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# Staples World

Staples, Minnesota

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## Flooding

Lake Shamineau's high water is reaching lake homes. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Weather

### This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 29	62°	35°	Sunny
Apr. 30	66	42	Sunny
May 1	66	46	Cloudy
May 2	68	40	Sunny
May 3	61	38	Sunny
May 4	56	36	Cloudy
May 5	53	34	Showers

### Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 29	43°	29°	Rain
Apr. 30	55	33	Cloudy
May 1	58	37	Cloudy
May 2	62	36	Showers
May 3	65	29	Sunny
May 4	71	36	Sunny
May 5	55	37	Sunny

Average Temp.:  
H = 59° Low = 37°

Week total rain: 0"  
Year total rain: 1.57"  
Average rainfall for Jan. - Apr. is 4.9"  
We are over 3 inches short from average. Average for May is 3.3"

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WCCO's Staples area  
Weatherwatcher



## Home for school produces home state

Staples-Motley student Griffin Betis shows the Minnesota artwork he created at home for his art class. Minnesota's stay-at-home order has been extended for schools until the end of the school year. For more home art projects, see the Cardinal Chronicle on page 12a. (Submitted photo)

## Staples-Motley ready for distance learning

By Loren Walz  
Communications & Marketing Director, Staples-Motley School District

Staples-Motley School District has been closed for six weeks due to the coronavirus pandemic, and is in week five of state-mandated distance learning. A new venture for all in education, the coronavirus closure hasn't looked like snow days or summer break - instead, it's been an all-hands-on-deck effort to continue to care for district students in innovative ways.

Governor Walz's initial closure mandate gave districts two weeks to plan for distance learning, a time administrators and teachers were grateful for as they considered alternate delivery of instruction to students with a wide variance of access to technology.

Teaching and Learning Coordinator Debbie Ferdon assisted with supporting teachers and creating our districts' distance learning plan. She said "teachers spent the first few days trying to wrap their minds around what it was we were tasked with and how to create equitable educational experiences for all students. In two weeks we were essentially re-inventing education as we know it." On top of that, there was a real sense of grief among staff that they wouldn't be seeing and

interacting with kids on a daily basis. "Connections with kids are what teachers are best at," Ferdon said. "The relationships that have been built have been abruptly cut off, and teachers have had to get creative about how they will engage and connect with kids."

As teaching staff and administrators developed the distance learning plan for the district, food service staff, with the support of transportation, paraprofessionals and secretarial staff, didn't miss a single day providing meals for students, and added weekend meals beginning the first weekend in April with the Governor's stay home order. Nutrition Services Director Brittany Zuhlsdorf and her team met a variety of challenges with ingenuity to make sure no child in our district went hungry during this uncertain time. At the time of this printing, the Staples-Motley food service team has distributed more than 50,000 meals to children ages 18 and under.

One requirement of the coronavirus school closure was that districts offer care for school-aged children of essential workers (Staples-Motley also has care available for younger children of essential workers at Little Cardinals Academy). One of the many roles our paraprofessionals fill during this closure is running this care

in the elementary school. Paraprofessional Amanda Burton detailed the variety of assignments she's had in the six week closure from assisting with meals and supporting teachers' efforts in distance learning, to her time serving the district in school-age care. Amanda shared how the paras work with children of essential workers on their distance learning assignments and try to help them pass the time in meaningful ways. She says "some paras have even used their time at home to come up with different activities and fun projects." This extra effort is obvious in the painted windows that brighten 4th Street and the birdhouses carefully decorated to bring joy to the community's most vulnerable.

Okay, so district children are fed, and children of essential workers are being cared for, but what is distance learning? Taking classroom instruction and transforming it into something both accessible and effective in students' homes is challenging. Communication is absolutely key for distance learning, as 6th Grade Science teacher Laurie Trout shared: "Most of my time is spent answering emails from students or trying to catch others on the phone." Because almost a third of her students do not have

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## Working towards recovery

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

Local economic development offices are playing a role in making sure businesses don't fall through the cracks in the nationwide effort to keep the economy going during the COVID-19 crisis and Minnesota's stay-at-home order.

At the Staples Chamber of Commerce weekly online meeting on April 22, Jacki Anderson of U.S. Representative Collin Peterson's office said several national bills are getting more money going to small businesses, but some are falling through the cracks.

"We work with local EDAs to fill in the gaps that we are aware of," said Anderson.

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said she is working on a loan program for businesses affected by the Governor's stay-at-home order.

The purpose of the local loan would be to provide gap funding to keep the business going until money from the national stimulus bills comes in.

Radermacher said she is also working on what will be coming after the stay-at-home order, when businesses are starting up again. Ideas to help the restart include a loan program and social support program.

She also said some of the money from the city's tourism budget is now

going to buying masks and other protective equipment for front line workers who are still working through the stay at home order, such as health care workers, gas stations and food workers.

Louis Crombie of U.S. Representative Pete Stauber's office said the next federal bills will have more for small business - some going to hospitals, testing.

He said a lot of people are calling for the stay at home order to be lifted, especially as the tourism season arrives.

"We are making sure we open as soon and safe as possible," said Crombie.

### Hard hit industries

Brigid Tuck of the University of Minnesota Extension reviewed unemployment data and economic forecasts.

She said state economists are projecting a substantial overall loss for this year, but at the same time are projecting a recovery for next year.

"Even though we do recover, overall growth is less than predictions before COVID-19," said Tuck.

Extension data shows that Todd County has a lower risk to be harmed by the economic crisis because there are a higher percentage of essential businesses that are still operating. Wadena and Cass counties are in the middle range while Morri-

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## Five Wings continuing to help artists

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Five Wings Arts Council held an online meeting April 22, where they told a group of people involved in the arts that they have resources to help during the stay at home order caused by COVID-19.

"This is unprecedented and is hurting the arts community in particular," said Mark Turner, Five Wings Executive Director. "We will accommodate any way we can."

Turner said they will continue to provide grants for artists and can also help them set up Zoom licenses for arts organizations to hold online meetings.

While most of the grant money is already extended for this year, Turner said it will be refilled next year. But that might be at a lower amount since the Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund is partially funded by sales tax, which is expected to be much lower.

For artists who currently have grants in process, Turner said they are

extending the timeline when the project must be completed and they will remove match requirements for some of the grants.

"If folks want to change those grants in any way, give us a call with those particulars," said Turner.

FWAC Grants and Program Coordinator Vicki Chepulis said she can help artists who are applying for future grants.

Chepulis said artists can also apply for Small Business Administration (SBA) loans during the COVID-19 crisis.

"Anyone earning income though the creation of art can apply for the SBA loans," said Chepulis. Some of the questions on the forms are being changed to fit different situations such as artists and arts organizations.

The arts community at the meeting also had a chance to ask questions and give suggestions on how to navigate through the crisis.

Some of the suggestions See **ARTS** on page 3a

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## Obituaries

Larry Godejohn  
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# BBQ Smokehouse Plus opening soon in Motley

Nikki Bjerga, Realtor at the Edina Realty Brainerd/Baxter sales office, is excited to help bring BBQ Smokehouse Plus to her hometown of Motley.

Bjerga represented Tyler and Kari Ehrmantraut with the purchase of the Northwind Grocery store on Highway 10. A major remodel is now underway with the hope of opening in May.

"BBQ Smokehouse Plus is a fantastic addition to our community," Bjerga said. "I am thrilled to be a part of this transaction. This is a great opportunity for all of us to support

local business and community growth, plus enjoy delicious new foods."

The new BBQ Smokehouse Plus will feature their own smoked meats, famous cowboy beans and a fresh meat counter to grab your certified Angus beef steaks and burgers, a hot deli area with daily specials, and a full grocery including frozen and dairy sections.

"We are excited to start this new adventure in Motley," the Ehrmantrauts said. "Although we are new to this area, we are not new to the retail business. We've had success in

our Wadena location for six years and will be incorporating much of what we offer there into this grocery store setting."

The remodeling construction for the new BBQ Smokehouse Plus facility has faced challenges from the current COVID-19 pandemic, but they are moving forward and still hope to open sometime in May.

Business hours will be 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Saturday; and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday, with the possibility of future adjustments based on community needs.



## Major remodel underway

The former Northwind Grocery in Motley will soon be home to BBQ Smokehouse Plus, owned by Tyler and Kari Ehrmantraut of Staples. A major re-

model is now underway and the owners hope to open sometime in May. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## Progress at the pavilion

Harvey Bornreger, with Jordahl Concrete & Masonry of Motley, was at work putting up cement blocking at the new pavilion at Converse Park in Motley April 21. The project had been at

a standstill over the winter, but crews recently resumed their work. Bornreger said he's grateful for the warmer weather. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

April 22 - The MPD was notified by Unity Bank in Motley that they had received a counterfeit \$10 bill from a deposit from a local business. There are no suspects at this time. Paperwork was filed with the Secret Service and the bill was placed in a secure evidence locker.

April 18 - The MPD assisted Staples PD with the arrest of a heavily intoxicated subject.

April 17 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Mikaela Schutz, 29.

April 16 - The MPD received a report of theft at the Holiday gas station in Motley. According to the report, the male subject stole a bottle of hand sanitizer from the front counter and it was caught on camera. He was identified and mailed a trespass notice at the request of the store's manager.

April 21 - The MCSO was dispatched to a traffic complaint. The caller advised that the flooding near her residence on Lake Shamineau in Motley has become

a tourist attraction. She stated that she's been having problems with people turning around in her driveway and tearing it up. She also said that over the past weekend, approximately 100 vehicles came through.


April 20 - The MCSO responded to a report of a grass fire at Cedar Rd. and 280th St., Cushing. Randall Fire and the DNR responded.

April 17 - The MCSO received a report of illegal burning at a residence near the 33000 block of Dogwood Ln., Motley.

April 17 - The MCSO received a request from Cass County that Motley Fire be paged out for a forest fire behind a residence at the 12000 block of 71st Ave. SW, Motley.

April 17 - The MCSO received a report of illegal burning at a residence at the 33000 block of Birch Ln., Motley.

April 16 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 35000 block of Aztec Rd., regarding a camp fire that had gotten away from them and was heading toward the woods. The subject was advised that with the higher wind that day, it was not smart to have a camp fire.

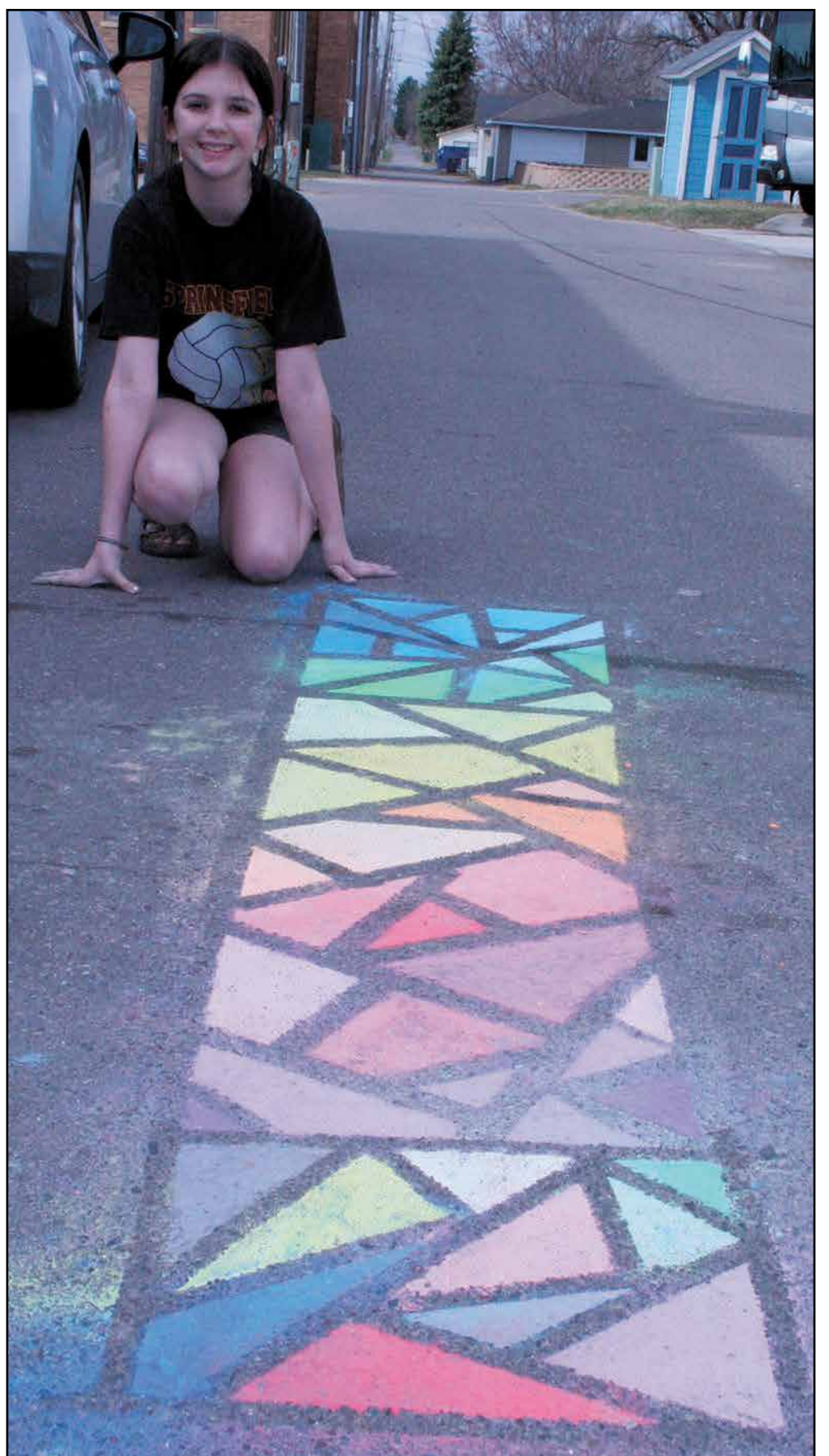
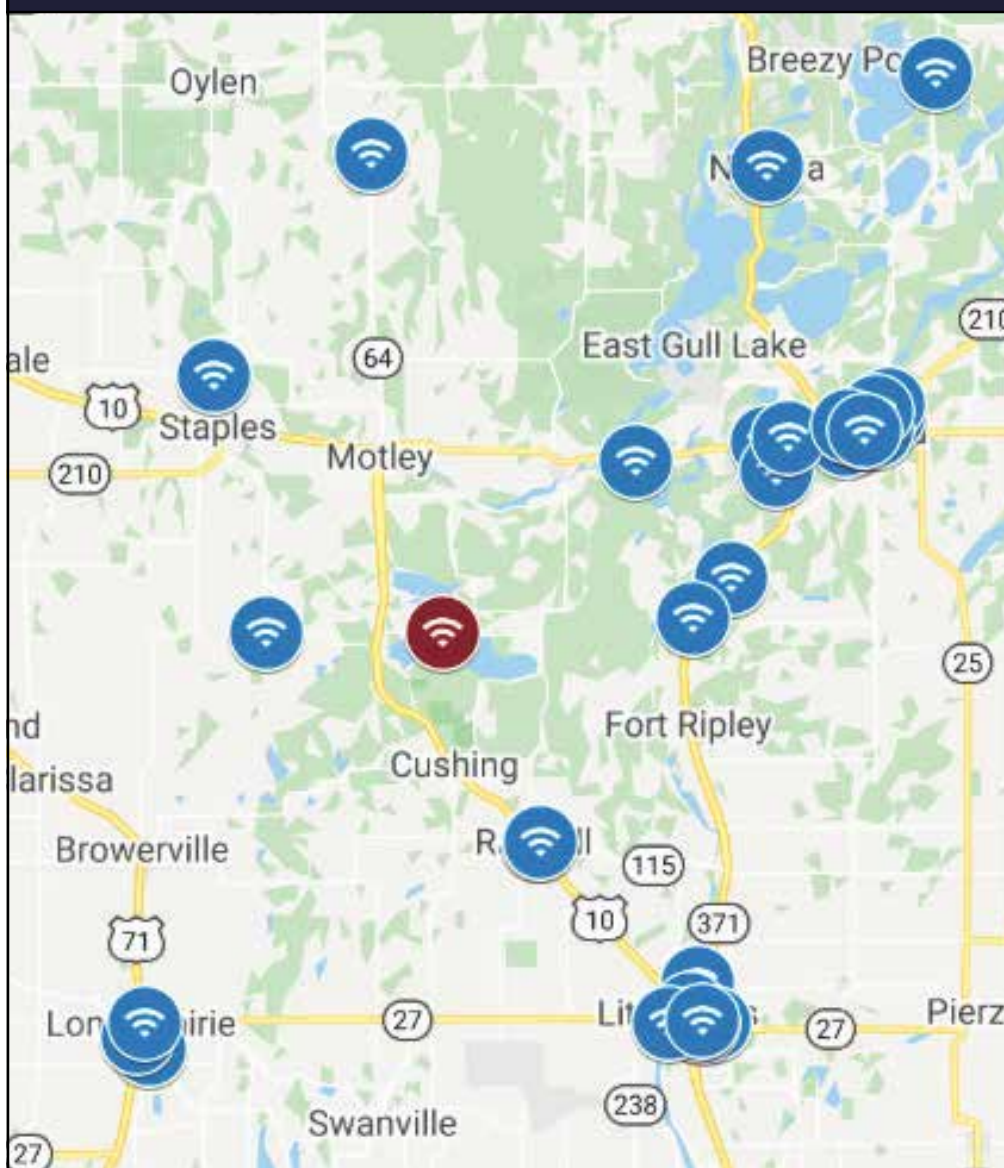


## PUBLIC WIFI HOTSPOTS

In an effort to provide critical internet services for those who may have little or no access, we've opened several public WiFi spots throughout the area!

There's no need to leave your vehicle or enter any nearby buildings in order to access the WiFi. Simply park in the area and search for a network named "CTC WiFi". It will be free to use and anyone can access high-speed, reliable internet from a safe location.

Live map: [www.goctc.com/covid](http://www.goctc.com/covid)



## Making the world a brighter place

Twelve-year-old Vaida Schmidt of Staples shared a chalk art creation in an alley near 3rd Avenue NE. She wanted to help add some joy and color in the

midst of the coronavirus, she said, adding that she received some help with the artwork from her mom, Jesci. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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## COVID surge expected

son County is in the high mid range.

State unemployment numbers show that personal appearance workers, such as hair cutters, have a 60 percent unemployment rate because of the stay-at-home order. Health care support is close behind with 57 percent. The restaurant industry was hit with about 23 percent of food and beverage servers that are unemployed, as well as 33 percent of cooks.

To get an idea of how much of that unemployment is local, Tuck showed statistics that before the crisis, Todd and Wadena counties had nearly 500 workers in the personal care and service, with about 600 food servers and 630 people involved in food processing.

The construction industry is still open under the state orders, but there is still a 15 percent unemployment rate in that field. Tuck said it could be because some businesses are pulling back on expansion plans at this time. "It doesn't mean the project won't go forward, but they are in 'see what happens next' mode," said Tuck.

Anderson said Representative Peterson is working with food processing plants, which are among the hardest hit industries and also the most critical.

She said cities and counties are not in the federal package, but there is talk about including them in the future, especially for emergency preparedness and public health.

### Lakewood update

Lakewood Health

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## Art platform options

included creating virtual art shows, online learning, and working with local media.

Some organizations that have cancelled performances or art shows converted them to online formats. Live telethons or live facebook events could be hosted by artists and arts groups. A school play was performed with each part filmed from home.

Authors have started

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## School-family balance

access to the internet and she cannot rely on some of the different digital tools available, Trout has really had to consider "the bottom line" of each lesson, or what she really wants her students to walk away with. Ensuring that "everything in that lesson points to that question or that bottom line" has provided clarity and direction as she wades through this unprecedented time.

Second grade teacher Heather Wiegand noted the struggle for balance both at home with her own children and as a teacher: "We are trying to not overwhelm families, yet be creative with our learning." She has found a pre-closure tool she used, Class Dojo (an education app that allows parent/teacher/student communication), has become essential in her day-to-day management of student learning and family communication and even allowed her a special glimpse into the lives of her students. "We are seeing families work together (through pictures) and witnessing lots of smiles. Parents are really getting to know their students' strengths and weaknesses and rising to the challenge."

What about special subjects like the arts and technology? How can instructors deliver that content in a distance learning format? For elementary STEAM teacher Jolene Elfstrom, the biggest hurdle was figuring out how to teach technology "in an equitable way to ALL students." Thinking out of the box, Elfstrom has sent home "unplugged" coding and engineering activities that do not require devices. When it comes to distance learning for high school choir instructor Nathan Thelen,

System CEO Tim Rice said eight people have tested positive for COVID-19, two weeks after announcing the first three positive tests for the health system.

Rice said the latest projection is that the surge of multiple COVID-19 cases will come later for rural Minnesota. A state surge is projected for the end of May, and rural areas will experience their surge later than that. "We are forecasting that we won't go back to normal until Sept. 1," said Rice.

### Business updates

Local realtor Sandy Knosalla of Edina Realty said for the first few weeks of the stay-at-home order, the real estate business slowed down to almost nothing. But in the past week, she said there have been more home showings. "It tells me people are encouraged," said Knosalla.

She explained the very strict protocol set up where buyers come in with gloves and can't touch anything, but the home is set up with open cupboards and closets for them to view.

Nicky Anderson, owner of Magic Forest Preschool and Childcare Center in Staples, said her business is only open for the children of essential workers. For the month of April, she said they had to charge tuition for all parents, otherwise the center would not be able to stay open.

She said only two of the staff are still working and the rest are on temporary furlough and getting unemployment. The center applied for three grants, but only received one.

podcasts and online readings, and it was suggested to print some of their work in the local newspaper.

One suggestion was to create guerilla art and place it in public spaces where people can walk or drive past.

Turner and Chepulis agreed to help host more meetings for specific artist groups, such as musicians or performing arts.

he said "It's hard to know exactly how well a student is doing with sight reading individually in a class of 47, but when you get their sight reading example and they knock it out of the park it is great to listen to." He's also enjoyed the opportunity to dive deeper into music appreciation and hear just what makes his students passionate about music.

Special education teachers support students that need accommodation in their instruction to be successful. This has been a critical part of the distance learning infrastructure that has been implemented. For high school special education teacher Catherine Cyr, connecting with her students is challenging. "Daily, we used to work on social, communication and behavior skills. Now, that is difficult," she shared. For Kaylie Waldvogel, middle school special education teacher, she has seen some positives, noting "many of my students have shown that they can be organized and turn in quality work to their teachers."

One thing many staff noted in their interviews about the coronavirus closure and distance learning was the increased connection among colleagues. From specialist teams uniting their efforts at the elementary level, to the unique opportunities paraprofessionals have had to work with many different departments. Special education teacher Catherine Cyr summed it up best: "The camaraderie of our staff has always been good but this challenge has made it even better. Everyone is so willing to do just about anything to help our students."

### 75 YEARS Ago - 1945

• May 3, 1945 - The Chevrolet coach belonging to N. B. Schultenover of Staples, which was stolen from a parking lot in Minneapolis Nov. 9, 1944, was recovered on April 27, by the police department of Duluth.

The car was stolen by a taxi driver of Minneapolis, and was in his possession at the time of the recovery by the Duluth police.

Mr. Schultenover obtained a settlement from the insurance company and had purchased another car. The insurance com-

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pany is dealing with the thief.

• May 3, 1945 - A letter was recently received from Corporal Harold Peterson, which included a small picture of four Staples soldiers, and one from Philbrook, which was taken on Leyte.

The men in the picture were Pfc. Duane Dinehart, Pfc. Jim McKelvey, Cpl. Peterson, S/Sgt. Charles Page, all of Staples, and Sgt. Howard Baird of Philbrook.

Cpl. Peterson wrote that all of the men were together at Fort Snelling in November, 1942, and this is the first time they had been together since that time. The picture, he stated, was taken in 1945.

Since the picture was taken, S/Sgt. Page has been wounded in action. His parents received word from him the first of this week that he was in a military hospital, but was not seriously injured.

• May 3, 1945 - Word was received in Staples last week that Pfc. Edgar Dickinson, a former Staples resident, and the son of Mrs. Theodore Dickinson Hansen (Martha Keeley), of Fargo, had been killed in action in Germany on April 6.

### 50 YEARS Ago - 1970

• May 3, 1970 - James Hofer, high school agriculture teacher from Staples, was elected as the new Regional Vice-President of the Minnesota Jaycees at the Region 24 meeting held in Bemidji, April 25.

• May 3, 1970 - Shortly after 6:30 p.m. last Wednesday, April 29, the fire alarm sounded in Staples and the members of the Staples fire department were summoned to the Hal Barrett farm, located northwest of Staples.

Heavy damage apparently resulted at the farm as the Barretts reported that an old vacant house, which they had used for storage, was completely destroyed, along with about half of the barn.

As the fire swept through the two-story house, the Barretts got their cattle and pigs out of the barn. Fire then spread to the barn area, they reported.

Besides the loss of the buildings, one little pig burned in the blaze, and a bulk tank, milkers, other pieces of dairy equipment, tools, seed corn, lawn mowers and other miscellaneous items were destroyed.

• May 7 1970 - Eleven members of the faculty of the Staples Public Schools were in attendance Monday at the Governor's Conference on Drug Abuse and

Youth Environment, which was held in the Minneapolis Auditorium. Some 3,500 persons from throughout the state were present.

Locals attending were Mrs. Kathryn Morey, Constance Olson, Douglas Johnson, Eugene Johnson Mrs. Greg Leifermann, William Uhrich, Mrs. Ruby Kittilson, Thomas Danculovich, Melvin Nefstead, Ilene Bastian and Mrs. Sandra Hanson.

### 25 YEARS Ago - 1995

• May 4, 1995 - Staples police this past weekend arrested two men suspected of a break-in at the Staples VFW and also will be charging two juveniles suspected in a break-in at the Staples Motley High School.

Richard Earl Ulrich, 43, of Blaine, and Ozzie George Jones, 41, of Minneapolis, were arraigned in Todd County District Court in Long Prairie Monday on charges of second degree burglary and theft of property.

The two were stopped shortly after 4 a.m. Sunday after they aroused the suspicions of Staples Police Officer Doug Case. Case earlier had noticed two men getting into and out of a car in the downtown area of Staples.

• May 4, 1995 - The National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the City of Staples as a "Tree City U.S.A." and also named Staples as a recipient of a Tree City Growth Award. The city plans to hold an Arbor Day program May 8.

• May 4, 1995 - WCCO TV's Don Shelby was the master of ceremonies for the Mr. Basketball program Sunday in Minneapolis. Prior to the naming of Robert Mestas of Minneapolis Roosevelt as the 1995 Mr. Basketball, each of the five finalists, including Blaine Joerger of Staples Motley, was interviewed.

• May 4, 1995 - Three Staples Motley students were recently selected for all state music awards. Chris Schock and Steve Hoemberg were named to the All state Choir, while



## Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 23, 1970 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.

Ed Willey was selected for All State Orchestra.

### 10 YEARS Ago - 2010

• May 6, 2010 - Twelve children from rural Motley will be sending their mother, Patty Kossan, cards and tokens of appreciation on May 9, Mother's Day.

They all love their mom, says 17-year-old Amy.

"I don't know how she does it all. She's incredible," said 19-year-old Kelley, the oldest Kossan kid.

When asked if she had any advice for other moms, Patty laughed and said, "Oh, the more kids I have, the less advice I give." She went on to say, "I guess I'd just tell other mothers to take time to enjoy their children. The years pass so quickly."

At 45, Patty has devoted nearly two decades of her life to raising seven girls and five boys, a labor of love she shares with her husband, Greg.

• May 6, 2010 - A car went off the road and crashed into a house at 810 4th Ave. NE at about 1:48 a.m. May 4, according to Staples

Police. Police said the car went over the curb, rolled and struck the house. Both the house and the car had severe damage. The homeowner, Kim Voge, and her family were home asleep at the time of the crash and the vehicle narrowly missed hitting a five year old boy sleeping inside.

• May 6, 2010 - Dustin Newman has been selected to represent the state of Oregon in the Special Olympic Law Enforcement Torch Run at the National Games. One officer is chosen from each state.

Newman's participation in the Torch Run will be dedicated to honor the memory of Wally Toedter, childhood friend and son of Staples residents, Wendel and Lorrie Toedter.

Newman has been a member of the Polk County Sheriff's Department for ten years where he's a patrol sergeant. Newman is a 1994 graduate of Waconia High School. He is the son of Joe and Jeannie Newman, former residents of Staples. Joe was pastor of the Staples Alliance Church.



## Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the April 23, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured three local girls who would be representing Staples in the Todd County Dairy Princess contest in June. They were honored at the FFA Banquet. Pictured from left: Mrs. Lloyd (Ellen) Nelson, wife of the Chamber of Commerce president, pins corsages on Diana Gaugert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaugert; Karen Hutchison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hutchison; and Lynnelle Thiel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thiel.

Parents of the girls were also honored guests at the affair. The three girls from Staples will compete with dairy farm girls from Long Prairie, Eagle Bend, Clarissa, Bertha and other places in the county for the 1970 crown now held by Judy Hanson of Aldrich, the 1969 Staples Dairy Princess.

Judy Wolak and Mike Koppes, both of Staples, correctly identified Diana Gaugert and Karen Hutchison. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Conversation Starter of the Week

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# Memories of Staples and the railroad

By Mike Holst

Someone started a Facebook memory trail of all of the graduates of Staples High School, of which I was one. It's been so much fun to see the pictures and hear the stories. It's ironic that the very school I couldn't wait to get out of, and the very town I wanted to leave in the rear-view mirror way back then, brings back such precious memories.

I did leave town, not because I wanted too so much, but more because Staples at that time had little opportunity for employment. The railroad was moving out and it wasn't until a few years later that some other small companies started up in town. I guess I always envied the ones who did make it work in Staples although I had a good life where I did go. But always my thoughts and roots went back to Staples. I think this is inherent to people and where they grow up. "You can take the boy from the country but you can't take the country from the boy." Right.

Call me crazy but somehow, I liked the smell of creosote from the railroad ties. It was later in life that I connected the dots and

realized it wasn't those wooden ties I smelled but the scent of my dad's overhauls from working long hard days in the car shops. In 1959, the year I left there was a siding full of old steam engines relegated to the scrap yard. I remember going over there one night, when I knew my days in Staples were numbered and sitting in one of those big steam engines with my arm out the window, looking down the track like those engineers did as they traveled across the prairie for decades. At the time those engines too were leaving Staples forever and it was so sad. I can still hear those steam whistles when I close my eyes and see the smoke from their stacks. I remember pressing my ear to the track and feeling the vibrations of those huge steel wheels on those endless ribbons of steel track, even though the train was still out of sight. I made one last trip that spring of '59 to the roundhouse where it was always warm on a cold winter night. Saw those behemoth beasts of burden sitting in their stalls warming up for the last time. I climbed the coal docks where you could see over the whole town and sat once more on the pol-

ished benches in the depot and thought of all of the trains and people that had stopped over the years. All while listening to the clicking of the telegraph operator.

I have traveled this life's journey for the better part of eight decades. Lived in numerous towns, and in more than one state. Raised a family with my wife. Had grandkids and great grandkids. Had a career and retired and became a writer. But it seems to me if you could magically convert memories into something tangible and put them in a box, my Staples box would be the fullest. They're my oldest memories, yet some of the most memorable.

Today we are in the middle of something that could have only been dreamed about back in 1959. Our world is going to change in ways we never thought possible. Hopefully for the better but there are so many unknowns and it's scary. I am thankful for the life I have had and I am thankful it started where it did. "In a lonely shack by the railroad track," if I can paraphrase from an old song by Gogi Grant.

# Lakewood committed to protecting senior citizens during COVID-19

Kathy Dobson  
Vice President,  
Senior Services Division  
Lakewood Health System

There has been a lot of news coverage over the past several weeks about the impacts of COVID-19 on senior citizens. I want to describe all we are doing to protect our residents, tenants and clients of Lakewood Health System Care Center, Lakewood Pines, Lakewood Manor, Home Care, Hospice and Palliative Care.

Since the pandemic first reached the United States, we have been coordinating with industry leaders and public health officials to establish clear safeguards and protocols to prevent transmission of the virus within our senior care facilities. These aggressive efforts include policies to limit outside visitors, suspension of group activities and embracing recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). This includes requiring our employees to wear masks at all times, increased handwashing/sanitizing, increased cleaning of buildings and using other personal protective equipment (PPE) when working with residents, tenants or clients who require this level of protection.

Senior citizens and those who live in communal settings are at greater risk of infection during this pandemic. As the virus spreads, it is inevitable some seniors and caregivers will be impacted despite all the protections we have put in place.

With any residents or tenants who test positive for COVID-19, we have a plan to inform residents and tenants and/or their representative as well as staff, as we quarantine that individual and work with the

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) on the best course of action to prevent the spread of the illness.

This pandemic has exposed our nation's lack of preparedness for a public health crisis, as the country has struggled to manage acute shortages of PPE that all healthcare workers rely on to do their jobs, including those who provide senior care. Caregivers have made unprecedented sacrifices during this outbreak. At this time, we do have appropriate PPE (as defined by MDH and CDC) to provide care. However, we recognize there are state and national shortages. We have conservation efforts in place to avoid waste or unnecessary use of PPE.

For those who have asked how they can help support seniors and caregivers, please continue to respect the access restrictions for our care center and assisted living buildings that are necessary to protect our most vulnerable residents. We know it's difficult for families during this time and we look forward to getting past this crisis so loved ones can be reunited in our facilities.

Continue to practice social distancing and follow the governor's directives. The more we can limit community transmission, the more we will protect vulnerable populations, including our seniors.

Lastly, I want to thank our community for the support they have shown our health system, through sewing masks, donation of PPE, as well as respecting visitor restrictions and providing 'virtual' emotional support to our residents, tenants, clients and staff. We are truly blessed to be part of local communities that support our health system in such an inspirational way.

# Physicians remind not to delay urgent care

From Keith Stelter, MD President of Minnesota Medical Association

With all eyes on the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) and its 10,000 members want to remind Minnesotans to pay attention to all aspects of their health.

"These days it's hard to focus on anything else but COVID-19," says MMA President Keith Stelter, MD. "But, don't disregard other health conditions or concerns. If you have diabetes, high blood pressure, congestive heart failure or other acute or chronic conditions, don't ignore them. Continue to take your medications and reach out to your doctor by phone or e-visit options. Your doctor or clinic will contact you if a face-to-face visit is necessary. And those with serious health concerns should not be afraid to seek care or go to an emergency room, if needed."

Otherwise, Minnesotans should continue to stay at home, the MMA advises. "We applaud Gov. Walz's decision to extend until May 4, Minnesota's stay-at-home order," Stelter says. "This additional time will give Minnesota's health system more time to prepare for those patients who will experience serious complications from COVID-19. The stay-at-home extension does not mean, however, that other health needs or concerns should be ignored."

Stelter encourages Minnesotans to keep exercising, while maintaining a six-

foot buffer. "A walk or run or bike ride are great ways to stay active. You should also consider developing stress-reduction strategies such as meditation or yoga or other spiritual practices," he says.

Unfortunately, with sheltering in place practices, the risk of violence may increase, particularly for intimate partners or children. "These are stressful times," Stelter says. "If you need help coping, reach out to a professional. If you know someone who might be going through a crisis, reach out to them."

For a list of adult crisis hotlines in Minnesota, visit <https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/mental-health/resources/crisis-contacts.jsp>. For children's crisis hotlines, visit <https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/health-care/childrens-mental-health/resources/crisis-contacts.jsp>.

Finally, Stelter says Minnesotans need to continue the basic, but very important, habits such as washing their hands thoroughly and frequently, cleaning high-touch surfaces frequently, and refraining from touching their face and wearing a mask in public spaces if you feel comfortable doing so.

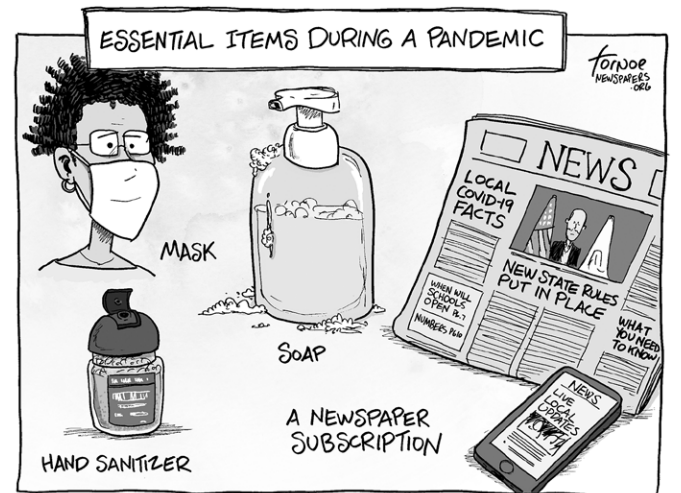
"Be a good citizen," Stelter says. "Be kind to others. Your actions make a difference. Stay safe, stay home, stay well. We will get through this together."

# Congress needs to support local news

By Dean Riding, CEO  
America's Newspapers

During this coronavirus pandemic, access to accurate and trustworthy information in your community is as critical to life under quarantine and as sought after as hand sanitizer and face masks. Your local newspaper provides the news and information unique to your community. Where are the testing sites and who's eligible, which businesses are open, what is the local online unemployment benefit application process and much more.

But your access to local news and information is gravely threatened by the economic carnage COVID-19 has wrought. While local newspapers continue to field reporters and bring news and advice from public health authorities in print and online at considerable cost, their revenues have all but disappeared as the businesses that were their most important advertisers were shuttered. That's why America's Newspapers and other organizations representing local news providers are asking Congress to take urgent action to ensure you don't lose your vital sources of timely and trustworthy information.



First, we're asking that Congress expand and clarify the Payroll Protection Program to ensure it covers all local newspapers and news broadcasters. While some of these outlets may be owned by large organizations, they must survive on their own. It's only fair that they should be included in any expansion of the program. These loans will keep the newspaper employees, your neighbors on their payrolls and help get the news to you in print as well as online. We appreciate the bipartisan letter of April 19, from U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), John Kennedy (R-LA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Boozman (R-AR) that requested waiving the Small Business Administration's (SBA) affiliation rule to allow local media outlets to access funding, pointing to the critical role these outlets play in keeping communities healthy and informed.

Second, we are asking that the Trump Administration direct current federal government advertising funds to local news and media outlets. These public service and informative ads could be similar to the ones running right now about the U.S. Census. They could carry critical government information about data from the CDC, access to small business loans, medical resources for families and other important topics. We're asking for a commitment that would be spent in an equitable manner across all local news providers. We also believe that there should be an immediate relief package that is based on total newsroom employees. Some local news organizations won't survive without some type of immediate grant or

infusion that is tied to the organization's employees who directly work in the newsroom.

This is not a demand for an industry bailout by local news providers. Instead, these measures recognize that local news publishers are on the information front line of the coronavirus pandemic, providing a public service vital to keeping our communities safe, secure and sustained during this unprecedented public health crisis.

Contact the offices of your senators and representatives in the U.S. Congress and tell them you support expanding the Payroll Protection Program to include your local news source and that the federal government should use your local newspapers or news broadcaster to convey important information through public service ads.

And finally, let them know that a grant based on newsroom employees is critical at this time. Visit [www.usa.gov/elected-officials](http://www.usa.gov/elected-officials) for their contact information. Take this easy action to ensure that your access to local information doesn't become another victim to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you and may you and your family remain safe and informed during this difficult time. On behalf of its approximately 1,500 newspaper and associate member companies, America's Newspapers is committed to explaining, defending and advancing the vital role of newspapers in democracy and civil life. We put an emphasis on educating the public on all the ways newspapers contribute to building a community identity and the success of local businesses. Learn more: at [www.newspapers.org](http://www.newspapers.org).

Quote of the week

"In every crisis, doubt or confusion, take the higher path - the path of compassion, courage, understanding and love."  
— Amit Ray

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## Mark Your Calendar

**DUE TO CORONAVIRUS OUT-BREAK, 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. CARE-GIVER 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., 218-631-5288.

**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.



## Sprucing up the school

While students are doing 'distance learning' at home during the coronavirus pandemic, custodial staff at Staples-Motley Schools have been doing some extra tasks. Pictured above painting a

door are, from left, Randy Espe and Sean Smith. They mentioned that the plan is to have all of the doors at the high school repainted during this time. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Library materials can be picked up

The Staples Public Library is offering pick up service for library materials.

Patrons can order items in the catalog at [www.griver.org](http://www.griver.org) and library staff will contact them when the materials are available, and will have them waiting at the library.

Pick up times for orders are scheduled for Tuesdays between 2:30-6:30 p.m. and Fridays from 1-5 p.m.

The pick ups are by appointment only, no walk up service is offered at this time.

## 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**  
Teleconferencing:  
Toll-free: 844-855-4444, after the greeting, use Code 8742383#  
No internet needed. Join us for a time of praise, prayer and Bible study.

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  
Wesnesday 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](http://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.

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

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

### United Methodist

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

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

**Cushing**  
**Bethany Lutheran**  
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN  
320-749-2140  
Pastor Carl Larson  
[www.bethanylutherancushing.org](http://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  
320-749-2140  
[www.lincolnefree.org](http://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  
January - July ..... 9 a.m.  
July - January ..... 11 a.m.

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

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

**Oylen**  
**Oylen Alliance**  
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 City 34 to City 104.  
Phone ..... 218-746-3839  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY ..... 7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist**  
903 River Street South, Pillager  
Pastor Jake Anderson  
218-746-3768  
[curious@fbcpillager.com](mailto:curious@fbcpillager.com)  
Worship Gathering ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Connection Point ..... 9:30 a.m.  
(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  
Health Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes ..... 11-11:45 a.m.

**Family Life Church**  
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568  
[VerndaleFLC@gmail.com](mailto:VerndaleFLC@gmail.com)  
Pastor Amos Seif ..... 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 City Rd 26 (Nimrod rd)  
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 service options. Most are adapting to remote services.

### "I Love the Lord because..."

Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

*"I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'"*  
-Psalm 116: 1-4

As I am writing this devotion for the Staples World, I am also looking out my window from my office and can see the beauty of a wonderful Spring day. The trees are swaying in the slight Earth Day breeze, the birds are active as they work to prepare for the day's events, and the sun is brilliant as the clouds are few. It is a wonderful day, and yet the COVID threat creates a darkness over this day as it has for the past six weeks. Because, even though it's not part of the windowed menagerie, it is out there as all of the many sources continue to remind us.

But I love this psalm because it serves as a reminder that although the "sorrows of illness and

death", are present, there is also a picture God the Father inclining His ear toward us to hear the cry of the hurting. God is listening with such intensity, that He knows that His children are crying out in their sickness, sorrow and suffering.

Over the past few weeks, as I've watched and listened to the heroic stories about the many in the medical field, the first responders, the police and fire department personnel, those that work at making sure that we have food, and so many others that have put themselves at risk for the other, it's as if I'm witnessing the Easter compassion of the One that was willing to give His life for us all. The care and compassion for the other allows us to see what can be, and, like the writer of Psalm 116, it is then that we should offer our thanks to God.

*"What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. Praise the Lord!"*  
-Psalm 116:12

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Born to Natasha Green of Merrifield, a baby girl, Kensley Anne weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on April 17, 2020.

Born to Tianna Saxum and Braydon Bertram of Parkers Prairie, a baby boy, Braxton Alan weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 20, 2020.

Born to Mariah and Ryan Kent of LaPorte, a baby girl, Clara Elizabeth weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on April 20, 2020.

Born to Ruth and Andrew Freyholtz of Hewitt, a baby boy, Daniel Jude weighing nine pounds, 10 ounces on April 21, 2020.

Born to Kelly and Tyler Becker of Clarissa, a baby boy, Clayton Tyler weighing eight pounds, five ounces on April 22, 2020.

Born to Brianna Rodriguez of Pine River, a baby boy, Lyam Ryan weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on April 23, 2020.

## CLC to hold virtual graduation ceremony

Central Lakes College Class of 2020 will graduate online at both of their campuses.

The Staples campus ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. and the Brainerd campus will be Thursday, May 14. The career and technical graduates will be at 6 p.m. and liberal arts/nursing at 7 p.m.

Both graduations will be online through a video feed on the CLC website (clcmn.edu) and Facebook.

The change is due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus).

“The health and safety of students, faculty and staff is our number one priority,” according to a CLC

press release, “the virtual format will allow everyone to participate without any health risk.”

Any graduate who would rather walk across the stage in a physical ceremony may wait and participate in the next live graduation, either fall 2020 or spring 2021.

Graduates can participate in the online ceremony by registering and submitting their graduate photos by April 29. The form can be found at <http://www.clcmn.edu/registration/graduation>.

The online graduation will follow closely in format to a typical commencement ceremony,

and be 45 to 60 minutes in length. Schedule includes:

- Welcome/Remarks by President Hara Charlier
- Greetings/Congratulations by the Chancellor of the Minnesota State System
- Address: Student Senate President/Student Honors Speaker
- Recognition of honor graduates
- Conferring of degrees
- Presentation of the CLC Class of 2020. Virtual “walk” across the stage:(through submitted photos information)
- Faculty and staff congratulates the graduates
- Ceremony conclusion.

## Obituaries

### Mary Siers

Mary Fay Siers, 87 passed away April 20, 2020, in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Fay was born June 8, 1932, to George and Mary (Denton) DeWald of Staples. Fay spent her early years on the family farm learning to fish and swim in the beautiful waters of the Crow Wing River, right outside her door.

Fay attended school in Staples and graduated from Staples High School in 1950. After school, she worked at the Red Owl. She met a handsome man named Harry Siers at a dance. Harry enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Upon his return to the states, Fay and Harry were married. They moved to the Iron Range, where Harry worked in the mines and Fay made a home, where they raised their two children, Kevin and Georgia. Fay also did foster care in their home on a small lake outside Biwabik.

Fay was a feisty force to be reckoned with, working hard all her life, mixing a great drink at the Moose Club, opening an exercise studio and working as a CNA at the hospital in Aurora. She always found time for the other things she loved; reading a good mystery or romance novel, listening to her favorite classic country singers and playing rollicking games of cards with friends or family. Fay made any place she lived into a home, with personal touches and a warm feeling. She loved nothing more than having all her family gathered around, especially at the holidays.



After retirement, Fay and Harry lived in several areas of Minnesota, including Brainerd, Verndale and Wadena. In 2017, Fay moved to Wisconsin Dells to be closer to her daughter Georgia. In her last years, Fay was well cared for by the kind staff at Our House Memory Care Center and Heartland Hospice Services.

She is survived by one son, Kevin (Jean) of Charlotte, NC and one daughter, Georgia (Michael) Press of Wisconsin Dells, WI; one sister, Kay Leinen of Woodbury; three grandchildren she absolutely adored: Jeff (Diana) Press of Portland, OR, Hazel (Samantha) Press of Madison, WI and Michael (Angela) Siers of Baltimore, MD.

Fay was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

A private service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice of Wisconsin (2801 Crossroads Drive, #2000, Madison, WI 53718).

The Farber Funeral Home, Reedsburg, WI, is assisting the family.

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### Sandhill cranes walk about town

These sandhill cranes were first spotted walking near 5th St. NE in Staples by Shirley Morrison and her neighbor Randy Peterson. They toured the back yards of a few homes before cross-

ing the alley and making their way along the creek toward Dr. Zachary Bailey's dental office on 6th St. NE. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



### Larry Godejohn

Larry Godejohn, 74, of Cushing went to be with the Lord on April 24, 2020.

A private service will be held and a Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.

Larry was born November 10, 1945 to Theodore and Eulalia Godejohn. He grew up outside of Erie, North Dakota, learning to love all things outdoors and playing sports. He graduated from the University of North Dakota, where he studied accounting and met his wife, Shirley. He and Shirley were married in 1967. He served in the U.S. Army and was a successful entrepreneur, having owned and operated Staples Sports, with Shirley, from 1983 to 2019. He loved fishing, hunting and traveling the world; including the completion of the “Great Loop” - circumnavigating the USA by water. He was a member of a New Orleans Mardi Gras organization and enjoyed riding in the parades.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; three daughters, Angie Godejohn; Nicole (Eric) Baird; Tani



(Tyler) Johnson; three grandsons, Alex Godejohn; Camden and Crosby Johnson; one brother Orvin (Janet) Godejohn and one sister, Donna Godejohn.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Carol Godejohn.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Larry's honor directly to Motley United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or to Scandia Valley First Response.

Arrangements were by Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home, [www.halvorsontaylor.com](http://www.halvorsontaylor.com).

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The “Mask Crusader” was busy delivering “COVID-19” Masks on April 20, along some businesses on 4th St. NE in Staples. Thank you; bless you, Jan Hirschey.

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## Construction begins at wastewater treatment plant

The City of Staples is projected to have a new wastewater treatment facility by the end of 2021. Construction at the site, located near 12th St. NE and Michigan Ave., began April 21. Magney Construction of Chanhassen is the general contractor for the project. In lower photo from right: Rob Thielen, job supervisor, speaks with City of Staples employee Clyde Mertens. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## New roof for the community center

The Staples Community Center will have a new roof in the near future, one of the projects underway by the City of Staples. Pictured above at work April 21, are employees of Thelen Heating & Roofing in Brainerd. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## The Mill Townhomes progressing nicely

Steven Cluff, left, and Robert Kaminski, subcontractors with Cluff Custom Builders of Darwin, were at work at The Mill Townhomes project in Staples April 21. Located at 12th St. NE and Michigan Ave. in Staples, The townhomes are projected to be completed some-

# Construction not stopped by COVID-19

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

The sounds and sights of backhoes, excavators and other heavy equipment for construction projects still appear to be prevalent throughout area, despite the coronavirus pandemic. "Right now we're still really busy," said Shawn Jordahl, of Jordahl Concrete & Masonry in Motley, adding that he was "fairly optimistic" about things.

Jordahl went on to say that some of their projects have been put on hold, but they've been finishing those jobs that were started before the onset of COVID-19. Because of the uncertainty of the coronavirus situation, he may be more concerned at the latter part of the year, Jordahl said.

In addition to construction projects continuing on, Jordahl said they've been real busy at Jordahl Hardware in Motley, the business he owns with his wife, Stephanie. "People aren't going out of town, so there's more local shopping, which has been great."

Central Building Supply in Staples, owned by Jeremy Reeck, also shared a positive report. "Everything's going well...we're

cooking along," said Tim Nieminen, who works in the Sales and Estimating department.

Current projects taking place in the City of Staples include the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant and a new roof being installed at the community center. In addition to those city projects, the new Mill Townhomes, near Michigan Ave. and 12th St. NW, are in full swing and are estimated to be completed by the end of the year.

Just prior to the onset of COVID-19, NAPA Auto Parts of Staples finished a major remodel of their new store, located at the old Ernie's Grocery building along Hwy 10. A ribbon cutting ceremony is expected to take place sometime this spring.

In the City of Motley, construction of the new Holiday station (formerly Orton's BP) is now complete and a major remodel is in the works at the former Northwind Grocery, which has been sold and will soon be home to BBQ Smokehouse Plus, owned by Tyler and Kari Ehrmantraut. Construction is still taking place as well at the new pavilion at Converse Park in Motley.

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## School board reviews distance learning

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley school board held their April 20 meeting online, with all board members using the Zoom application to communicate.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the district is now in their fourth week of distance learning. "The staff have done a great job, it is vitally important to continue to educate kids," said Tappe. "The common theme is we continue to miss our kids."

The weekly report from Staples-Motley Elementary Principal Kathy Johnson said "Teachers are connecting and interacting with students daily, they are doing an amazing job of supporting and encouraging active learning in

all grade levels and disciplines."

Johnson said she is hosting a weekly zoom meeting with all faculty. Meanwhile, school counselors are supporting families and teachers to make sure social emotional needs are being met and paraprofessionals are supporting with child care, food service, curriculum support, cleaning and office coverage.

Middle School Principal Jon Regan's report noted that paraprofessionals are assisting in preparation and delivery of over 1,600 meals a day. "Our students are loving seeing our staff delivering these," said Regan.

Regan said Deb Otteson is organizing the distribution of all the school work from the middle school and high school that's deliv-

ered every Tuesday.

High School Principal Mike Schmidt's report stated "the teamwork demonstrated on a daily basis is remarkable." He said the staff have "reinvented themselves in regards to daily structure, organization, time, lessons, support, networking, relationships, content and creative compromise."

Tappe said the school will continue with budget reductions, much of it done through attrition of staff leaving or retiring. "We will continue to adjust accordingly," said Tappe.

### In other news, the board

- Learned that the Community Education Summer Rec booklet and class offerings is on hold until there is a better outlook on what activities will look like.

- Approved unpaid leave for four employees who requested leave because of COVID-19 related causes. The employees could be in a high risk category or caring for someone in a high risk category.

- Accepted resignation of Cory Asfeld, physical education and track and field coach, effective June 30.

- Accepted resignation of John Regan as middle school principal and approved hiring of Regan as director of finance.

- Approved FMLA request from Rebecca Rap-away.

- Approved non-renewal of probationary teacher Darla Davis.

- Approved Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System (QCOMP) for 2020-21.

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## High speed chase

On April 26, at 5:08 p.m., deputies with the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. attempted to stop a 2004 Pontiac GTO on Wadena County Road 12 near Nimrod. The driver

of the vehicle fled from deputies traveling north bound on Huntersville Rd. The pursuit lasted approximately eight miles and reached speeds in excess of 130 MPH. The pursuit ended on Huntersville Rd, near 350th St. The driver, 55 year old Star Tellock of Loretto, was taken into custody by deputies.

Tellock is being held in the Wadena County Jail. A formal complaint is pending with the Wadena County Attorney's Office. Tellock was also wanted out of Wright County.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted by the Menahga Police Dept. and K&K Towing.

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## Todd County Commissioners Minutes

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS March 2, 2020

#### Public Comment

Allen Embloom addressed the County Board encouraging the passage of a resolution regarding the 2nd Amendment.

#### 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 second day of March, 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 Commissioner Neumann, item 9.1 Livestock Advisory Council - Status Change Proposal was tabled to the March 17, 2020 Work Session.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the removal of item 9.1 Livestock Advisory Council and 4.2 Appoint Social Worker and the addition of 9.1 2nd Amendment Discussion.

#### Consent Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes and Joint Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2020 as presented.

To approve a Seasonal Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Birchwood Resort at the address of 22182 Birchwood Loop, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 15, 2020 through October 15, 2020.

To approve an Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for MB Thomes Enterprises LLC dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

To approve a Setup License for MB Thomes Enterprises LLC dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

To approve a Wine License for MB Thomes Enterprises LLC dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

To approve an Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Rainbow Lodge at the address

of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

To approve a Setup License for Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Rock Tavern LLC at the address of 11977 County 47, Grey Eagle, MN in Grey Eagle Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Full O Fun LLC dba Saukinac Campground at the address of 21914 Bay Loop, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

#### GAMBLING PERMIT - SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Society of Saint Pius X through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Society of Saint Pius X to hold a raffle event at the St John Vianney Church and Academy in Round Prairie Township at the address 18910 Ellipse Loop, Long Prairie, MN on August 9, 2020.

#### GAMBLING PERMIT - WAHOO VALLEY AREA CHAPTER MINNESOTA DEER HUNTERS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Wahoo Valley Area Chapter Minnesota Deer Hunters through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Wahoo Valley Area Chapter Minnesota Deer Hunters to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kottor Road, Clarissa, MN on April 4, 2020.

#### 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 February 2020 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900682 through 900728 in the amount of \$842,508.86, (Manual) 525 through 529 in the amount of \$59,954.34 and (Regular) 235004 through 235138 in the amount of \$569,226.52 for a total of \$1,471,689.72.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote:

To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400559 through 400567 in the amount of \$4,365.39 and (Regular) 53142 through 53208 in the amount of \$65,574.51 for a total of \$269,939.90.

On motion by Erickson 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) 800493 through 800506 and (Regular) 706432 through 706469 for a total amount of \$33,620.52.

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 SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600138 through 600143 and (Regular) 515709 through 515716 for a total amount of \$28,846.74.

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

#### RESOLUTION FOR A PUBLIC LAND AUCTION OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS IN TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS: Tax-Forfeited Parcels in Todd County have been reappraised and classified as provided by M.S. 282.01, and will be offered for sale by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at a public auction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve said land auction to commence at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of April, 2020. The Todd County Auditor/Treasurer is hereby directed to publish a notice of the upcoming land auction as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale are as follows:

All property is sold for cash or check only, no payment plans will be offered and full payment is due on the date of sale.

A charge of \$25 will be made for each State Deed issued.

A charge of \$46 will be made to record the State Deed.

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A \$50 fee for well certificate, if applicable, will be collected.

A Tax Forfeiture Administration fee of \$250 will be collected.

A 3 percent (%) Assurance Fund charge will be made (as per M. S. 284.28, Subd. 8).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tax-Forfeited Parcels will be offered for sale subject to liens, existing roads, easements and leases, if any, and any special assessments canceled for forfeiture may be reassessed by the municipalities after the sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the right is reserved by Todd County, in the interest of the public, to cancel this sale at any time prior to its sale.

#### City of Long Prairie

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

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT

#### FINANCING PLAN FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 16 IN MASTER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE

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

##### Section 1. Recitals

1.01. The City Council of the City of Long Prairie (the "City") has heretofore established Master Development District No. 1 and adopted the Development Program therefore. It has been proposed by the City that the City adopt a Modification to the Development Program (the "Development Program Modification") for Master Development District No. 1 (the "Development District") and establish Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-16 (the "TIF District") therein and adopt a Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "TIF Plan") therefore (the Development Program Modification and the TIF Plan are referred to collectively herein as the "Program and Plan"); all pursuant to and in conformity with applicable law, including Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.124 to 469.133 and Sections 469.174 to 469.1794, all inclusive, as amended, (the "Act") all as reflected in the Program and Plan.

1.02. The City has represented that it investigated the facts relating to the Program and Plan and has caused the Program and Plan to be prepared.

1.03. The City is required by law, prior to the establishment of the TIF District and the adoption and approval of the proposed Program and Plan, to provide the County Auditor/Treasurer and the clerk of Independent School District No. 2753 (Long Prairie-Grey Eagle), Minnesota, with the proposed TIF Plan and the City's estimate of the fiscal and economic implications of the proposed TIF District at least 30 days before the public hearing required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.175, subdivision 3.

1.04. This Board has received from the City the TIF Plan, including the fiscal and economic implications of the TIF District.

##### Section 2. Approval of the TIF Plan.

2.01. This Board has reviewed the TIF Plan, as presented to the Board on this date, including without limitation the fiscal and economic implication of the TIF District contained therein, and hereby approves the TIF Plan.

#### Great River Regional Library

Karen Pundsack and Nancy Potter, GRRL provided a summary of 2019 activities for the County Board.

#### County Sheriff

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Supplemental Federal Boating Grant for hazard buoys and channel markers for the sum of \$6,944.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the Amendment reducing the non-recurring charges by \$1,200 with Motorola/Vesta Solutions.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was

introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of three new squads in the amount of \$100,349 from Tenvorde Ford of St. Cloud.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the pay increase for the Seasonal Recreational Water Patrol Assistant to \$16 per hour.

#### County Commissioners

Discussion of the 2nd Amendment potential resolution for the Todd County Board's consideration was held.

#### Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

#### Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended and projects in progress including the upcoming Presidential Nomination Primary on March 3, 2020.

#### Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on meetings attended.

#### Recess

Chairperson Kircher recessed the meeting until March 17, 2020.

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LONG PRAIRIE SANI, INC.....	3,522.65
MORRISON COUNTY.....	6,801.96
NOTERMANN/	
ANTHONY L.....	2,171.80
PETERS LAW OFF. PA.....	7,180.25
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI.	
SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	82,637.00
RDO EQUIPMENT CO.....	40,000.00
SHIRLEY'S GAS &	
GROCERIES.....	2,431.72
STEP.....	8,155.64
VERIZON.....	5,969.83
29 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	9,525.13
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	2,479.27
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER.....	2,847.53
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	4,200.33
MINNESOTA POWER	
& LIGHT.....	17,808.77
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	5,525.00
SEACHANGE PRINT	
INNOVATIONS.....	10,724.04
STAPLES ADVANTAGE.....	5,136.49
STEP.....	9,491.21
ULINE.....	4,947.24
VOYANT COMMS, LLC.....	3,671.97
WENCK ASSOC., INC.....	2,098.70
36 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	16,008.13
CITY OF STAPLES.....	3,613.33
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	5,848.11
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170.....	21,007.80
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753.....	13,892.64
SCHOOL DISTRICT 486.....	3,211.92
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743.....	34,418.23
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787.....	3,452.25
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE.....	5,284.37
TOWN OF KANDOTA.....	17,209.12
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK.....	6,930.53
TOWN OF STAPLES.....	3,403.52
8 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	5,286.83
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	4,079.34
GALLAGHER BENEFIT	
SERVICES INC.....	2,000.00
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	
RETIREMENT ASSOC.....	3,546.90
TOWN OF BARTLETT.....	21,475.89
TOWN OF BERTHA.....	26,488.62
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE.....	23,000.23
TOWN OF BRUCE.....	25,144.63
TOWN OF BURLEENE.....	20,412.05
TOWN OF	
BURNHAMVILLE.....	26,604.99
TOWN OF	
EAGLE VALLEY.....	29,063.74
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE.....	24,532.91
TOWN OF GERMANIA.....	26,444.43
TOWN OF GORDON.....	30,073.99
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE.....	22,094.55
TOWN OF HARTFORD.....	32,301.83
TOWN OF IONA.....	25,905.39
TOWN OF KANDOTA.....	18,666.04

TOWN OF LESLIE.....	23,966.97
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK.....	19,105.12
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK.....	27,650.21
TOWN OF	
LONG PRAIRIE.....	26,841.70
TOWN OF MORAN.....	26,513.24
TOWN OF REYNOLDS.....	25,261.38
TOWN OF	
ROUND PRAIRIE.....	30,377.97
TOWN OF STAPLES.....	28,109.48
TOWN OF	
STOWE PRAIRIE.....	29,169.77
TOWN OF	
TURTLE CREEK.....	15,768.35
TOWN OF VILLARD.....	28,147.27
TOWN OF WARD.....	28,489.19
TOWN OF WEST UNION.....	16,486.04
TOWN OF WYKEHAM.....	26,878.02
15 PAYMENTS	
LESS THAN \$2,000.....	4,610.82
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	1,630.60
Total.....	\$1,471,689.72

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ARC ELECTRIC SERV.....	\$5,412.09
BRAATEN SAND	
& GRAVEL.....	3,877.98
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR	
/TREASURER.....	33,289.62
73 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	27,360.21
Total.....	\$69,939.90

#### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
FRESHWATER ED.	
DISTRICT 6004.....	\$13,450.00
HANDI-XPRESS LLC.....	2,576.50
OTTER TAIL CITY	
HUMAN SERVICES.....	6,600.00
PERISH/ALAN.....	2,592.91
48 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	\$4,011.11
Total.....	\$33,620.52

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CARLSON/BARBARA J.....	3,400.00
HOLISTIC FAMILY	
ED. SRVS.....	8,017.73
LUTHERAL SOCIAL	
SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL.....	2,353.10
MID MN DRUG	
TESTING INC.....	3,063.00
SATELLITE TRACKING OF	
PEOPLE (STOP).....	3,225.00
WEST CENTRAL REG.	
JUVENILE CTR.....	4,114.00
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	4,673.91
Total.....	28,846.74

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 2, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 17, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher,  
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

18pnc

## Public Notices

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

### TODD COUNTY 2020 GRAVEL SURFACING AND CRUSHING PROJECT Closing date: May 12, 2020

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., May 12, 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:

CP 20:89  
CP 20:107  
CP 77-20-05

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/>

Loren Fellbaum  
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

16-18pnc

### CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE VACATION OF City of Staples Front Street Lot located south of Parcel 38-0052200 and West of 7th St. SE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at the Staples City Hall to consider a request to vacate property known as City of Staples Front Street.



All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter.

Publication date: April 22 and April 29, 2020

Diane Archer, City Clerk

17-18pnc

I forgot...  
"Can I still get an ad in.... ???"

DEADLINES:  
Staples World.... 12 p.m. Friday  
Square Shooter .5 p.m. Wednesday  
Heartland Market .... 5 p.m. Wednesday  
218-894-1112 • office@staplesworld.com  
Staples World, 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479







Place your Classified Ad for only \$9<sup>85</sup>/wk. Your ad will appear Wednesday in the **Staples World** and online at [www.staplesworld.com](http://www.staplesworld.com) and Saturday in the **SQUARE SHOOTER**

Both publications and Internet for One Price!

Payment must accompany the order. Use form below or click on [www.staplesworld.com](http://www.staplesworld.com)

**Deadline: Friday at Noon**

### Classified Ad Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Classification # \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Ad	
First 15 words for one week	\$9.85
Add for number of words over 15 _____ x 25¢ =	_____
<b>OR</b> First 15 words for three weeks	\$25.00
Add for number of words over 15 _____ x 25¢ =	_____
Add \$5 for bold type and/or CAPITALIZED indicate which word(s) is/are to be bold or capitalized	_____
Add \$10 for Blind Box	_____
<b>TOTAL enclosed</b>	_____

\*Card of Thanks\* and \*In Memoriam\* are 20¢ per word with no minimum. Number of words \_\_\_\_\_ x 20¢ = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL enclosed**

**Please check your ad the first day. Refunds or credit will not be given for errors brought to our attention after the second publication. We are not responsible for errors due to illegible copy or missing punctuation.**

Your ad will be printed as you write it. Please print clearly, one word per space.

Use additional paper if necessary. Thank you for your order!

Please mail completed form and check payment to: Staples World, Box 100, Staples, MN 56479

### SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

#### 205 Help Wanted

**Full-time, Seasonal Help Wanted: Lawn Maintenance**

Wages depend upon experience.

Contact Cory  
**218-838-8330**

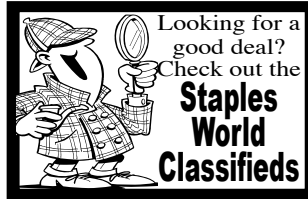
**208 Storage**

**FOR RENT**

Japke's North 8th Street Mini Storage, 894-1551  
6x20, 10x12, 10x20, 10x24

**209 Business Services**

Your major appliance parts source. Parts for all major brands. One day service. **Staples True Value**, Staples. 218-894-3263. 26tfc



### FOR SALE

#### 301 Good Things To Eat

**HAMBURGER:** Born, raised, processed locally. No antibiotics or hormones, \$4 /lb., 10 lbs. or more. Roger or Bonnie. Leave message: 218-894-3275 or 218-296-0530. 17-19p

**304 Livestock**

**NORDLUND STOCK FARM:** Red and black Angus bulls; yearlings and two-year-olds. **ALSO:** Hay for sale. 701-799-1613. 14-19p

### WANTED TO BUY

#### 501 Miscellaneous

**FREE DROP OFF:** Microwave, Air Conditioners, Water Heaters, Gas Grills, Propane Tanks, Furnaces, Lawn Mowers, Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, Dryers, Misc. Iron and Scrap. Christmas Tree Lights. **WE BUY CANS AND BATTERIES.** NO: TV's, Electronics, Mattresses, Tires, Household trash. Call for information: 218-639-0150. Card Auto, 27593 Todd Line Rd, Staples. 36tfc

**ATTENTION West Central Minnesota Property Owners:** I am currently working with over 60 qualified buyers looking for hunting land, farm land, pasture, lake shore properties and rural homes. If you are interested in selling your property, call Jason Ziegler with Whitetail Properties at 701-367-2376. 16-24p

### REAL ESTATE

#### 602 Apartments for Rent

**STAPLES:** Downtown, 1 - 2 bdrm., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking, 218-894-3108. 6tfc

**FRONTIER TOWNHOMES**

FOR RENTAL INFO CALL 218-296-5031 Under new ownership

We are accepting applications for 2 and 3 bedroom townhomes in Staples, a community you can get attached to. Rent based on income. Now professionally managed by

**BRUTGER** EQUITIES, INC.  
Income guidelines apply.

CENTRAL TODD COUNTY  
**Central Todd County Care Center**

**Certified Nursing Assistants**

We are searching for someone who is looking for a rewarding job in the Nursing field. **Evening and Night shifts** now available for CNAs. Must be a TEAM player and possess a special interest in working with Long Term Care residents, families, and visitors.

**CTCCC offers a wide variety of benefits and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

Contact Amanda Rickbeil, [arickbeil@ctcccinc.com](mailto:arickbeil@ctcccinc.com) or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12

Pick up an application in the **Business Office, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** or after hours at the **Nurse's Station.**

CENTRAL TODD COUNTY CARE CENTER IS LOCATED IN CLARISSA, MN.



### MCAN

### Minnesota Classified Advertising Network

<p><b>EMPLOYMENT</b></p> <p><b>FULL-TIME SCHOOL COUNSELOR</b></p> <p>KMS Public Schools - August 2020. Qualifications: Current Minnesota Licensure. Apply online: <a href="http://www.kms.k12.mn.us">www.kms.k12.mn.us</a>; Attach: letter of interest, resume, three letters of recommendation, transcripts and copy of license.</p> <p><b>SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER OPENING</b></p> <p>KMS Public Schools - August 2020. Qualifications: Current Minnesota Licensure. Apply online: <a href="http://www.kms.k12.mn.us">www.kms.k12.mn.us</a>; Attach: letter of interest, resume, three letters of recommendation, transcripts, copy of license.</p> <p><b>SEED/FEED/GRAINS</b></p> <p><b>PROTECT YOUR YIELD</b></p> <p>from soybean white mold and SDS. Ask your seed dealer for Heads Up® Seed Treatment. Cost-effective. Proven results. <a href="http://headsupt.com/plant20">headsupt.com/plant20</a> or 866/368-9306</p> <p><b>ONLY \$279 to reach a statewide audience of 1.7 million readers!!! 1-800-279-2979</b></p>	<p><b>WANTED TO BUY</b></p> <p><b>WANTED: ALL 1970S MOTORCYCLES</b></p> <p>Running or not. Titled or not. Prices will fall soon. Sell now while prices are high! Call Dan at 612/720-2142</p> <p><b>NEED SOME CASH!</b></p> <p>Sell us your unwanted gold, jewelry, watches &amp; diamonds. BBB A plus rated <a href="http://www.GetGoldGeek.com/mnna">www.GetGoldGeek.com/mnna</a> Request your 100 percent free, no risk, no strings attached appraisal kit. Call Gold Geek today: 844/467-0301</p> <p><b>MISCELLANEOUS</b></p> <p><b>DISH NETWORK \$59.99</b></p> <p>For 190 channels! Add high speed internet for only \$19.95/month. Call today for \$100 gift card! Best value &amp; technology. Free installation. Call 855/562-4309 (some restrictions apply)</p> <p><b>DONATE YOUR CAR</b></p> <p>truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3-day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 844/220-9501</p>	<p><b>MISCELLANEOUS</b></p> <p><b>MOBILEHELP</b></p> <p>America's premier mobile medical alert system. Whether you're home or away. For safety and peace of mind. NO long term contracts! Free brochure! Call today! 855/610-5151</p> <p><b>AT&amp;T WIRELESS</b></p> <p>Two great new offers! Ask how to get the new iPhone 11 or Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e on us with AT&amp;T's Buy one, Give One offer. While supplies last! Call 855/332-0464</p> <p><b>ENJOY 100% PERFECTLY TENDER</b></p> <p>and guaranteed! 20 main courses plus get 4 free burgers. Order the Butcher's Bundle - only \$69.99. Call 844/331-1614 mention code: 61086TVG or visit <a href="http://www.omahasteaks.com/dinner397">www.omahasteaks.com/dinner397</a></p> <p><b>DIRECTV</b></p> <p>Switch &amp; save! \$39.99/month. Select all-included package. 155 channels, 1000s of shows/movies on demand. Free Genie HD DVR upgrade. Premium movie channels, FREE for 3 months! Call 877/350-0094</p>
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### Classifications

<b>NOTICES</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>	<b>WANTED TO BUY</b>
100 Events/Announcements	300 Antiques/Collectibles	501 Miscellaneous
101 Card of Thanks	301 Good Things to Eat	502 Livestock
102 In Memory	302 Lawn/Garden	<b>REAL ESTATE</b>
103 Lost & Found	303 Hay/Straw/Feed/Seed	601 Wanted to Rent
104 Give Away	304 Livestock	602 Apartments for Rent
106 Personals	305 Pets	603 Houses for Rent
107 Notices	306 Sporting Goods	604 Commercial for Rent
<b>SERVICES &amp; EMPLOYMENT</b>	307 Household	605 Mobile Homes for Rent
201 Business Opportunities	308 Musical	606 Land for Rent
202 Childcare Providers	309 Miscellaneous	607 Houses for Sale
203 Childcare Wanted	310 Health/Beauty	608 Farms for Sale
205 Help Wanted	311 Firewood	609 Mobile Homes for Sale
206 Positions Wanted	312 Christmas Trees	610 Land for Sale
207 Equipment for Rent	313 Computers/Office Equip.	611 Business Property for Sale
208 Storage	314 Farm Services	612 Real Estate Wanted
209 Business Services	315 Camper Trailer	<b>GARAGE SALES</b>
210 Animal Care/Supplies	<b>VEHICLES</b>	701 Garage Sales
211 Work Wanted	401 Automobiles	702 Flea Market/Crafts
	402 Trucks/Vans	
	403 Recreational	
	404 Farm Equipment	
	405 Heavy Equipment	
	406 Parts/Repair	

### The Fine Print

The publishers liability for errors in an advertisement or for failure to publish the ad shall be limited to publishing the ad in a subsequent issue or for the refund of any monies paid for an ad not run (and out of date for subsequent issues) providing the advertiser reports the error or omission immediately after it occurs.

All advertising copy is subject to the approval of the general manager. We will not accept ads from anyone with a past due account.

Regarding sex or age preference in help wanted advertising in accordance with the rules adopted by the Civil Rights Commission, the Staples World, Sunday Square Shooter and Heartland Market cannot accept help wanted advertising copy which in any way expresses a sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement unless the advertiser files an affidavit with the newspaper justifying the sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement.

All real estate and rental advertising in these publications is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which made it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin or any intention to make any such preference limitation or discrimination. These publications will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate or rental which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

**HEARTLAND MARKET**

Display ads: \$12.00 (per col. inch)

Classified Reader \$9.30 (first 25 words; additional 35¢ each word (one week))

Auction Directory = \$3 per line; \$15 minimum. Inserts = \$65 per thousand \* Color rates available.

Heartland Market deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday. Reaching over 20,585 homes;

DISTRIBUTED in these paid NEWSPAPERS: Staples World; Barnesville Record-Review; Battle Lake Review; Clay County Union of Ulen; Northwoods Press, Nevis; Eagle Bend/ Bertha/ Clarissa Independent News Herald; Hawley Herald; Henning Citizens Advocate; Long Prairie Leader; Parkers Prairie Independent; Sebeka/Menahga Review Messenger; Verndale Sun.



The Staples World will no longer be printing the Staples Square Shooter as of **May 9, 2020.**

We appreciate all our advertisers that supported the Square Shooter throughout the many years of publication. We thank the businesses who advertised using ads and inserts in the Square Shooter.

We would like to thank our many patrons who enjoyed receiving the Square Shooter.

To all our carriers who have faithfully delivered the Square Shooter through rain, shine, snowstorm and sleet and Circulation manager, Helen Allee, who has managed the shopper circulation the last several years, we thank you all for your dedication.

**Staples World**

The Staples World staff: Mark Anderson, Janice Winter, Kathy Odden, Dawn Timbs

All advertising may be directed to: Staples World, 218-894-1112, [jwinter@staplesworld.com](mailto:jwinter@staplesworld.com) editor@staplesworld.com

**FREE HEAT:** Cozy, 2 bdrm., quiet building, great location, welcome: 218-296-3807. 7tfc

**REMODELED:** Lg. 2 bdrm. \$675 /mo. 218-851-6798. 18p

**605 Mobile Homes for Rent**

Two BR mobile home between Motley and Staples, \$650/mo. Ref. req. 218-639-1425. 11tfc

**GARAGE SALES**

**701**

**STAPLES A/G YOUTH ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW** through May 8 for their upcoming garage sale for Missions. Call Kathy Miles, 218-296-1647 for drop off or pick up. 17-19c

**DEADLINES**

for all classified ads is **12 noon Friday** to be published in the Staples World.







**More masks being made for Lakewood**

Paraprofessionals at Staples-Motley Schools have been busy making masks for staff at Lakewood Health System in Staples. As of April 21, they had made over 380 masks. They work as a team, with some cutting material, some ironing and others sewing. The women hope to make at least 500 - 1,000 masks and will keep making them until the end of the school year, as Lakewood is in need of many more.

Pictured above at the start of the assembly line are, from left, Julie Schwinghammer, Denise Allshouse, Becky Templin, Kathy Robben (front) and Heather Maule.

In lower photos, from left, are sewers Becky Rassler, Sally Flickinger and Tasha Pedden; and ironers Val Murray (standing) and Cathy Dumpprope, who headed up this project at the school. Pedden, who is modeling one of the finished masks, said she is grateful to be a part of a group like this as it took her two hours to sew one mask by herself at home. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



**ZOOMING his way through the school**

Staples-Motley High School Principal Mike Schmidt said he'd found his own way to ZOOM as he rode his scooter through the lobby of Centennial Auditorium. Schmidt said there is a lot of stress as the result of COVID-19, but seeing the paraprofessionals at work

making masks each day has helped lift spirits of staff. He misses seeing the students, knows they are also experiencing a lot of stress during this pandemic situation, and looks forward to when school is able to resume as normal. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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or 218-820-1883 (cell)

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Electrical Services for  
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• Commercial  
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Zach Hanson 218-296-1285 • Mike Rollins 218-296-2461  
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Serving - Staples - Motley - Pillager  
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PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING  
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• General • Lot Clearing  
• Storm Damage Clean Up  
• Stump Grinding • Brushing  
• 55 ft. Bucket Truck  
218-894-2871

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## Achermann signs with U of M Crookston

The University of Minnesota Crookston women's tennis program announced the addition of Staples-Motley tennis player Tasha Achermann to their signing class.

"Tasha brings familiarity to the program, as she was a high school teammate of Ashley Smith and will add depth and competitiveness to our team," said Head Coach Krayton Nash.

"We are excited to have her."

Minnesota Crookston has continued to improve under Coach Nash in three seasons. The Golden Eagles have a strong core returning.

Achermann was an All-Conference Honorable Mention selection at Staples-Motley. She has been a member of the Academic Honors List and earned the Academic All-State

Award. As a senior, she teamed with Rose Han to make the Class A Minnesota State Tournament for doubles. She was a high school teammate of former Golden Eagle Ashley Smith.

Achermann plans to major in exercise science and wellness at Minnesota Crookston. She is the daughter of Kathy Achermann.



### Tennis at the next level

Tasha Achermann will graduate with the Staples-Motley Class of 2020, and has been signed by the University of Minnesota Crookston to play tennis

in the fall. Achermann reached the state tennis tournament this season playing for Staples-Motley. (Submitted photo)



### Gobbler success

Dale Hausmann of Staples bagged a 22 pound tom turkey at 6:10 a.m. April 17, during second season of turkey

hunting. The gobbler's beard was 9-1/2 inches and the spurs measured 1-1/2 inches. (Submitted photo)

## Girls basketball awards

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team announced season awards for the past season.

Varsity awards that were voted on by the team included:

- MVP - Haley Cichos
- Best Defender - Liz Danilyuk
- Miss Hustle - Lauren Rutten
- Most Improved - Aleeah Halverson
- Hardest Worker - Kaitlyn Smith
- Best Teammate - Alix Peterson
- Statistical leaders were:
  - Most points - Cichos
  - Most rebounds - Tabettha Allen
  - Most fouls drawn - Peterson
  - Most steals - Cichos
  - Most made 3's - Smith
  - best FT % - Cichos
  - Most charges taken - Bella Martin

Four Cardinals were listed on the Brainerd Dispatch All-Area honorable mention team: Smith, Peterson, Allen and Cichos.

Smith and Allen were also named to the Mid State Conference All-Conference team, with Cichos and Peterson honorable mention.

The Staples-Motley team had a 3.667 GPA, earning All-State Academic Silver rating. Smith and Peterson both earned All-State Academic Gold as seniors with a GPA over 3.8.

Junior varsity awards included:
 

- JV Miss Hustle - Aleeah Halverson
- JV Best Defender - Aften Robinson
- JV Hardest Worker - Allison Knosalla
- JV MVP - Lauren Rutten

## A lesson from one that got away

Every passionate angler is eager for that first opportunity to get a fishing rod in the hand, with a lure or a baited hook on the end of the line and a chance to catch those first fish of the year. It was not more than a day after ice-out here at the family cabin, when a fishing boat was seen thrashing up a geyser of spray as its occupant headed, my guess, anyway for a spot where crappies might be biting. He eventually motored out of sight behind an island on the far side of the lake, his eventual success or disappointment known only to him.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

The general fishing opener, when walleye become fair game, is still a week and a half away. But many anglers don't have the patience to wait, even if walleye are their preference. There are other fish whose seasons are already open, whose pursuit can release that pent-up passion to feel the first bend in the rod and the throb of a fish vying for escape.

Stream trout present such an early opportunity.

While some streams in Southeast Minnesota are open year 'round, inland streams elsewhere in the state open in mid-April. It's not back-trolling or pitching lures from a boat or following a depth contour or watching your boat's electronics for blips that pinpoint fish. Instead, it's "hoofing it" along a stream's meandering banks, often wading into the same watery environment with the brook, rainbow or brown trout.

Some anglers fish these places only until the general fishing opener. Others are drawn to them often during the five-and-one-half month open season, at least when stream flow is good and the prospect of catching fish is fair or better. It's a nice alternative to the confines of a fishing boat, and with solitude pretty much guaranteed a break from the traffic on popular lakes.

Sometimes you can learn new things, and re-learn things you know but sometimes forget. Things like how to handle a good fish that you really want to see in the net, even though it's a certainty that you will release it once you have caught it and "counted coup."

Sometimes the learning or re-learning can come from failure. The famous, some might say infamous college basketball coach Bob Knight of Indiana Uni-

versity was once quoted as saying that, "a good loser is probably someone who has had too much practice at it." A less verifiable version of that quote is that "all you learn from losing is how to lose."

I'm not convinced that's true. You can sometimes learn as much or more from failing as from succeeding, from missing as much as from hitting or from losing as much as from catching. For instance, I'm likely to remember every detail when I miss a shot at a duck and know just why I missed it, whereas in the adrenaline rush of a successful shot, the details seem to evaporate in the excitement of the moment; for me, at least.

The same can be said of some fishing episodes. On the Monday, after the trout season's April 18, opener, and expecting to have the stream mostly to myself I made the short drive to a local trout stream that's both a favorite of mine, and coincidentally, well within the boundaries of the Stay Home Minnesota pandemic sheltering advice.

After more than seven months, it was good to feel the push of flowing water against my waders, while remembering the caution needed to balance on slippery rocks. The water was clear, its depth just what those of us who fish it find ideal. After some preliminaries, I decided on casting a lure of feathers and deer hair and gold tinsel, designed and tied to resemble a small minnow.

Time's passage can get lost in angling concentration, but within a relatively short time I had hooked, played and landed a pair of brook trout and a small brown trout. Both are residents here, both reproduce naturally, which provides the very best kind of trout fishing challenge.

I moved farther downstream, casting my minnow imitation across the stream, letting it swing in a crossing arc with the pull of the current. It was almost directly downstream when my rod tip dipped sharply downward. A strong current can fool you into thinking you've hooked a good fish, but it was soon evident that this in fact was a good fish.

I was not in the best position, with the fish directly downstream.

When you're downstream of, or below a fish that is trying to pull away from you, your lure is pulled into a stronger hooking position. When the fish is directly downstream, you are potentially pulling your fly or lure out of its mouth. I tried to work carefully but quickly downstream to get below it, while the fish used the current to resist, and seemed intent on breaking over the lip of the pool and into faster water below.

Instead of letting the fish "have its head" and go downstream, eventually into calmer water, I resisted the combined pull of the fish and the current, determined to settle the outcome quickly. The acrobatic fish was contorting nearly into complete circles, showing a broad flank and enough color to confirm that it was a good brown trout; easily a fish worthy of early season bragging.

Then one more convulsion from the fish and the line pulled free and went slack. The fish was off, and though profanity is not a constant in my vocabulary I just might have cursed. Losing the best fish of the day has a way of diminishing those that came before it, but at the same time posing the question "What can top this?"

Inevitably, you ask yourself "What could I have done differently to avoid losing the fish?" Sometimes nothing. Other times, a better fight plan. Looking back, I might not have resisted the fish so much, adding the current's muscle to its own. I might not have worried so much about it leaving the pool for the turbulent water below, where there is a broader pool where I might have had more leverage.

You never know, of course. The hold of the hook might have given way no matter what. But I could have handled it better to improve my chances of landing the fish. Some might say "You were going to release it, anyway; what's the big deal?" A serious angler knows the answer to that question. And just might learn from losing.

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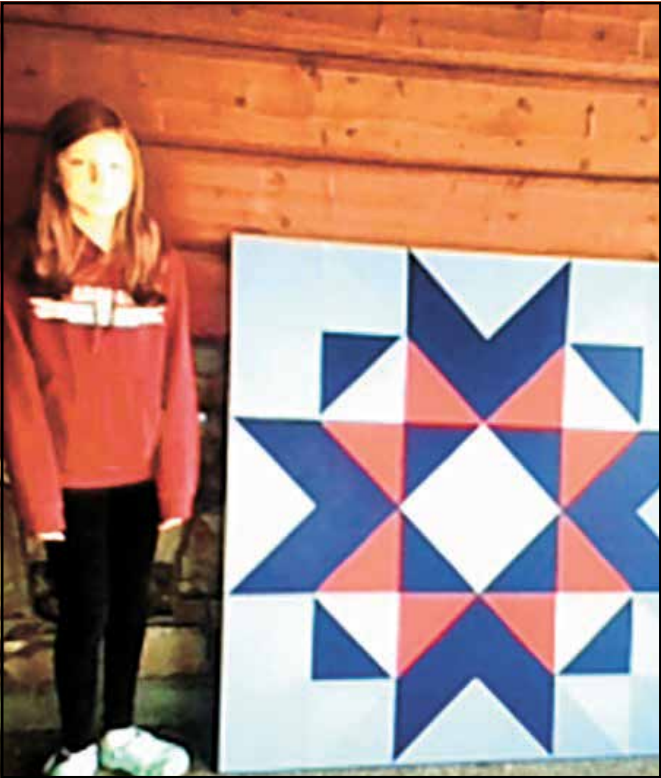
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## Student art projects completed during distance learning

The 5th - 8th grade art students have shown some serious creativity through this Distance Learning adventure. Their assignment was simply to use the skills they have learned to create something new and of high quality using materials of their choice. The results have been astounding - here are some of the most unique creations from the first two weeks of learning. -Amanda Toft, SM Visual Arts



Corrine Olson, 7th



Elliana Moulton, 8th



Israel Ritter, 7th



Devin Flan, 5th



Jade Story, 7th



Taylor Beach, 7th



Leighton Bettis, 5th



Emali Jimenez, 8th



Zachary McIlravy, 8th

## Superintendent's Letter



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April 28, 2020

Dear Families,

With the governor's announcement that distance learning will continue through the end of the school year, we have made a few updates to our district distance learning plan and district calendar to finish well in this unprecedented season of education. Please take a moment to read through the details below so we can partner together for success through the end of the school year.

- The calendar for distance learning will look as follows:

April 28	Distance Learning Delivery Day
May 1	State-Mandated Planning Day - No Distance Learning
May 4	State-Mandated Planning Day - No Distance Learning
May 5	Distance Learning Delivery Day
May 12	Distance Learning Delivery Day
May 18-22	Last Week Items: -End of year wrap-up for students -Collection of school-owned materials/equipment -Communication with families regarding transitions and registration for the upcoming school year.

- The Minnesota State High School League has officially cancelled the remainder of all participating schools spring athletics and fine arts seasons, effective immediately.
- Staples-Motley Community Education classes and programs remain suspended until further notice. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Student meals for any child age eighteen and under will continue to be available through May 22nd. Meals are distributed Monday-Friday, with Friday distribution of weekend meals. Please call Lori at 218-894-5400 x3120 to sign up for meals for your child. Information regarding the summer food program will come at a later date.

Thank you for your hard work stepping in and working on distance learning. We'll continue to communicate with you regarding these final weeks of the school year to make sure all students finish the 2019-2020 school year well.

It is a pleasure to serve your families,

Shane Tappe  
 Superintendent

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