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Staples World

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Lunch on wheels

Staples-Motley school's food service and transportation staff implemented their student meal delivery plan. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

The effects of COVID-19 in Staples and Motley

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

'Practice social distancing,' 'Wash your hands,' 'Sneeze into your elbow' are phrases that have worked their way into vocabularies of most everyone on the planet these past few weeks, ever since coronavirus COVID-19 hit the scene.

Now a pandemic outbreak, the novel coronavirus that first started in China last December has gone on to affect 195 countries, including the United States. As of March 23, 15,000 deaths have been reported worldwide, with 400 of those deaths taking place on U.S. soil. The first death in Minnesota (Ramsey County) was reported on March 21. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, 235 cases have been reported in the state as of March 23. A total of 31 counties have reported cases of the coronavirus, including Cass County.

It doesn't matter if you are Democrat or Republican, rich or poor, religious or not...according to health experts, no one is immune from COVID-19.

Concerted efforts have been and continue to be made worldwide, in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus. In the past week, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz has given executive orders to temporarily close all schools, non-essential businesses, as well as dine-in restaurants and bars to aid in these efforts. On March 23, the governor announced that he will self-quarantine after being exposed to coronavirus.

Although there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in the Staples and Motley areas, its effects can still be felt.

For those whose daily routine involves visiting one of the local restaurants or bars, the temporary closure, which went into effect March 17, is a definite change in lifestyle.

Sharon Rudie, a bartender at B & B's in Staples, said she is supportive of

this order which will hopefully help slow down the spread of the coronavirus. "It's good to put a cap on it, get it over with," she said.

It's the social aspect they'll miss the most, said Duane and Tammy Etzler of Staples, regulars at Lefty's bar in Staples. "They know what we want as soon as we get here," Duane laughed, going on to say that he always orders a 'Captain and Coke' and Tammy orders a screwdriver. Sure, they can make the drinks at home, but it's not the same as being at Lefty's with their friends.

Orv Meyer of Staples has been a part of the Table of Knowledge coffee klatch at Burger King in Staples for quite a few years. "I go every day except Sunday," he said recently, adding that it's been a "big switch" since March 17. It's the camaraderie he misses the most, Meyer said. He and his wife, Marge, have been staying home and avoiding crowds. Since there's no place to go at this time, their social agenda involves more things like playing games and putting puzzles together.

In addition to the social aspect, employees of restaurants, bars and other non-essential businesses are worried about the economic impact of this temporary closure.

Larken Hirsche of Staples has two jobs in the hospitality industry. She waitresses at Los Corrales and is a barista at Stomping Grounds coffee shop, both in Staples. Since neither job is salaried, she's a bit worried about how to make ends meet if the closure extends for a long period of time. Some of her work friends have already filed for unemployment, Hirsche said, adding that she wasn't sure if she would do that or not. In the meantime, she said she was going to look at the positive side of things. "I'll have more time to spend with my dogs," she said with a smile.

For Roger Houselog, See **COVID-19** on page 3a

Weather

This Week's Forecast

| High | Low | Cond. |
|-------------|-----|-----------|
| Mar. 25 35° | 17° | Cloudy |
| Mar. 26 41 | 26 | P. Cloudy |
| Mar. 27 45 | 26 | Cloudy |
| Mar. 28 47 | 23 | P. Cloudy |
| Mar. 29 47 | 28 | P. Cloudy |
| Mar. 30 52 | 31 | P. Sunny |
| Mar. 31 53 | 31 | Sunny |

Last Year, 2019

| High | Low | Cond. |
|-------------|-----|-----------|
| Mar. 25 38° | 16° | Sunny |
| Mar. 26 36 | 18 | Cloudy |
| Mar. 27 50 | 32 | P. Cloudy |
| Mar. 28 39 | 30 | Cloudy |
| Mar. 29 42 | 19 | Sunny |
| Mar. 30 35 | 18 | Sunny |
| Mar. 31 37 | 22 | Cloudy |

Average Temp.:
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Total snow: 53"
Total rain: .22"

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Crow Wing River opens on Mar. 29

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Curbside service - gotta have that coffee

Nine-year-old Sam Hirsche of Staples hands Betty Erbe a coffee to go March 18, curbside service offered at Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples since the mandatory shutdown of sitdown eating establishments March 17. Customers are asked to call the Stomping Grounds to place their order and someone will bring it to them. Sam is the son of Lindsey Hirsche, owner of

the coffee shop. He was able to help his mom that day since schools have also been closed in response to the coronavirus pandemic. For the time being, he's been doing schoolwork at home or the coffee shop. He'll most likely take a break on March 29, to celebrate his 10th birthday. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Todd County invokes emergency response

On March 23, Todd County Board Chair David Kircher declared a local State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Extending this declaration of local emergency will be addressed at an emergency meeting of the county board to be held on Tuesday, March 24, at 9 a.m.

At this time, Todd County has no known cases of the COVID-19 virus.

A declaration of a local emergency invokes necessary parts of the county's emergency response and recovery plan to authorize aid and assistance under

those plans. This allows the county to act quickly without compliance with time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law pertaining to: the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Todd County.

The declaration also provides authority for the county board to limit the

size of public gatherings at county board meetings as well as other public board meetings in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in such circumstances. It also allows meetings to happen via telephone conferencing or other electronic means.

In order to continue to provide maximum public transparency, the declaration also includes a requirement to live-stream county board meetings and other public board meetings. A link will be provided on the Todd County

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Cyber attack detected at Lakewood Health System

A cyber attack may have accessed an email account at Lakewood Health System (LHS). To date, there's no evidence of misuse of the information contained in the account.

LHS is providing notice to potentially affected individuals and is offering them 12 months of free credit monitoring and related services. Additionally, since learning of the attack, LHS has taken a number of steps to further secure its systems.

The incident

LHS noticed suspicious activity related to one of its employee email accounts and immediately commenced an investigation, with assistance from third party experts, for the purpose of determining the scope of the issue, the impact on LHS's information systems and the identity of those affected. On Feb. 27, 2020, LHS determined that, on January 21, 2020 the cyber attacker may have accessed emails in the impacted account that contain one or multiple elements of personal health information and/or personally identifiable information, including names, healthcare payment information, treatment information, diagnoses, medications,

medical record numbers, government identification numbers and/or Social Security numbers.

Response

LHS recommends that people potentially affected remain vigilant and take the following steps to protect health or personal information:

- Contact the nationwide credit-reporting agencies as soon as possible to add a fraud alert statement to your credit file at all three national credit-reporting agencies;
- Remove your name from mailing lists of pre-approved offers of credit for approximately six months;
- Request and carefully review a free copy of your credit report by going to www.annualcreditreport.com;
- Carefully review all bills and credit card statements you receive to see if there are items you did not contract for or purchase;
- Carefully review all of your bank account statements frequently for checks, purchases or deductions not made by you;
- If you suspect or know that you are the victim of identity theft, contact local police and report the theft to the Fraud Department

of the Federal Trade Commission.

Specific steps LHS has taken to prevent this from happening again include: changed the password for the impacted account; removed the false multi-factor enrollment for the affected account and enrolled the legitimate user in multi-factor authentication; monitored access to the impacted account; reviewed multi-factor authentication access across its network; implemented Target Threat Detection on URL's in email messages; worked with a third-party forensics expert to confirm its systems are secure; and implemented strong web security protocols.

Lakewood sent out the following statement in a news release: "LHS sincerely apologizes for this situation and any inconvenience it causes. If you have questions or concerns about this incident, contact 888-829-6561, Monday-Friday between 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday between 8 a.m.-5 p.m."

"Lakewood Health System deeply values its patient relationships and is devoted to safeguarding the privacy and security of its patients' information."



Coronavirus is 'ruff'

Charles, a Blizzard-lovin' pooch from Verndale, accompanied his pal (and owner) Dalton Emerson to the Dairy Queen in Staples March 17, relieved that the drive-through portion of the restaurant is still open. Although the governor gave an executive order to close sit-down areas of eating establishments March 17 - 27, take-out orders, deliveries and drive-throughs are still allowed. Employee Carol Miller, at the window, said that they had had a steady stream of customers all day. The drive-through at the Motley Dairy Queen is open as well. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Arvig offers free internet for K-12 students

Arvig is offering an Education Assistance Program for families with a student in the K-12 system or for college students, to receive free internet service so their education can continue via e-learning methodologies in the event schools remain closed as a result of COVID-19.

“Keeping people connected to the world has always been our mission,” said David Arvig, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Arvig. “We signed the Federal Communications Commission’s pledge to Keep America Connected during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak across the country and we are committed to doing what we can to

help families during this time. The Education Assistance Program is available for families who need it.”

The Arvig Education Assistance Program:

- Is available to families who live in the Arvig service area and currently do not have any internet service at their residence
- Provides any internet speed available free-of-charge, including wi-fi service if needed
- Ensures service will remain free until the 2019/2020 school year concludes unless the customer calls to disconnect their service and returns the equipment
- Will prioritize service installations for customers considered low-income

who qualify for this program

- Is available where Arvig can deliver 5 Mbps of speed or higher

To qualify for free service, the participant must be a new customer, have no bad debt with Arvig and sign up for paperless statements.

People interested in learning more can contact the Arvig Customer Care team either online at arvig.com via online chat, or by calling 888-992-7844 and asking about the Arvig Education Assistance Program. The Customer Care Representative will walk them through the steps to determine if they qualify and if so, set them up for installation.



Taking extra precautions at Lakewood

Extra measures are being taken at Lakewood Health System (LHS) Hospital in Staples in an effort to protect both staff and patients during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. Pictured above, wearing protective masks and ready to offer hand sanitizer to patients, are LHS employees Heidi Chapman (left), Foundation Director; and Amanda

Mithun, Behavioral Health provider. All Patients entering either entrance at LHS are screened prior to their admittance, which includes having their temperature taken and answering a few questions pertaining to possible coronavirus exposure. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Fat Tuesday fundraiser at Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples held their annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 29, an event in support of the Staples Area Food Shelf. This year’s event raised over \$600 from the free-will donations of those who attended. The event was made possible through funds made available through the Thrivent Action Team program and the generous contributions of Trinity members. Approximately 80 people attended the supper; and 16 Trinity members did all of the cooking and serving. (Submitted photos)



The last breakfast...for awhile

A coffee klatch at Countryside Restaurant in Motley joked that perhaps they should have had a minister offer communion at what they called their ‘last breakfast’ (for awhile anyway) March 17. In an effort to protect Minnesotans and help protect the spread of COVID-19, Gov. Tim Walz made an executive order to

shut down all bars and restaurants for at least 10 days. Pictured above, from left, are Floyd Griffith Motley; Denver Johnson, Ken LaPorte, both of Pillager; Peter Peterson, Betty Peterson, both of Pine River; Karen Mudeck, Robert Mudeck, both of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



The Staples World newspaper is available at these fine area businesses:

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- *SouthSide Mini-Mart
- *Ernie’s Grocery
- *Staples True Value
- *Jon’s Family Foods
- *Staples ACE Hardware
- *Speedway

We appreciate these businesses and their continued commitment to our communities.



One for the road

At left: Roger Heidelberg, a regular at BRICKS restaurant in Motley, has one more cup of coffee for the road March 17. The mandatory shutdown of restaurants and bars, due to the coronavirus outbreak, has been difficult for the regular customers, said Kimm Farber (standing), a server at BRICKS.

During the shutdown, the restaurant will offer full menu take-out orders which can be picked up at the adjoining convenience store. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Helping mom at the store

Stephanie Jordahl, owner of Jordahl Hardware in downtown Motley, got some unexpected help at the store from her son JayDe March 17. An eighth grader at Pillager School, JayDe is one of thousands of students across the state that are experiencing a ‘new normal’ with all schools temporarily shut down due to coronavirus. JayDe said

that the students cleaned out their lockers and packed up books on March 16 and are waiting to hear what the plan for distance learning will be. In the meantime, he’s happy to help his mom at the store, and will most likely be helping out at the family’s farm as well, since calving season has arrived. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



French fries still served

Dawn Fiebing said they are still open for business at Burger King in Staples, although customers are not allowed inside the restaurant. Fiebing said that the driver-through at the restaurant has remained busy since the mandatory shut-down of all sit-down service at restaurants and bars. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Grocery demand increased

longtime owner of Tower Pizza in Staples, the temporary closure will most likely result in loss of income. So far, the governor has not banned take-out orders or curbside service, for which Houselog is grateful. He delivered a few to-go orders last week to customers, Houselog shared, adding that he got teary-eyed a time or two during his trips. "Thanks for not forgetting us," he told the customers. As an essential business, grocery stores have been busy these past few weeks, with reports of customers stocking up on toilet paper, hand-sanitizers, canned goods and meat products.

"Sales have been up," said Jon Miller, owner of Jon's Family Foods in Staples. Fear seems to be what's driving the toilet paper sales in particular, Miller said. There is also a shortage recently on meat supplies and fresh vegetable items like lettuce and carrots. Their supplier has the product, but they don't have the staff to keep the trucks filled (due to the increased demand of grocery items) and make the deliveries, Miller said. Undoubtedly, there will be more reports as to the effects of the coronavirus in the coming weeks, as COVID-19 continues to spread.



Curbside, take out orders available at some places

Some of the restaurants and bars in Staples and Motley are offering take-out and curbside pickup in response to the mandatory shutdown of these establishments due to the coronavirus pandemic. These include Twisted Sisters Bar and Grill, Los Corrales Mexican Grill, Timbers Restaurant, Tower Pizza, B & B's bar, all in Staples; and BRICKS Restaurant in Motley. Some also offer free delivery within a certain mile-radius. Dairy Queen in both Staples and Motley, as well as Burger King in Staples, offer drive-through orders. Subway in Staples is still offering to-go orders; and Staples Bakery is still making fresh donuts. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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County services continue

website to access the live stream. County offices were closed to the public on March 18, but services continue to be provided through email, phone, online and drop box access. At this time, District Court and court proceedings are still accessible through secured access and the

Todd County Transfer Station remains open with limited services to the public. Employees will continue to be available to help the public via email, phone, online and drop-box. Call 320-533-4643 or email tcad-min@co.todd.mn.us if you need assistance in directing inquiries or calls.

75 YEARS Ago - 1945

• March 29, 1945 - Edward Sadusky, a Life Scout of Troop 61 of Staples, is the first member of the troop to become a 1,000-pound Scout, according to John Mossier, who is now the Scoutmaster for the Staples troop. By being a 1,000-pound Scout, Sadusky has collected and turned in 1,000 pounds of scrap paper, newspapers and magazines, to the Scout salvage committee to help the Scouts of America raise a total of 150,000 tons for the fighting

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forces of this nation. Sadusky will receive the coveted General MacArthur medal for his efforts. • March 29, 1945 - "Spike", the fullblood registered Airdale dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hengel, is back home with the family after spending almost two years in military service with the United States government, most of the time of which was spent at Homestead, Florida, where he was on sentry duty. "Spike" was enlisted with the army on July 13, 1943. After receiving his basic training, he was put into active service, and, according to reports received by the Hengels, was one of the best and easiest trained dogs they had at Homestead. "Spike," three years old at the present time, was honorably discharged from military service on March 19, 1945. Before being returned to Staples, he was trained for civilian life again at Camp Robinson, Nebraska, arriving in Staples Wednesday evening, March 21. He is perfectly content to be "back home" among his other friends and with the Hengel family. "Spike" has the honor of being the only dog from Staples to enter military service.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

• March 26, 1970 - Two juniors at Staples high school were named this week as the Girl and Boy Staters of the American Legion and Auxiliary. Julie Bredemeier, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. V. D. Bredemeier, will represent the American Legion Auxiliary of the Ivan V. Sarff Post No. 70 for a week's study of government at all levels at Girls State this summer. Guy Doud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Doud, was chosen as the American Legion Post's representative to Boys State. Miss Bredemeier is active in the Girls' Athletic Association, Pep Club, Drama club, Cardinal Band, is a cheerleader and has played roles in various plays. Guy Doud is highly acclaimed for his roles in various class plays and his work in speech contests. He holds membership on the Student Council, Drama club, choir and is student manager for the basketball and track teams. • March 26, 1970 - A new walk-in cooler was recently installed at Williams Floral in Staples. An Easter open house was held at the firm last Sunday, with a large

crowd on hand. The new cooler triples the amount of space available in the previous one.

• March 26, 1970 - Stanley Edin was elected to the presidency of the Staples Rotary club for the 1970-71 year at a recent meeting of the organization.

Edin, who is assistant director of the Staples Area Vocational-Technical School, will succeed Dr. Raymond O. Garland. He will assume his new duties July 1.

Other officers selected to serve with President Edin are as follows: R. C. Read, vice-president; Dick Lange, secretary; Wayne Haglin, treasurer; and Leo Fahlander, sergeant of arms.

Dr. Raymond O. Garland, William Uhrich, Richard Donat, James Tower, M. A. Mueller, and Ken Richardson comprise the Board of Directors.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

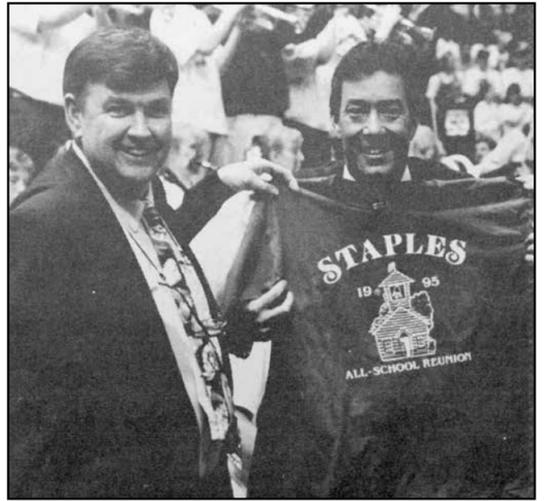
• March 30, 1995 - Staples Motley hopes as high as the Civic Center scoreboard for a Cinderella finish for a Cinderella season collided Saturday night with the same hopes from Minneapolis North.

The Cardinals, despite a last second, off balance shot from midcourt that came surprisingly close, fell to the Polars by a 54-52 final score in the championship game of the 1995 'Sweet 16' tournament.

Blaine Joerger's desperation shot had the right distance, but fell about six feet left of the basket as the buzzer sounded, ending the 1995 basketball season in Minnesota.

Team members of the 1995 tournament team included Cy Bestland, Jamie Nichols, Jeff Joerger, Blaine Joerger, Erik Kelly, Jason Becker, Kyle Stevens, Craig Noska, Loren Brownell, Bob Hazuka, Jim Goff, Rob Opheim, Dan Otteson, Jamie Dolezal and Chris Heier, with Scott Brever and Jerrod Busker as student managers.

• March 30, 1995 - Showing at Staples Cinema March 31, April 1-2, is 'Nell.' Showing at the Cozy



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 30, 1995 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Theatre in Wadena, March 31 - April 6, is Walt Disney's 'Man of the House', starring Chevy Chase and Jonathan Taylor Thomas; and 'Nobody's Fool' starring Paul Newman.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

• April 1, 2010 - The final plans for roughly a \$6 million street and utilities replacement project this summer were given a go-ahead Tuesday, March 23 by the Staples City Council.

• April 1, 2010 - Standing as bookends, two vacant buildings have been the city of Staples symbols for ten years or more. That just may be coming to an end.

Jerel Nelsen, the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) executive director, told that group of two potentially interesting developments.

Nelsen, at the SEDA's March 23 meeting, said the Woodland Container building, commonly called the 'box factory' in Staples, is scheduled for demolition this spring or summer. The building west of Staples is on Burlington Northern land and is believed

to contain some contaminated soil, a result of the chemical treatment of the plant's wood products over the years.

Nelsen also told the EDA board to expect to take action, possibly at their April meeting, on the large building at the east end of town known as the Carter Ringer building. This structure's owner, Norbert Johnson, is close to letting the building go tax forfeit.

• April 1, 2010 - It's calving season in Central Minnesota, one of the busiest times of the year for cattle ranchers in these parts.

An estimated 40,000 calves will be born this spring in Central and Northern Minnesota. According to Leader area rancher Roy Bell, at least 10,000 of these calves will be from the four counties of Morrison, Cass, Todd and Wadena.

"We're just getting started," Roy said March 30. "We calve a couple hundred cows here at Rawhide Ranch...So far, we've got 30 on the ground, one set of twins. Things are going well."



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the March 30, 2000 edition of the Staples World, featured members of the Motley Lions, the Rosenthal family and other community members following a benefit spaghetti dinner. The event had been held Feb. 8 at the Motley Staples Middle School, during which funds were raised for the Rosenthal family after they lost their Motley business, Four Roses Floral, Nursery and Gifts, in a fire just before Thanksgiving. The funds raised at the dinner were presented to the Rosenthal family

Tuesday night at the Motley City Hall in the amount of \$1,418.78. Judy Maska of Motley and Belma Trout of Pillager did all of the cooking for the dinner and also donated their wages back to the fund. Pictured, from left, are Judy Maska, Belma Trout, Julie Rosenthal, Gordon Rosenthal, Samantha Rosenthal, Jake Rosenthal, Janet Greig, Karen Morey and Al Evans.

Mike Koppes and Judy Wolak, both of Staples, correctly identified the Rosenthals. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Friendly Rider delivers food free

In response to the coronavirus outbreak, Friendly Rider will be delivering food supplies to people's homes free of charge.

This includes making deliveries from the local food shelves, grocery stores and Meals on Wheels. Randy Jahnke, Transit Director, said Friendly Rider

is taking on a support role as they work with other local agencies. Some of the details are yet to be worked out, as the situation seems to change on a daily basis. In making their deliveries, drivers will adhere to social distancing. For more information about this delivery service, call 218-631-5730.

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Lakewood, community adapting to changes

A month ago, who would have thought terms like social distancing, surge plans and quarantine would be part of our regular vocabulary? But here we are, in uncharted territory, navigating our way through this Coronavirus pandemic and its implications on our lives.

Lakewood Health System



By Tim Rice
President and CEO

Lakewood Health System's primary concern and focus continues to be the safety and welfare of our patients, staff members and community. I'm proud of our providers and employees for taking a cautious, proactive approach to this situation. Our Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) team has been meeting around the clock for weeks, putting measures into place such as restricting visitors, postponing elective procedures, and screening all employees and visitors at the door - to keep people safe, prevent the spread of the virus and ensure we

are using our resources and supplies wisely.

I acknowledge and recognize that these situations can cause worry and anxiety in people, especially for the elderly or those who already have serious health conditions. Also concerning is the significant impact this situation will have on our local economy. These are all unknowns right now. We don't yet know how this will evolve over the next few months, and to what extent we will be affected. There are things out of our control, and that can feel unsettling. But we do have control over some things, such as how we react and what we can do to help others. Even if we can't be face-to-face with our friends or loved ones, we can still show we care with a phone call or an e-mail. We can ask how people are doing and really listen to their answer. We can find the good in people and situations. We can be revived by nature by going for a walk or taking a few deep breaths of fresh air. We can still help those in need, even if it's done a little bit differently now.

Another thing we can control is taking basic measures to protect the safety of ourselves and others, such as staying home if you are sick, washing your hands often, maintaining social distance, coughing or sneezing into your elbow,

and avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth. The World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) have great resources and guidance on these topics.

I have been impressed with how the various organizations and agencies in our area have come together as a team to share knowledge and resources. We continue to partner with organizations such as the Minnesota Department of Health to make the best, most educated decisions and plans for you and your families. I assure you we will keep working hard to stay ahead of this situation and do whatever it takes to preserve the health and safety of our patients, staff members and community.

Thank you for your flexibility in adapting to the changes we've implemented at Lakewood Health System. And thank you to everyone who has been involved with the planning and execution of these plans. Even though there are unknowns, it's times like this when you truly do see the best in people. And we will definitely get through this together.

School appreciates community support

I wanted to send a quick update to our community as of March 20, 2020. Wow, what a past week it has been for education in the state of Minnesota. Beginning with the governor's executive order on March 15, the Staples-Motley School District has been closed to begin preparations for distance learning. During the first week we've adapted our food service distribution to serve our families across the district, have worked hard to clean and disinfect our buildings.

I want to make it clear that the closure through March 27, is for the purpose of developing distance learning models - no public school in the state is to be conducting any distance learning until March 30. The governor, after watching the COVID-19 pandemic sweep through other states and quickly dismantle their e-learning initiatives, had the foresight to give educators in the state of Minnesota the time to plan for equitable and sustainable distance learning models.

Distance learning is NOT e-learning. Technology, though it may be one of the tools in the distance

learning model, is not the only tool in the box. Our number one goal during this past week and for the week to come is to consider how we can best educate ALL students, based on their particular needs and circumstances and I am proud to say that our team of teachers is rising to the challenge. I'm looking forward to sharing with you our distance-learning model for the Staples-Motley School District when it's complete at the end of this closure.

This past week, as our teaching and paraprofessional staff prepared for distance learning and our custodial staff cleaned our facilities, our food service and transportation workers leaped into action to

serve children across the district. I'm proud to share that our lunch service did not miss a single day during this closure and thanks to swift response from parents across the district, we were able to add delivery services starting last Wednesday, March 18. On Thursday and Friday of last week alone, we served over 2,000 meals (breakfasts and lunches).

Additionally, we're privileged to provide childcare to the essential employees of our community during this statewide closure. In our childcare and elementary sites, we cared for children of healthcare and emergency workers so their parents could continue to care for our community. Reach out if you believe you fall into the essential worker category and need care for your child.

Lastly, I want to thank the community for their overwhelming support. Your encouragement has been essential to our success and upbeat spirit as we navigate uncharted waters. It's been and continues to be a privilege to serve our community.

Staples-Motley Schools



By Shane Tappe
Supt.

We are all essential

For years after 2001, the newspapers I worked for kept receiving press releases from businesses and organizations that started with "Since Sept. 11, ..." and they would all go on to describe their regular news.

At first I set them aside or took out the Sept. 11 part and laughed about what does a small group in Minnesota have to do with the terrorist attack in New York City?

But eventually I realized they were writing mini-manifestos, justifying the reasons they existed, and they needed a big event like Sept. 11 to help them to put their business into context for the community. So I started putting the Sept. 11 part back in.

While the terrorist attacks didn't affect Minnesota physically, the coronavirus shutdown does. Every person, group and business has changed because of this. So the

coronavirus news releases started arriving early, when OfficeMax sent me a press release before schools were even called off. I appreciated that they thought of us in their response to the situation, as have many local businesses and organizations since.

Now we're to the point of debating which businesses are essential and which are not, and which ones should continue operating and which ones should not. This method helps us determine the minimum that keeps us alive and functioning, but it doesn't appreciate all the efforts that go into modern life and the people who help our communities thrive.

I keep going back to the main reason we are doing any of this: because we revere our elders. One of the first things we learned about COVID-19 is that it affects the elderly disproportionately. Because of that, all our efforts to slow the spread of the virus are done to protect them the most. We don't want to lose them, we have decided that they are essential.

We can live for a short time without some services. But taking everything into consideration, the economy, our families, our way of life, it is clear that we are all essential.

By Rivera Sun

There are some things you can't fight with the barrel of a gun. Pandemics are one of them. In times like this, nonviolent responses are our best rescue remedies. They boost our morale, help us take care of one another, push for justice, and keep us all going when the going gets tough. As my colleague Ken Butigan wrote in Love in the Time of Coronavirus: "When societies take rapid, extraordinary steps to mitigate the shock of job loss or the expense of testing, they are pursuing nonviolent strategies—nonviolent because they resist the violence of exclusion or indifference while fostering healing and unity."

This week, as I was collecting stories for Nonviolence News, I found dozens of beautiful, sensible, and extraordinary ways in which people are using nonviolent responses to meet the coronavirus crisis. Take note of all these ideas, and be sure to push for them in your community. Individually, they are only partial solutions. Put together, they offer a robust social, cultural, spiritual, and economic intervention strategy that shows us how to rise - powerfully - to the challenges of these times.

Morale Boosters

Viral videos of Italians singing from their balconies and windows have swept the global Internet this week, bringing smiles to faces and joyful tears to eyes.

Across Spain, residents leaned out windows and balconies to applaud the efforts of healthcare workers in a moment of mass appreciation. And, healthcare workers deserve our accolades. In Iran, heroic, sanctions-strapped nurses and doctors even offered brief dances to lift patients' spirits despite the dire challenges they face. South Korea offered free, online concerts to boost homebound spirits, a move many others - including the Metropolitan Opera - also followed.

A culturally creative hashtag campaign in Japan invokes #Amabie, the mythic plague-protecting beast that resembles a cross between a monster and a mermaid. Japanese citizens have been posting artwork and photos of homemade versions to cheer each other up on social media. Meanwhile, India, with its ancient traditions and one billion citizens, suppressed a smile as it offered the Western world a solution to the handshake ban: the namaste greeting.

Structural Interventions

As social distancing and government orders shut down restaurants, schools, bars, libraries, movie theaters, and more, the economic impacts have hit the poor, working families, and small business owners hard. To mitigate this, cities, states, even countries are suspending mortgage payments, halting evictions, and pausing medical and student debt collection. Ninety US

cities and states suspended water shutoffs to ensure that people had the ability to wash during this pandemic. France canceled all utility bills to help people cope with coronavirus' economic impacts. Hong Kong gave every citizen \$1,200 with no strings attached. The US Internal Revenue Service stunned everyone by giving the entire nation an automatic 3-month tax filing extension.

A few landlords have waived or suspended rents. Some commercial property owners are urging their small business renters to pay their workers first, rents second. Inspired by Oakland Moms4Housing, LA homeless families are taking over houses owned by the state in order to handle the coronavirus quarantine restrictions. After these occupations began, California decided to use hotels and motels as temporary housing for unhoused persons - which also helped to put state funds into the hard-hit hospitality industry. As colleges and universities shut down, UHaul offered free storage to displaced students.

Mutual Aid

Mutual Aid is how people help people get through tough times. It arose amidst the early labor movement and hasn't stopped since. Teen Vogue reported that mutual aid networks are exploding online as people step up to help during the coronavirus crisis. An excellent example of this is the remarkable case of the Middlebury College Mutual Aid Spreadsheet: 2,500 students needed storage, transport, and help when their college shut down and they organized it all with a single spreadsheet.

With face masks selling out and prices skyrocketing, people in Armenia are making their own and distributing them for free. Volunteers are banding together to buy hygiene products for poor people. In Italy, where medical supplies ran short, citizens printed respirator parts with 3D printers and made them available for free.

Arts and cultural foundations have stepped up to help artists without health insurance cover medi-

cal costs in New York and Boston. The Kekere Emergency Childcare Collective is coordinating childcare assistance to parents who still have to work even while the schools close and social distancing is put in place. As senior centers closed, uncountable numbers of community-based programs stepped up to deliver Meals-On-Wheels style meals to seniors. A parallel effort is making sure children - who often receive 1-2 meals at school - do not go hungry during school closures. In some places, janitors, teachers, and school administrators organized door-to-door delivery of meals, computers for online learning, homework, and support by tapping into the fact that bus drivers already know where the kids live. Zoom CEO Eric Yuan made video conferencing tools free to K-12 teachers in multiple countries. And, dozens of educational companies offered free classes and resources during shut down of schools and universities.

Pushing Forward for Change

People have been using nonviolent action to push for change, even as major marches or protests have been cancelled. In London, activists donned hazmat suits to protest the United Kingdom's lackadaisical COVID-19 response, demanding a country-wide shutdown.

In Brazil, hundreds of people joined a cacerolazo - a pots-and-pans banging protest done from windows and balconies - to demand President Bolsonaro's removal from office, in part due to his mishandling of the pandemic.

The stories continue. Nearly every community has them. Share these stories and celebrate the work that's being done. Nonviolence is rushing to the rescue with love, courage, and creativity... and you can be a part of it.

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Quote of the week

"If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."

— Bob Hope



Mark Your Calendar

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK, CALL YOUR GROUP FOR UPDATED STATUS ON MEETING DETAILS.

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTGS IN VERDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

LAKE COUNTRY ATV RIDERS MEET fourth Saturday, 11 a.m., Bear's Den in Leader. For info., 218-640-5679. Find them on Facebook.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr., Baxter. For info., 218-829-4017.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG second Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., Facebook at Todd County Minnesota Republicans, or call 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE MTG third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCo-Chair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

March 26

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., March 26, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Jim Lizakowski, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.



Pit stop in Staples

Chastity Runge, a waitress at Tower Pizza in Staples, took the order of Mikey and Kathy Vesely the afternoon of March 17. The couple were on their way back to the Twin Cities after dropping Kathy's mom off at her home in Turtle River. It would be the last afternoon Tower Pizza would be open for a sit-down meal, as all restaurants and bars were closed at 5 p.m. that day, as mandated by Gov. Tim Walz. The mandate is in effect until March 27, and does allow for eating establishments to offer take-out and delivery service, which Tower Pizza is taking advantage of. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Food shelf rules change

Effective March 23, food shelf clients are no longer permitted to enter the food shelf building - only curbside deliveries can be made.

Motley

Sherry (Miller) Frisk is the director of the MAFS. She said that clients are asked to park in the driveway at the food shelf and a volunteer will come out to meet them. At that point, they will be given a list of food items to choose from and when they have placed their order, a volunteer will fill it and then deliver it to their vehicle.

The Motley Area Food Shelf is located at 697 3rd Ave. So., in Motley. It is open each Thursday from 9 a.m. - noon; and the last Thursday of every month from 6 - 8 p.m. For more information, call 218-352-6344.

Staples

The process at the SAFS is as follows: Clients must call 218-894-1041 to place their order. Clients must check the food shelf item availability list posted on the entry door to place

their order. Orders will be delivered to the curb in the order they are placed. Clients are asked to watch for their delivery number.

Food shelf volunteers are required to deliver the food to the curb only. Clients are not permitted to assist in cart unloading. Clients are reminded to always maintain the six-ft. distance space from the volunteers and other clients.

As of March 23, the food shelf will open an hour earlier than before.

"We ask for your patience and cooperation during these difficult times," said food shelf director Frank Leidenfrost. Their only other option would be to close the facility, he said, adding that the SAFS Board hopes they will be able to remain open.

The Staples Area Food Shelf is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1 - 4 p.m.; and the fourth Thursday of the month from 5 - 7 p.m. For more information, call 218-894-1041.

Area cancellations

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the following events/activities have been canceled:

- Retired Educators Association of MN (REAM) meeting Monday, April 6, at Staples City Hall.

- Books, Bites & Brews book club meeting Thursday, March 19. Author Allen Eskens will join the club via Skype for their April 16 meeting, depending on the situation at that time.

- Staples American Legion Auxiliary #70 meeting April 2, has been cancelled. It has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 30, at 1 p.m., at the Lions Building in Staples. Mail in your 'volunteer time' sheets now for annual reports.

These are the events that the Staples World has been made aware of. For other updates, call a representative of the entity in question directly.

Letters to the Editor

Community Networking

A short "shout out" to share the goodness of the community networking that is alive and well in Staples.

Last week some of my family started reaching out to some regarding grocery runs, picking up individual's take out orders, etc.

Saturday mid-morning a call came from a committee member from my church (Staples AG) to see how we were doing, if we had any needs, and I believe, they were calling all of our church members.

On Sunday afternoon I was sitting and reading... when I noticed a young man walking up our driveway. As he got closer I recognized my neighbor from across the street. With "social distancing" in place I answered the door and he handed me this note...

which in part read:

"With all the uncertainty going on right now, we wanted to let you know, we are all in this together."

If there is anything we can do for you let us know." The note was from he and his wife along with each of their cell numbers included. How thoughtful these gestures of kindness are.

So, as we all adjust to this "new" normal, let us also extend kindness and be grateful for what we have and who we have... in "small town America".

I know I would not want to be living anywhere other than right where I am.

Gestures of thoughtfulness and kindness are so appreciated. We can all take and do a "pay it forward" act of kindness.

Thank you to all.

Kathy Odden
Staples, Minn.

I am Kristine Spadgenske



"I want to thank the members of Todd-Wadena Electric Co-op for your vote of trust last year. I look forward to continuing my position as we move Todd-Wadena to a new level of excellence for the next 80 years."

I would appreciate your support in the upcoming TWEC election.

Paid for by Kristine Spadgenske, in her own behalf; Menahga, MN



Call 218-541-5800
For meals to go

-- MENU --

- APPETIZERS:** Nachos (supremos, al carbón, Los Corrales, de Camarón), buffalo wings, asada fries
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- SOUPS:** chicken rice, tortilla, or shrimp
- MEALS:** enchiladas, burritos, fajitas

Options for seafood, steak, chicken, carnitas (pork), vegetarian

- MEXICAN DINNERS:** chimichanga (Azteca), taquitos, chile rellenos, molcajete, quesadilla, tamales
- EXTRAS:** rice, beans, tortillas, jalapeños, pico de gallo, salsa picosa
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THESE ARE VERY TRYING TIMES, BUT I KNOW AS A COMMUNITY WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS AND COME OUT STRONGER THAN EVER. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PATRONIZE OTHER BUSINESSES IN STAPLES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING CUTBACKS; ALL OF OUR HELP IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.



Bruce Nelsen

Celebrated his **85th** Birthday on

March 22



No party due to corona virus, but he says he identifies as a 55 year old anyway.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Amanda Leeper and Nick Johnston of Wadena, a baby boy, Jensen Healey Harris weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on March 13, 2020.

Born to Aly and Dan Ross of Nisswa, a baby boy, Micah O'Brien weighing nine pounds, two ounces on March 18, 2020.

Born to Jillian Kern of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Layla Mae weighing seven pounds, two ounces on March 18, 2020.

Born to Jessica Beier and Andrew Thompson of Wadena, a baby boy, Bentley Samuel weighing nine pounds, five ounces on March 19, 2020.

Thank you... to everyone for making my 80th Birthday Celebration so special.

-Butch Goltz

Mae Jenkins



Mae Beverly (Scharf) Jenkins passed away and went to be with her Savior on March 13, 2020, at age 99 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral Services were held March 21, at the Staples United Methodist Church.

Interment is at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples, next to her husband, LeRoy and her parents.

Mae was born to Gustav "Gust" and Lena Juliana Marie (Longbella) Scharf on May 1, 1920, in Staples. Other than when Mae lived in Fargo, ND, attending Business College and

Obituaries



Francis Jaeger

Francis "Frank" J. Jaeger, 88, of Nowthen, formerly of Coon Rapids, died March 14, 2020.

Frank was born September 15, 1931 in Staples to Frank and Cecilia Jaeger. He attended Sacred Heart School, Staples and graduated from Staples High School in 1949.

He was a longtime employee of 3M and enjoyed fishing, old movies and being with his family.

Frank is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joyce, and children Steve (Kathy), Daniel (Mary), David (Carolyn Boben), Theresa (Tim) Gedig, Mary, Amy and Andrew (Kelly); 13 grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

He is preceded in death by one daughter, Ann.

A Celebration of Life for Frank will be planned for later in the spring, details to come.

Condolences to the Coon Rapids Chapel of Washburn-McReavy, www.Washburn-McReavy.com 763-767-1000

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Gloria Shelton Schumacher

Gloria (LaRane) Shelton Schumacher, 90, of Staples, formerly of Albert Lea, passed away March 12, 2020 in Staples.

Services will be held at a later date.

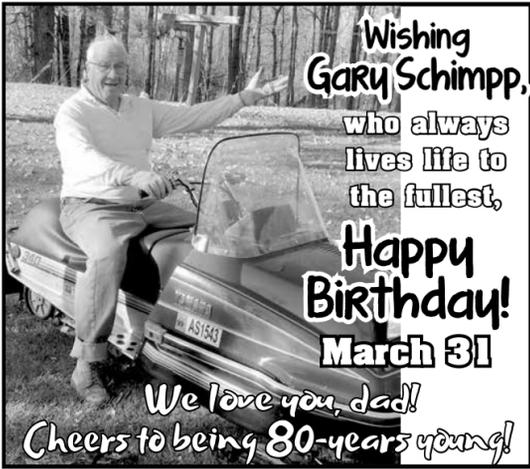
Gloria was born August 23, 1929 in Rochester, NY to Joseph and Irene (Burnham) LaRane, was baptized and confirmed at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Rochester, NY.

Gloria married Lloyd Schumacher on February 26, 1977 at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. They moved to Staples in June of 2015.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Lloyd; one step-daughter, Donna (Dan) Shaw, Staples; two grandsons, Adam (Jenny) Shaw of St. Paul Park and Jeremy (Darcy) Shelton, Columbus, OH; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Gerald Shelton (Columbus, OH); one sister, Mildred and one brother, Irving (both Rochester, NY) and first husband, George Shelton.

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Wishing Gary Schimpp, who always lives life to the fullest, Happy Birthday! March 31!

We love you, dad! Cheers to being 80-years young!

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Classes 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program) 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongregationalstaples@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
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.

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

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

Thobastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
250-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast 11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

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

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 .. Open by arrangement

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Sell 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery 6-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Groups

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Check with your church to be up-to-date on services. Their telephone numbers, emails and sites (when available) are listed above

An Easter prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,
Thank You for Your great sacrifice upon the cross.
Please prepare my heart for this Easter as I seek new life in You.
Please help me to set aside the concerns and stresses of this day so I can focus on You and Your goodness to me.
Please cleanse me and forgive me for all the ways I have sinned against You.
Lord, I am running towards You with

hope and courage knowing that You have overcome the world.

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. Philippians 3:8
I praise You Jesus, in all of Your glory. Thank You for Your good and perfect gift of salvation.

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Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS February 4, 2020

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 4th day of February, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the removal of item 12.2 Approve CMEMS Joint Powers Agreement and addition of item 5.8 CodeRED Contract.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Neumann, the following motions and resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2020.

To approve the list of Todd County Sheriff's Office hires and terminations in 2019 as follows:

Aaron Gould hired, PT Correctional Officer, 6/18/2019

Elizabeth Muchow - appointed, FT Correctional Officer, 8/13/2019

Josh Crider - appointed, FT Correctional Officer, 8/14/2019

Erin Guenther - hired, PT Road Deputy, 9/10/2019

Brooke Steinbach - hired, PT Correctional Officer, 10/7/2019

Bryan Lashinski - appointed, FT Road Deputy, 10/14/2019

Jose Martinez - hired, PT Correctional Officer, 10/23/2019

Kyle Drum - hired, PT Road Deputy, 11/20/2019

Heather Forsberg - hired, PT 911 Dispatcher, 11/25/2019

Brian Thorstad - hired, PT Road Deputy, 12/24/2019

Travis Winter - appointed, FT Investigator, 1/1/2020

Jacob Fasching - appointed FT Road Deputy, 1/1/2020

Jordan Host - hired, PT Correctional Officer, 1/31/2020

James Thomes, termination, Correctional Officer, 3/1/2019

Hailey Piotrowski - termination, PT Correctional Officer, 5/21/2019

Anthony Tiesler - termination, Correctional Officer, 7/31/2019

Kai-Uwe Brings - termination, 911 Dispatcher, 8/7/2019

Bailey Sorenson - termination, Correctional Officer, 11/01/2019

Sarah Henkemeyer-termination, 911 Dispatcher, 11/22/2019

Cory Roering - termination, Road Deputy, 11/22/2019

Brian Thorstad - termination, PT Road Deputy, 1/21/2020

Mitchell Preusse - termination, PT Correctional Office, 1/31/2020

To approve a Seasonal On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for DT Lisson Inc. dba Double Eagle Golf & Grille at the address of 31886 County 3, Eagle Bend, MN in Burleene Township effective April 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Shady's Golden Eagle at the address of 13218 County 103, Burtrum, MN in Grey Eagle Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the January 2020 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900619 through 900681 in the amount of \$1,651,165.66, (Manual) 518 through 524 in the amount of \$75,632.33

and (Regular) 234867 through 235003 in the amount of \$518,004.89 for a total of \$2,244,802.88.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400525 through 400535 in the amount of \$7,117.50 and (Regular) 52951 through 53028 in the amount of \$114,641.69 for a total of \$121,759.19.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800413 through 800428 and (Regular) 706324 through 706370 for a total amount of \$58,510.36.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600119 through 600123 and (Regular) 515652 through 515664 for a total amount of \$22,963.94.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

APPROVAL OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL CHANGE & PETTY CASH FUNDS

WHEREAS, there are multiple petty cash and change funds in various departments across the county, and;

WHEREAS, State Auditing Standards & Statutes require board approval when modifications are requested and to annually confirm/reaffirm all county departmental change & petty cash funds,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the petty cash and change funds for the various departments for immediate implementation as per the attached list to be filed in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

COMMIT FUND BALANCE FOR BUILDING & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners established a building and grounds improvement fund with the objective that the funds be utilized for current and future expenses and held within the County General Fund. The building and grounds improvement funds are appropriated and utilized each calendar year;

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of this account as of December 31, 2019 is \$751,915.60. State Auditors recommendation is to approve by resolution a commitment of this fund balance on an annual basis for transparent financial reporting;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to create a Committed Fund Balance account in Fund 01-General Revenue Fund with a balance of \$751,915.60 to track the funding plan for the Committed Fund Balance of Building & Grounds Improvement Fund, effective December 31, 2019.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO TODD COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUND

WHEREAS, the 2020 Budget for Todd County's support to the Todd County Development Corporation has been approved at \$67,000, and;

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Development Cor-

poration requesting for the allocation of funds from the County General Fund to be provided.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$67,000 from Fund 01-General Revenue to Fund 74-Todd County Development Corporation.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the contract with OnSolve, LLC CodeRED and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign said contract.

Todd County Development Corporation

Rick Utech provided the County Board with the 2019 Todd County Development Corporation Annual Report for review.

DW Jones / Ehlers / City of Long Prairie

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED TAX ABATEMENT BY THE COUNTY ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Todd County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

1.01. The County, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 to 469.1815, as amended (the "Act"), is authorized to grant an abatement of the property taxes imposed by the County on parcels of property located within the County, if certain conditions are met, through the adoption of a resolution, specifying the terms of the abatement.

1.02. To finance construction by D.W. Jones, Inc. of a 37-unit apartment building in the City of Long Prairie in the County, which project is to be known as the 2nd Avenue Apartments, at 100 percent (%) market-rate and no income restricted units, the County is proposing to abate the property taxes imposed by the County with respect to the parcels of property which are described in Exhibit A hereto (the "Property").

1.03. Pursuant to the Act, this Board may approve the abatement only after holding a public hearing on the abatement.

Section 2. **Public Hearing.** A public hearing on the proposed abatement of property taxes imposed by the County with respect to the Property is hereby called and shall be held on March 17, 2020, at approximately 9:15 a.m. at the County Courthouse.

Section 3. **Notice.** The County Auditor/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said hearing in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be given one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least 10 days but not more than 30 days before the hearing. The newspaper must be one of general interest and readership in the County, and the notice must be published at least once per week.

County Assessor

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant a property tax abatement for parcel 10-0024000, for the 2019 property tax, in the amount of \$1,905.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To schedule the 2020 Todd County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for June 15th, 2020; commencing at 6:00pm and not ending before 7:00pm.

Planning & Zoning

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by

Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Commissioner Erickson abstaining:

Final Plat Approval - "Erickson Addition"

WHEREAS, Applicant Rodney Erickson has applied to subdivide property by Lashier Lake, Section 6, Round Prairie Township, Todd County; and

WHEREAS, Plat name is "Erickson Addition" consisting of three Commercial zoning lots with a total of 5.15 acres, Lot 1 87,120± sq. ft., Lot 2 48,600± sq. ft. and Lot 3 88,600± sq. ft.; and

WHEREAS, Applicants appeared before the Todd County Planning Commission at a public hearing on January 2, 2020 where this preliminary plat was recommended for approval with the conditions that no excavation, filling, drainage, or grading within the most northern 300 feet of Lot 1, and complete abandonment of the existing open well on Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2020 the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved said Preliminary Plat to move forward and be completed; and

WHEREAS, The Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Erickson Addition" be approved as presented.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the carry forward of Planning and Zoning funds as outlined on the attached Budget Request Form in the amount of \$160,928.88.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TODD COUNTY SEPTIC LOAN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Todd County has a high demand for replacement of failing or noncompliant septic systems, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County landowners often inquire about funding programs, and;

WHEREAS, the Pollution Control Agency provides loan funding for nonpoint source best management practices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Todd County shall submit a proposal to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to conduct the following project: Todd County Septic System Replacement Initiative, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Adam Ossefoort, Planning and Zoning Director, be authorized to submit the proposal for the above mentioned project and shall have the authority to represent this body in all matters that do not specifically require the action of this body.

County Sheriff

The County Board allowed time in this meeting for public comment regarding the implementation of body worn cameras by the Todd County Sheriff's Office.

Facilities Committee

The Commissioners held discussion with Dustin Tomoson of Ringdahl Architects regarding the project scope, construction plans and specifications, and timelines for the proposed renovation project of the Todd County Expo Building.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve construction plans and specifications & approve the project to move forward to the public bid phase in regards to the Todd County Expo Building.

Administration

On motion by Neumann

and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for employee #874.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner reported on meetings attended.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended and projects in progress including three upcoming elections within Todd County and the election room reconstruction project completion.

The Coordinator reported on meetings attended.

Recess

Chairperson Kircher recessed the meeting until February 18, 2020.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

| Vendor Name | \$ Amount |
|-------------------------|------------|
| MN DEPT OF REV | 548,212.35 |
| MN DEPT OF REV | 2,111.00 |
| 1 PAYMENT LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 401.00 |
| 1 PAYMENT LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 220.41 |
| MN DEPT OF REV | 3,889.23 |
| MN DEPT OF REV | 11,365.71 |
| 1 PAYMENT LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 1,300.22 |
| US BANK | 7,304.95 |
| 1 PAYMENT LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 820.66 |
| 1 PAYMENT LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 6.80 |
| FLEET SERVICES/ | |
| WEX BANK | 5,619.45 |
| LP SANITATION INC | 4,329.58 |
| MASWCD | 3,635.68 |
| PHEASANTS FOREVER | 2,690.00 |
| TODD TRAILS ASSOC | 59,590.47 |
| 21 PAYMENTS LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 9,485.61 |
| CLIFTON LARSON | |
| ALLEN, LLP | 10,560.00 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING | |
| TECHNOLOGY | 6,476.54 |
| COUNTRYSIDE REST | 4,177.60 |
| GALLAGHER BENEFIT | |
| SERVICES INC | 2,000.00 |
| GREAT RIVER REGIONAL | |
| LIBRARY | 83,351.50 |
| LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO | 6,657.20 |
| MORRISON COUNTY | 21,354.75 |
| PETERS LAW OFF, PA | 4,875.00 |
| PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL | |
| SOLID WASTE AUTH | 82,637.00 |
| RAHN'S OIL & | |
| PROPANE | 17,894.30 |
| TODD CO HISTORICAL | |
| SOCIETY | 8,500.00 |
| TOWN OF WEST UNION | 17,319.62 |
| US BANK | 538,795.00 |
| VOYANT COMMS, LLC | 3,468.83 |
| WONDERLICH/SCOTT A | 6,144.00 |
| ZIEGLER INC | 170,260.00 |
| 43 PAYMENTS LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 15,907.51 |
| CITY OF BERTHA | 3,411.20 |
| CITY OF BROOKVILLE | 4,355.58 |
| CITY OF CLARISSA | 3,670.33 |
| CITY OF EAGLE BEND | 5,978.52 |
| CITY OF HEWITT | 4,605.88 |
| CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE | 14,266.35 |
| CITY OF OSAKIS | 2,032.89 |
| CITY OF STAPLES | 12,959.54 |
| SAUK RIVER WATER | |
| SHED DISTRICT | 3,701.65 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT 213 | 18,635.98 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170 | 26,929.89 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753 | 61,156.82 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT 486 | 12,060.21 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT 740 | 3,246.55 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT 743 | 19,500.37 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT 786 | 39,665.17 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT | |
| 786-DEBT DIST 86 | 6,272.01 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT 787 | 37,101.62 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT | |
| 787- DEBT DIST 87 | 4,873.09 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT 818 | 3,967.30 |
| TOWN OF BARTLETT | 5,990.17 |
| TOWN OF BERTHA | 6,199.89 |
| TOWN OF BIRCHDALE | 4,364.30 |
| TOWN OF BRUCE | 4,452.82 |
| TOWN OF BURLEENE | 4,055.15 |
| TOWN OF | |
| BURNHAMVILLE | 6,261.37 |
| TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY | 5,099.65 |
| TOWN OF FAWN LAKE | 3,566.42 |
| TOWN OF GERMANIA | 6,447.04 |
| TOWN OF GORDON | 7,754.37 |
| TOWN OF GREY EAGLE | 5,425.21 |
| TOWN OF HARTFORD | 3,481.77 |
| TOWN OF IONA | 4,335.02 |
| TOWN OF LESLIE | 2,603.66 |
| TOWN OF LITTLE ELK | 2,908.31 |
| TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK | 5,270.90 |
| TOWN OF | |
| LONG PRAIRIE | 4,648.79 |
| TOWN OF MORAN | 7,742.44 |
| TOWN OF REYNOLDS | 4,034.37 |
| TOWN OF | |
| ROUND PRAIRIE | 9,870.89 |
| TOWN OF STAPLES | 5,430.49 |
| TOWN OF | |
| STOWE PRAIRIE | 7,557.23 |
| TOWN OF | |
| TURTLE CREEK | 2,151.48 |
| TOWN OF VILLARD | 4,224.68 |
| TOWN OF WARD | 3,590.04 |
| TOWN OF WEST UNION | 5,479.66 |
| TOWN OF WYKEHAM | 11,268.99 |
| 9 PAYMENTS LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 5,559.91 |
| CENTERPOINT ENERGY | 2,284.01 |
| CROW WING RECYCLING | 5,443.50 |
| GOETZ & ECKLAND PA | 2,482.24 |
| LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO | 18,227.23 |
| MCCC, MI33 | 2,876.00 |
| MCIT | 339,088.00 |
| MN POWER & LIGHT | 15,197.54 |
| MN DEPT OF FINANCE | 6,433.00 |
| SHIRLEY'S GAS & | |
| GROCERIES | 2,720.66 |

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| STAPLES ADVANTAGE | 3,051.38 |
| TODD CO AUD-TREAS | 4,429.28 |
| TODD SOIL & WATER | |
| CONS DIST | 149,696.71 |
| WENCK ASSOCI, INC | 4,569.60 |
| 26 PAYMENTS LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 10,884.85 |
| MCCC, MI33 | 5,576.00 |
| NYHUS CHEVROLET | |
| BUICK INC | 28,409.45 |
| ANOKA CO GOV'T | |
| CENTER | 14,994.25 |
| CENTERPOINT ENERGY | 4,130.83 |
| MCIT | 2,239.00 |
| STREAMWORKS | 5,850.00 |
| 14 PAYMENTS LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 8,281.41 |
| Total | \$2,244,802.88 |

| Vendor Name | \$ Amount |
|----------------------|--------------|
| ARC ELECTRIC SERV | 4,900.00 |
| ASSOC OF MN COUNTIES | 2,535.00 |
| COMPASS MINERALS | |
| AMERICA | 47,637.46 |
| H & L MESABI | 4,551.83 |
| INFORMATION SYSTEM | |
| CORP | 4,995.00 |
| KRIS ENGINEERING | 12,000.00 |
| MORRIS ELECTRONICS | 4,680.00 |
| MORRISON CO PUBLIC | |
| HEALTH SERV | 3,761.57 |
| NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP | 2,961.33 |
| SHI CORP | 4,930.00 |
| ZUERCHER TECHS, LLC | 6,878.00 |
| 78 PAYMENTS LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 21,929.00 |
| Total | \$121,759.19 |

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

| Vendor Name | \$ Amount |
|------------------|-------------|
| # DHS - SWIFT | 18,398.87 |
| INFORMATION | |
| SYSTEM CORP | 22,898.00 |
| PERISH/ALAN | 3,555.93 |
| SHI CORP | 2,680.00 |
| 59 PAYMENTS LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 10,977.56 |
| Total | \$58,510.36 |

Vendor Name \$ Amount

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV | |
| OF MN-ST PAUL | 2,508.50 |
| WEST CENTRAL REG. | |
| JUVENILE CTR | 13,611.00 |
| PAYMENTS LESS | |
| THAN \$2,000 | 6,844.44 |
| Total | \$22,963.94 |

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held February 4, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 17, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS Closing date: April 7, 2020

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2020 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor-Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

S.P. 077-070-012
6-Inch Ground-In Wet Reflective Multi-Component

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 12, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,550.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jacob Meyer, a single man

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

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

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2 S1/2 NW1/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Thirty-one (131) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the Fifth P.M., according to the United States Government Survey

thereof, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 35614 205TH AVE, CLARISSA, MN 56440 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: United Wholesale Mortgage

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

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 07-0027201

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100032412170200270

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or if the action or proceeding has been 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 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South,

Long Prairie, MN 56347.

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 24, 2020

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

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Byron Township is requesting signed quotes for gravel at or above Class 1. Approximately 5,000 yards to be available by July 1, 2020 or ASAP with the need to store within six miles of Byron Township with a signed access agreement for four years. Byron Township has the right to refuse any or all quotes. Sealed quotes should be sent in an external envelope addressed: Byron Township Clerk, Sealed quote, 8991 75th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466 to be opened at the April 16, 2020 meeting. Please mark interior envelope: Gravel Quote Byron Township and have quote arrive to Clerk before April 14, 2020. Please address any questions to the Byron Township Supervisor Chair at 218-397-2545.

Beverly Hoemberg
Byron Township Clerk
byrontwpcasco@outlook.com

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NOTICE BULLARD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW - EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review - Equalization of the Township of Bullard of Wadena County, Minnesota, will meet at the Bullard Township Hall in Section 27 of Bullard Township at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 6, 2020. 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 may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Janelle VanAlst, Clerk
Bullard Township

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NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL ROAD TOUR

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

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

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

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

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT MEETING

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of May, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 12:00 noon at the May Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

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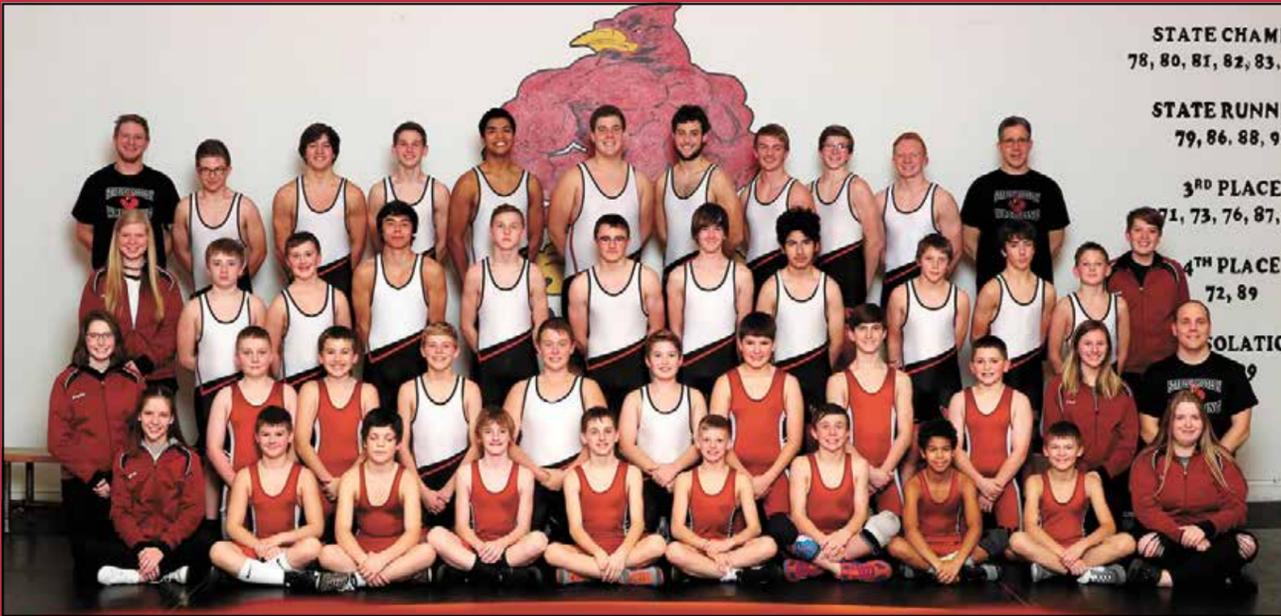
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2020 Salute to Staples-Motley Winter Sports Teams



Cardinal Wrestling Team

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Front row: Isaac Christofferson, Isaiah Schultz, Lyle Brownell, Chandler Braith Tanner Robben
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Back row: Max Strickland, Ben Olander, Coach Cy Bestland, Coach Nick Doll, Coach Kermit Klefsaas, Issac Kronenberg, Dom Gomez



Cardinal Girl's Basketball Team

Front row: Liz Danilyuk, Aften Robinson, Lauren Rutten, Allison Knosalla
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Cleaning out lockers, picking up books

No classes were held at Staples-Motley High School March 17, but students were asked to clean out their lockers and bring needed books home. Due to coronavirus COVID-19, the governor ordered a mandatory shutdown of all Minnesota schools through at least the end of March. During the closing, the school will be thoroughly cleaned as a precaution against the pandemic. School staff will continue to work on site, but students are asked to stay home and practice social distancing. Staff is working on ways to teach their classes remotely.

Pictured at top, from left, are ninth graders Mandy Carter, Aften Robinson and Nicki Carter. At right is eighth grader Owen Winter. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Meal delivery to students day #2...

The Staples-Motley School District worked out their plan to deliver lunch and breakfast meals to students at home for two weeks. Tuesday, the first day of delivery included 300 lunches to families. The food service staff prepares the meals and bags them as the transportation staff delivers the meals, sometimes with their own vehicle. "It's one way to get the kids fed," said one bus driver, "and it's also one way to have the kids see a familiar face."

March 18 teams delivered an average of 20 more meals per route as families continued to fill out the needs survey included on the school website. Deliveries continue through this week. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Wadena County buildings closed to visitors

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office is taking proactive steps to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 virus. The list below is now in effect:

- The jail and public

lobby are closed to visitors. This includes both professional and private visitations. Steps are being taken to enable off-site video visitation for inmates and their friends/family. Jail programming is also suspended during this time.

- All release from the jail is suspended. This is referring to Sentenced to Serve and Work Release inmates.

- Public fingerprinting is suspended during this time.

- Permits to Acquire and Permits to Carry handguns will still be accepted via US Mail and processed accordingly. Questions on what documentation and/or fees need to be sent should be directed to 218-632-6059 OR 218-632-6063.

- Civil process will be accepted through the US Mail also. Questions on fees can be directed to the same phone numbers above.

This list is subject to

change. For now, these measures will remain in place through Monday, April 6.

Non-essential visits to all county buildings are discouraged. Wadena County remains open to serving the public and will now do so through telephone, e-mail, US mail, and on-line services available through our website at www.co.wadena.mn.us.

Sheriff Mike Carr sent out the following statement: "As your Sheriff, I want you to know that we are still here for you 24 hours a day. Our response may change on certain calls, as well as jail operations, but I want you to know you can still call us in your time of need. This is an unprecedented situation that we are all working through, but the thing to remember is that we will get through this and it too shall pass."

It's business as usual for some of nature's creatures

I've always said that humans and what we like to call "Nature" are not separate from one another, that we're part of the same web of life. Humans began as hunters and gatherers, then became farmers, then husbands of wild creatures they eventually tamed. As we developed over millennia we found ways to alter the physical world and to craft lifestyles that make it sometimes difficult to see the connections humans have to Nature. But connected we are.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

There are diseases that injure or kill other species, like chronic wasting disease in deer and elk, viral enteritis that kills ducks and viral septicemia that kills fish. Now we are facing a virus that injures and sometimes kills humans, and we're far from knowing even as we take extraordinary measures to protect ourselves, just how grimly or positively the drama will eventually play out.

Happily, as we fight this threat, it's encouraging to see that the rest of Nature is continuing to respond to the rhythms of the season, encouraging because there's so much uncertainty and so little seems normal. Though we're practicing social-distancing to the degree we are able, at times it's necessary to drive to a grocery store, a pharmacy or a gas station, and at such times people like me have their eyes peeled for signs of spring, and signs of normalcy.

Deer have been blessed with a late winter temperature pattern that has reduced snow depth in a big way, allaying some of the fears we had in early February of potentially significant loss to starvation. Especially on south-facing hillsides, the concentrated sunlight has

given deer bare ground, where I have been seeing them grazing and moving without difficulty. It's hard to assess health based on brief glimpses, but if I were pressed for a diagnosis I would say that most of the deer I've seen did not look "the worse for wear," but generally healthy.

That's not to say there aren't still some areas of deep snow, especially in sheltered forest areas. But as things stand right now with temperatures forecast to reach the upper 40's and even 50's in the days ahead it appears that this will not prove to be the killer winter it could've been. Yet to be determined is how successful the does bred last fall will be in bearing fawns. Will there be the same proportion of does that bear twin fawns in May or June? Will the fawns that are born be in good health, and able to survive in normal numbers? Time will tell.

In the coldest depths of winter, even major rivers can have a bank-to-bank mantle of ice covering them. But moving water is the first water to open up in late winter and early spring, and that's already been in evidence.

Before my employer moved its entire staff to work-from-home in response to the coronavirus pandemic, I would daily cross the Crow Wing River. As the edges of the river became open and free of ice, I saw tundra swans afloat in those narrow margins. Native swans, whether of the tundra or larger trumpeter variety, are among the hardest of waterfowl, staying very late in the fall as open waters finally freeze, migrating when those last vestiges of open water disappear. On the flip side, they're among the first to return in late winter and spring and are a welcome, graceful and hopeful sight.

We're seeing them in the shallows feeding on underwater tubers and stems, snails and other aquatic "critters," tipping up with their butts in the air like mallards. But swans will now also be found feeding in the leftovers of harvested corn or soybeans. They

may also feed on growing crops like winter wheat. Their massive size and manner of taking off into flight, they paddle the water with both feet, while flapping their huge wings, suggesting an over-loaded cargo plane might give us the impression that they would not be suited to field feeding. But that would be to misjudge swans and their great adaptability.

About the same time I was first seeing tundra swans, I also began seeing Canada geese congregating in the same shallows of the river. Canadas are more abundant than the swans, and more likely to nest hereabouts, whereas many of the swans are inclined to push on farther north to begin nesting. Geese have the same habit of field feeding, only more so and will be seen making regular forays from the water where they rest securely, to feed in fields. Canada geese are a true bright spot in a sometimes gloomy Minnesota waterfowl picture. While duck numbers ebb, and too many hunters try to live with sub-standard duck hunting success, Canada geese are thriving and offering new opportunities.

Now's the time, though I have yet to see them, when American woodcock will be starting their courtship flights at dawn and dusk in

the lowlands where patchy field openings adjoin brushy groves. They're chiefly worm feeders, so when they arrive they will typically congregate where springs, seeps and moving water yield frost-free earth.

The male's courtship dance to attract a female is a spiraling flight high into the sky. It begins on the ground in small openings, like old fields, forest cuttings, or boggy areas, typically surrounded by lowland forest, often made up of alder, aspen and birch. When a male and a sufficiently impressed female "tie the knot," nesting will begin somewhere nearby.

Woodcocks are robin-sized birds that are legendary among many serious upland bird hunters. They are typically a twinned interest of those who hunt ruffed grouse, in part because both birds are often found in similar places and because dogs can become capable hunters of both.

In the days ahead I'll be watching for the dawn or dusk courtship of the woodcock and other signs of the arrival of spring. Social distancing has become a new and unwelcome addition to our everyday language. Fortunately, these times need not mean distancing ourselves from the rest of Nature.

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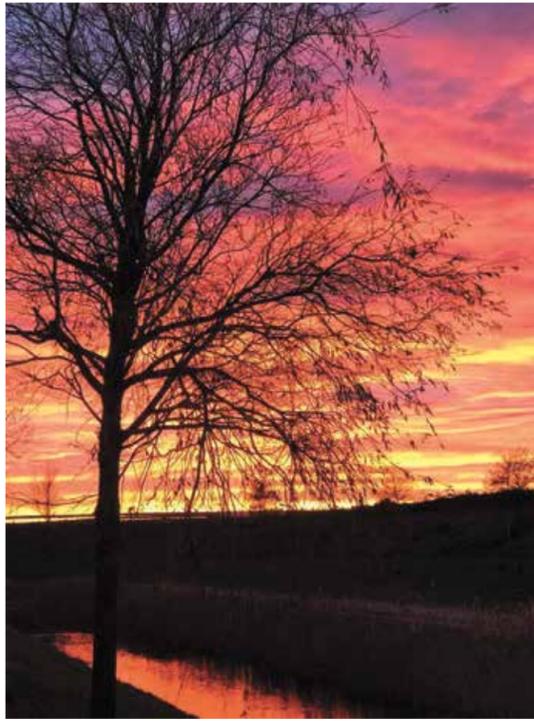
Go outside

By Cami Anderson, grade 8

Outside is the best place to be. If you go outside every day you get to see all the nature. I mean think about it, how often do you go outside and enjoy nature? It's something that God gave us and we need to enjoy it. It's really beautiful, and truly amazing. It's going away so appreciate it. You feel so good after, over all you're happier.

Mr. Novak says "fresh air is good for your body" which is true in my opinion. It takes all the stress away and you forget about it. It's a great way to calm down and just think. You take your mind off of everything stressing you out. It is scientifically proven that going outside and spending time outside reduces stress. I really challenge you to get outside and just have fun. Don't think about school or work or any stress just take your mind of it. On average kids go outside 4-7 minutes per day. I mean you spend 87 percent of your life inside, six percent of your life in cars and only seven percent of your life outside.

Go outside and just have fun. Spending time in forests, hiking in mountains, and just being outside can lead to health benefits. Being outside improves your vision, reduces your chance to die young, and many more benefits. One



of the more important ones is being outdoors may help fight depression and anxiety. Anxiety, depression, and other mental health problems may all be helped by spending some time outside, especially when that's combined with exercise. It's truly amazing what we have been blessed with so appreciate it

and enjoy it.

Do you need to be on your phone all the time? Do you need to watch TV? Do you need to play video games? Or, can you take some time and go outside? You will be so much happier, calmer, not stressed. Try it, do it, I am serious - please go outside - you won't regret it.

Editorial

A tribute to Paul...

By Riley Peterson, grade 12

On February 29th, 2020, God claimed a beautiful soul. A friend of many, and kind to all who knew him, Paul Weston Peterson was loved dearly and was an amazing student. Typing that out, although true, still feels weird to me. To me and many others, Paul was much more than an article in the newspaper or a headline. Writing about him so formally feels strange, like something we would have made fun of. Sarcasm was a big thing of ours. We were almost never serious unless we needed to rant about someone or something.

Even the serious conversations were filled with jokes and laughter. He had a way of lightening up any conversation he was a part of.

I remember meeting him, and finding out he had the same last name as me. In a way that instantly brought us together. I thought he was the nerdiest and smartest kid I had ever met. Being quite the nerd myself, having someone to discuss all the things I loved with another person meant so much to me. The closer we got, the funnier we got. Our senses of humor were incredibly compatible in a way I had never experienced. Everything was a stand-up comedy show when we were together. Being absolute goons, we practically developed our own language made purely of nonsense inside jokes and weird pronunciations. To give you an idea, my name is Riley, yet somehow he came up with the title Rogly Bespergoon for me. To put it simply this kid was outrageous, and so goofy.

I know that if he were here to help me write this, he would tell me to make it as horrible and outrageous as possible to get reactions out of those reading it. He always knew what I was thinking and we thought so much alike, that I would be typing and I would pause, look up at him, and he would pull out a bag of pretzel sticks, and a piece of gum for afterwards almost always having more than one option available. I would often drink ice coffee on my commute to Central Lakes College in Brainerd where we both had class, and when I got there

I had coffee breathe so I would just say, "I had coffee," and he would reach in both pockets of his letterman's jacket, and say, "Gum or mints?" Before I knew it, he had become one of the most important people in my life.

Meeting every time before and after class we explored the school and geeked out over all the plants losing track of time and ultimately frustrating my worried mother. We both fell in love with The University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. We were working on finding which kind of dorm we wanted to share, and of course being of the opposite sex, getting our parents on board. He was one of my best friends. I look around my room, and the atmosphere is sprinkled with reminders of him. The planting pot that he 3D printed for me sits on my windowsill. The little magnetic balls he gave me for Christmas that he knew I was obsessed with on my desk. The drawing in my notebooks he critiqued and helped me with. I now have a blanket given to me by his mother that he was going to take to the U of M with us, that I can barely sleep without now.

Not a day goes by where I don't think about him. I think of him while I do the dishes, while I try to sleep, while I am with friends, how he would have reacted to the Corona Virus spring break we are having. How we could debate with our friends whether it was some government conspiracy in the library where we always sat. Even if every physical piece of evidence were to disappear, I would never forget him. My mind is littered with hundreds upon hundreds of memories with him, not containing a single bad one, and I only wish I could've had more.

Something that brings me comfort is knowing that he will always be with me, everywhere I go, and that someday I will get to see him again. While the student body mourns for him, it brings us all together. I have witnessed the change in how we value time with each other, and make time for each other. Amidst the cloud of darkness that seemed to swallow us whole, something beautiful still managed to come from it, and I know Paul would have loved that.

Opinion

Has Baby Yoda taken over people's hearts?

By Laken Hines, grade 8

Disney released a new Disney Plus original series with the first show airing on November 12, 2019. It was called the Mandalorian, a Star Wars show. The series is about a gunfighter that takes on tough missions and bounties around the galaxy, but what people saw in the first episode changed the Star Wars world forever. It came in the form of a tiny, green alien with big ears: Baby Yoda. As soon as people saw him, social media exploded. Everyone was fantasizing about this



famous Star Wars character in cute, baby form. Websites claim that Baby Yoda is a sign of Emperor Palpatine's return. Fans call him Baby Yoda but he is technically referred to as "The Child in the Show".

People are making Baby Yoda memes, merchandise, and short stories about this famous character. But is Baby Yoda going to take over the world one heart at a time?

"I first saw him when my friend showed me the Baby Yoda song, he made me laugh" says Kris Taylor, a fellow classmate. One website, theguardian.coms article on "The Child" has a clever title, part of it says "A big deal, he is." Baby Yoda is a star in the making, as he rises in popularity amongst many Star Wars fans.

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The importance of mental health

By Lauren Rutten, grade 8

Have you ever felt anxious, but just hid your true feelings? You aren't the only one. The World Health Organization states that 300 million people globally have depression, and 800,000 people die from suicide every year. Of course we will never know the reason why, but what if we could help?

With these statistics I think this should be a much bigger deal. For example, I believe that everyone should have a therapy visit yearly just as you would for a well child visit. Right now at hospitals you do take a test on your mental stability when you go to have a physical or just a well child. In addition to your yearly checkup, I think we should all get time to talk to a mental health professional even if you aren't depressed or sad at that time, sometimes talking just helps. We have to get away from this stigma that mental health shouldn't be talked about, and make it more normal. Kids/ teenagers get put down about not being cool or fitting in, but if someone is hurting the last thing we should do is put them down more.

"We need to get human interaction to increase" says Kesha Holst, a social worker at Staples-Motley Schools. I agree with her one hundred percent. How we do this is to take away or cut your child's time on social media. Right now at the age of 10-20, social media is the worst thing. In a study done by Child Mind Institute they found that the kids/young adults that use Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook, have more than a 50% higher rate of depression cases. It's not like these apps are giving you depression right off the bat, but it isn't affecting us in a positive way.

There are also so many other resources, even here in Staples-Motley Schools. There are five social workers who would be happy to talk to you and help you if you are down. As this quote says, it's up to you, it's your choice to get help or not. But please, don't hide it!!! Image result for quote about you can only make yourself happy

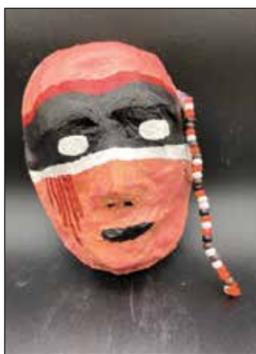
The Mental Health Association also has a couple of ways to keep your mental health in check. So if you are ever feeling down and want a boost:

- Keep Active
- Eat well
- Keep in touch, face to face conversations
- Take a break
- Do something you're good at.

Student art



By Dustin Converse, grade 8



By Jessica Lundquist, grade 7



By Brooke Hansen, grade 8



By Jayde Storry, grade 7



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