., NW, Coon Rapids, Minnesota, 55433, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the

personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or dis-

tribute real estate. Any objections to the appointment of Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper

notice of hearing. Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: March 25, 2022

Daniel Benson **District Court Judge** 

Rhonda Bot **Court Administrator** 

Attorney for Personal Representative: Joseph A Krueger QUINLIVAN & HUGHES,

124 Lake Street South Long Prairie, MN 56347 Attorney License No: 0328911

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The evening's event will include dinner, live auction, online and in-person silent auction, and entertainment. The cost of the ticket covers dinner and entertainment for the evening.

Raffle tickets can be purchased before or at the event to win a 2022 Polaris Ranger SP 570 Premium UTV. Second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$250. Seven hundred tickets will be sold and will be available starting April 1, at First International Bank & Trust in Staples and Motley during

regular business hours. Other purchasing opportunities will be announced in the coming weeks.

The social hour and silent auction will start at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m., short program and live auction at 7 p.m. and 'Jeff James and His Live Looping Show' entertainment at 8 p.m. Tickets are available for individuals, tables of six and tables of eight. VIP tickets are also available (for a table of six and a table of eight) and include two drink tickets per person and frontof-line service. Tax deductions apply to a portion of the table purchase.

Visit one.bidpal.net/ lhsfoundation to purchase tickets by April 21, and start bidding on silent auction items on April 22. Call 218-894-8638 or email alytwardowski@lakewoodhealthsystem.com for sponsorship opportunities or additional event informa-



#### **Faith Lutheran food shelf** donation

During March, Foodshelf month, Faith Lutheran Church holds their annual Food Shelf Fund drive. This year's goal was \$4,022 dollars which is shared between the Staples Food Shelf and the Motley Food Shelf. In addition to dollars donated, collections for food, personal care items and other items that the Food Shelf cannot purchase with their funding were held. Surpassing their goal the Faith Lutheran church family donated \$5,564.50 to the food shelves.

Above: Carol Edinger Kert, Co-Chair of the Faith Lutheran Church Social Concerns Committee and Frank Leidenfrost, Director, Staples Food Shelf. (Submitted photo)



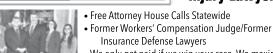
#### **Donation to Community Ed.**

The Staples Host Lions Club recently made a \$3,000 donation to Staples-Motley Community Education. Pictured, from left, are Jon Regan, with SM Community Ed., and Lion President Ken Christensen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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## **Todd County Board from March 15**

These are notes cut due to space from the March 15 Todd County Board story.

By Karin L. Nauber

**Todd County correspondent** 

 The board denied the request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from Moses D. Borntrager

Background: An application for a CUP was submitted on August 12, 2021 for the establishment of temporary family housing on a parcel in Reynolds Township.

The application was reviewed during September 2021 and March 2022 Planning Commission hearings. The applicant signed an extension to the decision deadline on November 5,

The final recommendation from the Planning Commission was to deny the application based on the following findings of fact:

1. The proposed structure to be used for Temporary Family Housing is an existing structure at the time of application.

2. Section 9.17(A) part ii of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance states the dwelling size shall not exceed 1,280 square feet, one story, or two bedrooms.

3. The existing structures consists of 1-1/2 stories, 1,032 square feet and four bedrooms.

· An application for a subdivision (Little Birch Hills Vista Preliminary Plat) was received on February 8 to establish a single lot plat on a parcel in Birchdale Township.

The application was reviewed by the Planning Commission during the March 3 hearing.

The final recommen-

dation from the Planning Commission was to grant the preliminary plat with the following condition.

1. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

The board approved the preliminary plat.

· Background: An application for subdivision to establish a private cemetery in Round Prairie Township was received on February 9 from Henry Slabaugh for an Amish Cemetery Preliminary Plat.

The application was reviewed by the Planning Commission during the March 3 hearing.

The final recommendation from the Planning Commission was to approve the preliminary plat with the following conditions: Declare a cemetery official and an alternate that will be responsible for following state rules and provide contact information to the county to be recorded with the final plat. Maintain a list of individuals buried and exact location within the cemetery. Cemetery plot must be completely fenced off with boundaries clearly identified. All burial sites must remain inside of the fenced area.

Kircher asked who maintains the cemetery if it is abandoned? He asked if it would be the township?

Planning and Zoning Administrator Adam Ossefoort said that the township did not express any concerns but that he could check into it and find out.

Kircher said he was not opposed to the cemetery but was just bringing the question to light.

The board approved the preliminary plat.

 A request to rezone a parcel in Long Prairie Township was submitted on February 9 by Daniel Gingerich.

The request to rezone from R-10 to AF1 for the purposes of establishing a farm site with additional animal units was approved with no conditions.

· Background: The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), counties, and the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA) have collaborated with the fiscal analysis consultant group, Guidehouse, on the development of a statewide rate methodology for fee-forservice (FFS) county subcontracted Targeted Case Management (TCM) services. This rate methodology will be effective July 1,

Todd County Health and Human Services (HHS) has a contract with Northern Pines to provide CMH-TCM services.

This rate change requires HHS to update the Northern Pines contract with the new statewide rate of \$712 per monthly eligible contact.

The previous rate was \$406 per eligible monthly contact. The annual maximum under the contract is \$35,000 and this amount will not change.

The board approved the change with Kircher abstaining because he sits on that board.

• Background: Title 3 funding provided by the Central MN Council on Aging is no longer able to meet the demands of the home-delivered meal program.

Currently, any county

resident who is not on a waiver or able to private pay is put on a wait list for home-delivered meals.

ARPA funds are being requested to subsidize the costs of the home-delivered meals to ensure no county resident is put on a wait list for meals.

The board approved the request for \$10,000 which is believed to cover one year

• Approved notification to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Todd County's intent to administer and deliver the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) for 2023.

The numbers of people using the program did increase over the previous

· Background: A Financial Support Services Supervisor role includes supervising department staff and programs, providing budgetary and financial monitoring for a group of services, and collaborating and coordinating programs with county and community resources and part-

This role would also assist the unit manager in developing and refining goals and guidelines for established priorities to assure programs are implemented to meet the needs of the public.

The board approved the hiring of a Financial Support Services Supervisor even though the position is not budgeted.

Kircher said that because the position will be funded by about 50 percent and because the many of the workers are over their max number of clients that he supported the addition of this position.

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#### **Eyeing the Easter prize**

Children attending the '93 Lions Easter Eggstravaganza look over their prize for winning a game. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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Staples and Motley churches are planning special events and worship services for Easter week. Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, is April 14; Good Friday is April 15; Holy Saturday is April 16 and Easter Sunday is April 17.

• Staples Alliance Church

Good Friday - joint service at Staples Assembly of God Church 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday - Easter Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.

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• Staples Assembly of God

Good Friday - 7 p.m., joint service with Church of Christ, Staples Alliance, Thomastown Covenant

Easter Sunday - Breakfast at 9 a.m.; Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m.

• Staples Church of Christ

Holy Thursday - Communion Service at 7 p.m. Good Friday - joint service at Staples Assembly of

God Church, 7 p.m. Easter Sunday - Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

• Faith Lutheran, Staples

Maundy Thursday Service - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service - 1

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - Faith Columbarium, 7 a.m.; Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Service, 9 a.m.

• Sacred Heart, Staples and St. Michael, Motley Holy Thursday Mass - at

Sacred Heart, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service - at

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God Church, 7 p.m. Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.; Easter Breakfast, 7:45 a.m.; Children's Egg Hunt, 9 a.m.;

Easter Worship, 9:30 p.m.
• Trinity Lutheran
Church, Staples

Maundy Thursday -Divine Service with Holy Communion, 7 p.m. Good Friday - 7 p.m. Ves-

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Easter Sunday - Divine
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nion, 9 a.m., preceded by an Easter breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
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**Motley** Good Friday Service - 7

p.m. Easter Sunday - Service

at 9:30 a.m.

Motley Free Methodist Church

Good Friday - Service and Communion 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - Breakfast 8-10 a.m.; Services 9

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Maundy Thursday -Communion Service 7 p.m. Good Friday - Service at

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• Lincoln EV Free Church Good Friday - Seder Passover Meal, 6:30 p.m. (no cost, but reservations nec-

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## Easter curiosity

Above, a couple of girls who wore their own bunny ears to the '93 Lions Eggstravaganza were captivated by the Easter Bunny handing out prizes. The event was held on April 4 at the Staples Community Center. Other kids were interested in the prizes they won, right. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

