



## Minnesota Honor Society induction

Staples-Motley High School students are pictured following the recent 2020 Minnesota Honor Society Induction Ceremony held at Timbers Event Center in Staples. Front row, from left new inductees: Hunter Klimek, Isabella Martin, Beck Erholtz, Cole Winkels, Issac Kronenberg, Tabetha Allen, Payton Bjerga, Ava

Schneider, Alexis Tweeter. Back row, presenters and last years inductees: Rylie Rau, MacKenna Bjerga, Emmitt Winkels, Cade Schmidt, Alix Peterson Ryan Wick, Jack Tyrrell, Ben Olander, Katie Smith. (Submitted photo)

## SMHS students join Minnesota Honor Society

The 2020 Minnesota Honor Society Induction Ceremony for Staples-Motley High School students took place Jan. 26, at Timbers Event Center in Staples.

Last year's inductees, families and this year's inductees were recognized for their Character, Schol-

arship, Service and Leadership. Lorna Birkholtz, SMHS science teacher, was selected by the students to be the keynote speaker and during her speech she encouraged them to be diligent in exceeding the four characteristics of the Honor Society Creed.

The close of the cer-

emony was directed by Principal Mike Schmidt, who asked everyone in the room to reach out to those who've made an impact in their lives and thank them. "As a faculty, we're very proud of our students," Schmidt said. "They take advantage of the many diverse opportu-

nities we offer. In the end, their diplomas may look the same, but each student tells a different story of their accomplishments."

To become a member of the Minnesota Honor Society, students first apply, and based on the criteria, are selected by a committee made up of SMHS staff.

## Iceicle sunrise

Iceicles and ice dams seem to be prevalent this year in Minnesota, caused by an abundance of snow followed by warmer weather. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## School facility study already underway

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board viewed a timeline for a building study and process that could result in a referendum to remodel the schools or build new portions of the school.

At the Jan. 21 board meeting, consultant company ICS presented a timeline showing they have started reviewing all information from past building studies. A communications plan will be presented to the board at their Feb. 18 meeting. In March and April, ICS will meet with small groups and identify other stakeholder groups. There will be more listening sessions in April. In May, the plan call for selecting an architect. June through August shows completing listening sessions, surveys and an education adequacy study. Only after all the results are in and analysis has been done, ICS will help develop options for a potential project scope and alternatives. The process will then prioritize the educational impact of the options and identify financial solutions. The board will start making decisions on a possible referendum during the June through August phase, but a final project will not be proposed until November.

The board approved a memorandum of understanding that ICS will continue in its role as the school's consultant through the project design



## Census presentation

Staples-Motley teacher Erik Johnson talks at the Jan. 21 school board meeting about the 2020 Census, which is coming up soon. Johnson requested the school help with getting information out about the census. Residents should start getting mailings from the census in March. Johnson said each person counted is worth about \$2,800 in federal grants and funding. "It is our constitutional duty, please do it," said Johnson. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

and construction phases.

### Audit

The board approved the yearly audit, presented by Jon Archer of Schlenner, Wenner and Co. The audit was an unmodified (clean) opinion, meaning "the numbers look right, there are no issues with transactions," said Archer.

Archer said the school has had a small decrease in enrollment over the past four years, which means less revenue, but the school's budget has had a decrease in long term debt. "The general fund is better than what you had planned on," said Archer. He said most spending is instruction related, which is a good sign for a school.

### In other news, the board

- Accepted resignation of Craig Waldvogel, IT coordinator for the district.
- Approved FLMA leave request from Skyla Rewitzer.
- Accepted \$1,258 from United Methodist Church of Motley and \$971 from United Methodist Church of Staples to supplement

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## Sourcwell commits \$10 million to Brainerd, Walker school districts

Mid-State Education District opened its Setting IV facility to students in September 2019. Within five years, this will be one of four such facilities funded by Sourcwell.

Brainerd Public Schools and the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School District will each receive \$5.2 million over the next five years to construct new facilities for students with special needs.

The Sourcwell Board of Directors voted unanimously at its Jan. 21 board meeting to commit over \$10 million to help construct two additional Setting IV facilities within its five-county service area.

Based on prior conversations with school districts and considering areas of priority, both Brainerd and Walker-Hackensack-Akeley were selected by the board to receive this funding.

Sourcwell Executive Director Dr. Chad Coauette said this latest commitment will mark a nearly eight-year journey of planning and execution to help regional school districts meet the needs of all students.

"We are pleased to provide a source of funding that will allow each organization to champion their building project to serve the needs of their constitu-

ents."

In 2016, regional special education leaders met with Sourcwell staff to discuss possibilities and partnerships in regard to schools' growing need for Setting IV facilities. Setting IV refers to programming in a separate school setting for students with significant behavioral or mental health issues. Students receive additional academic, behavioral and mental health programming in this alternate setting.

In 2017, the Freshwater Education District in Wadena and the Mid-State Education District in Little Falls were each provided approximately \$5 million by Sourcwell to construct Setting IV facilities. Both officially opened their doors to begin serving students and their communities at the start of the 2019-20 school year.

Coauette said the financial commitment for the Walker facility will take place this year and next; while the Brainerd facility will be funded over the following three years. In total, this is a planned five-year investment/commitment, he explained.

"This is a great example of our board's commit-

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## Weather

### This Week's Forecast

High	Low	Cond.
Feb. 5	19°	11° Sunny
Feb. 6	23	12 M. Cloudy
Feb. 7	22	10 M. Cloudy
Feb. 8	17	7 P. Cloudy
Feb. 9	15	6 M. Cloudy
Feb. 10	17	9 M. Cloudy
Feb. 11	22	10 P. Cloudy

### Last Year, 2019

High	Low	Cond.
Feb. 5	6°	-8° Cloudy
Feb. 6	9	-3 Cloudy
Feb. 7	25	7 Snow
Feb. 8	-5	-20 Cloudy
Feb. 9	2	-12 Cloudy
Feb. 10	10	-8 Cloudy
Feb. 11	18	11 Cloudy

Average Temp.:  
H = 15° Low = -4°

Total snow: 49"

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## Obituaries

Hap Corbett  
Roger Long  
Alicia Rengel



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## Sno Daze grade leaders

Sno Daze representatives for each grade were selected by their classmates. From left, 11th grade, Cole Winkels and Daija Halvorson, 10th grade, Bo Erholtz and Will Danilyuk, 9th grade, Mandy Carter, Isaiah Schultz and Nicki Carter. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



## Staples-Motley Sno Daze court

Sno Daze week has started at Staples-Motley High School. Senior candidates in the Sno Daze court are, from left, Hunter Klimek, Trevor Rudnick, Isaac Christoffersen, Katie Smith, Connor Fox, Kaila Erbe, Juanita DeWald and Liz Danilyuk. The Sno Daze king and queen will be crowned on Friday, Feb.

7, following the lip synch contest, which begins at 11 a.m. at the high school. Other Sno Daze activities include volleyball tournaments during the lunch period and dress up themes for every day. A dance will be held following the girls basketball game on Friday, Feb. 7. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Motley votes to repeal state building code

At a special meeting Jan. 28, the Motley City Council voted to start the process of repealing the city's building code ordinance.

Prior to this vote, the council revisited a previous motion regarding the search for a new building inspector and repealing the state building code.

According to draft minutes provided by City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja, council member Amy Hutchison said she had been searching for a new building inspector and was not having luck finding one.

Hutchison said she spoke with Darrin Welle, planning and zoning specialist at Sourcewell, who told her a lot of the cities he works with do not have building inspectors. She confirmed this by calling some of the cities and was surprised to find how many don't have building inspectors. The draft minutes went on to note that Hutchison said it will save the residents money (not having a building inspector) but she was concerned about the quality and safety of homes for residents.

## Law enforcement reports

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

Jan. 24 - 29 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Justin Prozinski, 36; Kyle Brooks, 26; Ahmed Dhakne, 27; and a juvenile.

Jan. 24 - 29 - The MPD issued hands free violation citations to Mackenzie Pabich, 24; Kelly Brown, 40; Levi White, 35.

Jan. 29 - The MPD issued a citation to Daniel Severson, 40, for failure to stop for traffic controlled light.

Jan. 28 - The MPD responded to a report of a vehicle that was blocking part of the roadway on Poplar Lane in Motley. The registration stickers on the vehicle had been purposely covered with some sort of foam material that the officer was unable to remove. The vehicle also came back with expired registration. From past contacts, the MPD knew the vehicle belonged to Artie Cole, whose driving status is cancelled. The MPD attempted to con-

tact him by phone but the number on file was not good. The vehicle was towed, and the officer left a business card at Cole's residence with a note to have him call the MPD, as there was no answer at the door.

Jan. 24 - The MPD received a call from Dollar General in Motley reporting the theft of several packages of lunch meat and sausage. Subsequently, the MPD arrested Levi Richard White, 35.

Jan. 23 - The MPD attempted to stop an ATV for a traffic violation at Front St. W. and Hwy 10 in Motley. The ATV fled from the officer, creating a pursuit. According to the report, the ATV eventually tipped on its side and the driver, 35-year-old Mathew Joseph Wolpert, was arrested. The passenger was released. Neither party appeared to have any injuries, the report said.

Jan. 25 - The MCSO received a call regarding the theft of an aluminum 26' extension ladder from a residence at the 3000 block of Pine View Blvd., Motley.



## Lions reach out to SM Elementary students

Staples Host Lions and '93 Lions helped sponsor a community eye screening for children at Staples-Motley Elementary School Jan. 29, utilizing their new spot camera. Pictured above, from left, are Lion Rick Adamietz, Lion Frank Leidenfrost; Lion Beth Gedde;

Principal Kathy Johnson; Lion Sue Flaten; Lion Mike Gold; Lion Amy Leidenfrost; and Lion Carol Breikreutz of Princeton, chair of the district Lions screening program. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Area Lions help provide free eye screenings for children

A total of 44 students at Staples-Motley Elementary School participated in the Lions-sponsored 'KidSight Vision Screening' program Jan. 29. Following the free screening, two children were referred on to see an eye doctor.

The Staples Host Lions and Staples '93 Lions helped sponsor the recent event, utilizing the new \$7,000 spot camera that is able to detect a number of issues pertaining to eyes,

including anisometropia, astigmatism, hyperopia (farsightedness), myopia (nearsightedness), gaze asymmetry and anisocoria.

An Eagle Bend Lion member paid for half of the camera's cost, with the rest of it (as well as supplies) paid for by Lions from Motley, Staples Host, Staples '93, Eagle Bend, Long Prairie and Grey Eagle Bertrum.

An informational hand-out at the screening noted

that:

- 80 percent of learning is visual
- Vision problems undetected by the age of seven can become permanent
- Screening children six months - six years of age provides early detection
- Seven - 15 percent of children screened are referred on to an eye care professional.



## Using the new camera

Lion Carol Breikreutz, Director of the Multiple District 5M Lions KidSight Vision Screening program, shows Lion Frank Leidenfrost (Staples Host Lions) how to use the new camera that was purchased for eye screenings. Kindergartner Bentley Janssen was one of the first students to get his eyes screened at Staples-Motley Elementary School Jan. 29. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## Picking out a gift

Lion Rick Adamietz helps kindergartner Amelia Hoemberg choose some sunglasses after she had her eyes screened at Staples-Motley Elementary School Jan. 29. The free screening program was sponsored by the Multiple District 5M Lions KidSight Vision Screening program. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## Cool kids

Staples-Motley Elementary students who participated in the Lions Kidsight eye screening program Jan. 29, received a free pair of sunglasses. Pictured at left, are kindergartners Brantley Olander, Sawyer Cline, Collin Cole, Reese Thompson and Leah Nelson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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## Looking back

### 75 YEARS AGO - 1945

• Feb. 8, 1945 - W. E. Stone, manager of the Staples World suffered a painful accident late Tuesday afternoon when he slipped and fell on some ice at the back of the printing office. In so doing he sustained a fracture of the small bone in his right leg. He was taken to the Staples Municipal hospital where X-rays revealed the seriousness of the accident.

Mr. Stone is at his home, and as soon as the swelling goes down his leg will be put in a cast.

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• Feb. 8, 1945 - Painters have been busy the past week redecorating the interior of Tapley's store in Staples. The first coat on the ceiling was put on last week, with the second being started Monday morning of this week. The interior of the building will be completely redecorated, according to Mr. Tapley, the owner of the store.

• Feb. 8, 1945 - Miss Ida Brauch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Brauch of Staples, is a member of the St. Cloud teachers college band that will be playing a concert for the college convocation on Feb. 26.

Miss Brauch was active in musical circles while attending the Staples high school and was one of the high honor students of her graduating class.

### 50 YEARS AGO - 1970

• Feb. 5, 1970 - Tragedy struck the Staples and Browerville areas over the past weekend as a light plane crash claimed the lives of two young men from the Twin Cities, both former residents of this community.

Killed in the crash were Anthony Pogreba, 26, of Columbia Heights, son of Mrs. Clara Pogreba of rural Browerville and the deceased Leo Pogreba and Donald W. Oldenburg, 37, of Inver Grove Heights, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Oldenburg.

After many hours of rescue operations by the Civil Air Patrol under the command of Col. Gene Stanich of Ironton, along with hundreds of snowmobilers and sheriffs from the area counties, they found the bodies of the two men, who were missing since last Saturday afternoon. They were recovered in an open marshy area, surrounded by trees, Sunday afternoon about 1-1/2 miles southeast of Motley.

• Feb. 5, 1970 - The 60-voice A Cappella Choir of Staples high school, under the direction of Stan Carlson, received a superior rating in District 24 competition last Saturday at Crosby-Ironton.

For the contest, the Staples group sang "Christ to Thee Be Glory" by Schuetz and "She Is So Dear" by Praetorius.

Judges for the contest were Charles Schwartz of the University of Minnesota, Amez Dahl of St. Cloud Technical high school and Charles Hansen, music editor of Schmidt Music Co., Minneapolis.

• Feb. 5, 1970 - From the Motley Locals: On Monday, Jan. 19, Elayne Welle, Pat Thompson, Karen Zetah and Mary Ann Zetah drove their snowmobiles over to Lenore Wilme's home on Lake Alexander where they enjoyed a pot luck dinner. Following a short visit they drove on to the home of Margie Dvorak and had coffee before they returned to their respective homes after having traveled a distance of 40 miles. They plan a trip to Staples later.

### 25 YEARS AGO - 1995

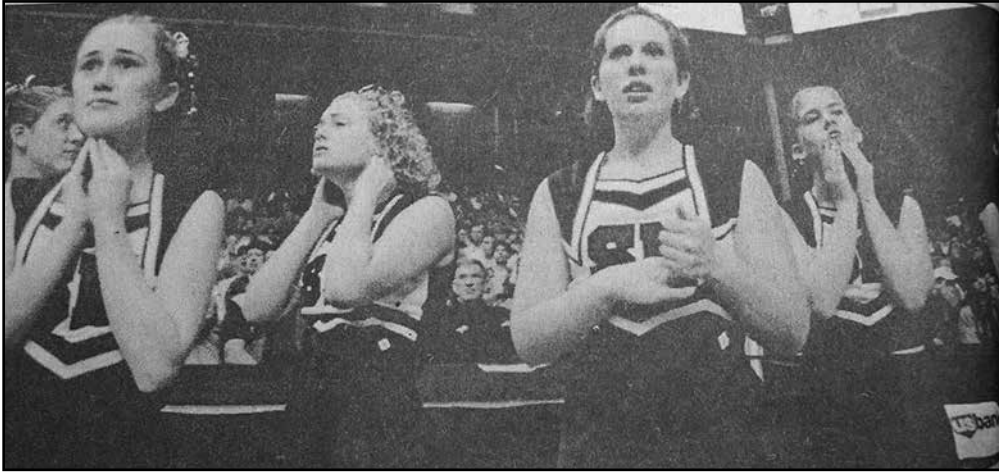
• Feb. 9, 1995 - It took six rounds to find a winner in the Jan. 31, District #2170 spelling Bee, but Shannon



### Mystery photo #1

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 30, 2000 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.



### Mystery photo #2

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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.

Carry, sixth grade, Motley Staples Middle School, spelled "prescription" to become the champion speller.

Shannon and runner-up Melanie Wilson, sixth grade, Sacred Heart School, will be advancing to the Region 5 Spelling Bee at Pequot Lakes in March.

• Feb. 9, 1970 - The Staples Motley school board, in a Tuesday night meeting filled with controversial discussions, voted to remove a book from use in school pending any further recommendation by administration.

The book, "Keeping the Love You Find," by Harvelle Hendrix, Ph.D., is used as a resource in a Personal and Family Living Skills class called, "Married and Single." The class is offered to students in grades 9 through 12.

• Feb. 9, 1995 - Joyce and Ed Moore have opened Joyce's Pie Pantry at 128 4th St. NE in Staples. The coffee shop serves a daily soup and sandwich special. They also offer assorted pies and pastries. The couple operates a similar

business in Bertha.

• Feb. 9, 1995 - Miss Minnesota, Eileen Van Driest, will be the speaker at the National Honor Society induction 10:05 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Centennial Auditorium. She is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying Instrumental Music Education.

### 10 YEARS AGO - 2010

• Feb. 11, 2010 - Approximately 650 people participated in the 'Feed My Starving Children' event held last weekend in Staples and thanks to their efforts, a total of 135,432 meals were boxed and will be sent to countries where there is not food enough to feed their citizens.

"We packaged enough food to feed 371 kids one meal a day for a full year," said Dr. Ted Lelwica of Staples, who co-chaired the event along with Rynell Schock. "It was really wonderful...a real blessing."

• Feb. 11, 2010 - Stan Carlson of Staples was recently inducted into the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA)

Hall of Fame, recognized for his significant career contributions to music education in Minnesota.

• Feb. 11, 2010 - Staples Motley native, Justin Windschitl, will return to his hometown to lead the Pavia Winds, a woodwind quintet, in a program of chamber music on the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's Concert Series. The program is Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Motley.

• Feb. 11, 2010 - Rehearsals are underway for the Motley Staples Middle School play, "Krazy Kamp," a comedy about a girls camp and a boys camp separated by beautiful Lake Looseloo.

It's a fun, fast-moving farce, says Matt Olsen, a 2002 graduate of Staples Motley High School and the director of "Krazy Kamp"...a play he was in 12 years ago while a student at MSMS. Although he now lives in Chicago, Matt said he's happy to spend a few weeks in Staples as a guest director at his Alma Mater.



### And the answer from last week is...

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Feb. 2, 1995 edition of the Staples World, featured the cast and crew of the Staples Motley High School production of "Hidden in This Picture." From left are Seth Sams, Brad Neznik, Nathan Kopka, Steve Hoemberg, Lori Rothstein, Skip Brenny, director Frank Odell and Chris Schock. They won the sub-section one-act play contest and were advanc-

ing to the section competition in Morris that weekend.

Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified all and even knew the name of the one act play, as well as the playwright Aaron Sorkin. "I've always enjoyed watching the one act plays at Staples-Motley," Wolak said. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

## Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police include:

Jan. 13; at approximately 1:19 a.m., Staples Police responded to a report of a burglary on the 400 block of 2nd St SE.

Jan. 18; Staples Police assisted a driver whose vehicle was stuck in a snow bank. Police, along with the passenger, were able to push the vehicle free.

Jan. 18; Staples Police assisted the Morrison County Sheriff's Dept. with a barricaded individual in a vehicle at the Arco gas station, Motley. The suspect, Elijah Sarbaum, 35, of rural Motley, was taken into custody without further incident. Also assisting at the scene, was the Todd County Sheriff's Dept.

Jan. 20; Staples Police cited a driver for towing a sled behind a vehicle and more than four forward facing white lights.

Jan. 21; Staples Police responded to assist the Motley Police with a disorderly individual at the Ten Hi Bar in Motley. Staples Police stood by as the subject was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Jan. 22; Staples Police assisted Staples-Motley High School staff during lunch hour with students misbehaving and being disrespectful.

Jan. 22; Staples Police received a report of a robbery that had taken place on the 1400 block of 8th St NE. Upon investigation, police arrested Dominick Johnson, 23, for a probation violation and 3rd degree assault.

Jan. 23; Staples Police

assisted the Motley Police with an ATV pursuit. Motley Police arrested Mathew Wolpert, 35, for fleeing a police officer.

Jan. 24; Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation and arrested the passenger, Aron Holloway, 28, for 5th degree possession of methamphetamine and an active warrant out of Morrison County.

Jan. 25; Staples Police received a report of a driving complaint of a vehicle heading eastbound on Hwy 10 towards Staples. Police made contact with the driver and determined that the driver was tired.

Jan. 26; Staples Police arrested Ryle Jordan, 27, for 4th degree DWI.

Jan. 26; Staples Police responded to the 800 block of 2nd Ave. NE for a report of a motor vehicle theft. The reporting party reported that a suspect or suspects entered their garage and stole his 2002 Oldsmobile and a snow blower. The stolen vehicle was located by police, in the alley, on the 200 block of 6th St. SE. The incident is under investigation.

Jan. 26; at 11 p.m., Staples Police observed a female, wearing shorts, walking outside of a residence on the 600 block of Minnesota Ave. SW. Police learned that she'd had an argument with her mom and wanted to take a short walk to clear her thoughts. In speaking with the individual, police learned that the incident did not become physical at any point.

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### Property taxes funding education

lunch accounts for students.

• Heard from board member Greg Frisk, who said he went to a school board training where Governor Tim Walz spoke. Frisk said the governor is working to change the way education is funded, which

is currently through property taxes, which makes it very uneven throughout the state. "I will do what I can to get that accomplished," said Frisk. "We are cheating our kids by funding with real estate taxes."

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### Constructing facilities for students

ment to take on the challenges within Sourcewell's five-county area of service," Coquette said. "As an organization, we are service driven and dedicated to reinvesting in our

cities, counties, schools, and nonprofits. By funding these facilities, the impact will be realized by the entire region, and we feel very good about that."



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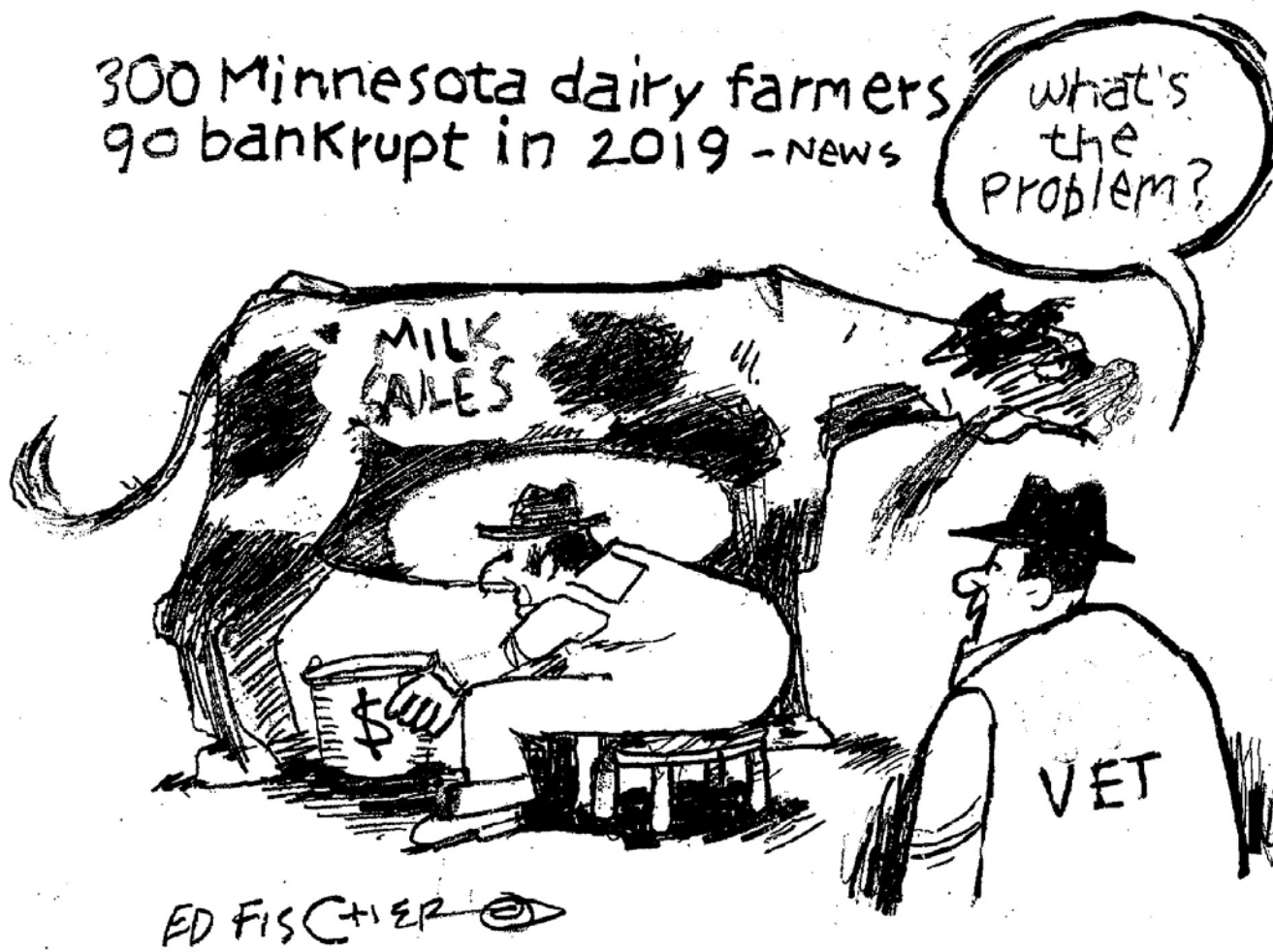
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## Minnesota assesses youth exploitation

Minnesota's first estimate of youth sexual exploitation indicates that at least 5,000 high school-age youth in the state have traded sex in order to receive money, food, drugs, alcohol, a place to stay or something else of value.

The data shows the exploitation of high school students is happening in communities all across Minnesota. Boys and girls are almost evenly impacted.

In hopes of gaining a better understanding of prevalence of sexual exploitation among Minnesota youth, the Minnesota Department of Health added a new question to the 2019 Minnesota Student Survey and partnered with researchers from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing to analyze the data. University of Minnesota researchers arrived at the 5,000-youth estimate based on the state's youth population combined with results from the question asking 9th and 11th graders whether they had traded sex for something of value. In the 2019 survey, 1.4% of students responded "yes" to the question.

"This alarming study shows there are many young people all across the state who need protection from sexual exploitation," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm. "We must do more to connect with youth through our Safe Harbor program, educational programs and other efforts providing them with financial security and safe homes."

The analysis also found young people impacted by sexual exploitation have hopes and dreams for their future with 63% saying they wanted to pursue higher education after high school, 17% work or career training, 7% the military and 14% other pursuits.

"I've been researching sex trading and trafficking for more than 15 years and the single biggest question I get is how many victims are there, how many people are involved," said Lauren Martin, associate professor at the University of Minnesota and researcher on the project. "Though this number is likely an underestimate, it provides a critical foundation for how our state will

identify, serve, work with and build on the assets and strengths of young people involved in trading sex."

Martin added that the study likely underestimates the number of exploited youth because of possible student reluctance to answer the question "yes," and the student survey only counts those who attend school and those at school on a given day. Youth who are not in school are more likely to face sexual exploitation. Trading sex can be a way to meet basic needs such as food and shelter, and it makes young people more vulnerable to sex trafficking.

Some groups of young people were more likely to be affected by trading sex and sexual exploitation, according to the survey. For example, youth in juvenile correctional facilities, foster care and unstable housing all reported higher levels of sexual exploitation. Youth of all gender identities and races reported sexual exploitation.

"If we can identify these young people in school who are at risk of trading sex, caring adults such as school nurses, social workers and teachers can intervene and help with services and support so that they can get out of that risky situation," said Barbara Morris, associate professor at the University of Minnesota.

Minnesota has been a national leader in responding to the needs of sexually exploited youth. Minnesota's Safe Harbor program is a multi-agency statewide initiative designed to meet the needs of sex-trafficked and sexually exploited young people through age

24. Safe Harbor works to give young people the tools they need - housing, education and support from trusted adults - to leave sexual exploitation and human trafficking and live healthy lives.

Between April 2017 and March 2019, Safe Harbor grantees served 1,279 youth and young adults.

"Safe Harbor is a great resource helping survivors find hope and help but this research shows we need to do more to identify and connect with those young people we currently aren't reaching," said Beatriz Menanteau, supervisor of the MDH Violence Prevention Programs Unit.

If you or someone you know is sexually exploited or taken advantage of, help is available. Visit the Safe Harbor Minnesota webpage. You may also call the Day One Hotline at 1-866-223-1111.

In addition, Safe Harbor has been partnering with community partners across the state, such as the YMCA, to train trainers in the Not A #Number program, a child trafficking and exploitation prevention curriculum designed for youth. If you are interested in learning more about these youth-oriented trainings, please contact Health.safeharbor@state.mn.us.

The study, Trading Sex and Sexual Exploitation among High School Students: Data from the 2019 Minnesota Student Survey, was conducted by researchers at the University of Minnesota's School of Nursing, School of Social Work and Medical School. The project was funded by the Women's Foundation of Minnesota.

## Help is needed in reducing suicide rates

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) has a new plan for reducing the annual rate of suicide in the U.S. by 20 percent by 2025. AFSP's Project 2025 is using the "top minds in the mental healthcare field coupled with dynamic data modeling" to target four key focus areas, which they've deemed represent the highest potential to reach the most people at risk for suicide in the shortest amount of time. These include: healthcare systems, emergency departments, firearms and corrections systems.

According to a study published by the National Center for Health Statistics:

From 1999 through 2017, the age-adjusted suicide rate increased 33 percent from 10.5 to 14.0 per 100,000. Suicide rates were sig-

nificantly higher in 2017 compared with 1999 among females aged 10-14 (1.7 and 0.5, respectively), 15-24 (5.8 and 3.0), 25-44 (7.8 and 5.5), 45-64 (9.7 and 6.0), and 65-74 (6.2 and 4.1).

Suicide rates were significantly higher in 2017 compared with 1999 among males aged 10-14 (3.3 and 1.9, respectively), 15-24 (22.7 and 16.8), 25-44 (27.5 and 21.6), 45-64 (30.1 and 20.8) and 65-74 (26.2 and 24.7).

In 2017, the age-adjusted suicide rate for the most rural (noncore) counties was 1.8 times the rate for the most urban (large central metro) counties (20.0 and 11.1 per 100,000, respectively).

(Story suggested by the Staples Motley Beyond Poverty SOS Forum Committee)

Quote of the week

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

— Robert Louis Stevenson

## Teen dating violence awareness month

By Connie Nelson  
Hands of Hope Resource Center

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, an initiative spearheaded by teens across the nation to take a stand against dating violence. In 2005 the initiative received national attention when it was added to the Violence Against Women Act, and in 2006 the first week of February was recognized as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week, which has since been enhanced by Congress to include the whole month of February.

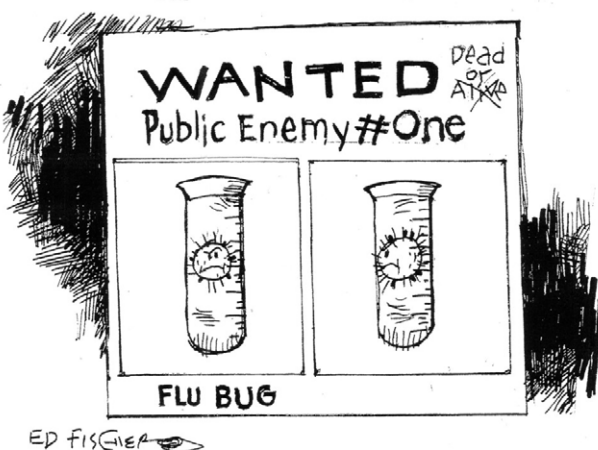
What is this all about? One in three teens between the ages of 11 and 19 report that they have been or are in an abusive relationship, and parents are rarely told about the abuse. The dawn of the social media age has added a whole new avenue of concerns, more specifically with sexual abuse. Abuse doesn't always leave visible marks, it can be verbal, emotional, financial or sexual, but can be just as devastating as a black and blue mark or a broken bone. As parents, teachers, grandparents and mentors, it is our duty to display healthy relationships. Unconditional love, respect and kindness are a lesson for a lifetime.

Be a good dating partner. Be kind, caring, considerate of others' feelings, and respectful of your partners boundaries and right to be an individual. Be a good communicator and compromiser, it's really not hard. The reward is a loving, safe and peaceful co-existence with each other, resulting in a positive dating experience.

Partners should be able to go out with friends, to have their privacy, their own likes and dislikes, spend their time the way they choose. They should not have to share passwords to online accounts or phones, nor share texts, voicemails or FB posts. Lastly, your partner should NEVER hit or slap you or force you to have sex or do sexual things that you don't want to do. NO means NO! If any of these things are happening in your relationship, you should tell someone, a trusted adult, parent, or teacher, counselor at school, or perhaps your minister. Let someone know before it gets dangerous.

Remember, you can choose what you want in a relationship, and you can also choose to be the kind of person that someone else would want to have a relationship with. You can also set a good example for your friends and younger siblings. Choose respect and talk with friends and family about healthy relationships.

If you have concerns about your relationship or are concerned for a friend, you can stop in or call Hands of Hope Resource Center for free, CONFIDENTIAL, and compassionate conversation about what's happening. We can help with resources, safety planning and support counseling. We are located in the Main Street Government Center in Long Prairie, (across from Post Office) Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to p.m.4:30. You can call our crisis line at 1-800-682-4547 or our office number at 320-732-2319 or visit our website at www.handssofhope.net.



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## Todd County student survey shows trends of substance use

From Todd County Health and Human Services

The Todd County Creating A Difference (CAD) coalition has used Minnesota Student Survey data over time to guide their Drug Free Communities (DFC) Program efforts. Recently the coalition's grant evaluator shared a report showing 2019 MSS Findings and Trends for Todd County's school districts.

Below are some key findings from the evaluator's report:

- Substance use**
- From 2013 to 2019, past 30 day alcohol use among Todd County youth declined slightly but steadily.
  - Trends in reported past 30 day marijuana use remained relatively flat.
  - Past 30 day tobacco rates increased from 2016 to 2019, driven by vaping/e-cigarette use.
- Priority local conditions**
- While there was a slight but steady increase in Todd County students' perceived risk of great or moderate harm from alcohol use, perceived risk of marijuana use declined steadily.
  - Among youth report-

ing any past month alcohol use, friends were the most common source of alcohol followed by parents. Further, Todd County youth were more likely to report getting alcohol from their parents compared to the statewide average.

- Perceived parental disapproval of alcohol use is slightly lower than the statewide average, and has changed little over time.
- Rate of greater social competence are lower among Todd County youth compared with the statewide average, and have changed little over time.

**Are we a caring community?**

Students were asked about the extent to which they felt others care about them. A majority believe a parent, relatives, and friends care about them very much or quite a bit; however, they were less likely to perceive that teachers and other adults in the community care about them very much or quite a bit.

If you have questions on the above data, or would like more details, contact Connie Burns, Health Ed Coordinator at [connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us](mailto:connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us).

## Mark Your Calendar

### February 5

**GAME DAY AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Wed., Feb. 5, 1 - 3 p.m. Games, snacks. All are welcome, free. For info., 218-352-6466.

### February 6

**STAPLES AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #70 MTG** Thurs., Feb. 6, 1 p.m., at Staples Lions building. Regular mtg., budget approval, memorial service for lost members. Bring calendars, stamps and one item from the Jan. or Feb. list needs for St. Cloud VA. Questions? Call 218-894-2254.

### February 11

**CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT'S WINTER CONCERT, 'WINTER BLISS'** performance Tues., Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the Chalberg Theatre, CLC Brainerd campus. Featuring the CLC Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra. CLC students and children under 12 are free; minimal charge for adults.

### February 18-19

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC** sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Feb. 18, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. Walk in. For info., 218-547-1340.

**WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM** sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Feb. 18, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Feb. 19, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.



## Speech team first at Minnewaska tourney

The Staples-Motley Cardinal Speech Team placed first out of the 14 teams who competed at the Minnewaska Area High School Speech Tournament held Feb. 1. The Parkers Prairie team placed second followed by Willmar High in third. Above: Speech team members that participated in the tournament Feb. 1.

Earning award recognition for Staples-Motley were Micah Larson, 3rd in Creative Expression; Jack Tyrrell, 1st in Discussion; Ari Brings, 1st in Drama; Cy Johnson, 5th in Drama; Iain Sams and Cy Johnson, 1st in Duo; Ethan Gilbertson and Jonah Johnson, 2nd in Duo;

Keegan Bestland and Keegan Harvey, 3rd in Duo; Zach McIlravy and William Dolezall, 6th in Duo; Samantha Mrazek, 1st in Ext. Reading; Isabel Birkholtz, 2nd in Ext. Reading; Ari Brings, 1st in Great Speeches, Alex Brings, 3rd in Great Speeches; Caden Mrazek, 1st in Humor; Luke Bates, 2nd in Humor; AJ Nienow, 3rd in Humor; Torii Nienow, 3rd in Informative; Lilly Niemi, 7th in Informative; Ari Brings, 1st in Original Oratory; Alex Brings, 6th in Original Oratory; Grace Allen, 8th in Original Oratory; Luke Bates, 3rd in Poetry; Samantha Mrazek, 3rd in Prose; Jaydon Friedel, 4th in Prose; Torii Nienow, 8th in Prose; Caden Mrazek, 2nd in Storytelling and Keegan Bestland, 5th in Storytelling.

Left: First place winners at the Minnewaska Tournament included Samantha Mrazek and Ari Brings (two wins) front; Caden Mrazek, Jack Tyrrell, Iain Sams, Cy Johnson, back. (Submitted photos)

Staples-Motley Speech Team will host the Lions Invitational meet at Staples-Motley High School/Middle School Centennial Auditorium in Staples beginning a 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.



## Cardinal Calendar Staples-Motley School events

### February

- **SNOW DAZE WEEK** Feb. 3 - 7
- **HOME SPEECH MEET** Feb. 8. First round, 9:15 a.m.; final round, 2:30 p.m.; Awards, 4 p.m. Public welcome. Free.
- **MMEA A CAPELLA CHOIR PERFORMANCE** Feb. 14
- **NATIONAL FFA WEEK** Feb. 15-22
- **DFS (DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS) KICKOFF NIGHT FOR SENIORS** Feb. 19
- **MS STUDENT OF THE MONTH** Feb. 20, Centennial Auditorium, 8 a.m.
- **DISTRICT SPELLING BEE** Feb. 20, 1 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **HER VOICE HER SONG CONCERT** Feb. 22
- **ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Feb. 24
- **SUB-SECTION INSTRUMENTAL LARGE GROUP CONTEST** Feb. 26, at SM

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us) for up to the minute information.

## Free tax help

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers at the Staples Community Center on Wednesdays, from 1 - 4 p.m., Feb. 5 - April 15. No appointments needed.

Bring last year's income tax return, photo ID, social security cards for all family members, social security statements, railroad retirement, W-2, 1099-R, 1099-Interest, 1099-DIV, property tax statements, rent form and donations to charity.

The Staples Community Center is located at 425 4th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-5772.



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### Running the fast break

Kaitlyn Smith fires a pass ahead of Peterson trailing the play. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Two wins in busy basketball stretch

Coming off their season low in turnovers in a win against Aitkin, the Staples-Motley girls basketball team lost 65-55 to Park Rapids and had a busy week with four games in six days, winning at Browerville 64-57 on Jan. 27, then falling 83-61 at home against Rocori on Jan. 28, and two more road losses, 61-49 at Detroit Lakes Jan. 30 and 87-36 against Perham on Feb. 1.

In the Aitkin game Jan. 23, the Cardinals made adjustments after a slow start. The team had just one first half turnover and finished the game with a season low eight turnovers. "The second half we came out determined to play better defensively and to get better looks on offense by playing more of an inside-out game. We accomplished both," said Coach Brian Smith. The Cardinals outrebounded Aitkin 41-30 and had 15 steals in the game. "It was a great overall team win, we accomplished all of our team goals," said Smith.

Against conference leader Park Rapids on Jan. 24, the Cardinals had another slow start and fell behind 13-1, but climbed back to within six in the second half. Against a big team, the Cardinals were outrebounded 31-29, but 16 of the Park Rapids rebounds were offensive. "That is ultimately the difference in the game," said Smith.

Against Browerville,



### Race to the ball

Kaila Erbe hustles after a loose ball.

Tabetha Allen had a monster game on the boards with 25 rebounds.

Against Rocori, Kaitlyn Smith made six out of nine three pointers.

#### Team results

**Staples-Motley 68, Aitkin 35**

Scoring: Tabetha Allen 16, Alix Peterson 14, Haley Cichos 13, Kaitlyn Smith 11, Allison Knosalla 6, Kaila Erbe 6, Elizabeth Danilyuk 2

**Staples-Motley 55, Park Rapids 65**

Scoring: Peterson 11, Cichos 9, Allen 9, Smith 6, Lauren Ruten 5, Erbe 5, Danilyuk 3, Bella Martin 3, Addison Lorber 3

**Staples-Motley 64, Browerville 57**

Scoring: Cichos 22, Peterson 20, Allen 11, Smith 6, Danilyuk 2, Erbe 2, Martin 1

**Staples-Motley 61, Rocori 83**

Scoring: Smith 22, Peterson 19, Ruten 5, Cichos 5, Erbe 3, Danilyuk 2, Martin 2, Allen 2, Aften Robinson 1

## Wrestlers earn places at WHAN tournament

The Staples-Motley wrestling team went into two matches shorthanded with several wrestlers out with injuries.

The team fell 54-18 at Pelican Rapids on Jan. 28, with Jason Trantina scoring a fall for six of the Cardinal points. This loss was to a section team, which will hurt the team's seeding for the tournament in February.

The Cardinals wrestled at the Walker-Hackensack-Akely-Nevis Wolves Invitational on Jan. 31, coming home with one champion, three third places, one fourth and one fifth.

"The seven varsity guys that went to the WHAN Invite in Walker wrestled well,"

said Coach Mark Carlson.

Owen Bjerga won the 160 pound title with a fall and technical fall, setting school records in wins (181) and falls (106).

Sam Jennissen improved his season record to 10-8 with three wins to place third. Logen Weite lost a close match, 7-3, in the semis and went on to take third with three pins, improving to 21-15 on the season. Cole Winkels also had three pins and took 3rd place, showing great improvements for a first year wrestler. Jason Trantina had his first varsity technical fall and wrestled well, taking 4th place. Conner Dobson went 2-2 for 5th place and collected his 13th win on the season.



### Shooting over the defense

Isaac Christoffersen hits a three point shot as the Thief River Falls defense scrambles to distract him. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Hot first half keeps boys team in the game

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team led Thief River Falls for most of the game on Jan. 31, but let it slip away in the second half to lose 68-49. The Cardinals also lost at Detroit Lakes 74-47 on Jan. 30.

Against TRF, Sivert Klefsaas hit a three point shot at the halftime buzzer to give the Cardinals a 31-30 lead. It was Klefsaas' third and the team's eighth three pointer in the half. Ben Olander opened the scoring with a corner bomb, Klefsaas made one and Max Strickland sunk another one for a 9-4 early lead.

Isaac Christoffersen came into the game, hit a three pointer, took a charge on defense and hit two more to expand the lead to 20-12. The Cardinals were able to get open threes with good offensive movement and passing, but the defense tightened up as the game went along.

In the second half the outside scoring dried up but Strickland was able to drive to the basket for two scores, the second one giving Staples-Motley a 37-34 lead. But midway through the half, the Cardinals started missing and

had a couple of defensive breakdowns, and TRF broke the game open after that.

#### Team results

**Staples-Motley 47, Detroit Lakes 74**

Scoring: Isaac Christoffersen 9, Sivert Klefsaas 7, Adam Oberlander 6, Ben Olander 4, Isaac Kronenberg 4, Max Strickland 4, Chandler Braith 4, Izaiah DeMars 2, Lyle Brownell 2, Isaiah Schultz 2

**Staples-Motley 49, Thief River Falls 68**

Scoring: Klefsaas 13, Strickland 9, Christoffersen 9, Olander 7, DeMars 6, Schultz 3, Kronenberg 2



### Fighting for possession

Elizabeth Danilyuk yanks a loose ball away from an opponent. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



### Open lane

Aften Robinson builds up speed to get into the lane. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



### All the way to the hoop

Max Strickland slices through the defense to score with his left hand. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



**Defensive pressure**

Aleeah Halverson creates a loose ball to get a steal.



**Ball control**

Chandler Braith looks to pass.

**Hot outdoor topics for the 2020 Minnesota Legislature**

By Ray Gildow

There's never a lack of issues facing the Minnesota Legislature regarding the outdoors and this year should be another interesting one with many topics up for discussion. Just because there's legislation proposed doesn't mean it'll pass, but here are some areas that may or may not be addressed in this year's legislative session.

**Fishing with two rods**

This is a topic that pops up from time to time and there are rumblings that legislation may be introduced to allow anglers to fish with two rods at once. This has been discussed in the legislature in the past but hasn't received enough support to become law so if it's introduced again this year it'll be interesting to see if there's widespread support for the idea.

**Reducing walleye limit from six to four**

This is a debate that seems to be picking up steam from guides and anglers. The walleye limit statewide has been a daily possession of six, except on lakes with special regulations. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) research has demonstrated that, except in rare cases, the average angler doesn't catch a daily limit of walleye. The times skilled anglers catch limits is early spring, late fall and early ice fishing on big lakes, when the bite is really hot. It seems to me that the DNR is neutral on this issue and the push to lower the limits is coming from different angling groups. It'll be interesting to see if this concept goes anywhere during this session.

**Lowering salt amounts on Minnesota roads**

I believe there will be a push in this year's legislative session to try to limit the amount of salt that's being used on Minnesota roads. There are not many alternatives to using rock salt on our roads, but recent research

by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency suggests that we have a large number of lakes that are impaired because of the presence of high salt concentrations. This year could see the first real effort to address the problem and find some long-term solutions.

**CWD**

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a condition that kills deer and elk. It's emerged as a problem in different parts of Minnesota. There are different groups and individuals that have expressed interest in introducing legislation to address the problem. It's too early to determine what that bill might look like, but the problem has the attention of the DNR and other state agencies. This's an area where hunters may be going head to head with deer and elk farms. It's a complex issue that will take some serious work to come up with legislation that will satisfy all parties.

Stay tuned. Should be a very interesting legislative session.

**Feds proposing new rules for cormorant control**

The federal government is often viewed, rightly or wrongly, as having an endless appetite for issuing rules and regulations. Ambitious politicians routinely promise that if we elect them they will put a stop to it, "cut through the red tape," and perhaps even roll back regulations that are already on the books.

Not everyone is aware that the purpose of regulations is to interpret and provide guidelines for how the laws passed by these same politicians are to be carried out. The absence of regulations could be compared to a chef lacking recipes for the meals he's expected to create. The chef may know what an entrée is supposed to look and taste like, but without knowing the ingredients—and how and when they should be assembled—the odds of having a great meal are poor. When all is said and done, some regulations are needed to carry out the intent of our laws.

There's also a common belief that regulations are only about telling us what we can't do. Don't pour that used motor oil or paint thinner down your garage drain. Farmers, don't locate a cattle feed lot where spring flooding can wash fish-killing nutrients into a nearby river. Fishermen, don't catch and keep more than 10 crappies in a day's fishing.

Some regulations, how-

ever, expand boundaries and make possible things that would otherwise be prohibited. A recent example is an "advance notice of proposed rulemaking" the first step in proposing new regulations in this case, for the management of a familiar Minnesota bird, the double-crested cormorant.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) is considering whether to give state natural resource agencies more authority to control the population of these waterfowl that prey on small fish, including those prized by anglers, as well as fish raised in commercial aquaculture fish farming done primarily in the South. Minnesota's Leech Lake and Lake of the Woods, to name just two state waters, have seen spikes in the number of double-crested cormorants. Not so long ago, a downturn in walleye numbers on Leech Lake was attributed at least by some, to a growing population of nesting cormorants there.

Larger than a duck, but somewhat smaller than a common loon, cormorants nest in high-density colonies. Their "guano" is highly acidic, and the concentration found in these colonies can kill ground vegetation, and even the trees in which the birds nest. Cormorants can denude entire small islands, leaving them looking like they were chemically defoliated.

It's a human prejudice to describe a cormorant as unhandsome, but there's something almost vulture-like in their appearance, with large broad wings, a snake-like neck, and hooked beak. A duck, goose, swan or loon is graceful by comparison. It

may be a further irony that Minnesotans revere the common loon, even though it earns its living chiefly as cormorants do, by eating fish. The loon's strikingly beautiful plumage, its distinctive and haunting call, contribute to this prejudice in its favor. This, and the lore and legend that have linked the loon to wilderness.

Cormorants were at a population low point nationally in the 1970s, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. But by the late 1990s, natural resource agencies in more than half the states were reporting declines in popular and valued fish in their waters. Agencies in 10 states were on record as considering the cormorant a major threat to their fisheries management programs.

One of the most important federal conservation laws ever enacted is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, an agreement initially between the U.S. and Great Britain acting then on behalf of Canada, with Mexico later added to the agreement. This Act "makes it illegal to take, possess, import, export, transport, sell, purchase, barter ... any migratory bird ... except under the terms of a valid federal permit." The waterfowl hunting license we purchase for the privilege of hunting migratory ducks, geese, woodcock, or snipe, is an example of such a "valid federal permit."

Because cormorants are a migratory bird, they are protected under this Act. But from 2003 to 2016, in light of their depredations on wild fish stocks and fish farms, wildlife agencies in 24 states had broad authority to control cormorant

populations that were considered a threat. In thirteen states, fish farmers had the right to control cormorants preying on their fish stocks without the need for individual permits.

This changed in 2016. A federal judge in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) ruled for plaintiffs who had objected to the "culling", the killing of cormorants under these broad permits during the 2003 to 2016 period. The judge found that the governing agency, the USFWS had not sufficiently made the case for broad authority to kill cormorants, versus permits that would be sought on a case-by-case basis.

Since 2016, those "case-by-case" rules have been in place while the USFWS did its homework, and it now appears, will try to make a better case to again give state agencies discretion to determine "whether, when, where, and for what purpose, to control cormorants." A similar proposal is being made by USFWS to allow the taking of cormorants without individual permits where they're found to be causing fish farming losses.

For now, we're in a 45-day public comment, which began on January 22, when this proposal was published. Comments received by USFWS may shape its decision on the degree of freedom the states should have in decisions to control or not control their cormorant populations. Also shaping these regulations we can safely assume, will be a USFWS judgment on whether they would be likely to withstand another challenge in court.

Anglers and fish farmers will be eagerly awaiting the outcome.

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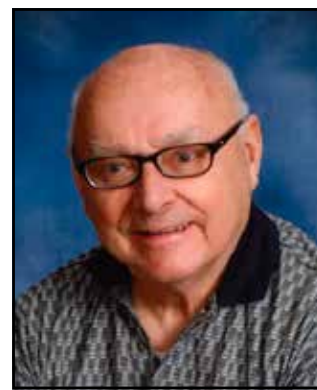
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 Born to Megan Ellingworth and Alex Lound of Wadena, a baby boy, Dominik Lloyd weighing seven pounds on January 24, 2020.  
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 Born to Caitlin and Nathan Moore of Bertha, a baby girl, Tesca Anne weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on January 29, 2020.  
 Born to Taylor and Joseph Schuety of Staples, a baby boy, Aiden Michael weighing eight pounds, four ounces on January 30, 2020.

## Obituaries



### Alicia Rengel

Alicia Ann Rengel, 42, of Bemidji, died January 25, 2020 at her home. Services were held Jan. 31 at Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji. Interment will be at the Evergreen Northern Township Cemetery in Bemidji. Alicia was born August 6, 1977 in Staples, the daughter of Robert and Karen (Marden) Rengel. She was raised and educated in there, graduating from Staples High School in 1995. She graduated from Brainerd Community College and Bemidji State University with a business degree. She has been a long time resident of Bemidji working at various businesses and non profit organizations. She loved gardening, photography, music and also was an avid reader. She is survived by one son, Aiden Rengel; mother Karen Rengel; one brother, Philip (Angela) Rengel and their three children Elijah, Alexis and Charles; several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents, Rose and John Rengel and Robert and Merle Marden. Condolences may be left at [ceasefuneralhome.com](http://ceasefuneralhome.com). w6c A00006B2020FB05



### Harold Corbett

Harold (Hap) D. Corbett, 88, formerly of Staples, passed away January 29, 2020, at Good Shepherd Community in Sauk Rapids with his wife of 61 years, Doris, at his side. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Feb. 3 at noon at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell. Hap was born July 17, 1931, to Irene (Swanson) and Harold Corbett in Minneapolis. He graduated from Marshall U High in 1949. In 1951, Hap was inducted into the U.S. Army, spending nine months in Korea near the end of the Korean War. He was a proud veteran and following his honorable discharge from the Army, Hap returned to Minneapolis, working mainly for a small daily newspaper. During that time, a beautiful flight attendant caught his eye and he convinced her to marry him on December 27, 1959. In need of a job change, Hap searched the want ads and found a cafe for sale in a small town. Three weeks later, he and Doris, with a baby in tow, moved to Staples. Though many different careers followed, including bar owner, general manager at the local radio station, a variety of sales positions and parish administrator at Sacred Heart Church in Staples, he was most proud of his role of husband to Doris and father to his eight children. His family will remember him for his sense of humor, knack for correcting grammar, positive attitude and unreal ability to play piano by ear. He will be missed. He is survived by his wife; eight children: Kevin (Sally) of Detroit Lakes, Ken of Woodbury, Fran (Terry) of Medfield, MA, Colleen (John) Lawson of Lott, TX, Phil (Kelly) of Sartell, Tim (Bridget) of Pierz, Cella (Bob) Johnson of Sacred Heart and Charlie (Jen) Corbett of Brooklyn Park; one sister, Juanita (Corky) Swartout of Minneapolis; one brother, Jim Manthis of New Brighton; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Hap is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Marcella (Lalla) Walsh; one brother, Richard; sister-in-law Rose and brothers-in-law Edward Walsh and Clarence (Em) Swartout. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to Good Shepherd Community, 1115 4th Ave N, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379, or Moments Hospice, 820 Lilac Dr. N Suite 210, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55422. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Staples. w6c A00006B2020FB05

### Roger Long

Roger J. Long, 83, Motley, died January 27, 2020 at St. Cloud VA Medical Center, St. Cloud. A Celebration of Roger's life will be held at a later date. Funeral Arrangements were by Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud. w6x A00006B2020FB05

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Above right: Dorothy Meyer, great-great-grandmother; Craig Brand, great-grandfather; Jody Waterman, grandmother; Madeline Noles, mother and children Amora Noles and Damian Noles, Staples.

## Staples Area Church Directory

### Staples

**Staples Alliance**  
 1512 8th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2891  
 Associate Pastor Zach Jones  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 AWANA ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Assembly of God**  
 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-1081  
 Pastor Roy Miles  
 Discipleship Classes ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Prayer ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Wednesday times are for Sept. - May  
 Sonlight (Kids Program) ..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
**Church of Christ**  
 27343 490th St., Staples ..... 218-894-2609  
 Pastor Barry Klein  
 Website: [www.stapleschurchofchrist.org](http://www.stapleschurchofchrist.org)  
 Bible School (youth and adult) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**First Congregational Church, UCC**  
[firstconougstaples@gmail.com](mailto:firstconougstaples@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  
 Church ..... 218-894-2296  
 Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz  
 Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:  
 Monica J. Simmons ..... 218-414-0081 cell/text  
**MASS:**  
 Thursday and Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Saturday ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 8:30 a.m.

**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**  
**Balsamund 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  
[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 ..... 11:00 a.m.

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

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

**Motley**  
**Motley Free Methodist**  
 33 Wellwood St. E  
 Motley 56466 ..... 218-352-6888  
 Pastor Jim Johnson  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Kids Club ..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

**United Methodist**  
 847 3rd Ave. S. 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**  
 Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen  
 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316  
 Pastor Neal Malcore  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

**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 Johanson  
 N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.  
 Phone ..... 218-746-3839  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** ..... 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## "Seeing beyond the game"

Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church

Matthew 22:37-40  
 37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
 Last Saturday, my wife and I made a trip down to St. Paul to watch our first-grade grandson's basketball team play. My grandson, Avery, is a point guard on a multi-racial, multi-ethnic team, that is made up of inner-city boys and girls who hail from a wide range of backgrounds in the Capital City. As the boys and girls from Avery's team came out to meet the opponents at half court, I watched as they shook each other's hands, and then began the competition. It was then that I quickly realized that first grade basketball leaves much to be desired as far as sports skills are concerned and that if you want to see the actions, you need to get a seat at half-court for that's where much of the game is played and misplayed.  
 And yet, as I watched the 40 minutes of roundball action, I began to see beyond the game on the gym floor and instead discovered myself noticing the joy-

ful interaction of boys and girls from a wide variety of backgrounds relishing their time together. For on that basketball court were boys and girls of various creeds and colors appreciating each other and enjoying their developing relationships.  
 Even after the game was over, the interplay between the first-grade youth wasn't. For it seemed as each of the boys and girls moved around the gym floor giving each other high fives, laughing about first-grade things and celebrating their time of play. And then, the parents and grandparents join in the celebratory movement as they followed their youth on the gym floor, while also moving over to other boys and girls to commend them for their athletic accomplishments. It truly was a joyous time in that gym. Then, as I walked away from the happenings of the morning I thought about how our neighbors can be any person from anywhere and that the joy of relationships can grow out of a love of life with our neighbors.  
 In his book Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis wrote, "Do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you do. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you love someone, you will presently come to love him."

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## Todd County Board of Commissioners

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS January 7, 2020

#### Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 7th day of January, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

#### Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 10.3 Discussion on 1W1P.

#### Board Organization

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioner Kircher as the Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners for 2020 proceedings.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioner Becker as the Vice-Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners for 2020 proceedings.

#### Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 30, 2019 as presented.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

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

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375.12 requires the annual letting of bids for publication of official proceedings of the County Board and similar statutes require the publication of delinquent tax lists, County Financial Statements, and local transportation project bid advertisements; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to advertisement bids were opened to be designated for those parties interested in being named as the official newspaper for Todd County on January 7, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the bid from Staples World, with a bid of \$10.50 per column inch to be the Official Newspaper for the year 2020 and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Todd County website ([www.co.todd.mn.us](http://www.co.todd.mn.us)) be also designated as an official publication for all statutory requirements.

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

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN EXTRA PUBLICATION NEWSPAPER FOR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375.12 requires the annual letting of bids for publication of official proceedings of the County Board and similar statutes require the publication of delinquent tax lists, County Financial Statements, and local transportation project bid advertisements; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to advertisement bids were opened to be designated for those parties interested in being named as the extra publication newspaper for Todd County on January 7, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the bid from The Long Prairie Leader with a bid of \$7.80 per column inch to be the Extra Publication Newspa-

per for the year 2020.

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

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2020 TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER BOARD PROTOCOL** (Copy of full resolution language available in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office for public inspection.)

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to continue to hold the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Todd County Historic Courthouse and work sessions designated by Board Chairperson or three members of the County Board as deemed necessary. The Commissioners also approve that the March 3, 2020 board meeting be rescheduled to March 2, 2020 and the November 3, 2020 board meeting be rescheduled to November 2, 2020 due to State Elections being held on said dates and the year-end board meeting be scheduled for December 29, 2020.

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

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, The Todd County Commissioners have wide ranging and diverse responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for Commissioners to be assigned to Committees for the purposes of advocating for the County, and to effectively complete the work of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the attached Committee Roster (Attachment 1) is hereby adopted as the County Commissioners' Committee Assignments for 2020 and will remain on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

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

**DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES, INVESTMENTS & ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute §118A.02, subdivision 1 (a) states "The governing body of each government entity shall designate, as a depository of its funds, one or more financial institutions." and;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Minnesota Statute §118A.01 through §118A.08, the County Board of Commissioners has the official role to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to select depositories and make investments of funds under Minnesota Statute §118A.01 to §118A.08 or other applicable law for and on behalf of the County of Todd and;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Minnesota Statute §385.07, the County Board of Commissioners has the official role to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer the use electronic funds transfers where deemed appropriate, expeditious and in the best interest of the County of Todd.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorize the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer to select depositories and make investments in accordance to Minnesota Statute §118A.01 through §118A.08 where the following financial institutions are currently in place:

- American Heritage National Bank
- Minnesota National Bank
- Unity Bank

• US Bank  
• MAGIC Fund  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorize the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer the use of electronic funds transfers where deemed appropriate, expeditious and in the best interest of Todd County.

**Other Resolutions**  
It is understood that this Resolution replaces and supersedes all prior County Board actions, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the December 2019 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900587 through 900618 in the amount of \$358,089.98, (Manual) 516 through 517 in the amount of \$997 and (Regular) 234701 through 234866 in the amount of \$731,601.88 for a total of \$1,090,688.86.

#### Todd Wadena Community Corrections

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

#### RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERSHIP Todd-Wadena Community Corrections 2020

This is a resolution appointing membership to the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee and Advisory Board.

**WHEREAS**, In accordance with MN Statutes Chapter 401, in 1976 Todd and Wadena Counties entered into a joint powers agreement and established Todd-Wadena Community Corrections; and

**WHEREAS**, On July 19, 2016, Todd and Wadena Counties reaffirmed their continued commitment to providing community corrections in their respective counties through Todd-Wadena Community Corrections; by approving the updated joint powers agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Membership of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee and Advisory Board needs to be appointed by the Boards of Commissioners in Todd and Wadena Counties; and

**THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the members of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee are appointed as follows:

- Barbara Becker, Todd County Commissioner.
- David Kircher, Todd County Commissioner.
- Sheldon Monson, Wadena County Commissioner.
- James Hofer, Wadena County Commissioner.
- Jason Sellnow, Chairperson of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.
- Kyra Ladd, Vice-Chairperson of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.
- Honorable Daniel Benson, District Court Judge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Advisory Board are appointed as follows:

- Donald Asmus, Citizen Member.
- Eric Monson, Citizen Member.
- Naomi Moyer, Citizen Member.
- Lane Waldahl, Citizen Member.
- Katherine Langer, Correctional Administrator.
- Sheena Prizler, Corrections Agent.
- Barbara Becker, Todd County Commissioner.
- David Kircher, Todd County Commissioner.
- Sheldon Monson, Wadena County Commissioner.
- James Hofer, Wadena County Commissioner.
- Honorable Daniel A. Benson, District Court Judge.
- Patrick Sutlief, Educational Administrator.
- Sandra Ahrendt,

Ethnic/Minorities Representative.

14. Cindy Pederson, Health Services Representative.

15. Jackie Och, Health and Human Services Representative.

16. Vacant, Human Services Representative.

17. Melissa Birkholtz, Police Chief.

18. Jane Gustafson, Prosecuting Attorney.

19. Kyra Ladd, Prosecuting Attorney.

20. Sarah Federle, Public Defender.

21. Jason Sellnow, Public Defender.

22. Michael D. Carr, Wadena County Sheriff.

23. Steve Och, Todd County Sheriff.

24. Connie Nelson, Victim Services.

#### County Sheriff

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant.

#### Health & Human Services

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Northern Pines Purchase of Service contract renewal.

#### Administration

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

#### RESOLUTION OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF SOLID WASTE CAP GRANT AND BONDING PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, Todd County has made application for a capital assistance program grant (Grant); and

**WHEREAS**, Todd County prepared a letter of support to the MPCA for this grant application dated June 4, 2019. Todd County intends to utilize Grant funds to make specific modifications, upgrades or construct new components (hereafter referred to as Improvements) of its regional Integrated Solid Waste Management System (System); and

**WHEREAS**, The improvements include equipment for, and construction of the following infrastructure at the existing Todd County Transfer Station property near Browerville: a new municipal solid waste transfer station building; modification and retrofit of the existing transfer station for single sort processing for recyclables generated in Todd County and other nearby counties; construction of a new source separated organic materials composting (SSOM) facility for yard waste and organics generated in Todd County and other nearby counties; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Todd County Board of Commissioners that Todd County will implement the project, provide necessary local financing, and accept and exercise the governmental powers necessary to develop and operate the Improvements. The solid waste department shall, as an enterprise fund, prepare its annual budget to cover the costs including but not limited to bond payments, operation costs, maintenance costs and labor costs arising out of the Improvements and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Todd County desires to expand its regionalized approach to solid waste management through construction of the proposed single sort recyclables and SSOM processing improvements to serve neighboring counties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Recycling and composting improvements will be located at, and operated out of, common property, equipment or buildings which also serve disposal related purposes. Todd County will not accept recyclable materials for the purpose of disposal unless no other person is willing to accept

the recyclable materials; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if awarded, Todd County pledges to use all funds made available exclusively for the eligible capital-related costs of the project and to pay any additional amount by which the cost of the project exceeds the estimate by appropriation to the construction fund of additional funds or proceeds of additional bonds of Todd County. Todd County recognizes that any subsequent withdrawal of allocated or additional funds of Todd County will impair the obligation of contract between the state of Minnesota, Todd County and the bondholders.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request to recruit for MIS Supervisor and post position internally.

#### 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 21 townships with candidate filings closing on January 14.

#### Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator had no updates to report.

#### Recess

Chairperson Kircher recessed the meeting until January 21, 2020.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	Vendor Name	\$ Amount
	CITY OF EAGLE BEND	\$42,354.33
	DLT SOLUTIONS INC.	7,977.07
	LAKES AREA TRUCK	
	REPAIR	7,495.87
	LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	5,740.15
	NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP	117,899.65
	PETERS LAW OFF, P.A.	4,440.00
	RAINBOW RIDER	2,934.59
	TODD CO AG. SOC.	2,259.88
	VOYANT COMMS, LLC	3,792.77
	18 PAYMENTS LESS	
	THAN \$2,000	7,102.27
	1 PAYMENT LESS	
	THAN \$2,000	200.05
	AMERICAN HERITAGE	
	BANK	67,511.34
	COUNTRYSIDE REST.	3,276.00
	EBSO INC.	219,195.41
	FLEET SERVICES/	
	WEX BANK	5,288.39
	LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	7,092.95
	LONG PRAIRIE	
	SANITATION INC.	4,468.23
	MN DEPT OF FINANCE	7,156.50
	PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI.	
	SOLID WASTE AUTH.	78,672.00
	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	3,405.34
	29 PAYMENTS LESS	
	THAN \$2,000	11,795.11
	COUNTIES PROVIDING	
	TECHNOLOGY	4,946.00
	HOLLERMANN/SHAWN	60,591.75
	LONG PRAIRIE OIL	
	COMPANY	2,633.26
	MINNESOTA POWER	
	& LIGHT	14,583.43
	MORRISON COUNTY	16,053.25
	NOTERMANN/	
	ANTHONY L.	3,669.10
	REGENTS OF THE	
	UNIV OF MN.	33,916.62
	SHIRLEY'S GAS &	
	GROCERIES	2,666.70
	WOLTERS BODY SHOP	3,147.11
	49 PAYMENTS LESS	
	THAN \$2,000	21,602.79
	AMERICAN HERITAGE	6,087.00
	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	4,488.01
	FARM-RITE EQUIP. INC.	18,833.68
	GALLAGHER BENEFIT	
	SERVICES INC.	2,000.00
	PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI.	
	SOLID WASTE AUTH.	78,672.00
	RINGDAHL ARCHIT INC.	9,750.00
	STEP	4,464.40
	STOECKEL JAHNER INC	14,630.00
	US POSTAL SERVICE	7,387.12
	VOYANT COMM.S, LLC	3,509.69
	WIDSETH SMITH	
	NOLTING INC	2,761.86
	WILDER FOUNDATION	2,350.00
	29 PAYMENTS LESS	
	THAN \$2,000	9,870.73
	1 PAYMENT LESS	
	THAN \$2,000	796.95
	COMPASS MINERALS	
	AMERICA	18,516.48
	METRO SALES INC	2,146.38
	OTTER TAIL CTY. TREAS.	9,303.86
	RURAL MN CEP INC	11,613.85
	STATEMA'S BACKHOE	
	SERVICE LLC	12,890.00
	TIERNEY BROS INC	3,628.78
	TODD SOIL & WATER	
	CONS DIST	76,839.01
	VERIZON	2,452.32
	26 PAYMENTS LESS	
	THAN \$2,000	9,828.83
	Total	\$1,090,688.86

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held January 7, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on January 21, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:  
  
David Kircher,  
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer  
5pnc

### NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY MEETING

Evergreen Hill Cemetery will hold their annual meeting and election of officers Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck,  
Secretary

5-6pnc

### NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA ORDINANCE NO. 524 RECODIFICATION

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.**

#### THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN:

**Section 1.** The Code entitled "Staples City Code," published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 109, each inclusive, is adopted.

**Section 2.** All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before October 8, 2019, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed.

**Section 3.** The repeal provided for in Section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

**Section 4.** Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days or both such fine and imprisonment. Except as otherwise provided by law or ordinance: (i) With respect to violations of this Code that are continuous with respect to time, each day that the violation continues is a separate offense; and (ii) With respect to violations that are not continuous with respect to time, each act is a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the city may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

**Section 5.** Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

**Section 6.** Ordinances adopted after October 8, 2019 that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

**Section 7.** A complete copy of The Code may be reviewed at the Staples City Hall.

**Section 8.** This ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted this 28th day of January, 2020

ATTEST:  
/s/Diane Archer,  
City Clerk

6pnc

See **PUBLIC NOTICES** on page 11a



**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**

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	
210 Animal Care/Supplies	<b>VEHICLES</b>	<b>GARAGE SALES</b>
211 Work Wanted	401 Automobiles	701 Garage Sales
	402 Trucks/Vans	702 Flea Market/Crafts
	403 Recreational	
	404 Farm Equipment	
	405 Heavy Equipment	
	406 Parts/Repair	

## Classified Ad Order Form

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

### 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.

### NOTICES

**104 Lost/Found**  
Item FOUND at Staples Sportsmans Range on Jan. 28. Identify to claim. 218-731-0576. 6x

**107 Notices**  
St. Jude's Novena: May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. On the eighth day your prayer will be answered. Publication must be promised. Thank you. Sacred Heart and St. Jude GJG 6p

**208 Storage**

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

**209 Business Services**

**Permit to Carry Glass**  
Ed Jose  
New: \$75 Renewal \$55  
Multi-State  
Call 218-371-2151

SNOW REMOVAL from roofs. Paul Drake Tree Service, Staples. 218-639-9528. 4-9p

RICHS PAINTING LLC: Interior, Exterior, Decks. Wood work, power washer. 218-414-0396. Free estimates. Lic #IR748424. 5-17p

## SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

### 205 Help Wanted

### DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND EVALUATION

Freshwater Education District is seeking a Director of Programs and Evaluation to work as part of our administrative team. This will be a 200 day contract with a combination of administrative and teaching duties. Position duties include: Evaluating programs, staff evaluations, monitoring due process, and teaching/consulting in a special education field. For a full job description, please see our website: [www.fed.k12.mn.us](http://www.fed.k12.mn.us).

Successful candidate will need a Special Education teaching license and a Special Education Directors License, along with 5 years of teaching experience.

**Application deadline: Noon on February 14, 2020**

Please send Letter of Application, Resumé and (3) Letters of References to:  
Lori Murdock, Director of Special Education  
Freshwater Education District  
2222 Industrial Drive, Wadena, MN 56482  
218.631.3505, ext. 1042 - [lmurdock@fed.k12.mn.us](mailto:lmurdock@fed.k12.mn.us)  
Freshwater Education District 6004 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

Freshwater Education District is seeking to fill 3 special education positions for the 20-21 school year. Areas of licensure needed are Physical Impaired (.4 FTE), Emotional Behavior Disorder (1 FTE), and Early Childhood Special Education (.4 FTE). Combinations of different assignments could be possible.

**Review of Applications Begins: Noon on February 14, 2020**

Please send Letter of Application, Resumé and References to:  
Lori Murdock, Director of Special Education  
Freshwater Education District  
2222 Industrial Drive, Wadena, MN 56482  
218.631.3505, ext. 1042 - Fax: 218.631.3588  
[lmurdock@fed.k12.mn.us](mailto:lmurdock@fed.k12.mn.us)  
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<b>EMPLOYMENT</b> <b>COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS</b> Competitive wage and benefits, meal allowance, paid lodging. Traveling position for railroad vegetation control, 60-80 hours/week. RAW (Cooperstown, ND) 888/700-0292 info@rawapplicators.com <a href="http://www.rawapplicators.com">www.rawapplicators.com</a>	<b>HEALTH</b> <b>FARMERS, LANDSCAPERS OR GARDENERS</b> did you or a loved one use Roundup Weed Killer and were diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Cancer)? You may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles Johnson 800/535-5727	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> <b>AT&amp;T WIRELESS</b> Two great new offers! Ask how to get the new iPhone 11 or Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e on us with AT&T's Buy one, Give One offer. While supplies last! Call 855/332-0464
<b>HELP WANTED - DRIVERS</b> <b>CDL-A: CLEAN MVR</b> 3yrs T/T experience? Signing bonus, hourly pay - no caps, regional, train for tank, benefits. Suzanne 888/200-5067 <a href="http://www.JohnsruTransport.com">www.JohnsruTransport.com</a>	<b>WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE</b> <b>FREON WANTED:</b> We pay CASH for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114. Convenient. Certified Professionals. Call 312/626-3558 or visit: <a href="http://RefrigerantFinders.com">RefrigerantFinders.com</a>	<b>MOBILEHELP</b> 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
<b>SEED/FEED/GRAINS</b> <b>SEED TREATMENT</b> for soybean White Mold and SDS! Ask your seed dealer for Heads Up Seed Treatment. Cost effective, proven results. <a href="http://www.headsupST.com">www.headsupST.com</a> or 866/368-9306	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> <b>DONATE YOUR CAR</b> truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3-day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 844/220-9501	<b>DISH NETWORK \$59.99</b> For 190 channels! Add high speed internet for only \$19.95/month. Call today for \$100 gift card! Best value & technology. Free installation. Call 855/562-4309 (some restrictions apply)

**Advertise here statewide in 230+ newspapers FOR only \$279 per week! Call 800-279-2979 or this newspaper**

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

**JUNK CARS & TRUCKS.** 218-639-5509. 6-7c

## 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.

Looking for a good deal? Check out the **Staples World Classifieds**

**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

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS**

**Sunny Pines Apts. in Motley**  
Tenant must be income eligible, 62 years or older, handicapped or disabled. Heat, water, sewer, electric provided.

MOTLEY, MN. Call Rosie Talberg, Manager at: 320-468-2303

**Pullman Townhomes**  
3 bedroom \$1,100 per month  
2 bedroom \$950 per month  
Rent includes: Double attached garage, heat, water, sewer and trash  
**218-296-1247**

**EASTWOOD APARTMENTS in Motley MN.**  
is now accepting applications for FUTURE 2-3 bedroom apartments  
Laundry facilities available on site. garage included with apartment. All utilities paid. Applications are available at: 956 Hwy 10 S., Motley  
For information and qualifications contact Nicole at 218-751-6881  
An Equal Housing Opportunity



## DEADLINES

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

For publication in Saturday's **SQUARE SHOOTER** the deadline is **5 p.m. Wed.**

## No Hassles

THE MINNESOTA DISPLAY AD NETWORK  
Take the hassle out of placing your newspaper ad in multiple publications. We can place it statewide or regionally. You'll place one order and because you only get one bill, you only write one check.

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**NOTICE SECTION 00 1113 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID(S) STAPLES-MOTLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL UPDATES**

Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, February 13, 2020 in the School District of Staples-Motley, to the attention of Shane Tappe, Superintendent, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, Minnesota 56479 and immediately publicly opened and read aloud, for the Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades project.

The Project consists of mechanical and electrical upgrades at the Staples-Motley Elementary and High School buildings.

Staples-Motley High School: The work includes, but is not limited to the following: removal and replacement of ceilings, structural reinforcement and support pads, replacement of fan coil units with a rooftop unit, replacement of perimeter radiation, addition of variable air volume boxes and variable frequency drives to three existing systems, and replacement of pneumatic controls with digital controls.

Staples-Motley Elementary School: The work includes, but is not limited to the following: replacement of makeup air system at wood and metal shops, replacement of dust collection recovery system at wood shop, new weld-

ing/metal shop fume collection recovery system, and improvements to the electrical system at the metals/welding lab. Alternates scopes of work at the Elementary School consist of fire protection sprinkling system and window replacement.

A pre-bid meeting for all interested bidders will be held on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** Meet at the Staples-Motley District office, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bonds and Prevailing Wages are applicable to this Project. All bidders and persons or companies providing a response/submission to the Advertisement for Bids shall comply with the provisions of the statute.

The Owner reserves the right to reject a bid which is in any way incomplete, irregular, or to waive informalities or irregularities in the bid received. The Owner also reserves the right to reject a bid that is within the Owner's judgment to be in the Owner's best interest.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after bid opening without written consent of the Owner.

All questions are to be directed to Ryan Thorson with LHB via email at [ryan.thorson@lhbcorp.com](mailto:ryan.thorson@lhbcorp.com). All questions must be submitted in written form via email. Questions are due by 10:00 a.m. local time, Thursday, February 7, 2020.

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Bidding documents will be available on January 30, 2020. **5-6pnc**

**NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wadena County Attorney's Office, 415 Jefferson Street South, Suite C, Wadena, MN 56482.

Curtis Bryniarski Administrative Assistant **6pnc**

**NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES**

The following is a list of May Township (Cass County) Board of Supervisor meeting dates for the year 2020. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

- January 13, 2020
- February 10, 2020
- March 9, 2020
- March 10, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING
- April 13, 2020
- May 11, 2020
- June 8, 2020
- June 22, 2020 (second meeting: road maintenance, etc.)
- July 13, 2020
- July 27, 2020 (second meeting: road maintenance, etc.)
- August 10, 2020
- August 24, 2020 (second meeting: road maintenance, etc.)
- September 14, 2020
- October 12, 2020
- November 9, 2020
- December 14, 2020

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk May Township **5-6pnc**

**NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

The Annual Board of Audit for Becker Township will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall following the regular meeting. Any questions please call the clerk at 218-352-6498.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk Becker Township **5-6pnc**

**NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETINGS**

Byron Township will be holding their regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

- February 20
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

The annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10 at 3 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall. Board of Equalization meeting TBD by Cass County.

Beverly Hoemberg, Clerk Byron Township **5-6pnc**

**NOTICE VILLARD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

The annual Board of Audit for Villard Township will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Villard Town Hall following the regular meeting. Any questions, contact the clerk at 218-640-6115.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk **6pnc**

**NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FEE SCHEDULE HEARING**

Notice to the Public: on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wadena County Attorney's Office, 415 Jefferson Street South, Suite C, Wadena, MN, the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will hold a Fee Schedule Hearing to solicit public input in order to determine the 2020 Correctional Fee Schedule for Todd-Wadena Community Corrections.

Curtis Bryniarski Administrative Assistant **4-6pnc**

**NOTICE TODD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

The Todd County Sheriff's Office will be implementing body worn cameras. State law requires that the public be notified prior to the body worn cameras implementation.

For questions or concerns, contact Chief Deputy Marcyes by email or mail. Email address: [lonnie.marcy@co.todd.mn.us](mailto:lonnie.marcy@co.todd.mn.us), Mailing Address: 115 3rd St. S., Long Prairie, MN 56347. **6pnc**

**NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD**

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary **5-6pnc**

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# Trisha Larson hired as Agency Branch Manager at American Family

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Trisha Larson is the new Agency Branch Manager at American Family Insurance in Staples. It's a role she was promoted to this past November and a company she's excited to be a part of.

She's no stranger to the Staples agency, having worked for owner Joe Schommer for three years as a Customer Service Representative (CSR) prior to being named branch manager.

Larson replaced former branch manager Brian Kargel who had come on board when the Joe Schommer Agency (headquartered in Little Falls) bought the business from longtime owner Kevin Roline in 2016.

Despite not having a background in the insurance business, Larson was recruited to become a CSR. "I'd never really thought about it," she said about the job, going on to say that she quickly discovered it was something she really enjoyed.

It's about helping people, educating them about what's best for their family, Larson said about her role as an insurance agent. "We're not just here for money...we're here for family."

The core areas of coverage offered at American Family Insurance are life, auto, home and farm, Larson said, adding that commercial is available as well.

Larson appreciates being part of an organization that has the best interest of people in mind, something she herself strives for as she meets with clients at her office.

Larson also feels that being involved in one's community is crucial to being an effective agent. "It's very important," she said, going on to add that she loves being a part of



## At home in her new office

Trisha Larson is the new Agency Branch Manager at American Family Insurance in Staples. The company is owned by Joe Schommer of JB Schommer Agency, headquartered in Little Falls. Larson has been with the agency for three years, having previously worked as a Customer Service Representative. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

the Staples-Motley community.

She and her husband, Cam Larson, have called Staples 'home' for nearly a decade.

They moved here the first time from Wisconsin in 2005, Larson said, going on to share that in 2009, they left for a few years to live in Wyoming. But, in 2015, the Larson family was back home in Staples.

"It's a great town," Larson went on, noting the wonderful school system, the excellent opportunities for children in the areas of music and sports, as well as the many rich opportunities for adults to get involved in the community.

Her husband Cam works at Camp Ripley and is also a volunteer firefighter for the Staples Fire Department. The Larsons have four children: Zechariah, who lives in Staples; Delaney, a sophomore at St. Cloud State University;

Micah, a freshman at Staples-Motley High School; and sixth-grader Noah. Trisha is passionate about supporting the school and is a member of the Basketball Boosters.

Having been born and raised in Wausau, Wisc., Larson said she's also a Green Bay Packers fan, which is evident from the water bottle on her desk which sports their signature green and gold logo.

Music is also a big part of her life, Larson said, noting that she was a vocal performance major at Cornerstone University in Michigan. In addition to helping raise four children, Trisha owned a home decorating business for 12 years.

Although she didn't set out to become an insurance agent early on, Larson can see that the skills she developed in the past are useful to her now. And, at its core, American Family



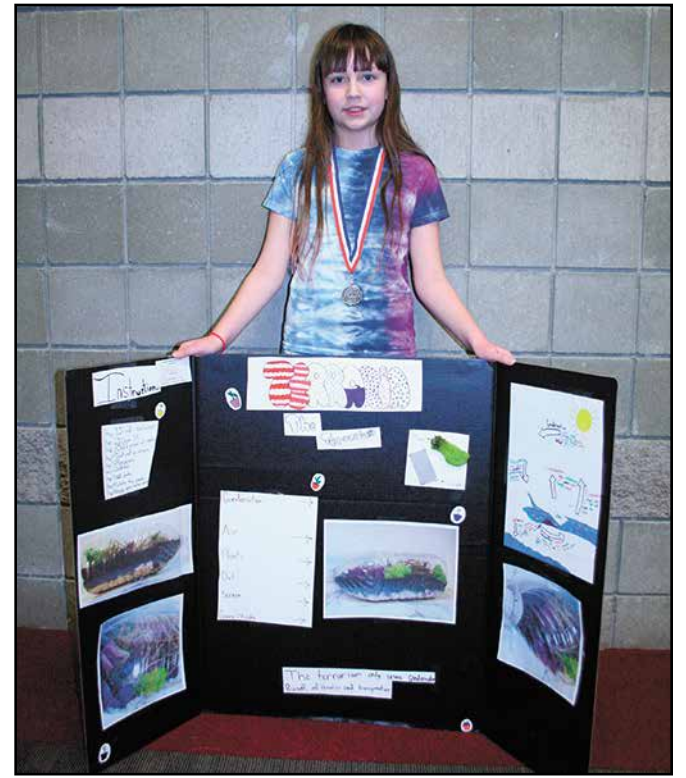
## Office support

Jonna Seibert of Wadena works as a Customer Service Representative at American Family Insurance in Staples. She came on board the agency this past December.

Insurance is all about helping people, which is what Trisha Larson loves the most about being the Agency Branch Manager.

She hopes people who are wondering about insurance options will stop in a talk with her, Larson said. Being able to educate people on what's out there and what's best for their family is the part of her job she loves the most. She'll try her best to answer their questions. Unless it has to do with the Vikings, of course.

American Family Insurance is located at 138 4th St. NE in Staples. They are open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 218-894-2006.



## Challenge winner

Lilith Tester, 5th grade, was the winner in the Challenge category which is new this year to the Science Fair. Her project was entitled, 'The Terrarium.' (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Staples-Motley Middle School 2020 Science Fair winners announced

The 2020 Staples-Motley Middle School Science Fair was held Jan. 29 in the lobby of Centennial Auditorium, with 120 fifth and sixth graders participating.

There were 14 judges this year. Five were parent volunteers and nine were from Camp Shamaineau.

Those placing in the top three in three categories - Experiment, Research and Challenge (a new category this year) - move on to the Sourcewell District Science Fair. Medals were presented to these students Jan. 30 at Centennial. The

project was coordinated by Laurie Trout, sixth grade science teacher; and Alexis Smith, fifth grade science teacher.

"We are so proud of all the students that participated," Trout said. "A special thanks should go to the parents of the students also since the projects were all done outside of class time. There were so many great projects that illustrated some wonderful student learning."

The district science fair will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Sourcewell in Staples.



## Looking ahead to brighter days

Paul Drake, pictured with his dogs Hunter and Trigger, paused from his work Jan. 29, to reflect on the fire that destroyed one of his business sheds and a lot of equipment this past December. (Staples World picture by Janice Winter)

## Drake rebuilding business

A December fire destroyed the shed which housed the Paul Drake Tree Service business, located on the Warner Road east of Staples. It's a business that he started his junior year of high school in 1978, Drake shared.

A number of items were destroyed in the fire, including 27 chain saws, pole saws, pruners, trimmers, sharpeners (everything needed to cut down

trees), one-ton truck, fishing gear, guns and ammo; and of course the shed.

On top of the fire situation, Drake has battled some health issues in recent weeks and is scheduled for surgery Feb. 19. He is also dealing with some insurance challenges.

In addition to cutting trees, Drake's also in the business of shoveling roofs, and is grateful for the extra work that's come

his way in recent weeks due to heavy snowfall.

A benefit for Drake will be held Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 4:30 - 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. Funds will go to help defray business losses due to a fire this past Dec. 20.

Hosted by friends of Drake, the benefit will feature a baked potato bar.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 430 12th St. NE in Staples. For more information call 218-894-1546.



## Research winners

Science Fair winners in the Research category included, from left, Thomas Johnson, 5th grade, 'Astronaut Training'; and Alaina White, 6th grade, 'How Was the Grand Canyon Formed?' (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## 5th Grade Experiment winners

The top three 5th grade students in the Experiment category at the Science Fair included, from left, Gage Wilkins, 'Self Inflating Balloon'; Justin Olson,

'Ice Melt Experiment'; and Dallis Parker, 'What Cleans Up Oil Spills.' (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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## 6th Grade Experiment winners

The top three 6th grade students in the Experiment category at the Science Fair included, from left, Raina Mikhaeil, 'Exposing the Lurking Bacteria'; Tarence Rodrigues, 'Shiny Clean Pennies'; and Owen Carlson, 'What Melts Ice the Fastest.' (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)